

Question: Three persons, A, B and C, fire at a target intum, starting with A. Their probability of hitting the target are 0.4, 0.3 and 0.2 respectively. The probability of two hits is

- 1) 0.024
- 2) 0.188
- 3) 0.336
- 4) 0.452

Solution:

Given,

$$\Pr(A) = 0.4 \quad (1)$$

$$\Pr(B) = 0.3 \quad (2)$$

$$\Pr(C) = 0.2 \quad (3)$$

$$\Pr(A') = 1 - \Pr(A) = 0.6 \quad (4)$$

$$\Pr(B') = 1 - \Pr(B) = 0.7 \quad (5)$$

$$\Pr(C') = 1 - \Pr(C) = 0.8 \quad (6)$$

The probability of two hits is

$$= \Pr(A) \times \Pr(B) \times \Pr(C') + \Pr(A) \times \Pr(B') \times \Pr(C) + \Pr(A') \times \Pr(B) \times \Pr(C) \quad (7)$$

$$= 0.4 \times 0.3 \times 0.8 + 0.4 \times 0.7 \times 0.2 + 0.6 \times 0.3 \times 0.2 \quad (8)$$

$$= 0.096 + 0.056 + 0.036 \quad (9)$$

$$= 0.188 \quad (10)$$