

Assignment 1

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- 1) A jar contains 24 marbles, some are green and others are blue. If a marble is drawn at random from the jar, the probability that it is green is $\frac{2}{3}$. Find the number of blue balls in the jar.

Solution: Consider the random variable X , which denotes the color of the marble drawn as described in the table 1.

RV	Values	Description
X	$\{0, 1\}$	0: Green, 1: Blue

TABLE 1: Random variable X

The given information about probabilities is listed in table 1.

Event	Probability
$\Pr(X = 0)$	$\frac{2}{3}$
$\Pr(X = 1)$	$\frac{1}{3}$

TABLE 1: Probabilities

Let there be n blue balls in the jar i.e., out of 24 marbles the jar has n blue balls. Hence we have,

$$\Pr(X = 1) = \frac{n}{24} \quad (0.0.1)$$

$$\frac{n}{24} = \frac{1}{3} \quad (0.0.2)$$

$$n = 8 \quad (0.0.3)$$

There are 8 blue balls in the jar.