Assignment-3

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Problem Statement

(NCERT Class 12, Exercise 13.5 Q9) On a multiple choice examination with three possible answers for each of the five questions, what is the probability that a candidate would get four or more correct answers just by guessing?

Solution

Random Variables

- **1** X_i : Bernoulli random variables with parameter $p, 1 \le i \le 5$
- ② Y: Binomial random variable given by $Y = \sum_{i=1}^{i=5} X_i$

Moment Generating Function of X_i and Y

$$M_Z(X_i) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{k=\infty} z^{-k} P_X(k)$$
 (1)

$$= P_X(0) + z^{-1}P_X(1) = (1-p) + pz^{-1}$$
 (2)

(3)



Moment Generating Function of Y

$$M_Y(Z) = E(Z^{-Y}) = E(Z^{-\sum_{i=1}^{i=5} X_i})$$
 (4)

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{i=5} E(Z^{-X_i}) \tag{5}$$

$$=[(1-p)+pz^{-1}]^{5} (6)$$

$$=\sum_{k=0}^{k=5} z^{-k} {\binom{5}{k}} (1-p)^{5-k} p^k$$
 (7)

PMF of Y

$$\Pr(Y = k) = \begin{cases} \binom{5}{k} (1 - p)^{5 - k} p^k, & 0 \le k \le 5\\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (8)

CDF of Y

$$F_{Y}(k) = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{i=k} \Pr(Y = i) = \begin{cases} 0, & k < 0\\ \sum_{K=0}^{K=k} {5 \choose K} (1-p)^{5-K} p^{K}, & 0 \le k < 5\\ 1, & k \ge 5 \end{cases}$$
(9)

Problem parameters

Given:

1
$$p = \frac{2}{3}$$



Solution

$$F_Y(1) = \sum_{i=0}^{i=1} {5 \choose i} (1 - \frac{2}{3})^{10-i} (\frac{2}{3})^i$$
 (10)

$$= (\frac{1}{3})^5 + 5(\frac{1}{3})^4(\frac{2}{3}) \tag{11}$$

$$=\frac{11}{243}$$
 (12)

Probability is $\frac{11}{243}$

