Lab 2

Duke STA 240 Fall 2025

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Task 1

- Scenario: roll three fair dice;
- Event: all three dice show different numbers.

This code simulates 7,500 trials and computes the proportion of the time the event occurs:

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set.seed(37367)
nreps <- 7500
counter <- 0

for(i in 1:nreps){
   rolls <- sample(1:6, 3, replace = TRUE)

   if( length(unique(rolls)) == 3 ){
      counter <- counter + 1
   }
}</pre>
counter / nreps # proportion
```

[1] 0.558

In order to do the math, we apply P(A) = #(A)/#(S) directly. The sample space S is the set of all three-dice rolls. Thought of as three experiments in the sense of the counting principle, the number of ways we could mix-and-match the rolls is $\#(S) = 6 \times 6 \times 6 = 6^3 = 216$. The target event A is the set of all three-dice rolls where all numbers are different (ie sampling without replacement), and so $\#(A) = 6 \times 5 \times 4 = 120$. Putting it into R gives:

120 / 216

[1] 0.555556

We conclude then that

$$P(A) = \frac{6 \times 5 \times 4}{6^3} = \frac{120}{216} \approx 0.555,$$

which agrees with our simulation.

Task 2

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