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Probability and Random Processes

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If the probabilities for A to fail in an examination is 0.2 and that for B is 0.3, then the probability that either A or B fails is

- 1) > 0.5
- 2) 0.5
- 3) ≤ 0.5
- 4) 0

Solution:

parameters	values	decription
X	1	A fails
	0	A doesn't fail
Y	1	B fails
	0	B doesn't fail

TABLE 4: Random variable description

Since X and Y are independent

$$p_{XY}(k, m) = p_X(k) p_Y(m) \quad (1)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0.06 & k = 1, m = 1 \\ 0.14 & k = 1, m = 0 \\ 0.24 & k = 0, m = 1 \\ 0.56 & k = 0, m = 0 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

The desired probability is

$$= p_{XY}(11) + p_{XY}(10) + p_{XY}(01) \quad (3)$$

$$= 1 - p_{XY}(00) \quad (4)$$

$$= 1 - 0.56 \quad (5)$$

$$= 0.44 \quad (6)$$

$$\leq 0.5 \quad (7)$$