

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

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

Solution:

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

TABLE 0

RANDOM VARIABLE DECLARATION

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

$$= \Pr(A') \Pr(B') \Pr(C') \quad (2)$$

$$= (1 - p)^3 \quad (3)$$

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

$$= \Pr(A) \Pr(B') \Pr(C') + \Pr(B) \Pr(C') \Pr(A') + \Pr(C) \Pr(A') \Pr(B') \quad (5)$$

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

$$\Pr(X = 2) = \Pr(A \cdot B \cdot C') + \Pr(B \cdot C \cdot A') + \Pr(C \cdot A \cdot B') \quad (7)$$

$$= \Pr(A) \Pr(B) \Pr(C') + \Pr(B) \Pr(C) \Pr(A') + \Pr(C) \Pr(A) \Pr(B') \quad (8)$$

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

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

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

$$= p^3 \quad (12)$$

$$\Pr(X \geq 2) = \Pr(X = 2) + \Pr(X = 3) \quad (13)$$

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

$$= 3p^2 - 2p^3 \quad (15)$$