Pre-class preparation

Please read the following textbook sections from Blitzstein and Hwang's *Introduction to Probability* (second edition):

• Sections 1.2-1.4

Objectives

By the end of the day's class, students should be able to do the following:

- Define the sample space of an experiment.
- State the 'naive' definition of probability.
- Apply the multiplication rule to the counting problems of enumerating possibilities, sampling with replacement, and sampling without replacement.
- Compute the probabilities of outcomes using the multiplication rule, symmetries, and the inclusion-exclusion principle.
- Define and use the binomial coefficient to calculate probabilities of outcomes.

Reflection Questions

Please submit your answers to the following questions to the corresponding Gradescope assignment by 7:45AM:

- 1. Using your own words, describe the different between an event and an outcome.
- 2. Three fair coins are tossed and the Heads or Tails result of each coin is recorded. What is the sample space if the sequence (i.e. order) of the results is recorded? What is the sample space if all coins are flipped and land at the same time?
- 3. Three fair coins are tossed and the sequence of Heads or Tails is recorded. What is the probability that at least one Heads is obtained?
- 4. Suppose we have a standard 52-card deck that has been shuffled well. We have four players, and the deck is dealt such that each player receives 13 cards. What is the probability that each player receives one Ace?
- 5. (Optional) Is there anything from the pre-class preparation that you have questions about? What topics would you like would you like some more clarification on? If nothing, assign this question to the first page of your submission.