1. Solution (a): Y = 0, if X = 0, 1, 2.  $P(Y = 1, X = 3) = 2p^3(1-p)^2$ ,  $P(Y = 1, X = 4) = 4p^4(1-p)$ ,  $P(Y = 1, X = 5) = p^5$ .

The rest of the probabilities can be computed using the distribution of X and X has Bin(5, p) distribution.

Solution (b): 
$$P(X = 4|Y = 1) = \frac{4p(1-p)}{2-p^2}$$

2. Solution: Let N be the number of empty poles when r flags of different colours are displayed randomly on n poles arranged in a row (here  $r, n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $r \geq n$ ). Assume that there is no limitation on the number of flags on each pole. Let r flags be chosen randomly to be put on randomly chosen poles. If we follow this procedure, observe that the elementary outcomes have different probabilities. Let  $A_{i,k}$  be the event that pole i is not chosen for flag k.  $A_i = \bigcap_{k=1}^r A_{i,k}$ is the event that pole i is empty. By independence,  $P(A_i) = \prod_{k=1}^r P(A_{i,k}) = (\frac{n-1}{n})^r$ . Similary  $P(A_i \cap A_j) = \prod_{k=1}^r P(A_{i,k} \cap A_{j,k}) = (\frac{n-2}{n})^r$ . The number of empty poles,  $N = \sum_{i=1}^n I_{A_i}$ , is the sum of the indicator random variables of  $A_i$ 's. Therefore,

$$E(N) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(A_i) = n \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^r.$$

$$E(N^2) = \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} P(A_i \cap A_j) = n \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^r + n(n-1) \left(\frac{n-2}{n}\right)^r.$$

3. Solution: Let M be the number of matches won by B - I in the first stage and W be the number of matches won by B - I in the second stage (out of M matches) Given M, W has binomial distribution **Bin**(M, 0.5). Therefore

$$E(s^W|M) = (0.5 * s + 0.5)^M.$$

It is given that M has binomial distribution **Bin**(10, 0.5). Therefore

$$E(s^W) = E(E(s^Z|M)) = E(0.5 * s + 0.5)^M = (0.25 * s + 0.75)^{10}.$$

Therefore W has binomial distribution Bin(10, 0.25).

- 4. Solution: Let F be the cumulative distribution function of a real valued random variable X.  $F(x) = P(X \le x)$ . Since  $P(X \in \mathbb{R}) = 1$ , we have that  $\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} P(X \in (k-1,k]) = 1$  (by the countable additivity axiom of probability). Therefore we have that  $\lim_{n \to -\infty} F(n) = \lim_{n \to -\infty} \sum_{k \le n} P(X \in (k-1,k]) = 0$ . From the monotonicity of F,  $\lim_{x \to -\infty} F(x) = 0$ .
- 5. Solution (a): Y is a non-negative random variable.  $P(Y \le y) = P(X^4 \le y) = P(-y^{0.25} \le X \le y^{0.25}) = F(y^{0.25}) F(-y^{0.25})$ , where F is the cumulative distribution of X which has Normal distribution. Therefore, the probability density of Y is  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}}y^{0.75}e^{-\frac{\sqrt{y}}{2}}$ .

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**Solution (b):** Stein's lemma. If X has N(0,1) distribution, then E(Xf(X)) = E(f'(X)). This is done using integration by parts.  $\int xe^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = -e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$ .  $E(Y^2) = E(X^8) = 7 * 5 * 3 * 1 = 105$ .