

PROBABILITY AND RANDOM VARIABLES

(AI1103)

Assignment 1

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QUESTION

Assigned Problem 6.9

If A and B are two events such that $A \subset B$ and $P(B) \neq 0$, then which of the following is correct?

- 1) $P\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) = \frac{P(B)}{P(A)}$
- 2) $P\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) < P(A)$
- 3) $P\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) \geq P(A)$
- 4) None of these

SOLUTION

We know that A is the subset of B.

\Rightarrow Every element of A is an element of B.

$$\therefore A \cap B = A \quad (1)$$

We know that

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) &= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \\ &= \frac{P(A)}{P(B)} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Given $0 < P(B) \leq 1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{P(B)} \geq 1$$

By multiplying with $P(A)$ on both sides of the inequality, we get

$$\frac{P(A)}{P(B)} \geq P(A)$$

Using ??, we have

$$P\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) \geq P(A)$$

Therefore, option 3 is correct.