Assignment 1

AI1110: Probability and Random Variables Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad

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10.15.1.4: Which of the following cannot be the probability of an event?

(A)
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 (B) -1.5 (C) 15% (D) 0.7

Since $0 \le 0.7 \le 1$, From (1)

Answer:

It can be a probability of an event.

Probability of an event E, written as P(E):

 $P(E) = \frac{\text{Number of outcomes favourable to } E}{\text{Total Number of possible outcomes in sample space}}$

From the definition of probability P(E), number of favourable outcomes is always less than or equal to the number of all possible outcomes.

$$0 \le P(E) \le 1 \tag{1}$$

(A)
$$\frac{2}{3}$$

Since
$$0 \le \frac{2}{3} \le 1$$
, From (1)

It can be probability of an event.

$$(B) -1.5$$

Since
$$-1.5 \le 0$$
, From (1)

It cannot be a probability of any event.

(C) 15%

$$15\% = \frac{15}{100}$$

Since
$$0 \le \frac{15}{100} \le 1$$
, From (1)

It can be probability of an event.