Assignment 6

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Question

Prove that if E and F are independent events, then so are the events E and F^\prime



Data Given from Question

Theory

Probability of Intersection of 2 or more independent events is the product of probability of the events happening individually.

Given, E and F are independent events. Thus,

$$Pr(E+F) = Pr(E) \times Pr(F)$$
(1)

Relation to find EF'

F' and F are mutually exclusive events. E can be expressed such as:

$$E = EF + EF' \tag{2}$$

EF and EF' are also mutually exclusive events. Therefore,

$$Pr(E) = Pr(EF) + Pr(EF')$$
(3)

$$\implies \Pr(EF') = \Pr(E) - \Pr(EF) \tag{4}$$

Solution

Using (1) and (4), we get,

$$Pr(EF') = Pr(E) - Pr(E) \times Pr(F)$$
(5)

$$= \Pr(E) \left(1 - \Pr(F) \right) \tag{6}$$

$$Pr(EF') = Pr(E) \times Pr(F')$$
(7)

By (7), it can be concluded that E and F' are mutually exclusive events.

