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Assignment

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Question 10.13.3.22

Two dice are thrown together. Find the probability that the product of the numbers on the top of the dice is less than 9

Solution:

Product: Let the random variables be defined as:

| Variable | Values | Description |
|----------|-----------------|------------------|
| X | $1 \le X \le 6$ | First Dice Roll |
| Y | $1 \le Y \le 6$ | Second Dice Roll |

Assuming both dice rolls and equally likely,:

$$p_X(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6} & \text{if } k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (1)

$$p_Y(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6} & \text{if } k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (2)

The probability mass function is:

$$p_{XY}(k) = \Pr(XY = k) \tag{3}$$

$$=\Pr\left(X=\frac{k}{Y}\right) \tag{4}$$

$$=E\left(p_X\left(\frac{k}{Y}\right)\right) \tag{5}$$

$$=\sum_{i=1}^{6} p_X \left(\frac{k}{i}\right) p_Y(i) \tag{6}$$

$$=\frac{1}{6}\sum_{i=1}^{6}p_X\left(\frac{k}{i}\right)\tag{7}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i=1}^{6} \frac{[k \mod i = 0]}{6} \left[\frac{k}{i} \le 6 \right]$$
 (8)

$$= \frac{1}{36} \sum_{i=1}^{6} [k \mod i = 0] \left[\frac{k}{i} \le 6 \right]$$
 (9)

Thus, the probability of Apoorv rolling a 36 is:

$$\Pr(XY < 9) = \sum_{i=1}^{8} \left(\frac{1}{36} \sum_{i=1}^{6} [j \mod i = 0] \left[\frac{j}{i} \le 6 \right] \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{36} (1 + 2 + 2 + 3 + 2 + 4 + 2) \quad (11)$$

$$=\frac{16}{36} \tag{12}$$

$$=\frac{4}{9}\tag{13}$$