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# AI 1103 - Assignment 3

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## Download all python codes from

https://github.com/rohanthota/Assignment\_3/codes/Assignment\_3.py

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https://github.com/rohanthota/Assignment\_3/ Assignment 3.tex

## Question

You have gone to a cyber-cafe with a friend. You found that the cyber-café has only three terminals. All terminals are unoccupied. You and your friend have to make a random choice of selecting a terminal. What is the probability that both of you will NOT select the same terminal?

### Solution

There are three terminals. Each terminal has an equal probability of  $\frac{1}{3}$  to be picked. Defining random variables  $X_1, X_2 \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  Where,

 $X_i = 0$  when ith man picks first terminal.

 $X_i = 1$  when ith man picks second terminal.

 $X_i = 2$  when ith man picks third terminal.

The events of choosing same table and choosing different table are complementary.

$$Pr(X_1 = X_2) + Pr(X_1 \neq X_2) = 1.$$
 (0.0.1)

$$Pr(X_1 \neq X_2) = 1 - Pr(X_1 = X_2).$$
 (0.0.2)

Considering  $Pr(X_1 = X_2)$ 

It is done when one terminal is chosen and then, both of them choose the same terminal

$$\Rightarrow \Pr(X_1 = X_2) = \sum_{j=1}^{3} \Pr(X_1 = X_2 = j)$$

$$(0.0.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr(X_1 = X_2) = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3}.$$

$$(0.0.4)$$

$$\therefore \Pr(X_1 = X_2) = \frac{1}{3}$$

⇒ 
$$\Pr(X_1 \neq X_2) = 1 - \frac{1}{3}$$
. (0.0.6)  
∴  $\Pr(X_1 \neq X_2) = \frac{2}{3}$ . (0.0.7)