

Exemplar Problem

Q. 76 Three persons A , B and C , fire at a target in turn, starting with A . Their probability of hitting the target are 0.4 , 0.3 and 0.2 , respectively. The probability of two hits is

- (a) 0.024 (b) 0.188 (c) 0.336 (d) 0.452

Sol. (b) Here, $P(A) = 0.4, P(\bar{A}) = 0.6, P(B) = 0.3, P(\bar{B}) = 0.7,$
 $P(C) = 0.2$ and $P(\bar{C}) = 0.8$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{Probability of two hits} &= P_A \cdot P_B \cdot P_{\bar{C}} + P_A \cdot P_{\bar{B}} \cdot P_C + P_{\bar{A}} \cdot P_B \cdot P_C \\ &= 0.4 \times 0.3 \times 0.8 + 0.4 \times 0.7 \times 0.2 + 0.6 \times 0.3 \times 0.2 \\ &= 0.096 + 0.056 + 0.036 = 0.188\end{aligned}$$