

# ASSIGNMENT

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**Question 20.2023** The probability of a person telling the truth is  $4/6$ . An unbiased die is thrown by the same person twice and the person reports that the numbers appeared in both the throws are same. Then the probability that actually the numbers appeared in both the throws are same is ?

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

| Random Variable | Values              | Description                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| $X_i$           | $1 \leq X_i \leq 6$ | number appeared on $i$ th die   |
| $Y$             | $\{0, 1\}$          | person telling the truth or lie |

$p_Y(0)$  = Probability that person telling the lie

$p_Y(1)$  = Probability that person telling the truth

Consider

$$Z = X_1 - X_2 \quad (1)$$

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|----------|---------------|---------------|
| $Z$      | 0             | $\neq 0$      |
| $\Pr(Z)$ | $\frac{1}{6}$ | $\frac{5}{6}$ |

$$p_Y(i) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3} & \text{if } i = 1 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \text{if } i = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Calculating the probability that actually the numbers appeared in both the throws are same. By Baye's theorem,

$$\Pr(Y = 1/Z = 0) = \frac{\Pr((Z = 0).(Y = 1))}{\Pr((Z = 0).(Y = 1)) + \Pr((Z = 0).(Y = 0))} \quad (3)$$

Since  $X_i$  and  $Y$  are independent events

$$\Pr(Y = 1/Z = 0) = \frac{\Pr(Z = 0)p_Y(1)}{\Pr(Z = 0)p_Y(1) + \Pr(Z = 0)p_Y(0)} \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)} \quad (5)$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{2}{18}\right)}{\left(\frac{3}{18}\right)} \quad (6)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \quad (7)$$

$$\approx 0.667 \quad (8)$$