Al1110 Assignment 3

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Exercise 13.1.9

Mother, father and son line up at random for a family picture. E:son on one end, F:father in middle. Compute P(E/F).



Solution

Given events,

E: son on one end

F: father in middle

We denote mother, father and son with M,F and S respectively.

We have,

Total number of arrangements possible
$$= 3!$$
 (1)

$$= 6 \tag{2}$$

$P(E \cap F)$

no.of favourable outcomes = 2

$$\therefore P(E \cap F) = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

P(F)

Favourable outcomes are same as in P(E \cap F) \therefore $P(F) = \frac{1}{3}$

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Answer

$$P(E/F) = \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(F)} \tag{3}$$

$$=\frac{(1/3)}{(1/3)}\tag{4}$$

$$= 1 \tag{5}$$