

**Extra Problems Sheet**  
**Discrete Probability HW Worksheet**

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*In Problems 1–4 list the values of the given random variable  $X$  together with the probabilities of occurrence.*

1. A fair coin is tossed two times and  $X$  is the random variable whose value for an outcome in the sample space is the number of heads obtained.
3. The random variable  $X$  is the number of female children in a family with three children. (Assume the probability of a female birth is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .)

*In Problems 5–8 classify the given random variable as discrete or continuous. If it is discrete, state whether the sample space is infinite or finite.*

5.  $X$  is the number of tosses of a coin in the experiment of tossing a fair coin repeatedly until a head occurs.
7.  $X$  is the length of time a person must wait in line at a checkout counter.

*In Problems 9–12 find each probability. Assume  $X$  is a Poisson random variable with  $np = 6$ .*

9.  $P(X \leq 5)$

11.  $P(X = 5)$

**13. Consumer Arrival** At a supermarket, customers arrive at a checkout counter at the rate of 60 per hour. What is the probability that 8 or fewer will arrive in a period of 10 minutes?

**15. Defective Parts** A machine produces parts to meet certain specifications, and the probability that a part is defective is .05. A sample of 50 parts is taken. What is the probability that it will have 2 or more defective parts? Compute this probability, using both the Poisson and the binomial probability functions.