

1. If you roll a pair of dice, what is the chance that:
  - (a) you roll doubles?
  - (b) both dice are different?
2. If you roll a pair of dice 10 times, what is the chance that:
  - (a) you roll *exactly* four pairs of doubles?
  - (b) you roll *at least* one pair of sixes?
3. What is the chance of being dealt a full house in poker? That is, you are dealt 5 cards from a full deck and three are of one kind and two are of another kind?
4. A jar contains 4 red marbles, 6 blue marbles and 10 green marbles. If you shut your eyes, reach in and grab 3 marbles, what is the chance that they are all the same color? What is the chance they are all different?
5. Compute the expected value of a 4-number bet in American Roulette. This bet pays 8 to 1. Assume you bet \$1.
6. Compute the expected value of a “hard way 4” bet in craps. This is a multi-roll bet that 4 will come up the “hard way”, that is 2–2, before 7 or the “easy way”, 1–3. This bet pays 7 to 1. Assume you bet \$1.
7. If you play roulette 300 times, each time betting \$1 on Red, what is the chance that you will finish \$20 or more ahead?
8. Suppose you have a bankroll of \$500 and play \$1 at a time on Don’t Pass in craps. (This is an even money bet with the chance of winning equal to 0.493.)
  - (a) What is the chance you will reach \$550 *before* going broke?
  - (b) If you play until you go broke, about how many plays can you expect to make?
9.  $A$  and  $B$  play a zero-sum game where the matrix of pay-offs to  $A$  is given below.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 & -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find the optimal strategy for both players and the value of the game to  $A$ .

10. BONUS PROBLEM This problem is NOT required. If you do it, you may earn bonus points! Suppose you flip a coin until you get three heads in a row at which point you stop. What is the expected number of coin flips that will take place? Hint: set this up as a random walk on *some* walkway.