1

Assignment 6

G HARSHA VARDHAN REDDY (CS21BTECH11017)

Abstract—This document contains 6th problem from exercise 2 of CBSE Class 12 (Probability).

Problem 1. Exercise 2 Problem 3Let E and F be events with $P(E) = \frac{3}{5}$, $P(F) = \frac{3}{10}$ and $P(E \cap F) = \frac{1}{5}$. Are E and F independent?

Solution: Let's denote the outcome of the experiment by a random variable $X \in \{0, 1\}$, where X = 0 denotes occurrence of event E and X = 1 denotes occurrence of event F.

$$\implies P(X=0) = \frac{3}{5},\tag{1}$$

$$P(X=1) = \frac{3}{10}$$
 and (2)

$$P(X=0, X=1) = \frac{1}{5} \tag{3}$$

We know that two events A, B(say) are said to be independent if P(A|B) = P(A)

$$\implies P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = P(A)$$
 (4)

$$\implies P(A) \times P(B) = P(A \cap B)$$
 (5)

Let's check whether the above events are independent or not.

From (1),(2)

$$P(X = 0) \times P(X = 1) = \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{3}{10}$$
 (6)

$$\implies P(X=0) \times P(X=1) = \frac{9}{50} \tag{7}$$

From (3) and (7) it's clear that

$$P(X = 0, X = 1) \neq P(X = 0) \times P(X = 1)$$
 (8)

Which says that the events E and F are not independent.