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Pre-test

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PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

PART 6

1. If a person tosses an unbiased coin $2n$ times, then find the probability of getting number of heads as multiple of two.

Solution:

X : Number of heads appear in $2n$ tosses of an unbiased coin.

So $X \sim \text{Bin} \left(2n, \frac{1}{2} \right)$

$$(1 + x)^{2n} = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + c_3x^3 + \dots + c_{2n}x^{2n} \dots\dots(1)$$

Where $c_r = \frac{2n!}{r!(2n-r)!}$. $r = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$

Putting $x = -1$, in (1)

$$(1 - 1)^{2n} = c_0 - c_1 + c_2 - c_3 + \dots + c_{2n} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Putting $x = +1$, in (1)

$$(1 + 1)^{2n} = c_0 + c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + \dots + c_{2n} \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

Now, adding (2) and (3)

$$(2)^{2n} = 2\{ c_0 + c_2 + c_4 + \dots + c_{2n} \}$$

$$\text{Hence, } P(X = \text{multiple of } 2) = \{ c_0 + c_2 + c_4 + \dots + c_{2n} \} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{2n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} 2^{2n} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{2n} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

2. If a person tosses an unbiased coin $3n$ times, then find the probability of getting number of heads as multiple of three.

Solution:

X : Number of heads appear in $3n$ tosses of an unbiased coin.

So $X \sim \text{Bin} \left(3n, \frac{1}{2} \right)$

$$(1+x)^{3n} = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + c_3x^3 + \dots + c_{3n}x^{3n} \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

Where $c_r = \frac{3n!}{r!(3n-r)!}$. $r = 1, 2, \dots, 3n$

Putting $x = +1$, in (1)

$$(1+1)^{3n} = c$$

$$(2)^{3n} = c_0 + c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + \dots + c_{3n} \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Putting $x = w$, in (1), where $w = \text{cube root of unity}$

$$(1+w)^{3n} = c_0 + c_1w + c_2w^2 + c_3w^3 + \dots + c_{3n}w^{3n}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1+w)^{3n} = c_0 + c_1w + c_2w^2 + c_3 + \dots + c_{3n} \quad \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

Putting $x = w^2$, in (1), where $w = \text{cube root of unity}$

$$(1+w^2)^{3n} = c_0 + c_1w^2 + c_2w^4 + c_3w^6 + \dots + c_{3n}w^{6n}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1+w^2)^{3n} = c_0 + c_1w^2 + c_2w^2 + c_3 + \dots + c_{3n} \quad \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

Now adding (2), (3) and (4) we get

$$(2)^{3n} + (1+w)^{3n} + (1+w^2)^{3n} = 3\{ c_0 + c_3 + c_6 + \dots + c_{3n} \} \quad \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

Now put $w = \frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow w^2 = \frac{-1-i\sqrt{3}}{2}$ in (5)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now L.H.S. in (5)} &= (2)^{3n} + \left(1 + \frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^{3n} + \left(1 + \frac{-1-i\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^{3n} \\&= (2)^{3n} + \left(\frac{-1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^{3n} + \left(\frac{-1}{2} - i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^{3n} \\&= (2)^{3n} + \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{3n} + \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{3n} \\&= (2)^{3n} + \left(\cos \frac{3n\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{3n\pi}{3}\right) + \left(\cos \frac{3n\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{3n\pi}{3}\right) \\&\quad (\text{By De Moivre's theorem}) \\&= (2)^{3n} + 2 \cos n\pi\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So the required probability} &= \frac{(2^{3n}-2)}{3} \frac{1}{2^{3n}} \text{ when } n \text{ is odd} \\&= \frac{(2^{3n}+2)}{3} \frac{1}{2^{3n}} \text{ when } n \text{ is even.}\end{aligned}$$

3. If a person tosses an unbiased coin $4n$ times, then find the probability of getting number of heads as multiple of four.

Solution:

X : Number of heads appear in $4n$ tosses of an unbiased coin.

So $X \sim \text{Bin} \left(4n, \frac{1}{2} \right)$

$$(1+x)^{4n} = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + c_3x^3 + \dots + c_{4n}x^{4n} \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

Where $c_r = 4n_{c_r} \cdot r = 1, 2, \dots, 4n$

Putting $x = +1$, in (1)

$$(1+1)^{4n} = c$$

$$(2)^{4n} = c_0 + c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + \dots + c_{4n} \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Putting $x = -1$, in (1),

$$(1-1)^{4n} = c_0 - c_1 + c_2 - c_3 + \dots + c_{4n}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = c_0 - c_1 + c_2 - c_3 + \dots + c_{4n} \quad \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

Putting $x = i$, in (1),

$$(1+i)^{4n} = c_0 + c_1i + c_2i^2 + c_3i^3 + \dots + c_{4n}i^{4n}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1+i)^{4n} = c_0 + c_1i - c_2 - c_3i + \dots + c_{4n} \quad \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

Putting $x = -i$, in (1),

$$(1-i)^{4n} = c_0 - c_1i + c_2i^2 - c_3i^3 + \dots + c_{4n}i^{4n}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-i)^{4n} = c_0 - c_1i + c_2 + c_3i + \dots + c_{4n} \quad \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

Now adding (2), (3), (4) and (5) we get

$$(2)^{4n} + (1+i)^{4n} + (1-i)^{4n} = 4\{ c_0 + c_4 + c_4 + \dots + c_{4n} \} \quad \dots\dots\dots(6)$$

Now the required probability

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{4} ((2)^{4n} + (1 + i)^{4n} + (1 - i)^{4n}) \frac{1}{2^{4n}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2^{2n+2}} \left(\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^{4n} + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^{4n} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2^{2n+2}} ((\cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4})^{4n} + (\cos \frac{\pi}{4} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{4})^{4n})
 \end{aligned}$$

(By De Moivre's theorem)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2^{2n+2}} 2 \cos n \pi \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2^{2n+1}} \text{ when } n \text{ is even} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2^{2n+1}} \text{ when } n \text{ is odd}
 \end{aligned}$$

Note: In case of a Bin(n, p) to find the probability that number of success is multiple of r (any positive integer), then we need to put x as rth roots of unity in the expansion of $(1 + x)^n$ and add them.

4. A random variable $X \sim \text{bin}(n, p)$
 - i. Find the probability distribution that x throws are required to get the first success.
 - ii. Find the probability distribution that x throws are required to get the m successes.

Solution:

$$X \sim \text{bin}(n, p)$$

So the pmf is given by

$$f(x) = n_{c_x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}, x = 0(1)n$$

i. Required probability distribution

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= n_{c_{x-1}} p^{x-1} (1-p)^{n-x+1} p, x = 1(1)n \\ &= n_{c_{x-1}} p^x (1-p)^{n-x+1}, x = 1(1)n \end{aligned}$$

ii. . Required probability distribution

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x - 1_{c_{m-1}} p^{m-1} (1-p)^{x-m} p, x = m(1)n \\ &= x - 1_{c_{m-1}} p^m (1-p)^{x-m}, x = m(1)n \end{aligned}$$

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