

ECS 132 Quiz 2

This is the pdf for simulating question 5 from quiz 2.

Analytical solution:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z=3) &= P(\text{Tails}) * P(Z=3 \mid \text{Tails}) + P(\text{Heads}) * P(Z=3 \mid \text{Heads}) \\ &= (1/2) * (1/6) + (1/2) * (1/4) \\ &= 1/12 + 1/8 \\ &= 2/24 + 3/24 \\ &= 5/24 \\ &= 0.2083333 \end{aligned}$$

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# Set the seed for reproducibility
set.seed(123)

# Set the parameters
n_simulations <- 1000000 # Number of simulations

# Function to simulate one game
simulate_game <- function() {
  coin_flip <- sample(c("Heads", "Tails"), 1)

  if (coin_flip == "Tails") {
    dice_roll <- sample(1:6, 1)
  } else {
    # Unfair die with 25% chance of rolling a 3
    unfair_probs <- c(0.15, 0.15, 0.25, 0.15, 0.15, 0.15)
    dice_roll <- sample(1:6, 1, prob = unfair_probs)
  }

  return(dice_roll == 3)
}

# Run simulations
results <- replicate(n_simulations, simulate_game())

# Calculate the probability
simulated_prob <- mean(results)

# Print the results
cat("Analytical probability:", 2/24 + 3/24, "\n")

## Analytical probability: 0.2083333
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cat("Simulated probability:", simulated_prob, "\n")
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## Simulated probability: 0.207683
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