MATH 3355-1: Probability

- I. A pair of dice is rolled.
 - A. What is the sample space?
 - B. The sum of the numbers on the two dice is *a function from sample space to the integers*. Can you graph this function? (We call this function *a random variable*. We denote it X.)
 - C. Assume the dice are fair. Find the probability of each value of the function in the previous problem, *i.e.*, find P(X = 2), P(X = 3), etc.. How can you graph this data? (We called the *probability mass function*.)
 - D. Define $F(t) = P(X \le t)$. Graph F. (This is called a *distribution function*, or *cumulative distribution function*.)
 - E. A coin is flipped n times. Is there a random variable associated with this experiment? A probability mass function? A cumulative distribution function?
- **II.** A biased coin lands on heads 60% of the time and on tails 40% of the time.
 - A. If it's flipped 3 times, what's the probability of no heads? Of 1 head? Of 2 heads? Of 3 heads? Graph the probability mass function. Graph the distribution function.
 - B. What if it's flipped 4 times?
 - C. What if it's flipped 100 times?

III. A biased coin lands on heads with probability p, and on tails with probability 1-p. If it's flipped n times, what the probability of j heads? Is there a random variable here? A probability mass function?