

Correction to Problem # 2

There was a mistake in the solution to problem # 2 from assignment 7. Here is an updated solution.

(b)

The probability that Bob wins the remaining two games and thus brings his total to 3 is $(1 - p)^2$ if we know p (or conditional on p). The estimator of this quantity can be calculated by taking the posterior expectation

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}((1 - p)^2 \mid X = 2) &= \int_0^1 (1 - p)^2 \frac{1}{B(3.2, 1.8)} p^{2.2} (1 - p)^{0.8} dp \\ &= \frac{1}{B(3.2, 1.8)} \int_0^1 p^{2.2} (1 - p)^{2.8} dp \\ &= \frac{B(3.2, 3.8)}{B(3.2, 1.8)} \\ &= \left(\frac{\Gamma(3.2)\Gamma(3.8)}{\Gamma(7)} \right) \left(\frac{\Gamma(5)}{\Gamma(3.2)\Gamma(1.8)} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{\Gamma(3.8)}{\Gamma(1.8)} \right) \left(\frac{\Gamma(5)}{\Gamma(7)} \right) \\ &= \frac{(2.8)(1.8)}{5(6)} = 0.168\end{aligned}$$

In order to calculate the Γ functions, I have used the following identity

$$\frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} = \alpha$$

for any $\alpha > 0$. It follows almost directly that

$$\frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 2)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} = \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 2)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \right) \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \right) = (\alpha + 1)\alpha.$$

(c)

This new answer for part (b) means that the answer for part (c) must be

$$\$60(1 - 0.168) + \$40(0.168) = \$56.64$$