

Lecture 33, class activity. Expected Value.

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1. Let  $X$  be a random variable that takes values:

$$\mathbb{P}(X = 2) = p, \quad \mathbb{P}(X = 0) = 1 - p.$$

Compute:

- (a)  $\mathbb{E}[X]$ ;                      (b)  $\mathbb{E}[X^2]$ ;                      (c)  $\mathbb{E}[X^k]$ ;                      (d)  $\mathbb{E}[t^X]$ .

2. Consider the following game.

- (a) In the first round, we roll a single six-sided die to obtain the value  $X$ .
- (b) In the second round, we roll  $X$  dice and add their values to obtain the score  $Y$ .  
(For example, if the first roll is a four, then in the second round we roll four dice and add them up.)  
Compute  $\mathbb{E}[Y]$ .
- (c) **(Tricky.)** If we wanted to explicitly write down an  $\Omega$  to model this, how big would  $\Omega$  have to be?