

Chapter-13 Probability

Excercise-5

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Question 12.13.5.6: A bag consists of 10 balls each marked with one of the digits 0 to 9. If four balls are drawn successively with replacement from the bag, what is the probability that none is marked with the digit 0?

Solution: Let, p_X be the sequence of independent Bernoulli random variables.

$$X = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{non-zero marked ball} \\ 1, & \text{zero marked ball} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

which means

$$p_X(0) = \frac{9}{10} \quad (2)$$

$$p_X(1) = \frac{1}{10} \quad (3)$$

Let, the total number of trials be n and Z be the random variable that represents the number of balls marked zero in n trials which is given by:

$$p_X(Z = k) = {}^nC_k p^{n-k} q^k \quad (4)$$

where,

$$Z = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n \quad (5)$$

For only non-zero marked balls in 4 trials,

$$p_X(Z = 0) = {}^4C_0 \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{4-0} \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^0 \quad (6)$$

$$= (1) \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^4 (1) \quad (7)$$

$$= \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^4 \quad (8)$$

$$= 0.6561 \quad (9)$$