

CSCI 305 HW 7

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1. Coinflips.

a.

$$\{(0, 0, 0), (1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 1)\}$$

y	ways	$P[Y = y]$
0	TTT	1/8
b. 1	HTT, THT, TTH	3/8
2	HHT, THH, HTH	3/8
3	HHH	1/8

c.

$$0 \times \frac{1}{8} + 1 \times \frac{3}{8} + 2 \times \frac{3}{8} + 3 \times \frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{2}$$

d. It would not make sense for a single coinflip to effect the probability of future coinflips, logically, this means X_1, X_2, X_3 must be independent.

e.

$$E[X_1] = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$E[X_2] = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$E[X_3] = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$E[X_1]E[X_2]E[X_3] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{8}$$

We see that this matches with $E[X_1X_2X_3]$, thus X is indeed independently random.