

Assignment 1

AI1110: Probability and Random Variables

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Problem Statement

Question 1.C of ICSE maths 2014 paper

question: A die has 6 faces marked by given numbers as shown below

1 2 3 -1 -2 -3

The die is thrown once. What is the probability of getting:

- (i) a positive integer
- (ii) an integer greater than -3
- (iii) the smallest integer

Solution:

Let S be the sample space.

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, -1, -2, -3\} \quad (1)$$

$$n(S) = 6 \quad (2)$$

- (i) Let E_1 be the event of getting positive integer.

$$E_1 = \{1, 2, 3\} \quad (3)$$

$$\Rightarrow n(E_1) = 3 \quad (4)$$

Let $P(E_1)$ be the probability of getting a positive integer

$$P(E_1) = \frac{n(E_1)}{n(S)} \quad (5)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(E_1) = \frac{3}{6} \quad (6)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \quad (7)$$

$$= 0.5 \quad (8)$$

- (ii) Let E_2 be the event of getting an integer greater than -3.

$$E_2 = \{1, 2, 3, -1, -2\} \quad (9)$$

$$\Rightarrow n(E_2) = 5 \quad (10)$$

Let $P(E_2)$ be the probability of getting an integer greater than -3

$$P(E_2) = \frac{n(E_2)}{n(S)} \quad (11)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(E_2) = \frac{5}{6} \quad (12)$$

$$= 0.833 \quad (13)$$

- (iii) Let E_3 be the event of getting the smallest integer.

$$E_3 = \{-3\} \quad (14)$$

$$\Rightarrow n(E_3) = 1 \quad (15)$$

Let $P(E_3)$ be the probability of getting the smallest integer

$$P(E_3) = \frac{n(E_3)}{n(S)} \quad (16)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(E_3) = \frac{1}{6} \quad (17)$$

$$= 0.166 \quad (18)$$