

Instructions: You can write your project program in any programming language that you'd like. Once finished, turn in **the source code** and **a screenshot of your program running**.

Combinatorics Project

Formulas

Probability in a Bernoulli Trial: Given a simple experiment, called a **Bernoulli trial**, and an event that occurs with a probability p , if the trial is repeated independently n times, then the probability of having exactly k successes is ¹

$$C(n, k) \cdot p^k \cdot (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

Expected (Average) Value: For a given probability experiment, let X be a random variable whose possible values come from the set of numbers x_1, \dots, x_n . Then the **expected value of X** , denoted by $E[X]$, is the sum

$$(x_1) \cdot Prob(X = x_1) + (x_2) \cdot Prob(X = x_2) + \dots + (x_n) \cdot Prob(X = x_n)$$

¹From Discrete Math by Ensley and Crawley, page 460

Program: Calculating the Expected Average

For this program, you will have the user enter information about the trial we're looking at. You will compute the **expected average**, $E[X]$.

You should have a menu in the program like this:

1. Enter game info
2. Calculate expected average
3. Quit

Keep running the program until the user decides to quit.

Part 1: Getting info about the trials

To help illustrate the data, let's assume the user will be entering data for the 3rd set of example data - tossing 3 coins.

Index	Value	Events	Event amt	Probability
i	x_i	E_i	$n(E_i)$	$Prob(E_i)$
1	3	{ (H, H, H) }	1	1/8
2	2	{ (H, H, T), (H, T, H), (T, H, H) }	3	3/8
3	1	{ (H, T, T), (T, H, T), (T, T, H) }	3	3/8
4	0	{ (T, T, T) }	1	1/8

You will need to ask the user for $n(S)$ first. In this example, since there are three coins to toss, the total size of the sample set is $2^3 = 8$.

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What is the size of the sample set, n(S)?  
>> 8
```

Next, we need to know how many game outcomes there are. This is different from the sample size. In this case, each Heads gives us +1 point, so there are four outcomes: 3 points, 2 points, 1 point, and 0 points.

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How many game value outcomes are there?  
(How many x[i] items?)  
>> 4
```

Then, loop to get all the possible game score outcomes there are. These should be stored in some sort of list structure.

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x[1] = ?
>> 3
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We need to store the probability as well, but it would be better to get the event set size $n(E_i)$ and then compute the probability on the program side.

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How many events lead to this score?
>> 1
```

Probability of getting this value x_1 will be $n(E_1)/n(S)$. Store the probability in a list structure as well.

```
Probability calculated as 0.125%
```

After entering all the game info, it would be useful to display the table of data on the main menu like this:

```
Current game data:

Outcome #      Score value      Probability
0             3                0.125%
1             2                0.375%
2             1                0.375%
3             0                0.125%
```

Part 2: Computing the expected average For this one, you will need a variable to store the expected value. The expected value is calculated like this:

$$E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^6 (x_i \cdot Prob(X = x_i))$$

So you will use a loop to get a running sum.

For example...

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1 float expectedValue = 0;
2 for ( int i = 0; i < totalScoreOutcomes; i++ )
3 {
4     expectedValue += values[i] * probability[i];
5 }
```

Once the loop is completed, you will have $E[X]$. Display it to the screen.

```
Calculated expected value is: 1.5
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Test out the program with several sets of data. The calculations are given in the following three examples.

Example data

Use these examples to test your program output.

Rolling 1 die:

When rolling one die, the sample size, $n(S)$, is 6. There are 6 total outcomes. In this case, the outcome values match the die roll value, but this isn't always true in all these examples provided.

Value of outcome	Set of events that give the outcome	Amount of events that result in the outcome value	Probability of event
x_i	E_i	$n(E_i)$	$Prob(E_i) = \frac{n(E_i)}{n(S)}$
1	{ 1 }	1	1/6
2	{ 2 }	1	1/6
3	{ 3 }	1	1/6
4	{ 4 }	1	1/6
5	{ 5 }	1	1/6
6	{ 6 }	1	1/6

Expected value calculation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[X] &= \sum_{i=1}^6 (x_i \cdot Prob(X = x_i)) \\
 &= x_1 \cdot Prob(X = x_1) + x_2 \cdot Prob(X = x_2) + x_3 \cdot Prob(X = x_3) + \\
 & x_4 \cdot Prob(X = x_4) + x_5 \cdot Prob(X = x_5) + x_6 \cdot Prob(X = x_6) \\
 &= 1\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 2\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 3\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 4\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 5\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 6\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \\
 &= \frac{1+2+3+4+5+6}{6} = \frac{21}{6} = 3.5
 \end{aligned}$$

The expected value calculated is 3.5.

Rolling 2 dice and summing their values for the outcomes:

We are rolling two dice, so there are $n(S) = 36$ total outcomes that can happen. Since we're summing the values, we will have values of 2 through 12 possible (1+1 up to 6+6).

Index	Value	Events	Event amt	Probability
i	x_i	E_i	$n(E_i)$	$Prob(E_i)$
1	2	{ (1, 1) }	1	1/36
2	3	{ (1, 2), (2, 1) }	2	2/36
3	4	{ (1, 3), (2, 2), (3, 1) }	3	3/36
4	5	{ (1, 4), (2, 3), (3, 2), (4, 1) }	4	4/36
5	6	{ (1, 5), (2, 4), (3, 3), (4, 2), (5, 1) }	5	5/36
6	7	{ (1, 6), (2, 5), (3, 4), (4, 3), (5, 2), (6, 1) }	6	6/36
7	8	{ (2, 6), (3, 5), (4, 4), (5, 3), (6, 2) }	5	5/36
8	9	{ (3, 6), (4, 5), (5, 4), (6, 3) }	4	4/36
9	10	{ (4, 6), (5, 5), (6, 4) }	3	3/36
10	11	{ (5, 6), (6, 5) }	2	2/36
11	12	{ (6, 6) }	1	1/36

Expected value calculation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[X] &= \sum_{i=1}^{11} (x_i \cdot Prob(X = x_i)) \\
 &= 2\left(\frac{1}{36}\right) + 3\left(\frac{2}{36}\right) + 4\left(\frac{3}{36}\right) + 5\left(\frac{4}{36}\right) + 6\left(\frac{5}{36}\right) + 7\left(\frac{6}{36}\right) + 8\left(\frac{5}{36}\right) + 9\left(\frac{4}{36}\right) + 10\left(\frac{3}{36}\right) + \\
 &\quad 11\left(\frac{2}{36}\right) + 12\left(\frac{1}{36}\right) \\
 &= \frac{2 + 6 + 12 + 20 + 30 + 42 + 40 + 36 + 30 + 22 + 12}{36} \\
 &= \frac{252}{36} = 7
 \end{aligned}$$

The expected value calculated is 7.

Flipping 3 coins, giving a point for heads:

In this game, we flip 3 coins. For each HEADS we get, +1 point is gained. Otherwise, 0 points are gained for tails. For this example, $n(S) = 8$ and there will be 4 total possible values:

Index	Value	Events	Event amt	Probability
i	x_i	E_i	$n(E_i)$	$Prob(E_i)$
1	3	{ (H, H, H) }	1	1/8
2	2	{ (H, H, T), (H, T, H), (T, H, H) }	3	3/8
3	1	{ (H, T, T), (T, H, T), (T, T, H) }	3	3/8
4	0	{ (T, T, T) }	1	1/8

Expected value calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \sum_{i=1}^4 (x_i \cdot Prob(X = x_i)) \\ &= 3\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) + 2\left(\frac{3}{8}\right) + 1\left(\frac{3}{8}\right) + 0\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) \\ &= \frac{3 + 6 + 3 + 0}{8} = \frac{12}{8} = 1.5 \end{aligned}$$

The expected value calculated is 1.5.

Example output

Main menu:

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| Main Menu |  
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Current game data:  
  
Outcome #           Score value           Probability  
  
1. Enter game info  
2. Calculate expected average  
3. Quit  
  
>> 1
```

Getting game info:

```
What is the size of the sample set, n(S)?  
  
>> 8  
  
How many game value outcomes are there? (How many x[i]  
items?)  
  
>> 4  
  
x[1] = 3  
How many events lead to this score? 1  
Probability calculated as 0.125%.  
  
x[2] = 2  
How many events lead to this score? 3  
Probability calculated as 0.375%.  
  
x[3] = 1  
How many events lead to this score? 3  
Probability calculated as 0.375%.
```

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x[4] = 0
How many events lead to this score? 1
Probability calculated as 0.125%.
```

Main menu after game data entry:

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| Main Menu |
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Current game data:

Outcome #      Score value      Probability
0              3                0.125%
1              2                0.375%
2              1                0.375%
3              0                0.125%

1. Enter game info
2. Calculate expected average
3. Quit
```

Computing expected average:

```
E[X] = 3 * 0.125 + 2 * 0.375 + 1 * 0.375 + 0 * 0.125

Calculated expected value is: 1.5
```

Turn in

Turn in your source file(s) and a screenshot of your program running.