

HW 6

Problem 1

Let X be a random variable denoting the winnings. Since doing otherwise would be cumbersome, we make a table illustrating what the possible values of X are, as well as what ball combinations they correspond to.

Value of X	Ball 1	Ball 2
4	Black	Black
2	Black	Orange
1	Black	White
0	Orange	Orange
-1	White	Orange
-2	White	White

Note that **Ball 1** and **Ball 2** may be freely switched.

This means,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(X = 4) &= \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{3}{13} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{6}{91}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(X = 2) &= 2 \cdot \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{2}{13} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{8}{91}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(X = 1) &= 2 \cdot \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{8}{13} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{32}{91}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(X = 0) &= \frac{2}{14} \cdot \frac{1}{13} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{91}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(X = -1) &= 2 \cdot \frac{8}{14} \cdot \frac{2}{13} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{16}{91}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(X = -2) &= \frac{8}{14} \cdot \frac{7}{13} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{4}{13}}\end{aligned}$$

Problem 6

There are 4 possible values of X : $\{3, 1, -1, -3\}$. The first and last values correspond to all heads and all tails, respectively. The second and third values correspond to 2 heads and 2 tails, respectively.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{P}(X = 3) &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{1}{8}} \\
 \mathbb{P}(X = 1) &= \binom{3}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{3}{8}} \\
 \mathbb{P}(X = -1) &= \binom{3}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{3}{8}} \\
 \mathbb{P}(X = -3) &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{1}{8}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 21

Problem 21.a

$\mathbb{E}(X)$ will be greater than $\mathbb{E}(Y)$, as there are more buses than there are students.

Problem 21.b

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}(X) &= 40 \cdot \frac{40}{148} + 33 \cdot \frac{33}{148} + 25 \cdot \frac{25}{148} + 50 \cdot \frac{50}{148} \\
 &= \frac{1}{148} (1600 + 1089 + 625 + 2500) \\
 &= \frac{5814}{148} \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{2907}{74}} \\
 &\approx 39.284 \\
 \mathbb{E}(X) &= 40 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + 33 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + 25 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + 50 \cdot \frac{1}{4} \\
 &= \frac{148}{4} \\
 &= \boxed{37}
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 25

Problem 25.a

When $X = 1$, only one of the coins may be heads. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(X = 1) &= \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{10} + \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{7}{10} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{23}{50}}\end{aligned}$$

Problem 25.b

We must first calculate $\mathbb{P}(X = 0)$ and $\mathbb{P}(X = 2)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(X = 0) &= \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{10} \\ &= \frac{3}{25} \\ \mathbb{P}(X = 2) &= \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{7}{10} \\ &= \frac{21}{50}\end{aligned}$$

Now, we can calculate $\mathbb{E}(X)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(X) &= 0 \cdot \frac{3}{25} + 1 \cdot \frac{23}{50} + 2 \cdot \frac{21}{50} \\ &= \frac{23}{50} + \frac{42}{50} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{13}{10}} \\ &= 1.3\end{aligned}$$