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1 Family Planning

(a)

The sample space is $(G, C) = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (0, 3)\}$, where we can calculate the probability of each sample to be:

$\mathbb{P}[(1, 1)] = \frac{1}{2}$ since it just represents the probability of their first child being a girl.

$\mathbb{P}[(1, 2)] = \frac{1}{4}$ i.e. the probability of first child being a boy and second child being a girl.

$\mathbb{P}[(1, 3)] = \frac{1}{8}$ with similar logic.

$\mathbb{P}[(0, 3)] = \frac{1}{8}$ with similar logic.

(b)

| | $C = 1$ | $C = 2$ | $C = 3$ |
|---------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| $G = 0$ | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{8}$ |
| $G = 1$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{4}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ |

(c)

| $\mathbb{P}(G = 0)$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\mathbb{P}(C = 1)$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\mathbb{P}(C = 2)$ | $\frac{1}{4}$ | $\mathbb{P}(C = 3)$ | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| $\mathbb{P}(G = 1)$ | $\frac{7}{8}$ | | | | | | |

The probability of the Browns having 0 girls is equivalent to them having 3 boys in a row, which is $\mathbb{P}(G = 0) = (\frac{1}{2})^3 = \frac{1}{8}$, so we have $\mathbb{P}(G = 1) = \mathbb{P}(G = 0) = \frac{7}{8}$.

Results confirmed since we could calculate the probability of them having 1 child, 2 children, 3 children, respectively could be done in a similar way to get: $\mathbb{P}(C = 1) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{P}(C = 2) = \frac{1}{4}\mathbb{P}(C = 3) = \frac{1}{4}$, which confirms our result.

(d) No, they aren't.

Consider the case when the Browns have 0 girls and 3 children in total, so we have $\mathbb{P}(G = 0, C = 3) = \frac{1}{8}$. On the other hand, $\mathbb{P}(G = 0)\mathbb{P}(C = 3) = \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{32}$, which gives that $\mathbb{P}(G = 0, C = 3) \neq \mathbb{P}(G = 0)\mathbb{P}(C = 3)$, which implies that G and C aren't independent.

(e) $\mathbb{E}[G] = \frac{7}{8}, \mathbb{E}[C] = \frac{7}{4}$

We can calculate that:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(G) &= \frac{1}{8} \cdot 0 + \frac{7}{8} \cdot 1 = \frac{7}{8} \\ \mathbb{E}(C) &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 2 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 3 = \frac{7}{4}\end{aligned}$$