

5 Two dice are thrown together and the total score is noted. The events E , F and G are 'a total of 4', 'a total of 9 or more' and 'a total divisible by 5', respectively. Calculate $P(E)$, $P(F)$ and $P(G)$ and decide which pairs of events, if any are independent.

Two dice are thrown together *i.e.*, sample space $(S) = 36 \Rightarrow n(S) = 36$

$$E = \text{A total of 4} = \{(2, 2), (3, 1), (1, 3)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow n(E) = 3$$

$$F = \text{A total of 9 or more}$$

$$= \{(3, 6), (6, 3), (4, 5), (4, 6), (5, 4), (6, 4), (5, 5), (5, 6), (6, 5), (6, 6)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow n(F) = 10$$

$$G = \text{a total divisible by 5} = \{(1, 4), (4, 1), (2, 3), (3, 2), (4, 6), (6, 4), (5, 5)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow n(G) = 7$$

Here,

$$(E \cap F) = \phi \text{ and } (E \cap G) = \phi$$

Also,

$$(F \cap G) = \{(4, 6), (6, 4), (5, 5)\}$$

\Rightarrow

$$n(F \cap G) = 3 \text{ and } (E \cap F \cap G) = \phi$$

\therefore

$$P(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} = \frac{3}{36} = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$P(F) = \frac{n(F)}{n(S)} = \frac{10}{36} = \frac{5}{18}$$

$$P(G) = \frac{n(G)}{n(S)} = \frac{7}{36}$$

$$P(F \cap G) = \frac{3}{36} = \frac{1}{12}$$

and

$$P(F) \cdot P(G) = \frac{5}{18} \cdot \frac{7}{36} = \frac{35}{648}$$

Here, we see that $P(F \cap G) \neq P(F) \cdot P(G)$

[since, only F and G have common events, so only F and G are used here]

Hence, there is no pair which is independent.