NCERT Assignment

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In a family having three children, there may be no girl, one girl, two girls, or three girls. So the probability of each is 1/4. Is this correct? Justify your answer.

Solution:

NO, it is not correct.

Parameter	Values	Description
n	3	Number of children
k	0,1,2,3	Number of girls
p	0.5	Probability of girl
X	1 if girl	Bernoulli Random Variable
	0 if boy	
Y	$\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$	Binomial Random Variable

TABLE 1: Definition of *X* and parameters.

The cdf of Y is given by

$$F_Y(n) = \Pr(Y \le n) \tag{1}$$

$$=\sum_{k=0}^{n} {}^{3}C_{k}p^{k} (1-p)^{3-k}$$
 (2)

$$F_Y(0) = \Pr(Y \le 0) \tag{3}$$

$$=\sum_{k=0}^{0} {}^{3}C_{k}(0.5)^{k}(0.5)^{3-k}$$
 (4)

$$=0.125$$
 (5)

$$F_Y(1) = \Pr(Y \le 1) \tag{6}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{1} {}^{3}C_{k}(0.5)^{k} (0.5)^{3-k}$$
 (7)

$$=0.375$$
 (8)

$$F_Y(2) = \Pr(Y \le 2) \tag{9}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{2} {}^{3}C_{k}(0.5)^{k} (0.5)^{3-k}$$
 (10)

$$= 0.375$$
 (11)

$$F_Y(3) = \Pr(Y \le 3) \tag{12}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{3} {}^{3}C_{k}(0.5)^{k} (0.5)^{3-k}$$
 (13)

$$=0.125$$
 (14)