

1. A die is thrown find the probability of following events:
- (i) A prime number will appear
  - (ii) A number greater than or equal to 3 will appear
  - (iii) A number less than or equal to one will appear
  - (iv) A number more than 6 will appear
  - (v) A number less than 6 will appear

Ans) The sample space of the given experiment is given by,

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

(i) Let  $A$  be the event of the occurrence of a prime number  
 $\Rightarrow A = \{2, 3, 5\}$

$$\therefore P(A) = \frac{\text{Number of outcomes favourable to } A}{\text{Total number of possible outcomes}} = \frac{n(A)}{n(S)} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

(ii) Let  $B$  be the event of the occurrence of a number greater than or equal to 3  
 $\Rightarrow B = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$\therefore P(B) = \frac{\text{Number of outcomes favourable to } B}{\text{Total number of possible outcomes}} = \frac{n(B)}{n(S)} = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

(iii) Let  $C$  be the event of the occurrence of a number less than or equal to one  $\Rightarrow C = \{1\}$

$$\therefore P(C) = \frac{\text{Number of outcomes favourable to } C}{\text{Total number of possible outcomes}} = \frac{n(C)}{n(S)} = \frac{1}{6}$$

(iv) Let  $D$  be the event of the occurrence of a number greater than 6  $\Rightarrow D = \phi$

$$\therefore P(D) = \frac{\text{Number of outcomes favourable to } D}{\text{Total number of possible outcomes}} = \frac{n(D)}{n(S)} = \frac{0}{6} = 0$$

(v) Let  $E$  be the event of the occurrence of a number less than 6  $\Rightarrow E = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

$$\therefore P(E) = \frac{\text{Number of outcomes favourable to } E}{\text{Total number of possible outcomes}} = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} = \frac{5}{6}$$

2. Three coins are tossed once Find the probability of getting (i) 3 heads (ii) 2 heads (iii) at least 2 heads (iv) at most 2 heads (v) no head (vi) 3 tails (vii) exactly two tails (viii) no tail (ix) at most two tails

Ans) When three coins are tossed once the sample space is given by

$$S = HHH, HHT, HTH, THH, HTT, THT, TTH, TTT$$

$$\therefore \text{Accordingly } n(S) = 8$$

It is known that the probability of an event  $A$  is given by

$$P(A) =$$

$$\frac{\text{Number of outcomes favourable to } A}{\text{Total number of possible outcomes}} = \frac{n(A)}{n(S)}$$

(i) Let  $B$  be the event of the occurrence of 3 heads

$$\text{Accordingly } B = HHH$$

$$\therefore P(B) = \frac{n(B)}{n(S)} = \frac{1}{8}$$

(ii) Let  $C$  be the event of the occurrence of 2 heads

Accordingly

$$C = HHT, HTH, THH$$

$$\therefore P(C) = \frac{n(C)}{n(S)} = \frac{3}{8}$$

(iii) Let  $D$  be the event of the occurrence of at least 2 heads

Accordingly

$$D = HHH, HHT, HTH, THH$$

$$\therefore P(D) = \frac{n(D)}{n(S)} = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

(iv) Let  $E$  be the event of the occurrence of at most 2 heads

Accordingly

$$E = HHT, HTH, THH, HTT, THT, TTH, TTT$$

$$\therefore P(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} = \frac{7}{8}$$

(v) Let  $F$  be the event of the occurrence of no head

Accordingly  $F = TTT$

$$\therefore P(F) = \frac{n(F)}{n(S)} = \frac{1}{8}$$

(vi) Let  $G$  be the event of the occurrence of 3 tails

Accordingly  $G = TTT$

$$\therefore P(G) = \frac{n(G)}{n(S)} = \frac{1}{8}$$

(vii) Let  $H$  be the event of the occurrence of exactly 2 tails

Accordingly

$$H = HTT, THT, TTH$$

$$\therefore P(H) = \frac{n(H)}{n(S)} = \frac{3}{8}$$

(viii) Let  $I$  be the event of the occurrence of no tail

Accordingly  $I = HHH$

$$\therefore P(I) = \frac{n(I)}{n(S)} = \frac{1}{8}$$

(ix) Let  $J$  be the event of the occurrence of at most 2 tails

Accordingly

$$J = HHH, HHT, HTH, THH, HTT, THT, TTH$$

$$\therefore P(J) = \frac{n(J)}{n(S)} = \frac{7}{8}$$