Assignment-5 (Papoulis Chapter 2 Example 2.2)

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Suppose a coin is tossed twice and the outcomes are recorded. Then:

- (i) What is the sample space of the outcomes obtained?
- (ii) What is the set of outcomes with heads at the first toss?
- (iii) What is the set of outcomes with only one heads?
- (iv) What is the set of outcomes with heads showing atleast once?



Solution

When a coin is tossed twice

(i) The sample space contains the elements:

$$S = \{hh, ht, th, tt\}$$

the set S has $2^4 = 16$ subsets since it has 4 elements in its sample space.

(ii) The set of outcomes with heads at the first toss:

$$A = \{heads \ at \ the \ first \ toss\} = \{hh, ht\}$$





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(iii) The set of outcomes with only one heads:

$$B = \{only \ one \ heads\} = \{ht, th\}$$

(iv) The set of outcomes with heads showing atleast once:

$$C = \{ heads \ shows \ atleast \ once \} = \{ hh, ht, th \}$$