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Assignment 5

AI1110: Probability and Random Variables

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8 [12th CBSE Probability Exercise 13.1]:

A die is thrown three times. Events E,F are defined as follows

E: 4 on the third throw.

F: 6 on the first and 5 on the second throw.

Find the probability Pr(E|F)

Solution: Let $X_i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ where i = 1, 2, 3 be the random variables representing the outcomes of throwing a die three times.

Probability of event E = Probability of $X_3 = 4$

$$\Pr(E) = \Pr(X_3 = 4)$$
 (1)

Since all the outcomes are equally likely their probabilities are same

so

$$\Pr(E) = \Pr(X_3 = 4) = \frac{1}{6}$$
 (2)

Probability of event F = Probability of $X_1 = 6, X_2 = 5.$

 \mathbf{SO}

$$\Pr(F) = \Pr(X_1 = 6, X_2 = 5)$$
 (3)

Random variable X_1 depends on first throw of die and random variable X_2 depends on second throw of die so X_1 and X_2 are independent.

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$$\Pr(X_1 = 6, X_2 = 5) = \Pr(X_1 = 6) \Pr(X_2 = 5)$$
$$= \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{36}$$
(4)

$$\Pr(F) = \Pr(X_1 = 6, X_2 = 5) = \frac{1}{36}$$
 (5)

Also E,F are also independent events therefore from (2) and (5)

$$\Pr(E \cap F) = \Pr(E) \Pr(F) = \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{36}$$
 (6)
$$\implies \Pr(E \cap F) = \frac{1}{216}$$
 (7)

Since we have to find probability of E given that F has already occured.

As,

$$\Pr(E|F) = \frac{\Pr(E \cap F)}{\Pr(F)}$$
 (8)

From (5) and (6)

$$\implies \Pr\left(E|F\right) = \frac{\frac{1}{216}}{\frac{1}{36}} \tag{9}$$

$$\implies \Pr\left(E|F\right) = \frac{1}{6} \tag{10}$$

So the probability of E given that F has already happened = $\Pr\left(E|F\right) = \frac{1}{6}$