

Assignment 1 in L^AT_EX

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Probability and Random Variables

Problem Statement:

A die is thrown once. Find the probability of getting (i) a prime number; (ii) a number lying between 2 and 6; (iii) an odd number

Solution:

Let set **S** include all possible outcomes of a fair dice roll. Then **S** = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, considering all elements of **S** are equally likely to occur:

$$\text{i) Probability of getting a prime number} = \frac{\text{Number of primes in } \mathbf{S}}{\text{Number of elements in } \mathbf{S}} = \frac{3}{6} = 0.5$$

$$\text{ii) Probability of getting a number between 2 and 6} = \frac{\text{Numbers less than 6 and more than 2 in } \mathbf{S}}{\text{Number of elements in } \mathbf{S}} = \frac{3}{6} = 0.5$$

$$\text{iii) Probability of getting an odd number} = \frac{\text{Number of odd numbers in } \mathbf{S}}{\text{Number of elements in } \mathbf{S}} = \frac{3}{6} = 0.5$$

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