

# PROBABILITY

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13.1.6 <sup>1</sup> A coin is tossed three times where

(i) E:head on third toss, F:head on first two tosses

(ii)E:atleast two heads,F:atmost two heads

(iii)E:atmost two tails,F:atleast one tail

determine  $P(E | F)$

**Solution:** : In an experiment of tossing a coin 3 times, random variable  $X \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  follows binomial distribution.

By using the binomial distribution formula :

$$\Pr(X=k)={}^nC_k \times p^k \times (1-p)^{n-k}$$

Random Variable	Values	Description
X	{0,1,2,3}	Number of heads or tails in a respective cases

Table 13.1.6.2: Random variable  $X$

Variable	Description
k	total number of success
p	probability of success of individual trial
n	number of trials =3

Table 13.1.6.4: variable and Description

i E:head on third toss, F:head on first two tosses

By using product rule,

$$\Pr(F)=\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Pr(F)=0.25$$

$$\Pr(EF)=\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Pr(EF)=0.125$$

$$\Pr(E | F)=\frac{\Pr(EF)}{\Pr(F)}$$

$$\Pr(E | F)=0.5$$

ii E:atleast two heads,F:atmost two heads

$$\Pr(F)=\Pr(X \leq 2)$$

$$\Pr(F)=\Pr(X = 0) + \Pr(X = 1) + \Pr(X = 2)$$

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<sup>1</sup>Read question numbers as (CHAPTER NUMBER).(EXERCISE NUMBER).(QUESTION NUMBER)

$$Pr(F) = {}^3C_0\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + {}^3C_1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + {}^3C_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3$$

$$Pr(F) = 0.875$$

$$Pr(EF) = Pr(X = 2)$$

$$Pr(EF) = {}^3C_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3$$

$$Pr(EF) = 0.375$$

$$Pr(E | F) = \frac{Pr(EF)}{Pr(F)}$$

$$Pr(E | F) = 0.428$$

iii E:atmost two tails,F:atleast one tail

$$Pr(F) = Pr(X \geq 1)$$

$$Pr(F) = 1 - Pr(X = 0)$$

$$Pr(F) = 0.875$$

$$Pr(EF) = Pr(X = 1) + Pr(X = 2)$$

$$Pr(EF) = {}^3C_1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + {}^3C_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3$$

$$Pr(EF) = 0.75$$

$$Pr(E | F) = \frac{Pr(EF)}{Pr(F)}$$

$$Pr(E | F) = 0.857$$