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Assignment 7 (NCERT Class 12)

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Abstract—This document contains the solution to Question 5 of Exercise 13.1 in Chapter 13 (Probability) of the NCERT Class 12 Mathematics Textbook.

Exercise 13.1, Q5. If $Pr(A) = \frac{6}{11}$, $Pr(B) = \frac{5}{11}$ and $Pr(A \cup B) = \frac{7}{11}$, find

- (i) $Pr(A \cap B)$
- (ii) Pr(A|B)
- (iii) Pr(B|A)

Solution: We know that, given events A and B,

$$Pr(AB) = Pr(A) + Pr(B) - Pr(A + B)$$
 (1)

and also,

$$Pr(A|B) = \frac{Pr(AB)}{Pr(B)}$$
 (2)

Using (1), we get

$$\Pr(AB) = \frac{6}{11} + \frac{5}{11} - \frac{7}{11} = \frac{4}{11} \tag{3}$$

From (2) and (3),

$$Pr(A|B) = \frac{Pr(AB)}{Pr(B)} = \frac{4}{5}$$
 (4)

and

$$\Pr(B|A) = \frac{\Pr(AB)}{\Pr(A)} = \frac{2}{3}$$
 (5)

The C code ./codes/7_1.c verifies the solution, within limits of float precision.

Note: Derivation of (1) using Boolean Algebra:

We note that for any events A and B we have the following:

$$A + B = AB + AB' + A'B \tag{6}$$

$$Pr(A) = Pr(AB') + Pr(AB)$$
 (7)

and so, taking probabilities in (6), since all the events are mutually disjoint,

$$Pr(A + B) = Pr(AB') + Pr(AB) + Pr(A'B)$$
 (8)

$$= \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(AB) \tag{9}$$

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