

Section 1

- (Counting) (Book Exercise 1.1)** We flip a fair coin ten times. Find the probability of the following events.
 - The number of heads and the number of tails are equal.
 - There are more heads than tails.
 - The i -th flip and the $(11 - i)$ -th flip are the same for $i = 1, \dots, 5$.
 - We flip at least four consecutive heads.
- (Counting) (Book Exercise 1.4)** We are playing a tournament in which we stop as soon as one of us wins n games. We are evenly matched, so each of us wins any game with probability $1/2$, independently of other games. What is the probability that the loser has won k games when the match is over?
- (Independence)** Suppose we roll an unbiased six-sided die 3 times. Let E_{ij} denote the event that the i th and the j th rolls produce the same number for $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}, i < j$. Show that the events $\{E_{ij}\}$ are pairwise independent but not independent as a family.
- (Conditional Probability) (Book Exercise 1.14)** I am playing in a racquetball tournament, and I am up against a player I have watched but never played before. I consider three possibilities for my prior model: we are equally talented, and each of us is equally likely to win each game; I am slightly better, and therefore I win each game independently with probability 0.6; or he is slightly better, and thus he wins each game independently with probability 0.6. Before we play, I think that each of these three possibilities is equally likely. In our match we play until one player wins three games. I win the second game, but he wins the first, third, and fourth. After this match, in my posterior model, with what probability should I believe that my opponent is slightly better than I am?