AI 1110 Assignment 1

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12.13.2.12 Question: A die is tossed thrice. Find the probability of getting an odd number at least once.

Answer: $\frac{7}{8}$

Solution: Let A be the required event.

Let i be the number of times odd number occurs.

Let *p* be the probability of getting odd number on one throw of dice.

$$\therefore \Pr(X = i) = \binom{3}{i} \cdot p^i \cdot (1 - p)^{3-i}$$

$$\Longrightarrow p = \frac{1}{2} \tag{1}$$

$$\implies \Pr(X=1) = {3 \choose 1} \cdot p^1 \cdot (1-p)^{3-1} = \frac{{3 \choose 1}}{8} = \frac{3}{8}$$
(2)

$$\implies \Pr(X=2) = {3 \choose 2} \cdot p^2 \cdot (1-p)^{3-2} = \frac{{3 \choose 2}}{8} = \frac{3}{8}$$
(3)

$$\implies \Pr(X=3) = {3 \choose 3} \cdot p^3 \cdot (1-p)^{3-3} = \frac{{3 \choose 3}}{8} = \frac{1}{8}$$
(4)

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$$Pr(A) = Pr(X = 1) + Pr(X = 2) + Pr(X = 3)$$
 (5)

$$=\frac{3}{8}+\frac{3}{8}+\frac{1}{8}\tag{6}$$

$$=\frac{7}{8}\tag{7}$$