

1.

- a. For any given pair, the probability of $X_i = X_j$ is $1/m$. Considering all combinations, we take the union of the sets. We can see that from rewriting the union bound, the total number of $X_i = X_j$ is $n(n-1)/2$ ($n-1$ combos for X_i , summing yields $n(n-1)/2$). Combining the two, we can bound the overall probability of a collision by $p_{n,m} \leq \frac{n(n-1)}{2m}$.
- b. $1 - p = q$, where q is $\Pr[X_i \neq X_j]$. We can enumerate all options and possibilities of X_i and X_j being distinct $\frac{m-0}{m} * \frac{m-1}{m} * \dots * \frac{m-n}{m}$ (Mutual independence) \rightarrow

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{m-(i-1)}{m} \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{m}{m} - \frac{(i-1)}{m} \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n 1 - \frac{(i-1)}{m} \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \frac{(i-1)}{m}) = 1 - p.$$
- c. $1 + x \leq e^x \rightarrow 1 - e^x \leq -x \rightarrow$ We know that $p_{n,m} \leq \frac{n(n-1)}{2m} \rightarrow -p_{n,m} \geq -\frac{n(n-1)}{2m} \rightarrow$ Substitute the first inequality with the second, $x = -p_{n,m}$. This results in $1 - e^{-\frac{n(n-1)}{2m}} \leq p_{n,m}$.
- d. Prove that $-\frac{n(n-1)}{2m} \leq \ln(.5)$, as $p_{n,m} \geq 1 - e^{\ln(.5)} \rightarrow p_{n,m} \geq 1 - .5 \rightarrow p_{n,m} \geq .5$
 Given that $n \geq \sqrt{2\ln(2)m} + 1 \rightarrow n(n-1) \geq (n-1)^2 \geq 2\ln(2)m \rightarrow$
 $\frac{n(n-1)}{2m} \geq \frac{(n-1)^2}{2m} \geq \ln(2) \rightarrow -\frac{n(n-1)}{2m} \leq -\ln(2) \rightarrow -\frac{n(n-1)}{2m} \leq \ln(1/2)$. Because this exponent is bounded, we can substitute and see that $p_{n,m} \geq .5$.

$$2. \quad E[S^2] \rightarrow E[(X_1 + \dots + X_n)^2] \rightarrow \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right)^2 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right)\left(\sum_{j=1}^n X_j\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} X_i X_j \quad (\text{Example 30 in Probability Primer}) \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i^2] + \sum_{i \neq j} E[X_i X_j].$$

This is because of linearity of expectation.

To find $\sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i^2]$, we must also consider that the variables are all *independently* and *uniformly* distributed; therefore, regardless of the value of i , all $E[X_i]$ will have the same values and all $E[X_i^2]$ will have the same value. Meaning, $\sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i^2] = nE[X_1^2]$. X_1^2 is distributed on the set of the squares of the original set = $\{0, 1, 1, 4, 4, 9, 9\}$. The mean/expected value of this set is 4 $([0+1+1+4+4+9+9]/7)$. This shows that $\sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i^2] = 4n$.

To find $\sum_{i \neq j} E[X_i X_j]$, we use linearity of expectation once more. $E[X_i X_j] = E[X_i]E[X_j] \rightarrow E[X_i] = (-3 + -2 + -1 + 0 + 1 + 2 + 3)/7 = 0$.

This means $\sum_{i \neq j} E[X_i X_j] = E[X_i X_j] = E[X_i]E[X_j] = 0$.

Finally, we combine the terms to get $E[S^2] = 4n + 0$ or just $4n$.

3. $E[k] = E[X]$, $X = X_1 + \dots + X_k \rightarrow$ Each X has the same distribution, so for any X , the probability that a head will appear is $p = .5$. So, the *expected* number of coin tosses you make to get the i th head after you have already gotten $i-1$ heads is $\frac{1}{p} = 2$. $E[X] = E[X_1] + \dots + E[X_k] \rightarrow$
 $E[X] = \frac{1}{p} + \dots + \frac{1}{p}$, k times. Meaning that $E[k] = \frac{k}{p}$. In this case, $p = .5$, $E[k] = \frac{k}{p} = 2k$.

4. Bob should choose the guessed number (or a number out of a set of numbers) by enumerating all the possibilities of 2 dice summing to ℓ and picking the number appearing in the most possibilities. For example, $\ell = 4$, possibilities: $\{ \{1, 3\} \{2, 2\} \{3, 1\} \}$. The optimal choice would be 1 or 3 because they appear in 2 of three possibilities while 2 only appears in 1. $\Pr[Z = \ell] = \text{number of possibilities where sum} = \ell / \text{total possibilities} = 36$

Case where $\ell = 2$: Bob should choose 1, and the probability that he win, $p = 1$. $E[W | Z = 2] = 2$ because he should double down, as $p > q$, where q = the probability he will lose. We find $E[W | Z = \ell]$ by computing $(1)p + (-1)q$ to find expected earnings. If this result is positive, this will indicate that Bob is expected to earn money, so he should double down to double his expected earnings. $\Pr[Z = 2] = 1/36$

Case $\ell = 3$: Bob should choose 1 or 2, and $p = 1$. $E[W | Z = 3] = 2$ because he should double down, as $p > q$. $\Pr[Z = 3] = 2/36$

Case $\ell = 4$: Bob should choose 1 or 3, and $p = 2/3$. $E[W | Z = 4] = 1/3 \rightarrow 2/3$ because he should double down, as $p > q$. $\Pr[Z = 4] = 3/36$

Case $\ell = 5$: Bob should choose 1, 2, 3, or 4, and $p = 2/4 = 1/2$. $E[W | Z = 5] = 0$. It does not matter if Bob doubles down because $p = q$. $\Pr[Z = 5] = 4/36$

Case $\ell = 6$: Bob should choose 1, 2, 4, or 5, and $p = 2/5$. $E[W | Z = 6] = -1/5$. Bob should not double down, as he is expected to lose because $p < q$. $\Pr[Z = 6] = 5/36$

Case $\ell = 7$: Bob should choose 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6, and $p = 2/6 = 1/3$. $E[W | Z = 7] = -1/3$. Bob should not double down, as he is expected to lose because $p < q$. $\Pr[Z = 7] = 6/36$

Case $\ell = 8$: Bob should choose 2, 3, 5, or 6, and $p = 2/5$. $E[W | Z = 8] = -1/5$. Bob should not double down, as he is expected to lose because $p < q$. $\Pr[Z = 8] = 5/36$

Case $\ell = 9$: Bob should choose 3, 4, 5, or 6, and $p = 2/4 = 1/2$. $E[W | Z = 9] = 0$. It does not matter if Bob doubles down because $p = q$. $\Pr[Z = 9] = 4/36$

Case $\ell = 10$: Bob should choose 4 or 6, and $p = 2/3$. $E[W | Z = 10] = 1/3 \rightarrow 2/3$ because he should double down, as $p > q$. $\Pr[Z = 10] = 3/36$

Case $\ell = 11$: Bob should choose 5 or 6, and $p = 1$. $E[W | Z = 11] = 2$ because he should double down, as $p > q$. $\Pr[Z = 11] = 2/36$

Case $\ell = 12$: Bob should choose 6, and $p = 1$. $E[W | Z = 12] = 2$ because he should double down, as $p > q$. $\Pr[Z = 12] = 1/36$

By the law of total expectation

$$E[W] = \sum_{\ell=2}^{12} E[W | Z = \ell] \Pr[Z = \ell].$$

Summing, we get

$$2(1/36) + 2(2/36) + (2/3)(3/36) + 0(4/36) + (-1/5)(5/36) + (-1/3)(6/36) + (-1/5)(5/36) + 0(4/36) + (2/3)(3/36) + 2(2/36) + 2(1/36) = 1/3$$

5.

- a. $E[X + X] = E[X] + E[X] = 2E[X] \rightarrow E[X] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{1}{n} * \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \rightarrow 2 * \frac{1}{n} * \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \rightarrow$
 $E[X + X] = n + 1 \rightarrow$ When $n = 10$, $E[X + X] = 11$
- b. $E[XX] = E[X]E[X] \rightarrow E[X] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{1}{n} * \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \rightarrow E[X]E[X] = (.5(n + 1))^2 \rightarrow$
When $n = 10$, $E[XX] = 30.25$

6. $E[T] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[T | X = i] Pr[X = i] \rightarrow$ The probability of $X = i$ is uniform and will always be $= 1/n$ in this case $\rightarrow E[T] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[T | X = i] \rightarrow$ If $i = 1$, we can say that we will expect 10 tries before we reach at most 1, as the distribution is uniform. Similarly, if we spin a 2, we expect it to take 5 tries to get to a number of at most 2 after (uniform and independent spins). Therefore, we can see that $\sum_{i=1}^n E[T | X = i] = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{n}{i} \rightarrow$ Substituting back $\rightarrow E[T] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{n}{i} \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \rightarrow$ We know that this sum is bounded by the integral of $1/x$. More specifically, $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \leq 1 + \ln(n)$. Generally, because $E[T] = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}$, $|E[T] - \ln(n)| \leq c$ for some positive constant c and all sufficiently large n . Therefore, $E[T] = \ln(n) + O(1)$.

7. $E[X]$, $X = X_1 + \dots + X_n \rightarrow$ where X_i is the number of spins you make to get the i th distinct number after you have already gotten $i - 1$ distinct numbers.

$$E[X_1 + \dots + X_n] = E[X_1] + \dots + E[X_n] \rightarrow$$

Let's compare the values of the individual expectations for $n = 10$ and derive a trend.

Clearly, $E[X_1] = 1$

If 1 number is achieved, and each number has the same probability of being chosen, p of choosing a new number $= 9/10$; therefore, $E[X_2] = \frac{10}{9}$

If 2 number is achieved, and each number has the same probability of being chosen, p of choosing a new number $= 8/10$; therefore, $E[X_3] = \frac{10}{8}$

Generalizing, we can see that $E[X_i] = \frac{10}{10-i}$, $i = [0, \dots, 10) \rightarrow E[X_i] = \frac{n}{n-i}$, $i = [0, \dots, n) \rightarrow$

$$E[X] = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{n}{n-i} \rightarrow n \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{n-i} \rightarrow \text{Writing out the terms, we can rearrange this sum to } n \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \rightarrow$$

We can estimate this with an integral, $\int_1^n \frac{1}{x} dx + M$, $M = \max(1/1, 1/n) = 1 \rightarrow$

$\ln(n) - \ln(1) + 1 + c_1 \rightarrow \ln(n) + c_2$, $c_2 = 1 + c_1 \rightarrow$ Putting back into the equation and generalizing c , we get $E[X] = n(\ln(n) + c) \rightarrow n\ln(n) + nc$

$|E[X] - n\ln(n)|$ is bounded by nc . Additionally, we see that nc grows at most the rate of n .

Meaning, we can generalize by saying $E[X] = n\ln(n) + O(n)$

8.

- a. Consider the case where we only spin once, $t = 1$, and we will generalize the probability of $Pr[M \geq j]$. If $j = 1$, clearly $Pr[M \geq j] = 1$. If $j = 2$, $Pr[M \geq j] = 9/10$. We can see that this probability can be generalized to $(n - j + 1) / n$, for any j when $t = 1$. When $t = 2$, we consider the case when *both* spins have M as greater or equal to than $j \rightarrow$

$Pr[M \geq j] \cap Pr[M \geq j] = Pr[M \geq j] * Pr[M \geq j] \rightarrow \frac{(n-j+1)}{n} * \frac{(n-j+1)}{n}$, given that each spin is independent. More generally, for any t and $j = 1, \dots, n$, $Pr[M \geq j] = \frac{(n-j+1)^t}{n^t}$.

- b. Given the tail-sum formula, $E[M] = \sum_{j=1}^n Pr[M \geq j] \rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{(n-j+1)^t}{n^t} \rightarrow \frac{1}{n^t} \sum_{j=1}^n (n-j+1)^t$
 \rightarrow To simplify the sum, we can compare the values of j and $n - j + 1$. When $j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10$, $n - j + 1 = 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1$. Therefore, we can rearrange the sum to be $\sum_{i=1}^n i^t$, as the set of numbers in j perfectly spans/covers the set of numbers

represented by $n - j + 1$. Therefore, $E[M] = \frac{1}{n^t} \sum_{i=1}^n i^t$.

- c. $E[M] = \frac{1}{n^t} \sum_{i=1}^n i^t \rightarrow \frac{1}{n^t} \sum_{i=1}^n i^t \rightarrow$ Approximating as an integral $\rightarrow \frac{1}{n^t} \int_1^n x^t dx + M \rightarrow$

$$\frac{1}{n^t} \left(\left[\frac{x^{t+1}}{t+1} \right]_1^n + \max(1^t, n^t) \right) \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{n^t} \left(\frac{n^{t+1}}{t+1} - \frac{1}{t+1} + \frac{n^t}{n^t} \right) \rightarrow \frac{n^{t+1}-1}{n^t(t+1)} + \frac{1}{1} \rightarrow \frac{n * n^t}{n^t(t+1)} - \frac{1}{n^t(t+1)} + \frac{1}{1} \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{n}{(t+1)} - \frac{1}{n^t(t+1)}, \text{ we can see that for all sufficiently large } n, \text{ the term } c, \text{ where}$$

$$c = \frac{1}{n^t(t+1)} + 1, \text{ bounds the sum such that } \left| E[M] - \frac{n}{(t+1)} \right| \leq c. \text{ Additionally, we can say}$$

that the constant c is significantly less than $\frac{n}{(t+1)}$ (especially if n will never be smaller

than 1), so we can generalize the formula to be $E[M] = \frac{n}{(t+1)} + O(1)$.