

Assignment5-Probability and Random variables

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Problem-Statement:A die is thrown again and again until three sixes are obtained.Find the probability of obtaining third six in the sixth throw of the die

Solution:Here we need to find the probability of obtaining third six in the sixth throw of die P(getting 3rd six in 6th throw)

We need to find P(getting 2 sixes in 5 throws)

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = 2) &= {}^5C_2 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^3 \\ &= \frac{5 \times 4}{2} \times \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^3 \\ &= 10 \times 5^3 \times \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^5 \\ &= \frac{10 \times 5^3}{6^5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(\text{getting 2 sixes in 5 throws}) \\ &\quad \times P(\text{getting head in sixth throw}) \\ &= P(\text{getting 2 sixes in 5 throws}) \times \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the required probability is,

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(X = 2) \times \frac{1}{6} \\ &= \frac{10 \times 5^3}{6^5} \times \frac{1}{6} \\ &= \frac{10 \times 5^3}{6^6} \\ &= \frac{10 \times 125}{46656} \\ &= \frac{625}{23328} \\ &= .0267 \end{aligned}$$

Calculating P(getting 2 sixes in 5 throws)

variables	Description
X	number of sixes in 5 throws
p	probability of getting six
q	probability of not getting six
n	number of times die is thrown

n=5, p = $\frac{1}{6}$ and q = $\frac{5}{6}$

Here checking whether six is obtained or not in a given throw is a Bernoulli's trial.

Since we are throwing the die 5 times

X has a Binomial Distribution

$$P(X=x) = {}^nC_x p^x q^{n-x}$$