

Assignment 3

AI1110: Probability and Random Variables

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Question

Question 8

A die is thrown three times,

E : 4 appears on the third toss,

F : 6 and 5 appears respectively on first two tosses.

Determine $P\left(\frac{E}{F}\right)$

Formula

Relevant formula

Probability of A occurring IF B occurs, $P(A|B)$ is given as:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

Solution

Probability of 4 appearing on the third toss,

$$P(E): \frac{1}{6}$$

Probability of 6 appearing on the first toss,

$$P1: \frac{1}{6}$$

Probability of 5 appearing on the second toss,

$$P2: \frac{1}{6}$$

Solution(contd.)

Probability of 5 appearing on the second toss AND 6 appearing on the first toss, $P(F)$ is given as:

$$P(F) = P1 \times P2 \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{36} \quad (2)$$

Probability of E AND F, $P(E \cap F)$ is given as:

$$P(E \cap F) = P(E) \times P(F) \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{36} = \frac{1}{216} \quad (4)$$

Solution(contd.)

We know that,

Probability of A occurring IF B occurs, $P(A|B)$ is given as:

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \quad (5)$$

∴ The probability of the problem being solved, $P(\text{Solved})$ will be given by

$$P(E | F) = \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(F)} \quad (6)$$

$$P(E | F) = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{256}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{36}\right)} \quad (7)$$

$$P(E | F) = \frac{1}{6} \quad (8)$$

∴ The probability $P\left(\frac{E}{F}\right)$ will be $1/6$.

Python Code

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p1=1/6          #Probability of 4 appearing on the third toss,
p2=1/6          #Probability of 6 appearing on the first toss,
p3=1/6          #Probability of 5 appearing on the second toss
Pe=p1           # E is the event that 4 appears on the third toss
Pf=p2*p3        # F is the event that 6 and 5 appears respectively on
first two tosses
PEnF=Pe*Pf
Pelf=PEnF/Pf    # By formula
print(" The probabilty P(E/F) will be ",Pelf)

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