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EE23010 Assignment

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If A, B and C are three independent events such that

Pr(A) = Pr(B) = Pr(C) = p, then

P(At least two of A, B, C occur) = $3p^2 - 2p^3$

Solution:

RV	Value	Description
	0	none of the events occur
	1	only one of the events occur
X	2	any two of the events occur
	3	all the three events occur

TABLE 0

$$Pr(X = 0) = Pr(A'B'C')$$
(1)

$$= \Pr(A')\Pr(B')\Pr(C') \tag{2}$$

$$= (1-p)^3 \tag{3}$$

$$Pr(X = 1) = Pr(AB'C') + Pr(BC'A') + Pr(CA'B')$$
(4)

$$= Pr(A) Pr(B') Pr(C') + Pr(B) Pr(C') Pr(A')$$

$$+ \Pr(C) \Pr(A') \Pr(B') \tag{5}$$

$$=3p(1-p)^2$$
 (6)

$$Pr(X = 2) = Pr(ABC') + Pr(BCA') + Pr(CAB')$$
(7)

$$= \Pr(A) \Pr(B) \Pr(C') + \Pr(B) \Pr(C) \Pr(A')$$

$$+ \Pr(C) \Pr(A) \Pr(B') \tag{8}$$

$$=3p^2(1-p)$$
 (9)

$$Pr(X = 3) = Pr(ABC)$$
 (10)

$$= Pr(A) Pr(B) Pr(C)$$
 (11)

$$=p^3 \tag{12}$$

$$Pr(X \ge 2) = Pr(X = 2) + Pr(X = 3)$$
 (13)

$$=3p^2(1-p)+p^3$$
 (14)

$$=3p^2 - 2p^3 \tag{15}$$