

Exemplar - 10.13.2.7

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Apoorv throws two dice once and computes the product of the numbers appearing on the dice. Peehu throws one die and squares the number that appears on it. Who has the better chance of getting the number 36? Why?

Solution: Let the random variables X and Y represent Apoorv's dice rolls. Assuming all dice rolls are equally likely,

$$p_X(k) = \frac{1}{6} \quad (1)$$

$$p_Y(k) = \frac{1}{6} \quad (2)$$

where $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$. There are a total of 36 possible combinations of product $X \cdot Y$, as shown below:

Product	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	2	4	6	8	10	12
3	3	6	9	12	15	18
4	4	8	12	16	20	24
5	5	10	15	20	25	30
6	6	12	18	24	30	36

As both dice rolls are independent, and each event in the table is mutually exclusive:

$$p_{XY}(m) = \sum_{k:l=m} p_X(k) \cdot p_Y(l) \quad (3)$$

$$= \sum_{k:l=m} \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \quad (4)$$

$$= \sum_{k:l=m} \frac{1}{36} \quad (5)$$

by observing the above table:

$$p_{XY}(1) = \frac{1}{36} \quad (6)$$

$$p_{XY}(2) = \frac{2}{36} \quad (7)$$

$$p_{XY}(3) = \frac{2}{36} \quad (8)$$

$$p_{XY}(4) = \frac{3}{36} \quad (9)$$

$$p_{XY}(5) = \frac{2}{36} \quad (10)$$

$$p_{XY}(6) = \frac{4}{36} \quad (11)$$

$$p_{XY}(8) = \frac{2}{36} \quad (12)$$

$$p_{XY}(9) = \frac{1}{36} \quad (13)$$

$$p_{XY}(10) = \frac{2}{36} \quad (14)$$

$$p_{XY}(12) = \frac{4}{36} \quad (15)$$

$$p_{XY}(15) = \frac{2}{36} \quad (16)$$

$$p_{XY}(16) = \frac{1}{36} \quad (17)$$

$$p_{XY}(18) = \frac{2}{36} \quad (18)$$

$$p_{XY}(20) = \frac{2}{36} \quad (19)$$

$$p_{XY}(24) = \frac{2}{36} \quad (20)$$

$$p_{XY}(25) = \frac{1}{36} \quad (21)$$

$$p_{XY}(30) = \frac{2}{36} \quad (22)$$

$$p_{XY}(36) = \frac{1}{36} \quad (23)$$

Let the random variable E denote the square of Peehu's dice roll. Thus,

$$p_E(k) = \frac{1}{6} \quad (24)$$

Thus, we can calculate the probability distribution

where $k \in \{1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36\}$. Thus, the probability distribution is:

$$p_E(1) = \frac{1}{6} \quad (25)$$

$$p_E(2) = \frac{1}{6} \quad (26)$$

$$p_E(3) = \frac{1}{6} \quad (27)$$

$$p_E(4) = \frac{1}{6} \quad (28)$$

$$p_E(5) = \frac{1}{6} \quad (29)$$

$$p_E(6) = \frac{1}{6} \quad (30)$$

As $p_E(36) > p_{XY}(36)$, Peehu has a better chance of getting the number 36 than Apoorv.