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Directions: **Work only on this sheet** (on both sides, if needed). MAKE SURE TO COPY YOUR ANSWERS TO A SEPARATE SHEET FOR SENDING ME AN ELECTRONIC COPY LATER.

Important note: Remember that in problems calling for R code, you are allowed to use any built-in R function, e.g. `choose()`, `sum()`, etc.

1. In the R code at the bottom of p.69, suppose we wish to change it to find $P(Y_6 = X_6)$. Replace each of these lines below. You may remove lines if you wish (do not add any); if so, replace the given line with a comment line,

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so that the original line numbers are retained.

- (a) (10) Show the new line 2.
- (b) (10) Show the new line 3.
- (c) (10) Show the new line 4.

2. Coin A has probability 0.6 of heads, Coin B is fair, and Coin C has probability 0.2 of heads. I toss A once, getting X heads, then toss B once, getting Y heads, then toss C once, getting Z heads. Let $W = X + Y + Z$, i.e. the total number of heads from the three tosses (ranges from 0 to 3).

- (a) (10) Find $P(W = 1)$.
- (b) (10) Find $\text{Var}(W)$.

3. This problem concerns the parking example, pp.59-60.

- (a) (15) Find $p_N(3)$.
- (b) (10) Find $P(D = 1)$.
- (c) (10) Say Joe is the one looking for the parking place. Paul is watching from a side street at the end of the first block (the one before the destination), and Martha is watching from an alley situated right after the sixth parking space in the second block. Martha calls Paul and reports that Joe never went past the alley, and Paul replies that he did see Joe go past the first block. They are interested in the probability that Joe parked in the second space in the second block. Fill in the blank, using only math and probability symbols, N and D—no English except for *and*, *or* and *not*: The probability they wish to find is $P(\text{-----})$.
- (d) (15) Add to the simulation code on p.60, so that it finds and prints (the latter via `print()`) the approximate value of $P(\text{we park in the first block})$.

You must use only one R statement, though it will probably consist of nested function calls. Hint: See p. 21, bottom.

4. (15) March, April, May and June¹ each roll a die until an event occurs: For March, the event is to roll a 3; for April, a 4; for May, a 5; and for June, a 6. Let T denote the total number of rolls they make. Find $P(T = 28)$.

Solutions:

1.

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for (i in 0:4)
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  prob <- prob + dbinom(i,4,0.5) * dbinom(i,6,0.5)
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2a.

$$\begin{aligned} P(W = 1) &= P(X = 1 \text{ and } Y = 0 \text{ and } Z = 0 \text{ or } \dots) \\ &= 0.6 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 0.8 + 0.4 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 0.8 + 0.4 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 0.2 \end{aligned}$$

2b. $\text{Var}(W) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + \text{Var}(Z)$, by independence. Since X is an indicator random variable, $\text{Var}(X) = 0.6 \cdot 0.4$, etc. The answer is

$$0.6 \cdot 0.4 + 0.5 \cdot 0.5 + 0.2 \cdot 0.8$$

3a.

$$p_N(3) = P(N = 3) = (1 - 0.15)^{3-1} 0.15$$

3b.

$$\begin{aligned} P(D = 1) &= P(N = 10 \text{ or } N = 12) \\ &= (1 - 0.15)^{10-1} 0.15 + (1 - 0.15)^{12-1} 0.15 \end{aligned}$$

3c. $P(N = 12 \mid N > 10 \text{ and } N < 16)$

3d.

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print(mean(nvalues <= 10))
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4. Actually, it doesn't matter what the different women's numerical goals are; the probability would be the same even if each woman was rolling until she got, say, a 5. The random variable T is then a sum of 4 independent geometrically-distributed random variables, each having the parameter $p = 1/6$. As noted in the material surrounding (3.109), such a sum has a negative binomial distribution. Thus $P(T = 28)$ is computed as

$$\text{choose}(28-1,4-1) * (1-1/6)^{(28-4)} (1/6)^4$$

¹Each of these is a common woman's name, by the way.