

Assignment 1

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1) A die is thrown, find the probability of following events:

- a) A prime number will appear
- b) A number greater than or equal to 3 will appear
- c) A number less than or equal to one will appear
- d) A number more than 6 will appear
- e) A number less than 6 will appear

Solution: The given information is summarized in the following table 1

RV	Description	Probability
$X = 1$	Die rolls to 1	$\frac{1}{6}$
$X = 2$	Die rolls to 2	$\frac{1}{6}$
$X = 3$	Die rolls to 3	$\frac{1}{6}$
$X = 4$	Die rolls to 4	$\frac{1}{6}$
$X = 5$	Die rolls to 5	$\frac{1}{6}$
$X = 6$	Die rolls to 6	$\frac{1}{6}$

TABLE 1: Random variable X

a) The set of possible prime numbers in a die roll contains 2,3,5

$$\Pr(X \in \{2, 3, 5\}) = \Pr(X = 2) + \Pr(X = 3) + \Pr(X = 5) \quad (0.0.1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \quad (0.0.2)$$

b) The set of possible numbers greater than or equal to 3 contains 3,4,5,6

$$\Pr(X \in \{3, 4, 5, 6\}) = 1 - \Pr(X \in \{1, 2\}) \quad (0.0.3)$$

$$= 1 - (\Pr(X = 1) + \Pr(X = 2)) \quad (0.0.4)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \quad (0.0.5)$$

c) The set of possible numbers less than or

equal to 1 just contains 1

$$\Pr(X \in \{1\}) = \Pr(X = 1) \quad (0.0.6)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \quad (0.0.7)$$

d) The set of possible numbers more than 6 is a null set

$$\Pr(X \in \phi) = 0 \quad (0.0.8)$$

e) The set of possible numbers less than 6 contains 1,2,3,4,5

$$\Pr(X \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}) = 1 - \Pr(X \in \{6\}) \quad (0.0.9)$$

$$= \frac{5}{6} \quad (0.0.10)$$