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NCERT Assignment 3

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Question: Events E and F are such that P(not E or not F) = 0.25, State whether E and F are mutually exclusive.

Solution: Given that:

$$\Pr(E' + F') = \frac{1}{4} \tag{1}$$

From De-Morgan's Law, We can state that

$$Pr(E' + F') = Pr(EF)'$$
 (2)

From (1) and (2), We get

$$\Pr(EF) \prime = \frac{1}{4} \tag{3}$$

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$$\implies 1 - Pr(EF) = \frac{1}{4}$$

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(5)

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We can say that,

$$\therefore \Pr(EF) \neq 0 \tag{6}$$

E and F are not mutually exclusive events.