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Directions: MAKE SURE TO COPY YOUR ANSWERS TO A SEPARATE SHEET FOR SENDING ME AN ELECTRONIC COPY LATER.

1. Consider the coin/die game, p.83.

- (a) (15) Find $Var(M)$.
- (b) (15) Find $Var(W | M = 8)$.

2. Consider the bus ridership example once again, in this case in Sec. 3.16.

- (a) (20) Find $P(T = 5)$.
- (b) (15) Find $p_{B_1, T}(1, 3)$.
- (c) (15) Find $Var(T)$. (You may find that some of the computation has already been done for you in the text.)

3. (20) Below is a revised version of the bus ridership simulation on p.26. It computes the same quantity, but in a somewhat more efficient manner. Fill in the blanks.

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bussim <- function(nstops, nreps) {  
  b <- sample(0:2, _____, // blank (a)  
    replace=TRUE, prob=c(0.5, 0.4, 0.1))  
  b <- matrix(b, nrow=nreps)  
  passeq0 <- vector(length=nreps)  
  for (i in 1:nreps) {  
    passengers <- 0  
    for (j in 1:nstops) {  
      if (passengers > 0)  
        passengers <- passengers -  
          _____ // blank (b)  
      passengers <- passengers +  
        _____ // blank (c)  
    }  
    passeq0[i] <- _____ // blank (d)  
  }  
  mean(passeq0)  
}
```

Solutions:

1a. M has a geometric distribution with $p = 1/6$, so $Var(M) = (1-1/6)/(1/6)^2$ from our section on that distribution.

1b. As noted in the example, give $M = k$, W has a binomial distribution with k trials and success probability 0.5. That distribution has variance $k \cdot 0.5(1 - 0.5)$, from our text section on that distribution.

2a. Ask the famous question, “How can it happen?” The only way is $B_1 = 1$ and $B_2 = 1$, which has probability 0.4^2 .

2b. We are being asked for $P(B_1 = 1 \text{ and } T = 3)$. Again, “How can it happen?” Here we must have $B_1 = 1$ and $B_2 = 0$, which has probability $0.4 \cdot 0.5$.

3.

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}m <- function(nstops, nreps) {  
  b <- sample(0:2, nreps*nstops,   
             replace=TRUE, prob=c(0.5, 0.4, 0.1))  
  b <- matrix(b, nrow=nreps)  
  passeq0 <- vector(length=nreps)  
  for (i in 1:nreps) {  
    passengers <- 0  
    for (j in 1:nstops) {  
      if (passengers > 0)  
        passengers <-  
          passengers - rbinom(1, passengers, 0.2)  
      passengers <- passengers + b[i, j]  
    }  
    passeq0[i] <- passengers == 0  
  }  
  mean(passeq0)  
}
```