

Assignment 4

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Probability of getting two heads

$$Pr(X = 2) = \frac{105}{500} = 0.21 \quad (5)$$

I. PROBLEM-CBSE-9TH Q)EXAMPLE 2

Q)Two coins are tossed simultaneously 500 times, and we get

Two heads : 105 times

One head : 275 times

No head : 120 times

Find the probability of occurrence of each of these events.

II. SOLUTION

Let the random variable $X \in \{0,1,2\}$ denote the number of heads in the coin-tossing experiment.

Now,

$$Pr(X = i) = \frac{n(X = i)}{\sum_{i=0}^2 n(X = i)} \quad (1)$$

Where $i \in \{0,1,2\}$ and $n(X = i)$ is the frequency of getting i heads.

Also,

Number of times 2 coins were tossed = 500

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^2 n(X = i) = 500 \quad (2)$$

Probability of getting zero heads

$$Pr(X = 0) = \frac{120}{500} = 0.24 \quad (3)$$

Probability of getting one head

$$Pr(X = 1) = \frac{275}{500} = 0.55 \quad (4)$$

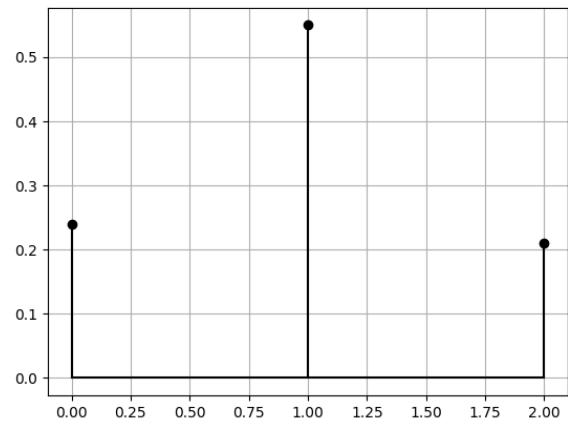


Fig. 1. Plot of PMF using above data

Now considering fair coins: Let probability of getting a head be a success and equal to p and probability of getting a tail be a failure and equal to q where $p + q = 1$. We can express this as a binomial distribution

$$\sum_{i=0}^n Pr(X = i) = \sum_{i=0}^n {}^nC_i (p)^i (1-p)^{n-i} \quad (6)$$

Where $n = 2$ for 2 coins. Therefore,

$$Pr(X = i) = {}^2C_i (p)^i (q)^{2-i} \quad (7)$$

For fair coins,

$$p = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad q = \frac{1}{2} \quad (8)$$

Therefore,

$$Pr(X = 0) = {}^2C_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4} \quad (9)$$

$$Pr(X = 1) = {}^2C_1 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^1 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^1 = \frac{1}{2} \quad (10)$$

$$Pr(X = 2) = {}^2C_2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 = \frac{1}{4} \quad (11)$$

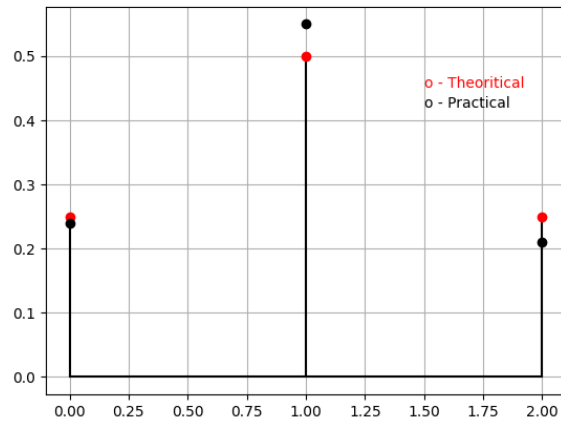


Fig. 2. Comparison of theoretical and practical PMF plots