

Assignment: Probability

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Problem: If A and B are events such that $P(A|B) = P(B|A)$, then

(i) $A \subset B$ but $A \neq B$

(ii) $A = B$

(iii) $A \cap B = \phi$

(iv) $P(A) = P(B)$

Solution: Given, $P(A|B) = P(B|A)$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies \frac{P(A, B)}{P(B)} &= \frac{P(B, A)}{P(A)} \\ \implies \frac{P(A, B)}{P(B)} &= \frac{P(A, B)}{P(A)} \text{ (Since } P(A, B) = P(B, A) \text{)} \\ \implies \frac{1}{P(B)} &= \frac{1}{P(A)} \\ \therefore P(A) &= P(B) \end{aligned}$$