

Assignment 1

AI1110: Probability and Random Variables

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12.13.1.15: Question:

Consider the experiment of throwing a die, if a multiple of 3 comes up, throw the die again and if any other number comes, toss a coin. Find the conditional probability of the event 'the coin shows a tail', given that 'at least one die shows a 3'.

Answer:0.

Solution:

Given that a die is thrown and if the outcome is a multiple of 3 i.e., 3 or 6 then another die is thrown, else a coin is tossed.

Let S be the sample space of the experiment then

$$S = \{(1, H), (1, T), (2, H), (2, T), (4, H), (4, T), \\ (5, H), (5, T), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3), (3, 4), (3, 5), \\ (3, 6), (6, 1), (6, 2), (6, 3), (6, 4), (6, 5), (6, 6)\}$$

Let A be the event that 'the coin shows a tail'.

B be the event that 'at least one die shows 3'.

Need to Find, Conditional Probability of the event 'the coin shows a tail', given that 'at least one die shows a 3', i.e., $\Pr(A|B)$

$$\Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(AB)}{\Pr(B)} \quad (1)$$

$$A = \{(1, T), (2, T), (4, T), (5, T)\}$$

$$B = \{(3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3), (3, 4), (3, 5), (3, 6), (6, 3)\}$$

Let $n(E)$ represents the number of favorable outcomes of the event E .

Here, the events A and B are disjoint (as no ordered pair is common to both the events).

Hence, $n(AB)=0$

$$\Pr(AB) = \frac{n(AB)}{n(S)} \quad (2)$$

$$\Pr(AB) = \frac{0}{20} \quad (3)$$

$$\Pr(AB) = 0 \quad (4)$$

Similarly,

$$\Pr(B) = \frac{n(B)}{n(S)} \quad (5)$$

$$\Pr(B) = \frac{7}{20} \quad (6)$$

Therefore,

From eq(1), eq(4), eq(6)

$$\Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(AB)}{\Pr(B)} \quad (7)$$

$$\Pr(A|B) = \frac{0}{\frac{7}{20}} \quad (8)$$

$$\Pr(A|B) = 0 \quad (9)$$

Hence,

Probability of the event 'the coin shows a tail', given that 'at least one die shows a 3' is 0.