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## AI1103: Assignment 4

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## PROBLEM GATE 2015(CS-SET 3), Q.37:

Suppose  $X_i$  for i=1,2,3 are independent and identically distributed random variables whose probability mass functions are  $\Pr(X_i=0) = \Pr(X_i=1) = \frac{1}{2}$  for i=1,2,3. Define another random variable  $Y=X_1X_2 \oplus X_3$ , where  $\oplus$  denotes XOR. Then  $\Pr(Y=0|X_3=0) =$ 

SOLUTION:

We know that

$$\Pr(Y = 0 | X_3 = 0) = \frac{\Pr(Y = 0, X_3 = 0)}{\Pr(X_3 = 0)} \quad (0.0.1)$$

$$\Pr\left(X_3 = 0\right) = \frac{1}{2} \tag{0.0.2}$$

For

$$Y = 0 X_1 X_2 \oplus X_3 = 0$$
 (0.0.3)

$$X_3 = 0, \quad X_1 X_2 = 0$$
 (0.0.4)

The number of possibilities for  $X_1X_2 = 0$ 

$$(X_1, X_2) = \begin{cases} (0,0) \\ (0,1) \\ (1,0) \end{cases}$$

Since the random variables are independent of each other

$$\Pr(X_i = a, X_j = b) = \Pr(X_i = a) \cdot \Pr(X_j = b)$$

$$(0.0.5)$$

$$i \neq j$$

$$(0.0.6)$$

$$a, b \in \{0, 1\} \tag{0.0.7}$$

$$i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$
 (0.0.8)

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} \Pr{(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 0)} & \Pr{(X_1 = 0) \cdot \Pr{(X_2 = 0)}} & 0.25 \\ \Pr{(X_1 = 1, X_2 = 0)} & \Pr{(X_1 = 1) \cdot \Pr{(X_2 = 0)}} & 0.25 \\ \Pr{(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 1)} & \Pr{(X_1 = 0) \cdot \Pr{(X_2 = 1)}} & 0.25 \end{array}$$

TABLE 0: Probabilities for each case

$$Pr(X_1X_2 = 0) = Pr(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 0)$$

$$+ Pr(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 1)$$

$$+ Pr(X_1 = 1, X_2 = 0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$(0.0.11)$$

$$Pr(Y = 0, X_3 = 0) = Pr(X_1 X_2 = 0) \cdot Pr(X_3 = 0)$$
(0.0.12)

$$= \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$
 (0.0.13)  
$$= \frac{3}{8}$$
 (0.0.14)

Upon substituting in 0.0.1

$$\Pr(Y = 0|X_3 = 0) = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75 \tag{0.0.15}$$