Bicycle Helmets Problem

Solution: The required probability of picking helmets is given by

$$p = \frac{\text{Favourable cases}}{\text{Total cases}}.$$
 ...(1)

Now total cases = 6!.

Favourable cases =
$$C {6 \choose 3} \cdot 3! \left(\frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!}\right)$$

= $\frac{6!}{3!3!} \cdot 2$
= 40 .

Putting these values in (1), we get

$$p = \frac{40}{6!} = \frac{1}{18}$$
. Ans.

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