

Problem 1

$$\text{We have } X(n) = \frac{1}{2}(n-3)(n-5)$$

Plugging in for each $n \in S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$X(1) = \frac{1}{2}(1-3)(1-5) = 4$$

$$X(2) = \frac{1}{2}(2-3)(2-5) = \frac{3}{2}$$

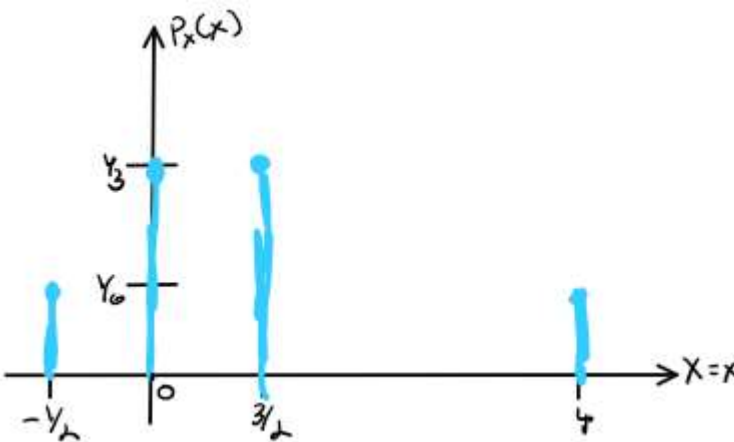
$$X(3) = \frac{1}{2}(3-3)(3-5) = 0$$

$$X(4) = \frac{1}{2}(4-3)(4-5) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

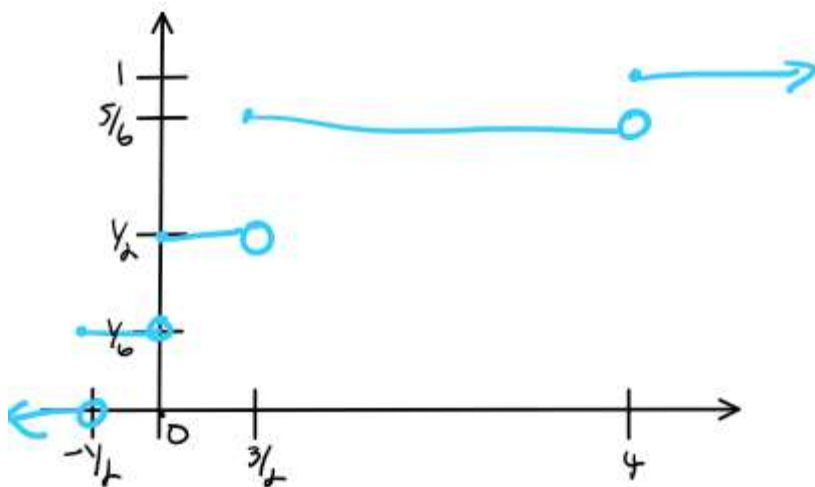
$$X(5) = \frac{1}{2}(5-3)(5-5) = 0$$

$$X(6) = \frac{1}{2}(6-3)(6-5) = \frac{3}{2}$$

Now we can make the probability mass function



We can also make the cumulative distribution function



$$E[X] = \frac{1}{6} \left[4 + \frac{3}{2} + 0 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + 0 + \frac{3}{2} \right] = \frac{13}{12}$$

$$\text{var}[X] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

$$(E[X])^2 = \left(\frac{13}{12}\right)^2 = \frac{13^2}{12^2}$$

$$E[X^2] = \frac{1}{6} \left[4^2 + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + 0 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 0 + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 \right] = \frac{83}{24}$$

$$\text{var}[X] = \frac{83}{24} - \frac{169}{144} = \frac{329}{144}$$

Problem 2

fair three sided die part

$$X = \left(\frac{n}{3}\right)^2$$

$$P(\{n\}) = \frac{1}{3} \quad \forall n \in \{1,2,3\}$$

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{3} \left[\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{3}\right)^2 \right] = \frac{14}{27}$$

fair six sided die part

$$X = \left(\frac{n}{6}\right)^2$$

$$P(\{n\}) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{6} \left[\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{6}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{6}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{4}{6}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{6}{6}\right)^2 \right] = \frac{91}{216}$$

fair sided 1000 sided die

$$X = \left(\frac{n}{1000}\right)^2$$

$$P(\{n\}) = \frac{1}{1000} \quad \forall n \in \{1,2,3, \dots, 1000\}$$

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{1000} * \sum_{i=1}^{1000} \left(\frac{i}{1000}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{1000^3} * \sum_{i=1}^{1000} i^2$$

the summation is a squared partial sum which has the following formula

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

so then

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{1000^3} * \frac{1000(1000+1)(2*1000+1)}{6} = \frac{1}{1000^3} * \frac{1000(1001)(2001)}{6} \approx \frac{1}{1000^3} * \frac{2*1000^3}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Problem 3

Part a

$$P(\{H\}) = p$$

$$P(\{T\}) = (1-p)$$

Games goes until two heads or two tails happens.

There is 4 ways this can happen. HH, TT, HTH, THT.

Their probabilities are as follows

$$P(\{H,H\}) = p^2$$

$$P(\{T,T\}) = (1-p)^2$$

$$P(\{H,T,H\}) = p(1-p)p = p^2(1-p)$$

$$P(\{T,H,T\}) = (1-p)p(1-p) = p(1-p)^2$$

$$P(\{T,H,H\}) = p^2(1-p)$$

$$P(\{H,T,T\}) = p(1-p)^2$$

let X = the number of rolls when the game is done

then $X = 2$ for $P(\{H,H\})$ and $P(\{T,T\})$

and $X = 3$ for $P(\{H,T,H\})$, $P(\{T,H,T\})$, $P(\{T,H,H\})$, and $P(\{H,T,T\})$

so for $E[X]$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= 2 [p^2 + (1-p)^2] + 3 [2p^2(1-p) + 2p(1-p)^2] \\ &= 2p^2 + 2(1-p)^2 + 6p^2(1-p) + 6p(1-p)^2 \\ &= 2p^2 + 2(p^2 - 2p + 1) + 6p^2 - 6p^3 + 6p(p^2 - 2p + 1) \\ &= 2p^2 + 2p^2 - 4p + 2 + 6p^2 - 6p^3 + 6p^3 - 12p^2 + 6p \\ &= -2(p^2 - p - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Part b

let X = the number of coin tosses when the game ends

$X=2$ happens when we have $\{H,H\}$ or $\{T,T\}$

$$P(\{H,H\}) = p^2$$

$$P(\{T,T\}) = (1 - p)^2$$

$$\text{so } P(X=2) = p^2 + (1 - p)^2 = p^2 + 1 - 2p + p^2 = 2p^2 - 2p + 1$$

X=3 happens when we have {T,H,H} or {H,T,T}

$$P(\{T,H,H\}) = p^2(1 - p)$$

$$P(\{H,T,T\}) = p(1 - p)^2$$

$$\text{so } P(X=3) = p^2(1 - p) + p(1 - p)^2 = p^2 - p^3 + p(1 - 2p + p^2) = p^2 - p^3 + p - 2p^2 + p^3 = p - p^2 = p(1 - p)$$

X=4 happens when we have {H,T,H,H} or {T,H,T,T}

$$P(\{H,T,H,H\}) = p^3(1 - p)$$

$$P(\{T,H,T,T\}) = p(1 - p)^3$$

$$\text{so } P(X=4) = p^3(1 - p) + p(1 - p)^3 = -2p^4 + 4p^3 - 3p^2 + p$$

$$\text{note that this is equal to } (p - p^2)(2p^2 - 2p + 1)$$

$$\text{so we have } P(X=4) = P(X=3) * P(X=2)$$

X=5 happens when we have {T,H,T,H,H} and {H,T,H,T,T}

$$P(\{T,H,T,H,H\}) = p^3(1 - p)^2$$

$$P(\{H,T,H,T,T\}) = p^2(1 - p)^3$$

$$\text{So } P(X=5) = p^3(1 - p)^2 + p^2(1 - p)^3 = p^4 - 2p^3 + p^2 = p^2(p^2 - 2p + 1) = p^2(1 - p)^2 = [P(X = 3)]^2$$

X=6 happens when we have {H,T,H,T,H,H} and {T,H,T,H,T,T}

$$P(\{H,T,H,T,H,H\}) = p^4(1 - p)^2$$

$$P(\{T,H,T,H,T,T\}) = p^2(1 - p)^4$$

$$\text{so } P(X=6) = p^4(1 - p)^2 + p^2(1 - p)^4 = p^2(1 - p)^2(2p^2 - 2p + 1)$$

$$\text{note that this is the same as saying } P(X=6) = P(X=5) * P(X=2)$$

so summarizing we have

$$P(X=2) = 2p^2 - 2p + 1$$

$$P(X=3) = p(1 - p)$$

$$P(X=4) = P(X=3) * P(X=2)$$

$$P(X=5) = [P(X = 3)]^2$$

$$P(X=6) = P(X=5) * P(X=2) = [P(X = 3)]^2 * P(X = 2)$$

it seems like we have two emerging patterns based on if x is even or odd

$$\text{based on this I would predict that } P(X=7) = [P(X = 3)]^3 \text{ and } P(X=8) = P(X=7) * P(X=2) = [P(X = 3)]^3 * P(X = 2)$$

X=7 happens when we have {T,H,T,H,T,H,H} and {H,T,H,T,H,T,T}

$$P(\{T,H,T,H,T,H,H\}) = p^4(1-p)^3$$

$$P(\{H,T,H,T,H,T,T\}) = p^3(1-p)^4$$

$$\text{so } P(X=7) = p^4(1-p)^3 + p^3(1-p)^4 = p^3(1-p)^3 = [P(X=3)]^3$$

x=8 happens when we have {H,T,H,T,H,T,H,H} and {T,H,T,H,T,H,T,T}

$$P(\{H,T,H,T,H,T,H,H\}) = p^5(1-p)^3$$

$$P(\{T,H,T,H,T,H,T,T\}) = p^3(1-p)^5$$

$$\text{so } P(X=8) = p^5(1-p)^3 + p^3(1-p)^5 = p^3(1-p)^3(2p^2 - 2p + 1) = P(X=7) * P(X=2) = [P(X=3)]^3 * P(X=2)$$

So now we can derive a formula for when X is even or X is odd

$$X = 2y \text{ has } P(2y) = [p(1-p)]^{y-1} * (2p^2 - 2p + 1)$$

$$\text{converting for } x = 2y \Rightarrow y = \frac{x}{2}$$

$$\text{when } x \text{ is even } P(X=x) = [p(1-p)]^{\frac{x}{2}-1} * (2p^2 - 2p + 1)$$

$$X=2y+1 \text{ has } P(2y+1) = [p(1-p)]^y$$

$$\text{converting for } x = 2y+1 \Rightarrow y = \frac{x-1}{2}$$

$$\text{when } x \text{ is odd } P(X=x) = [p(1-p)]^{\frac{x-1}{2}}$$

to put them into summations we need to make $x = 2x$ for evens and $x = 2x+1$ for odds so we get

$$E[X] = (2p^2 - 2p + 1) \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (2i)[p(1-p)]^{i-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (2i+1)[p(1-p)]^i$$

wolfram alpha gives the following answer

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (2i)[p(1-p)]^{i-1} = -\frac{2(p-1)}{(1-p)(1-p+p^2)^2}$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (2i+1)[p(1-p)]^i = \frac{-p^4 + 2p^3 - 4p^2 + 3p}{(p^2 - p + 1)^2}$$

combining all the terms we have

$$E[X] = (2p^2 - 2p + 1) * -\frac{2(p-1)}{(1-p)(1-p+p^2)^2} + \frac{-p^4 + 2p^3 - 4p^2 + 3p}{(p^2 - p + 1)^2}$$

This we can simplify

$$\frac{2p^2 + 2(1-p)^2 - p^4 + 2p^3 - 4p^2 + 3p}{(1-p+p^2)^2} = \frac{-p^4 + 2p^3 - 2p^2 + 3p + 2(p^2 - 2p + 1)}{(p^2 - p + 1)^2} =$$

$$\frac{-p^4 + 2p^3 - p + 2}{(p^2 - p + 1)^2} = \frac{-(p^4 - 2p^3 + p - 2)}{(p^2 - p + 1)^2} = \frac{-(p^3(p-2) + (p-2))}{(p^2 - p + 1)^2} =$$

$$\frac{-(p-2)(p^3 + 1)}{(p^2 - p + 1)^2}$$

from here we can express $(p^3 + 1)$ as $p^3 + 1^3 = (p+1)(p^2 - p + 1^2)$
so we end up with

$$E[X] = \frac{(2-p)(p+1)}{p^2 - p + 1} = \frac{2p + 2 - p^2 - p}{p(p-1) + 1} = \frac{2 + p(1-p)}{p(p-1) + 1}$$

Problem 4

Let $X = \#$ of children seated next together

lets find $P(X=3)$

we have $3!$ ways to choose the children all sitting next to each other and $5!$ ways to choose the adults together

we have a total of $(8-1)! = 7!$ different arrangements total

(reduced by 1 because $c_1, c_2, c_3, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5$ around the round table is the same as $c_2, c_3, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, c_1$)

$$\text{so then } P(X=3) = \frac{3! \cdot 5!}{7!}$$

lets find $P(X=2)$

we can start by choosing the 5 non children spots and arranging them such that we can only have a group of 2 children. This will be $5!$ ways.

There is $\binom{3}{2} = 3$ ways we can arrange the grouped children

There is 4 gaps of 2 that we can make around the table

we have 2 ways to arrange each grouping of children

e.g. c_1, c_2 and c_2, c_1

Finally, we have the same denominator as above with 7!

$$\text{so then } P(X=2) = \frac{5! \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 2}{7!} = \frac{4}{7}$$

When $X=2$ we get 1 dollar, and when $X=3$ we get two dollars

let Y = the amount of money we get

$$E[Y] = 1 * \left(\frac{4}{7}\right) + 2 * \left(\frac{1}{7}\right) = \frac{6}{7} \approx 0.86$$