

Answer the questions in the spaces provided on the question sheets. If you run out of room for an answer, continue on a separate sheet of paper.

## Random variables and expectation

1. Consider a game in which a fair die is rolled. If the die comes up 1, the player wins \$2. If the die comes up 2, the player wins \$1. For all other outcomes, the player loses \$1. Let  $X$  denote the amount of money won by the player for a single role of the die.

(a) What is the range of  $X$ ?

(b) What is the distribution over the random variable  $X$ ?

(c) What is the expected amount that the player wins or loses, i.e., what is  $E[X]$ ? Round to the nearest cent.

2. In a network of 40 computers, 5 hold a copy of a particular file. Suppose that 7 computers at random fail. Let  $F$  denote the number of computers that fail and have a copy of the file.

(a) What is the range of  $F$ ?

(b) What is  $p(F = 2)$ ?

(c) What is the distribution over the random variable  $F$ ?

(d) What is the expected number of computers that will fail and have a copy of the file, i.e., what is  $E[F]$ ? Round to the nearest computer.