

A1110 Assignment 1

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Question: : 8 : Three coins are tossed once. Find the probability of getting:

- (i) 3 heads (ii) 2 heads (iii) Atleast 2 heads
(iv) Atmost 2 heads (v) No head (vi) 3 tails
(vii) Exactly 2 tails (viii) No tail (ix) Atmost 2 tails

Solution: : Let X be a random variable such that:

$$X := \text{Number of heads}$$

$$X \begin{cases} 0, \\ 1, \\ 2, \\ 3 \end{cases}$$

Let S denote sample space of possible outcomes when the coins are tossed.

Then $|S| = 2^3 = 8$

$$(i) \Pr(X = 3) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$(ii) \Pr(X = 2) = \frac{{}^3C_2}{8} = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$(iii) \Pr(X \geq 2) = \frac{{}^3C_3 + {}^3C_2}{8} = \frac{4}{8}$$

$$(iv) \Pr(X \leq 2) = \frac{8 - {}^3C_3}{8} = \frac{7}{8}$$

$$(v) \Pr(X = 0) = \frac{{}^3C_0}{8} = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$(vi) \Pr(X = 0) = \frac{{}^3C_0}{8} = \frac{1}{8} (\because 3 \text{ tails} \equiv 0 \text{ heads})$$

$$(vii) \Pr(X = 1) = \frac{{}^3C_1}{8} = \frac{3}{8} (\because 2 \text{ tails} \equiv 1 \text{ head})$$

$$(viii) \Pr(X = 3) = \frac{{}^3C_3}{8} = \frac{1}{8} (\because 0 \text{ tails} \equiv 3 \text{ heads})$$

$$(ix) \Pr(X \geq 1) = \frac{8 - {}^3C_0}{8} = \frac{7}{8} (\because \text{atmost 2 tails} \equiv \text{atleast 1 head})$$