PROBABILITY

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13.1.11 ¹ Two groups are competing for the position on the Board of directors of a corporation. The probabilities that the first and the second groups will win are 0.6 and 0.4 respectively. Further, if the first group wins, the probability of introducing a new product is 0.7 and the corresponding probability is 0.3 if the second group wins. Find the probability that the new product introduced was by the second group

Solution:

RV	Values	Description
X	{1,2}	Groups
Y	{3}	New Product

Table 2: Random variables(RV) X,Y

Event	Probability	Description
P(1)	0.6	First group winning
P(2)	0.4	Second group winning
P(3 1)	0.7	Introducing 3 if 1 wins
P(3 2)	0.3	Introducing 3 if 2 wins

Table 4: Probabilities

$$\Pr(2 \mid 3) = \frac{\Pr(2)\Pr(3 \mid 2)}{\Pr(1)\Pr(3 \mid 1) + \Pr(2)\Pr(3 \mid 2)}$$
(13.1.11.1)

$$=\frac{(0.4)(0.3)}{(0.6)(0.7)+0.4(0.3)}$$
(13.1.11.2)

$$=\frac{2}{9}\tag{13.1.11.3}$$

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