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Problem 4: A three-sided die

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The newest invention of the 6.041x staff is a three-sided die. On any roll of this die, the result is 1 with probability 1/2, 2 with probability 1/4, and 3 with probability 1/4.

Consider a sequence of six independent rolls of this die.

1. Find the probability that exactly two of the rolls results in a 3.

$$\bullet \quad \binom{6}{2} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^4 \quad \checkmark$$

2. Given that exactly two of the six rolls resulted in a 1, find the probability that the first roll resulted in a 1. **Note:** Your answer should be a number. Do not enter '!' or combinations in your answer.

0.3333333

3. We are told that exactly three of the rolls resulted in a 1 and exactly three rolls resulted in a 2. Given this information, find the probability that the six rolls resulted in the sequence

(1,2,1,2,1,2). **Note:** Your answer should be a number. Do not enter '!' or combinations in your answer.



4. The conditional probability that exactly k rolls resulted in a 3, given that at least one roll resulted in a 3, is of the form:

$$rac{1}{1-(c_1/c_2)^{c_3}}inom{c_3}{k}igg(rac{1}{c_2}igg)^kigg(rac{c_1}{c_2}igg)^{c_3-k},\quad ext{for } k=1,2,\ldots,6.$$

Find the values of the constants c_1 , c_2 , and c_3 :

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 $c_1 =$

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