

9. Complete the following homework assignment prior to Meeting #9:

- A. Study our notes from Meeting #8 ; comprehend Jim's sample responses to the Quiz #9 prompts that are posted on *Canvas*.
- B*. Staggerlee wants to conduct a coin-flipping experiment for the purpose of determining the probabilities of randomly obtaining various events when a fair coin is flipped exactly three times in succession. He plans to use the resulting probability distributions to hedge his bets in a variety of games of chance. Please design the experiment for him so that it yields probability values for the each of the following events: X_j is the event in which exactly j tails turn up for $j \in \{ 0, 1, 2, 3 \}$. Describe the experiment – identifying the sample space and discrete probability distribution.

Sample description:

Let $\Omega = \{ \text{TTT}, \text{TTH}, \text{THT}, \text{HTT}, \text{HHH}, \text{HHT}, \text{HTH}, \text{THH} \}$

Let X_j = the event that there exactly j tails. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} |X_0| &= |\{ \text{HHH} \}| = 1 \\ |X_1| &= |\{ \text{HHT}, \text{HTH}, \text{THH} \}| = 3 \\ |X_2| &= |\{ \text{TTH}, \text{THT}, \text{HTT} \}| = 3 \\ |X_3| &= |\{ \text{TTT} \}| = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Let p be our random probability function. Since $|\Omega| = 8$, we have the following probability values:

$$p(X_0) = \frac{1}{8} \wedge p(X_1) = \frac{3}{8} \wedge p(X_2) = \frac{3}{8} \wedge p(X_3) = \frac{1}{8}$$

- C. Compare your responses to the homework prompts to those Jim posted in *Canvas* on the usual page.