

Assignment1

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Q 1.17 Determine $P(E/F)$, if two coins are tossed once, where

(i) E : tail appears on one coin, F : one coin shows head

(ii) E : no tail appears, F : no head appears

solution

X	0	1	2
P(X)	$\binom{2}{0}(0.5)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$	$\binom{2}{1}(0.5)^2 = \frac{1}{2}$	$\binom{2}{2}(0.5)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$

Table 1: Probability of number of heads shown on the coins

(i) Let X denotes the number of heads shown up during the simultaneous toss of two coins, so where $i = 1, j = 2$ n : number of coins = 2 and p : the probability of getting a head is $\frac{1}{2}$ By binomial distribution

$$\begin{aligned}P(F) &= P(X \geq 1) \\&= P(X = i) + P(X = j) \\P(X = i) &= \binom{n}{i} p^i \\P(X = j) &= \binom{n}{j} p^j \\ \text{hence } P(F) &= \binom{n}{i} p^i + \binom{n}{j} p^j \\P(F) &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \\P(EF) &= P(X = i) = \binom{n}{i} p^i \\P(EF) &= \frac{1}{2} \\P(E/F) &= \frac{2}{3} \\ \text{(ii) } P(F) &= P(X = k) \\&= \binom{n}{k} p^k, k = 2 \\&= \frac{1}{4} \\P(EF) &= 0 \\P(E/F) &= 0\end{aligned}$$