

Assignment 3

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1 PROBLEM

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(ELECTRICAL ENGG. SECTION)

Two players A, and B alternately keep rolling a fair dice. The person to get a six first wins the game. Given that player A starts the game, the probability that A wins the game is:

$$A: \frac{5}{11} \quad B: \frac{1}{2} \quad C: \frac{7}{13} \quad D: \frac{6}{11}$$

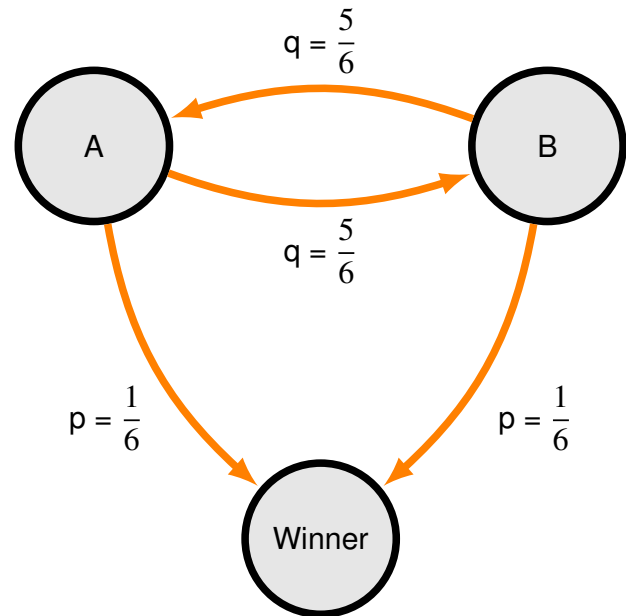
2 SOLUTION

Let the random variable X denote the win of A.
Given the die is fair.

The probability of getting 6 = $\frac{1}{6} = p$ (say)

The probability of NOT getting 6 = $\frac{5}{6} = q$ (say)

Markov chain for the given problem:



Constraint: A wins the game.

$$P(\text{A wins on the first throw}) = P(X_1) = p$$

$$P(\text{A wins on the third throw}) = P(X_3) = q^2 p$$

$$P(\text{A wins on the } (2n+1)^{\text{th}} \text{ throw}) = P(X_{2n+1}) = q^{2n} p$$

$$P(\text{A wins the game}) = P(X) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} P(X_i) \quad (1)$$

$$P(X) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} q^{2n} p \quad (2)$$

$$= p \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (q^2)^n \quad (3)$$

$$= p \left(\frac{1}{1 - q^2} \right) = \frac{p}{1 - q^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{6}}{1 - \frac{25}{36}} = \frac{6}{11} \quad (4)$$

$$P(\text{A wins the game}) = P(X) = \frac{6}{11}$$

Option D