

Assignment 2

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Question

Q.1.X[ICSE 12, 2018] :

In a race, the probabilities of A and B winning the race are $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{6}$ respectively. Find the probability of neither of them winning the race?

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Given,

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{3} \quad (1)$$

$$P(B) = \frac{1}{6} \quad (2)$$

We know that,

The Probability of two independent events A and B occurring simultaneously is given by the expression

$$P(AB) = P(A)(B) \quad (3)$$

$$P(\bar{A}\bar{B}) = 1 - P(A) - P(B) + P(AB) \quad (4)$$

(since, $P(AB)$ is removed twice, we need to add it once)

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Now putting (1), (2), (3) in (4), we get

$$P(\bar{A}\bar{B}) = 1 - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{6} \quad (5)$$

$$P(\bar{A}\bar{B}) = 1 - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{18} \quad (6)$$

$$P(\bar{A}\bar{B}) = 1 - \frac{8}{18} \quad (7)$$

$$P(\bar{A}\bar{B}) = \frac{10}{18} \quad (8)$$

so, The probability of neither of them winning the race is $\frac{10}{18}$