

Que:- If a fair coin is tossed 10 times, find the probability of

- exactly six heads
- at least six heads
- at most six heads

Soln:- This is problem of Binomial distribution
Let x be the number of heads in n experiments so

$$P(X=x) = {}^n C_x q^{n-x} p^x, \quad x=0,1,2,\dots,n$$

$$n=10, \quad p=\frac{1}{2}, \quad q=1-p=\frac{1}{2}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} P(X=x) &= {}^{10} C_x \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10-x} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x \\ &= {}^{10} C_x \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} \end{aligned}$$

(i) here $x=6$

$$\text{So } P(X=6) = {}^{10} C_6 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10}$$

$$= \frac{105}{512}$$

(ii) at least six heads so $x \geq 6$
but $x \leq 10$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{at least six heads}) &= P(X=6) + P(X=7) \\ &\quad + P(X=8) + P(X=9) + P(X=10) \end{aligned}$$

$$= {}^{10}C_8 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + {}^{10}C_7 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + {}^{10}C_6 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + {}^{10}C_5 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + {}^{10}C_4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + {}^{10}C_3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + {}^{10}C_2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + {}^{10}C_1 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + {}^{10}C_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10}$$

$$= \frac{193}{512}$$

(iii) at most six heads

$$P(X \leq 6) = P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=2) + P(X=3) + P(X=4) + P(X=5) + P(X=6)$$

$$= \binom{10}{0} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + \binom{10}{1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + \binom{10}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + \binom{10}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + \binom{10}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + \binom{10}{5} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + \binom{10}{6} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10}$$

$$= \frac{53}{64}$$