

# Quiz 1

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## 1 Question 1

Given this model follows a Polya urn model, and given that we start with one orange and one purple ball, we can calculate the probability of having both 15 and  $n - 15$  such that we have  $n$  total balls in the urn.

Since we start with one orange and one purple, we can assume the urn follows a binomial distribution.

The probability of 15 orange balls is given by:

$$P(X = 15) = \binom{n-2}{15-1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-2} = \binom{n-2}{14} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-2} \quad (1)$$

and the probability of  $n - 15$  purple balls is given by the same equation, because the urn model is symmetric.

## 2 Question 2

Given the probability of a bit flips is  $p$  implies the probability of a bit remaining the same is  $1 - p$ .

Since we know that the bits are being sent in a sequence, we can assume the flips follow of a binomial distribution following:

$$P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k} \quad (2)$$

If  $k$  is even, then Bob will receive the correct bit.

If  $k$  is odd, then Bob will receive the incorrect bit.

Therefore, the total probability of Bob receiving the bit is given by:

$$P(\text{correct bit}) = \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ k \text{ is even}}}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k} \quad (3)$$

and

$$P(\text{incorrect bit}) = \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ k \text{ is odd}}}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k} \quad (4)$$

Using the Binomial Identity we see:

$$P(\text{correct bit}) = \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ k \text{ is even}}}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k} = \frac{1 + (1 - 2p)^n}{2} \quad (5)$$

and

$$P(\text{incorrect bit}) = \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ k \text{ is odd}}}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k} = \frac{1 - (1 - 2p)^n}{2} \quad (6)$$

Therefore, the probability of Bob receiving the correct bit is:

$$P(\text{correct bit}) = \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ k \text{ is even}}}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k} = \frac{1 + (1 - 2p)^n}{2} \quad (7)$$