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Assignment 1

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Download all python codes from

https://github.com/Dishank422/AI1103-Probability -and-random-variables/blob/main/ Assignment 1/codes/simulation.py

and latex-tikz codes from

https://github.com/Dishank422/AI1103-Probability -and-random-variables/blob/main/ Assignment 1/main.tex

1 Problem

Given that the events A and B are such that $P(A) = \frac{1}{2}$, $P(A \cup B) = \frac{3}{5}$ and P(B) = p. Find p if they are

- i) mutually exclusive
- ii) independent

2 Solution

i)

Since the events are mutually exclusive, by definition

$$P(A \cap B) = 0 \tag{2.0.1}$$

$$\implies P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$$
 (2.0.2)

On substituting the values of P(A), P(B) and $P(A \cup B)$ in (2.0.2), we get

$$\frac{3}{5} = \frac{1}{2} + p \tag{2.0.3}$$

$$\implies p = \frac{1}{10} \tag{2.0.4}$$

ii)

Since the events are independent

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B) \tag{2.0.5}$$

We know

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$
 (2.0.6)

$$\implies P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A)P(B)$$
 (2.0.7)

On substituting the values of P(A), P(B) and $P(A \cup B)$ in (2.0.7), we get

$$\frac{3}{5} = \frac{1}{2} + p - \frac{1}{2}p\tag{2.0.8}$$

$$\implies p = \frac{1}{5} \tag{2.0.9}$$