Probability and Statistics: Lecture-13

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» Solution to problem in previous slide...part-1

$$P(F_n) = P(F_n \mid E_1)\,\boxed{P(E_1)} + P(F_n \mid E_2)\,\boxed{P(E_2)} + \overset{0}{\cancel{P(F_n \mid E_3)}}\,\boxed{P(E_3)}$$

For $n=2$ $\quad P(F_2) = P(E_3) = (1-p)^2$

and for $n>2$

$\rightarrow P(F_n \mid E_1) = P(F_{n-1})$

$\rightarrow P(F_n \mid E_2) = P(F_{n-2})$

$\rightarrow P(F_n \mid E_3) = 0$

H | — — . . — nth

— — — — — $n-1$th

T T | — — . n $n>2$

Let $p_n = P(F_n)$ then $p_2 = (1-p)^2$

$$\boxed{p_n = p_{n-1} \cdot p + p_{n-2}(1-p)p}$$

A recurrence relation

» Solution to problem in previous slide...part-2

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} p_n &= p\,p_{n-1} + p(1-p)\,p_{n-2}, \\ \text{with} \quad p_1 &= 0 \\ p_2 &= (1-p)^2 \end{aligned}}$$

To be done in tutorial

» Solution to problem in previous slide...part-3

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$A \cap B$ event

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Fact on Conditional Independence

A and B independent does not mean that A and B are independent given E. That is,

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B) \not\Rightarrow P(A \cap B \mid E) = P(A \mid E)P(B \mid E)$$

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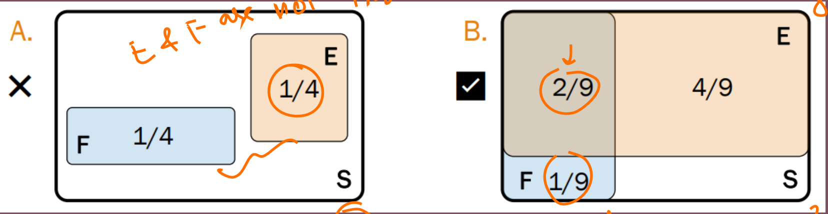
Are E and F independent in the following pictures (not to scale)?

$P(E \cap F) = P(E) \cdot P(F)$

$0 \neq \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4}$

E & F are not ind.



$P(F) \cdot P(E) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{9}$

$P(E \cap F) = \frac{2}{9}$ $P(F) = \frac{3}{9} = \frac{1}{3}$ $P(E) = \frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3}$

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When are two events both mutually exclusive and independent?

A, B

(1) Mut. exclusive $\Rightarrow$ $A \cap B = \emptyset \Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = 0$ (1)

(2) Independence $\Rightarrow$ $\boxed{P(A \cap B) = P(A)\,P(B)}$

$\Rightarrow P(A)\,P(B) = 0$

$\Rightarrow P(A) = 0$ or $P(B) = 0$

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Since the number that is going to be assigned to variable X is going to be random, it is called random variable.

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$\{T, T, H, \; H, T, T, \; T, H, T\}$

$X = 2$

$\frac{3}{8}$

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$X = 2$ → correspond to event

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int i

$\boxed{i = 2}$

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* when a random variable is assigned a value, then it becomes event

$X = x$	Set of Outcomes	$P(X = k)$
$X = 0$	$\{(T, T, T)\}$	$1/8$
$X = 1$	$\{(H, T, T), (T, H, T), (T, T, H)\}$	$3/8$
$X = 2$	$\{(H, H, T), (H, T, H), (T, H, T)\}$	$3/8$
$X = 3$	$\{(H, H, H)\}$	$1/8$
$X \geq 4$	$\{\ \}$	0

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$[0,1]$ (a,b)

continuum $[0, \dots, \infty)$ uncountable

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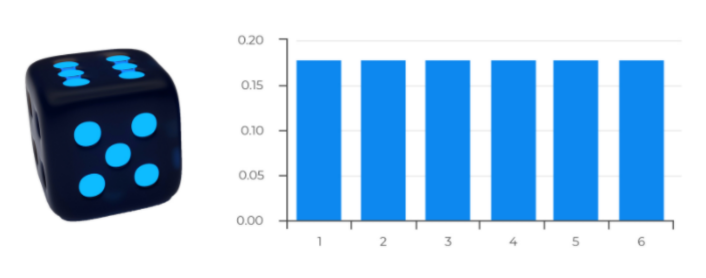
$$P_X(2) = P(X = 2) = P(HH) = 1/4$$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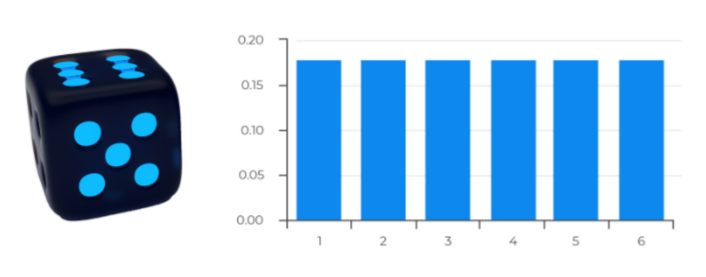

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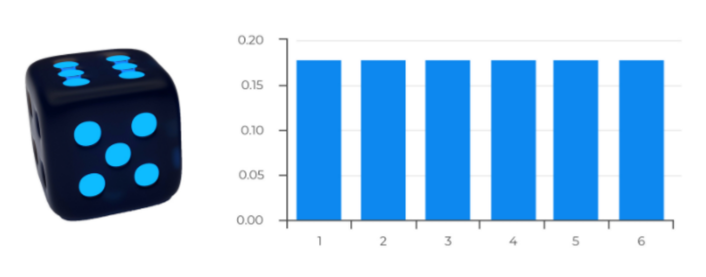

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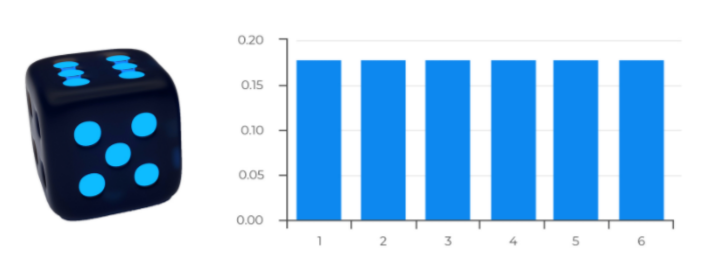

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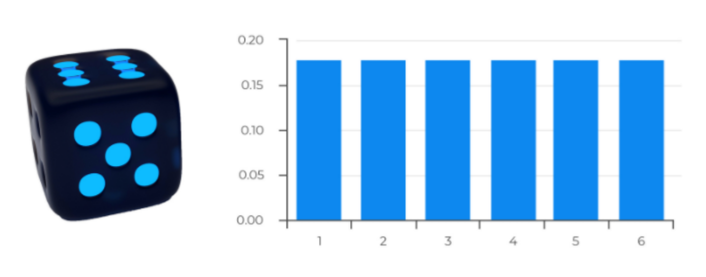

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$$P_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1/6, & x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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2. Find PMF of the random variable Y

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Answer to the problem

We have

$$P_Y(1) = P(Y = 1) = P(H) = p$$
$$P_Y(2) = P(Y = 2) = P(TH) = (1 - p)p$$
$$\vdots$$
$$P_Y(k) = P(Y = k) = P(\underbrace{TT \cdots T}_{k-1}H) = (1 - p)^{k-1}p$$

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2. If $p = 1/2$, find $P(2 \leq Y < 5)$

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$$P(2 \leq Y < 5) = \sum_{k=2}^{4} P_Y(k) = \sum_{k=2}^{4} \underbrace{(1-p)^{k-1}\, p}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8}\right) = \frac{7}{16}$$