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Assignment 10

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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,

$$\text{Total number of arrangements possible} = 3! \quad (1)$$

$$= 6 \quad (2)$$

$$P(E \cap F)$$

M—F—S
S—F—M

no. of favourable outcomes = 2

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

$P(F)$

Favourable outcomes are same as in $P(E \cap F)$

$$\therefore P(F) = \frac{1}{3}$$

Answer

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

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

$$= 1 \quad (5)$$