

Assignment 6

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Abstract—This document contains the solution to Example 6 of Chapter 13 (Probability) in the NCERT Class 12.

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Chapter 13(Probability) Example 6

A die is thrown twice and the sum of the numbers appearing is observed to be 6. What is the conditional probability that the number 4 has appeared at least once?

Solution:

Let

- (i) A = Event that sum of the numbers on the die is 6
- (ii) B = Event that at least one of the number on the die is 4.

Let's denote the random variables X_i map to the set $\{0, 1\}$ where $X_1 = 1$ denote that the event A occurs and $X_2 = 1$ denote that the event B occurs. The sample space for die thrown twice is given by

$$\mathcal{S} = \{(x, y) : x, y \in \{1, 2 \dots 6\}\} \quad (1)$$

$$\therefore |\mathcal{S}| = 6 \times 6 = 36 \quad (2)$$

The event that $X_1 = 1$ is given by

$$\mathcal{S}_A = \{(x, y) : x + y = 6 \ \& \ x, y \in \{1, 2 \dots 6\}\} \quad (3)$$

$$|\mathcal{S}_A| = 5 \quad (4)$$

The event that $X_2 = 1$ is given by

$$\mathcal{S}_B = \{(4, x) \cup (x, 4) : x \in \{1, 2 \dots 6\}\} \quad (5)$$

$$|\mathcal{S}_B| = 11 \quad (6)$$

The event that $X_1 = 1 \ \& \ X_2 = 1$ is given by

$$\mathcal{S}_{A \cap B} = \{(2, 4), (4, 2)\} \quad (7)$$

$$|\mathcal{S}_{A \cap B}| = 2 \quad (8)$$

The probabilities for different values of X_i are given in Table I

Probability	Value
$\Pr(X_1 = 1)$	$\frac{5}{36}$
$\Pr(X_2 = 1)$	$\frac{11}{36}$
$\Pr(X_1 = 1, X_2 = 1)$	$\frac{2}{36}$
$\Pr(X_1 = 1 X_2 = 1)$?

TABLE I

$$\therefore \Pr(X_2 = 1|X_1 = 1) = \frac{\Pr(X_2 = 1, X_1 = 1)}{\Pr(X_1 = 1)} \quad (9)$$

$$\implies \Pr(X_2 = 1|X_1 = 1) = \frac{\frac{2}{36}}{\frac{5}{36}} \quad (10)$$

$$\implies \Pr(X_2 = 1|X_1 = 1) = \frac{2}{5} \quad (11)$$