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AI1110 Assignment 3

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1 Grade 11 Ex.16.2 example 8 Question 8

A coin is tossed three times "consider the following events.A: No head appears', B: Exactly one head appears' and C: Atleast two heads appears'.

Do they form a set of mutually exclusive and exhaustive events?

2 SOLUTION

The sample space of the experiment is

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$$\begin{pmatrix}
HHH \\
HHT \\
HTH \\
HTH \\
THH \\
TTH \\
TTH \\
TTT \\
TTH
\end{pmatrix}$$
and A = (TTT) ,
$$B = \begin{pmatrix}
HTT \\
THT \\
TTH
\end{pmatrix},$$

$$TTH \\
TTH \\
THH \\
HHH \\
HHH$$
Now,
$$\begin{pmatrix}
HHH \\
HHH \\
HHH
\end{pmatrix}$$

 $A \cup B \cup C = \begin{vmatrix} THH \\ HTT \\ THT \\ TTH \\ TTT \end{vmatrix} = S$

Therefore , A ,B and C are exhaustive events . A = C

$$A \cap B = \phi$$
, $A \cap C = \phi$ and $B \cap C = \phi$

Therefore, the events are pair-wise disjoint, i.e, thay are mutually exclusive. Hence, A,B and C form a set of mutually exclusive and exhaustive events.