Solution to 12.13.3.82

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Question: Two dice are thrown. If it is known that sum of the numbers on the dice was less than 6,the probability of getting a sum 3, is

- A) $\frac{1}{18}$
- B) $\frac{5}{18}$
- C) $\frac{1}{5}$
- D) $\frac{2}{5}$

Solution: Let *X* be a random variable such that,

Parameter	Value	Description
X	0	sum less than 6
	1	sum equals 3

$$Pr(X = 0) = \frac{10}{36}$$

$$Pr(X = 1) = \frac{2}{36}$$
(1)

$$\Pr(X=1) = \frac{2}{36} \tag{2}$$

We know,

$$\Pr(X = 1 | X = 0) = \frac{\Pr((X = 0)(X = 1))}{\Pr(X = 0)}$$
(3)

$$=\frac{\frac{2}{36}}{\frac{10}{36}}\tag{4}$$

$$=\frac{2}{10}\tag{5}$$

$$=\frac{1}{5}\tag{6}$$