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MATH 108

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HW 9: Due 10/24

*"I like to play blackjack. I'm not  
addicted to gambling. I'm addicted to  
sitting in a semicircle."*

*–Mitch Hedberg*

**Problem 1.** (10pt) Suppose you play a game where you roll a loaded die. The probabilities for this die are (partially) given below. If you roll an even number, you win \$1. If you roll a one, you lose \$5. If you roll a three, you lose \$2. Finally, if you roll a five, you win/lose nothing.

$n$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$P(n)$		$\frac{2}{12}$	$\frac{3}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{4}{12}$

- (a) Find  $P(1)$ .
- (b) Find the probability that if you roll the die three times, you win \$1 each time.
- (c) Find the average amount you win per game.
- (d) Should you play this game? Explain.

**Problem 2.** (10pt) Suppose you are designing a game to ‘reallocate’ money from your friends to an account that you control. . . You will have them roll a four-sided dice—each side equally likely to occur. If they roll a four, neither of you wins money. If they roll a two or three, you will pay them \$2 or \$3, respectively. If they roll a one, they will flip a fair coin. If the coin is heads, they win/lose nothing. However, if the coins is tails, they will pay you some amount of money.

- (a) Find the amount your friend must pay you if they roll a one and then flip a tails so that you will not lose money at this game ‘in the long run.’
- (b) If your friend plays this game one-hundred times, are you guaranteed to make money? Explain.