Probability Assignment 1

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Question: Given two independent events A and B such that Pr(A) = 0.3, Pr(B) = 0.6. Find

- 1) Pr (*A* and *B*)
- 2) Pr (*A* and not *B*)
- 3) Pr (*A or B*)
- 4) $Pr(neither\ A\ nor\ B)$

Solution : Given Pr(A) = 0.3, Pr(B) = 0.6.

1) Pr (A and B) As A and B are independent events.

$$Pr(A \text{ and } B) = Pr(AB) = Pr(A) \times Pr(B)$$
 (1)
= 0.3 × 0.6
= 0.18

2) Pr (*A* and not *B*)

$$Pr(A \text{ and not } B) = Pr(AB')$$
 (2)
= 0.3 × (1 – 0.6)
= 0.12

3) Pr (*A or B*)

$$Pr(A \text{ or } B) = Pr(A + B) \tag{3}$$

As we know,

$$Pr(A + B) = Pr(AB') + Pr(A'B) + Pr(AB)$$
(4)

$$Pr(A + B) = (0.3) \times (1 - 0.6) + (1 - 0.3)(0.6) + (0.3)(0.6)$$
$$Pr(A + B) = 0.72$$

4) $Pr(neither\ A\ nor\ B)$

$$Pr(neither\ A\ nor\ B) = Pr(A'B')$$
 (5)

$$As, A'B' = (A + B)'$$
 (6)

= 0.28

$$Pr(neither A nor B) = Pr(A') \times Pr(B')$$
(7)
= (1 - 0.3) \times (1 - 0.6)

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