NCERT Assignment 2

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Question: Events E and F are such that P(not E or not F) = 0.25, State whether E and F are mutually exclusive.

Solution: Given that:

$$\Pr(E^{\mathbb{C}} + F^{\mathbb{C}}) = \frac{1}{4} \tag{1}$$

From De-Morgan's Law, We can state that

$$\Pr(E^{\mathbb{C}} + F^{\mathbb{C}}) = \Pr(EF)^{\mathbb{C}}$$
 (2)

From (??) and (??), We get

$$\Pr(EF)^{\complement} = \frac{1}{4} \tag{3}$$

$$Pr(EF)^{\mathbb{C}} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\implies 1 - Pr(EF) = \frac{1}{4}$$
(4)

$$\implies \Pr(EF) = \frac{3}{4} \tag{5}$$

We can say that,

$$\therefore \Pr(EF) \neq 0 \tag{6}$$

E and F are not mutually exclusive events.