

Assignment 1

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Question:- If A and B are two events such that $P(A) = 1/4$, $P(B) = 1/2$ and $P(AB) = 1/8$, find $P(\text{not } A \text{ and not } B)$.

Solution:-

A and B are two events.

Given,

$$\Pr(A) = \frac{1}{4} \quad (1)$$

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

$$\Pr(AB) = \text{Probability of occurring both A and B} \\ = \frac{1}{8}$$

So, $\Pr(A'B') = \Pr((A+B)')$
[By using De-Morgan's Law]

$$= 1 - \Pr(A+B) \quad (3)$$

$$= 1 - [\Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(AB)] \quad (4)$$

$$= 1 - \Pr(A) - \Pr(B) + \Pr(AB) \quad (5)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8} \quad (6)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{5}{8} = \frac{3}{8} \quad (7)$$

So, Answer:- $\Pr(A'B') = \frac{3}{8}$