

# ASSIGNMENT

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**Question 12.13.6.11** In a game, a man wins a rupee for a six and loses a rupee for any other number when a fair die is thrown. The man decided to throw a die thrice but to quit as and when he gets a six. Find the expected value of the amount he wins / loses.

**Solution:** For  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Random variables defined as

Random Variable	Values	Description
$X_i$	$\{-1, 1\}$	Money recieved on " $i^{th}$ " roll

$$p_{X_i}(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6} & \text{if } k = 1 \\ \frac{5}{6} & \text{if } k = -1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$E(X_i) = \sum_{-1}^1 k p_{X_i}(k) \quad (2)$$

$$= (-1)\frac{5}{6} + 0 + (1)\frac{1}{6} \quad (3)$$

$$= -\frac{4}{6} \quad (4)$$

Calculating the expected value

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \text{Expected value of } X_1 (\text{if } p_{X_1}(k) = \frac{1}{6}) \\ &+ \text{Expected value of } X_2 (\text{if } p_{X_1}(k) = \frac{5}{6}) \\ &+ \text{Expected value of } X_3 (\text{if } p_{X_1}(k) = p_{X_2}(k) = \frac{5}{6}) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= E(X_1) + p_{X_1}(-1) \cdot E(X_2) \\ &+ p_{X_1}(-1) \cdot p_{X_2}(-1) \cdot E(X_3) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$$E(X) = E(X_1) + \frac{5}{6} \cdot E(X_2) + \frac{25}{36} \cdot E(X_3) \quad (7)$$

$$= \left(-\frac{4}{6}\right) + \frac{5}{6} \left(-\frac{4}{6}\right) + \frac{25}{36} \left(-\frac{4}{6}\right) \quad (8)$$

$$= \left(-\frac{4}{6}\right) \left(\frac{36 + 30 + 25}{36}\right) \quad (9)$$

$$= \left(-\frac{364}{216}\right) \quad (10)$$

$$\approx -1.685 \quad (11)$$