## What are the chances?

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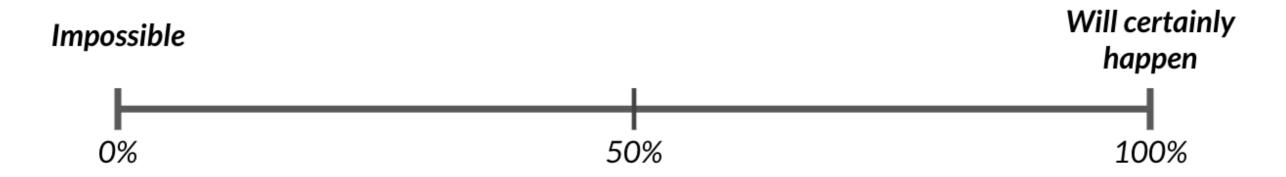
#### Measuring chance

What's the probability of an event?

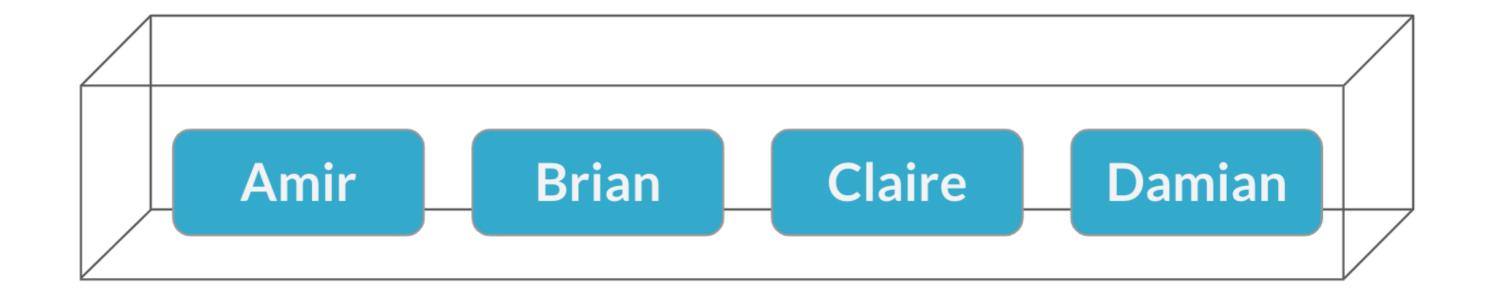
$$P(\text{event}) = rac{\# \text{ ways event can happen}}{ and{total } \# \text{ of possible outcomes}}$$

Example: a coin flip

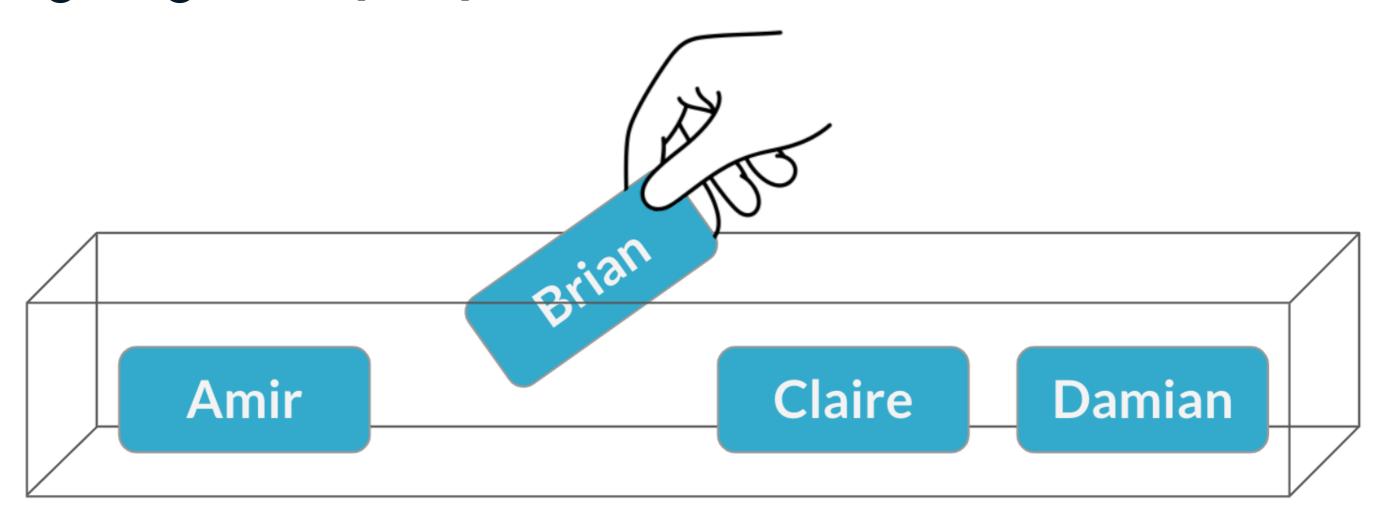
$$P(\text{heads}) = rac{1 \text{ way to get heads}}{2 \text{ possible outcomes}} = rac{1}{2} = 50\%$$



#### Assigning salespeople



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$$P(\mathrm{Brian}) = rac{1}{4} = 25\%$$

#### Sampling from a DataFrame

```
print(sales_counts)
```

```
name n_sales

O Amir 178

1 Brian 128

2 Claire 75

3 Damian 69
```

```
sales_counts.sample()
```

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```
name n_sales
1 Brian 128
```

```
name n_sales
2 Claire 75
```

## Setting a random seed

```
np.random.seed(10)
sales_counts.sample()
```

```
name n_sales
1 Brian 128
```

```
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sales_counts.sample()
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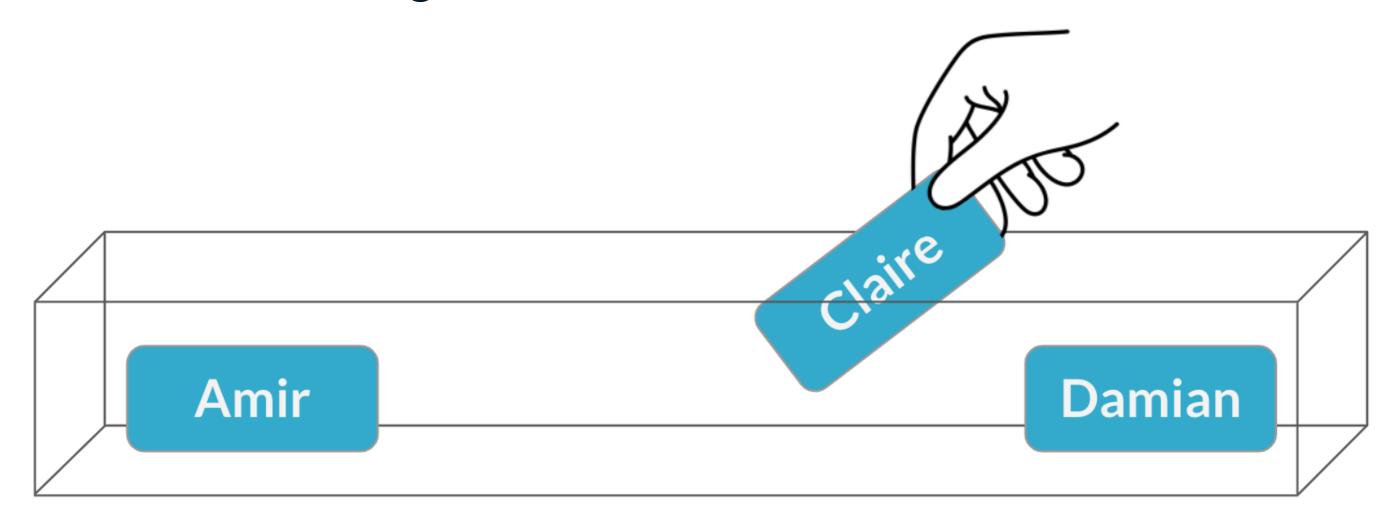
#### A second meeting

Sampling without replacement





## A second meeting



$$P( ext{Claire}) = rac{1}{3} = 33\%$$

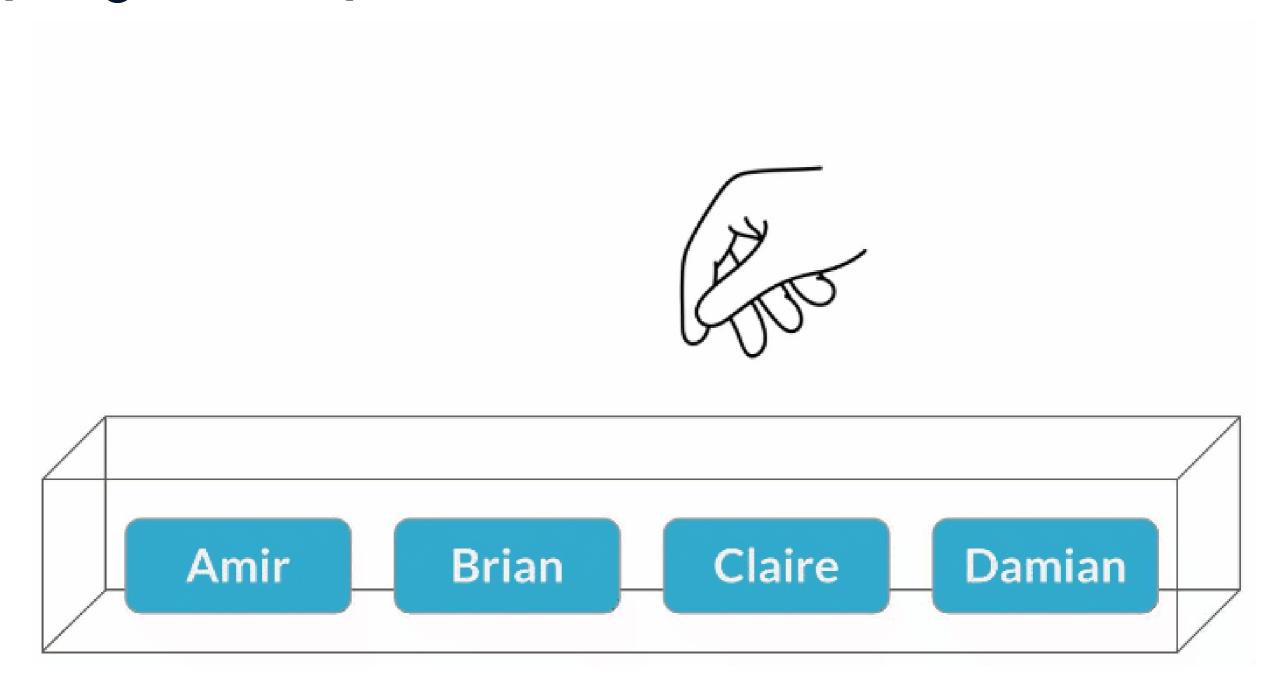
#### Sampling twice in Python

```
sales_counts.sample(2)
```

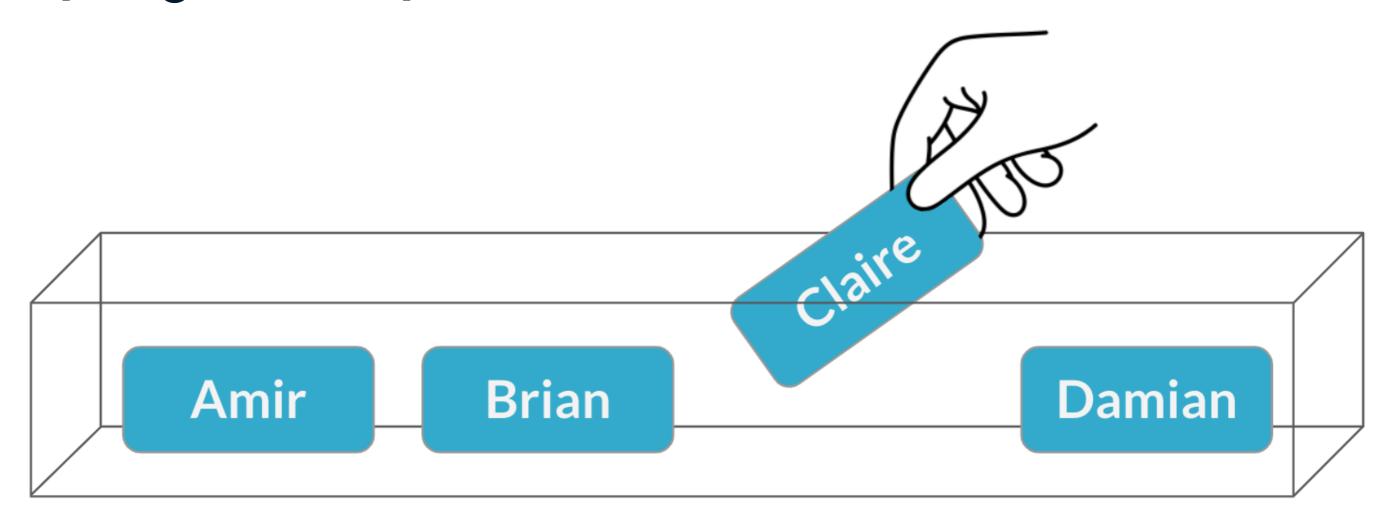
```
name n_sales
1 Brian 128
2 Claire 75
```



#### Sampling with replacement



#### Sampling with replacement



$$P( ext{Claire}) = rac{1}{4} = 25\%$$

#### Sampling with/without replacement in Python

```
sales_counts.sample(5, replace = True)
```

#### Independent events

Two events are **independent** if the probability of the second event **isn't** affected by the outcome of the first event.

#### Sampling with Replacement

First pick

Second pick

**Amir** 

**Brian** 

Claire

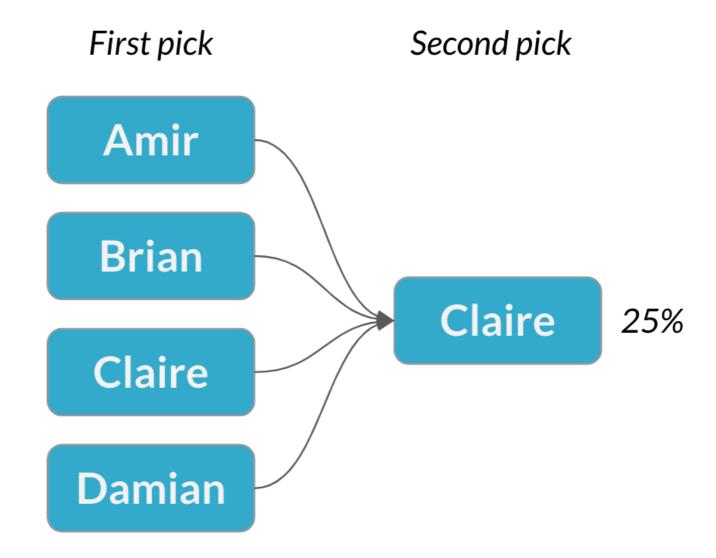
**Damian** 

#### Independent events

Two events are **independent** if the probability of the second event **isn't** affected by the outcome of the first event.

Sampling with replacement = each pick is independent

#### Sampling with Replacement



#### Dependent events

Two events are **dependent** if the probability of the second event **is** affected by the outcome of the first event.

#### Sampling without Replacement

First pick

Second pick

**Amir** 

**Brian** 

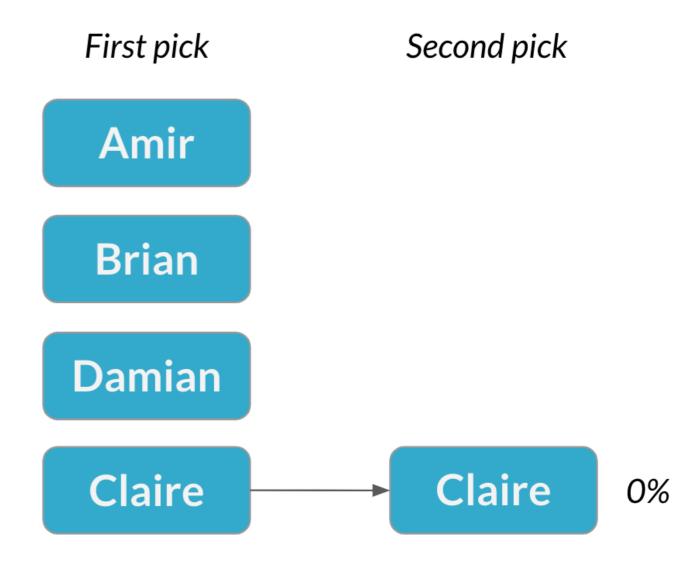
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Claire

#### Dependent events

Two events are **dependent** if the probability of the second event **is** affected by the outcome of the first event.

#### Sampling without Replacement

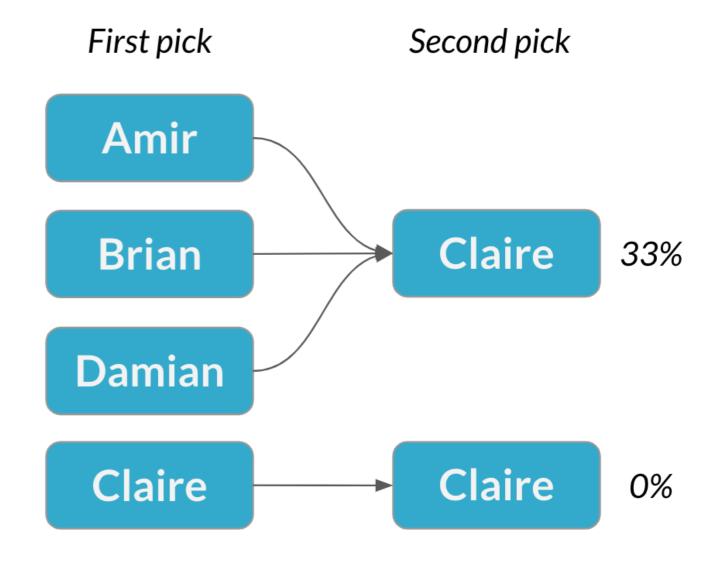


#### Dependent events

Two events are **dependent** if the probability of the second event **is** affected by the outcome of the first event.

Sampling without replacement = each pick is dependent

#### Sampling without Replacement





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# Discrete distributions

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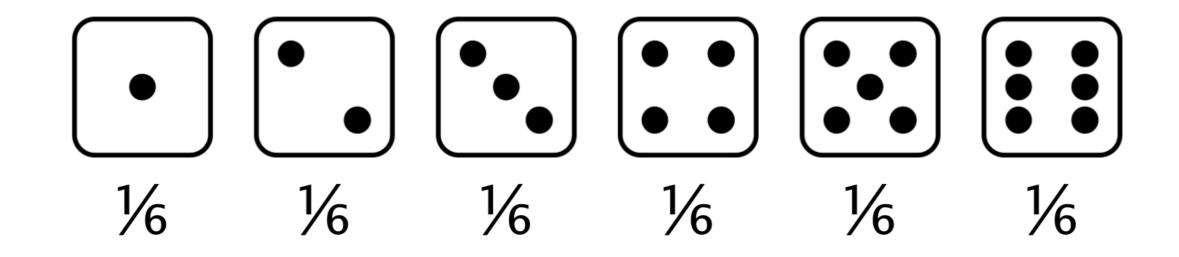


## Rolling the dice

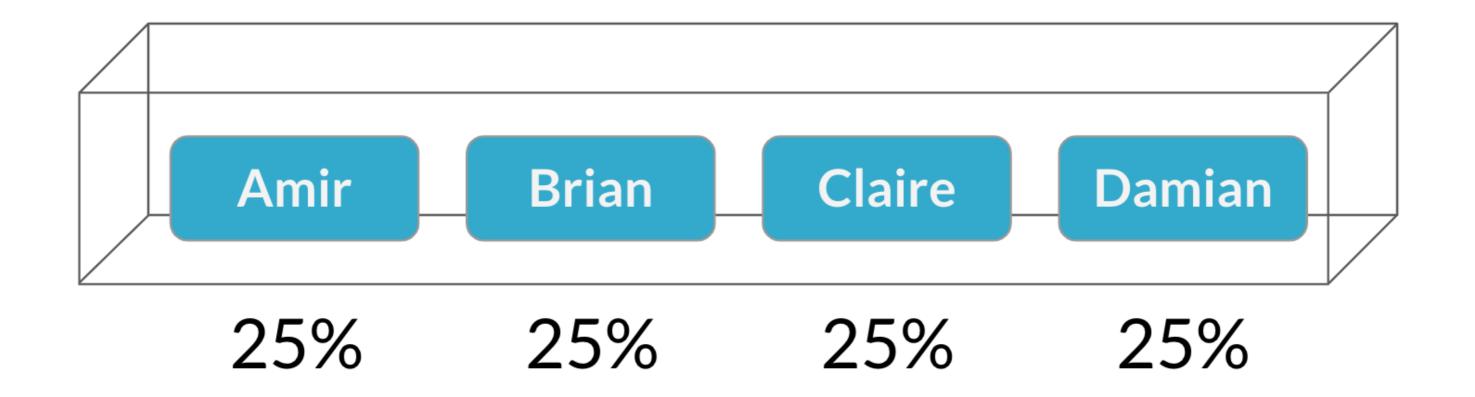


## Rolling the dice



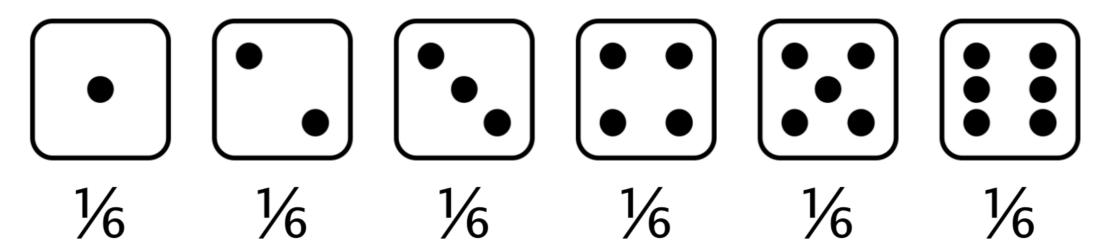


## Choosing salespeople



## **Probability distribution**

Describes the probability of each possible outcome in a scenario

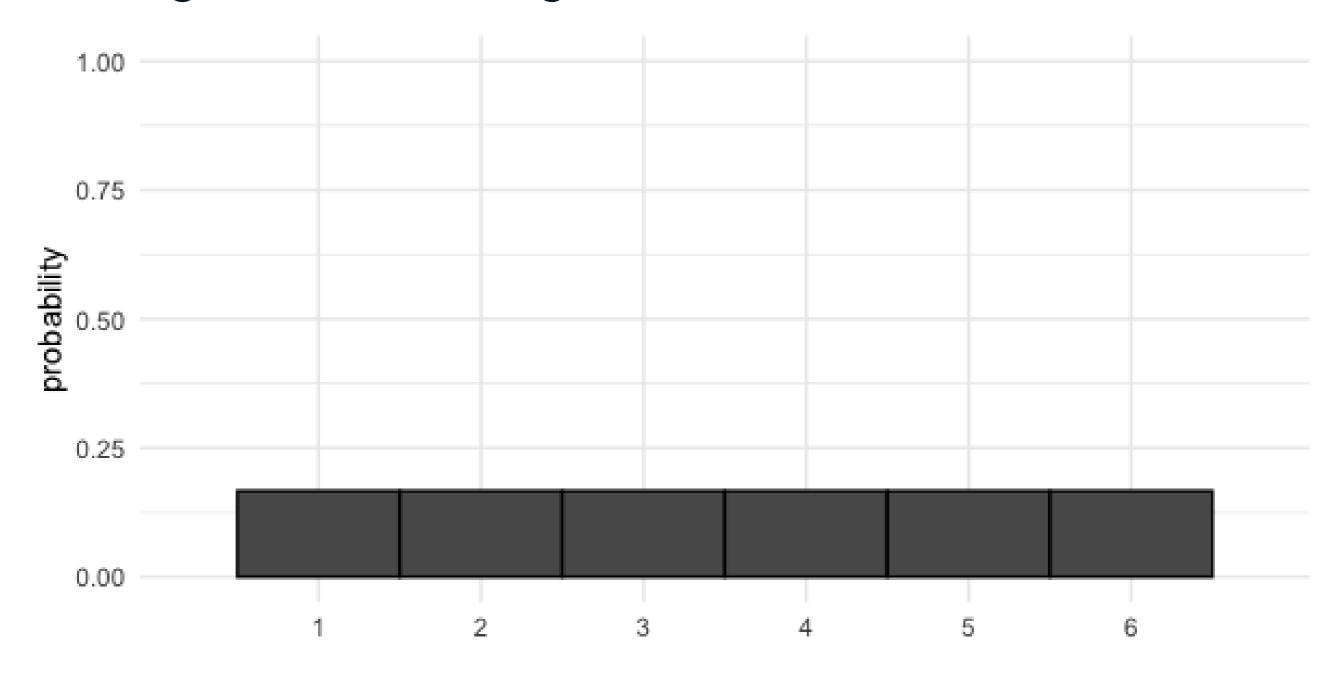


Expected value: mean of a probability distribution

Expected value of a fair die roll =

$$(1 \times \frac{1}{6}) + (2 \times \frac{1}{6}) + (3 \times \frac{1}{6}) + (4 \times \frac{1}{6}) + (5 \times \frac{1}{6}) + (6 \times \frac{1}{6}) = 3.5$$

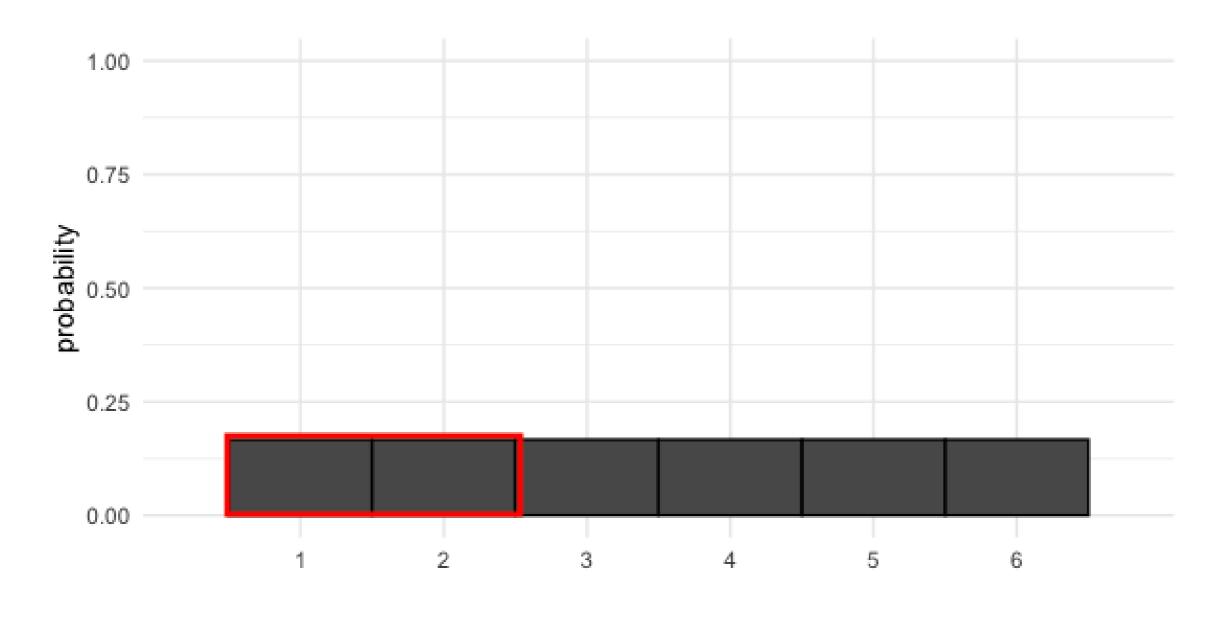
## Visualizing a probability distribution





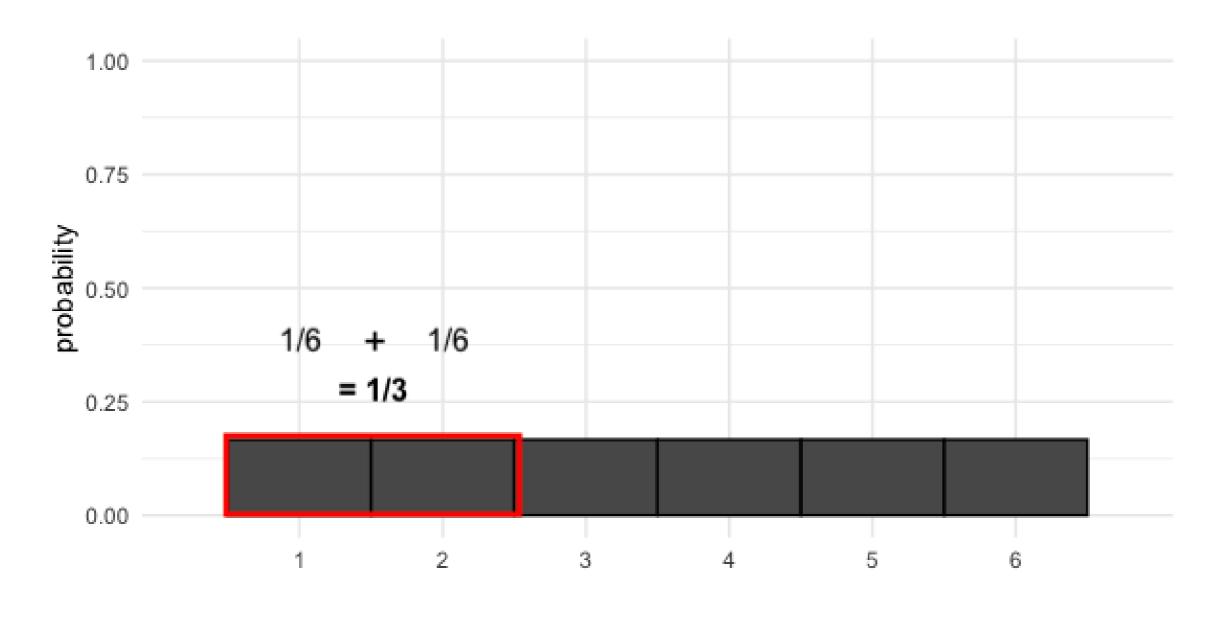
## Probability = area

$$P( ext{die roll}) \leq 2 = ?$$



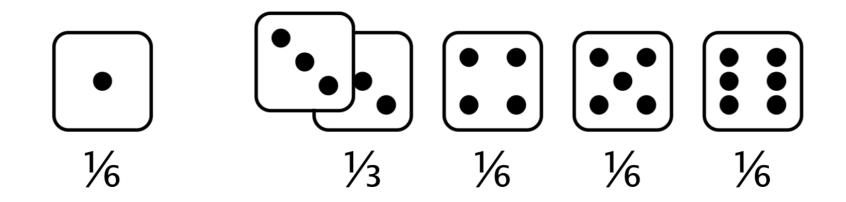
## Probability = area

$$P( ext{die roll}) \leq 2 = 1/3$$



#### Uneven die

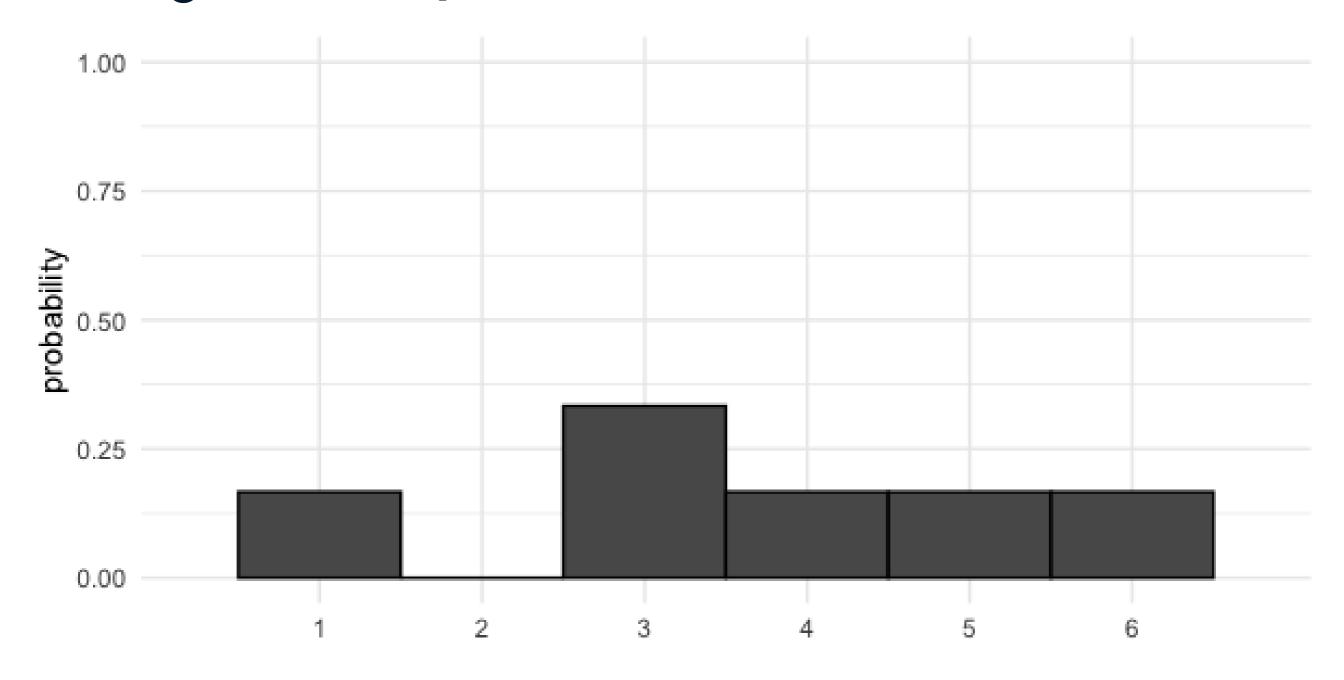




Expected value of uneven die roll =

$$(1 \times \frac{1}{6}) + (2 \times 0) + (3 \times \frac{1}{3}) + (4 \times \frac{1}{6}) + (5 \times \frac{1}{6}) + (6 \times \frac{1}{6}) = 3.67$$

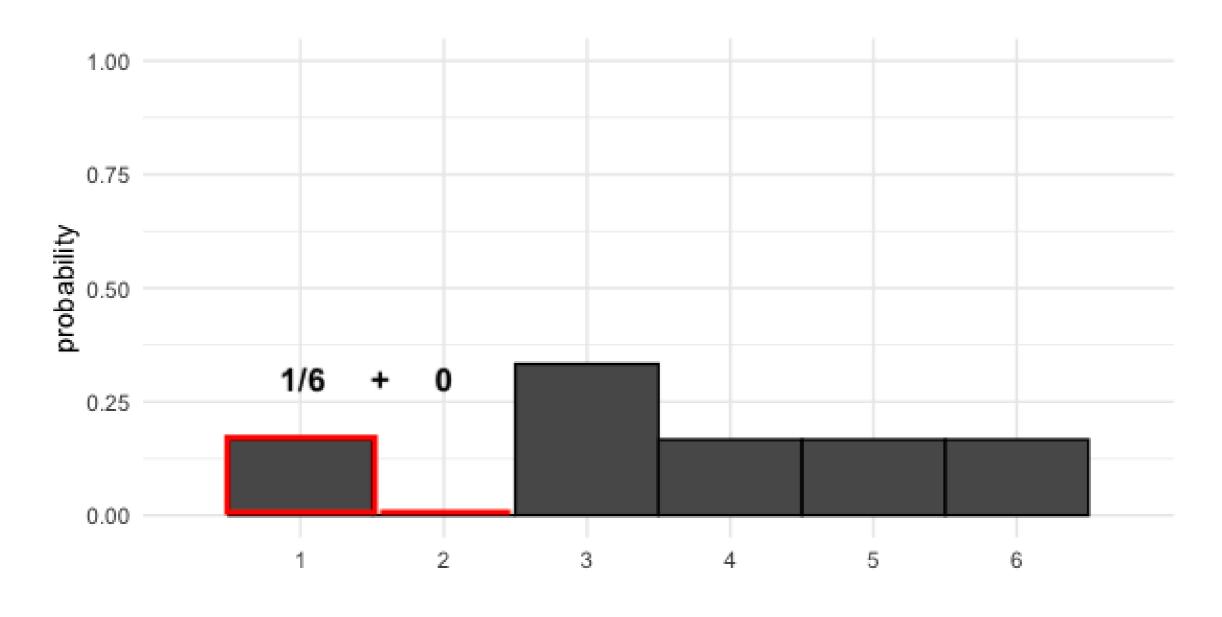
## Visualizing uneven probabilities





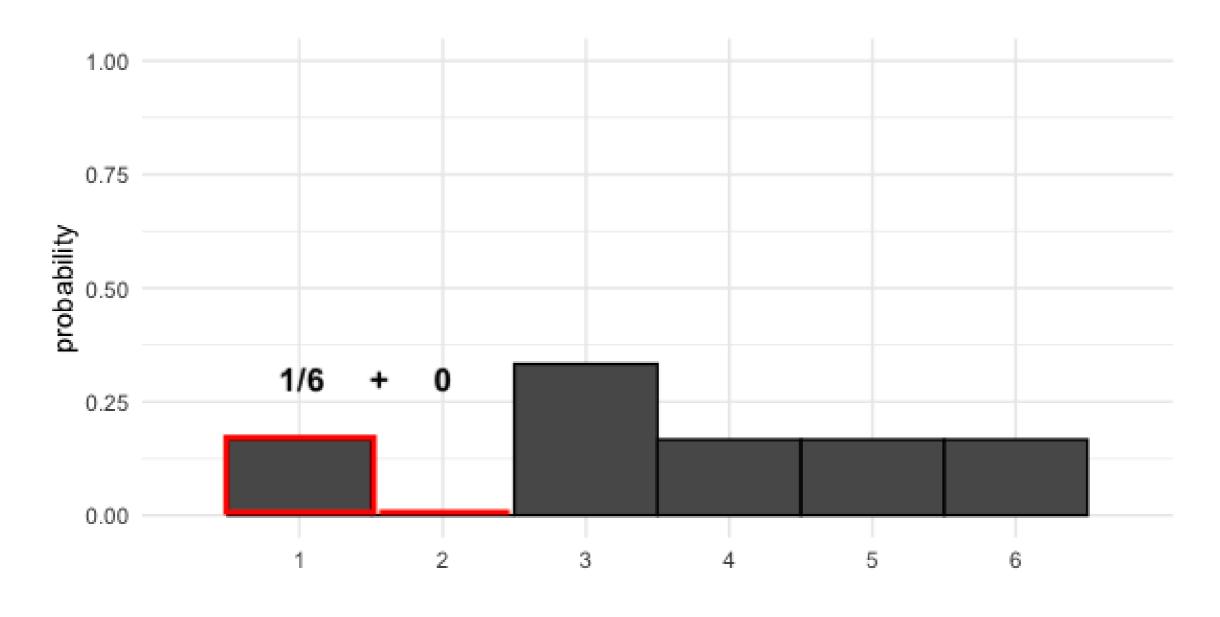
## Adding areas

 $P( ext{uneven die roll}) \leq 2 = ?$ 



## Adding areas

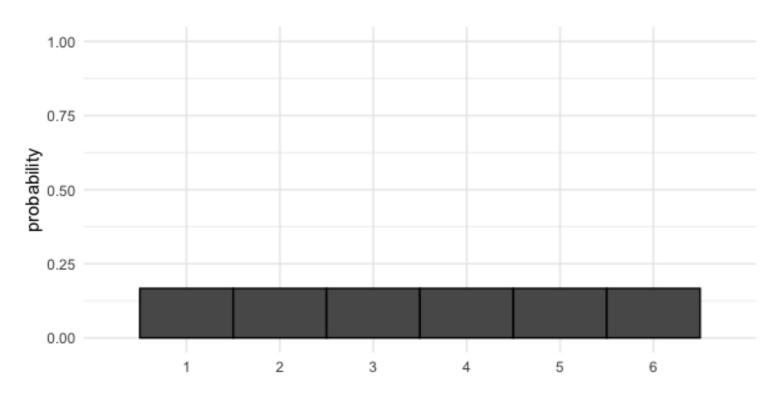
$$P( ext{uneven die roll}) \leq 2 = 1/6$$



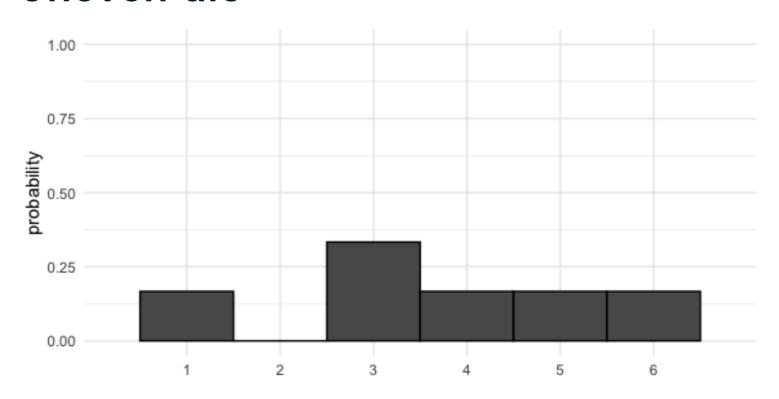
## Discrete probability distributions

Describe probabilities for discrete outcomes

#### Fair die



#### Uneven die



Discrete uniform distribution

#### Sampling from discrete distributions

```
print(die)
```

```
      number
      prob

      0
      1
      0.166667

      1
      2
      0.166667

      2
      3
      0.166667

      4
      5
      0.166667

      5
      6
      0.166667
```

```
np.mean(die['number'])
```

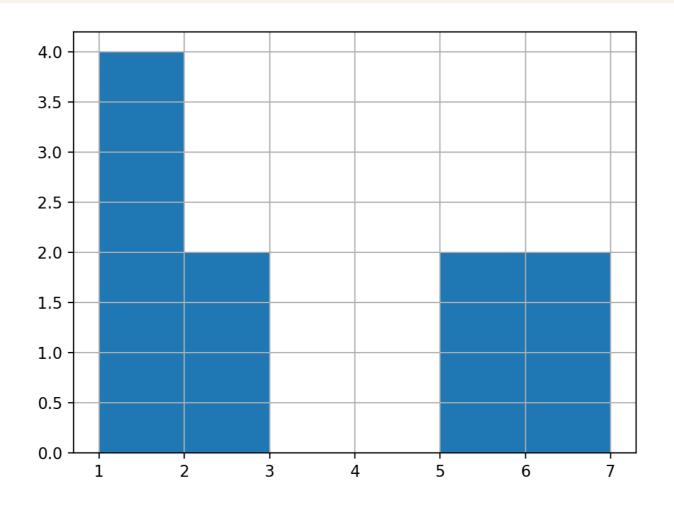
```
3.5
```

```
rolls_10 = die.sample(10, replace = True)
rolls_10
```

```
number
              prob
0
          0.166667
          0.166667
0
          0.166667
          0.166667
          0.166667
0
0
          0.166667
5
          0.166667
5
          0.166667
```

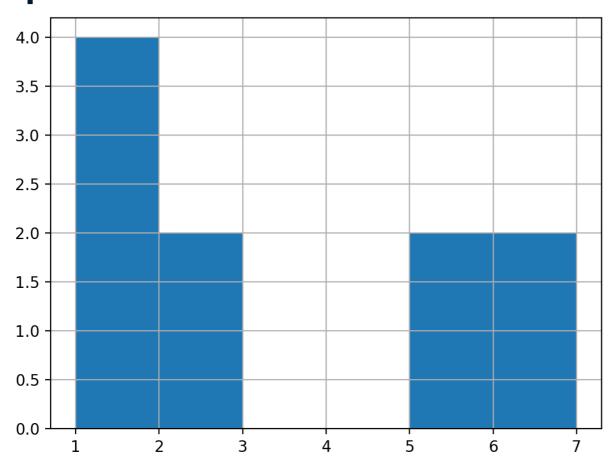
## Visualizing a sample

```
rolls_10['number'].hist(bins=np.linspace(1,7,7))
plt.show()
```



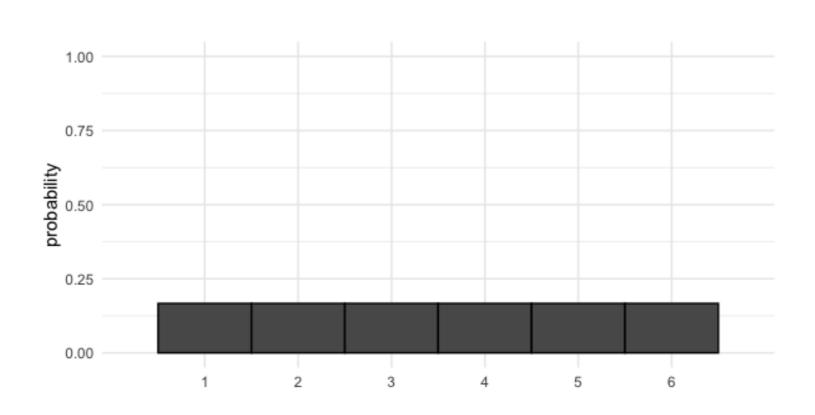
#### Sample distribution vs. theoretical distribution

#### Sample of 10 rolls



 $np.mean(rolls_10['number']) = 3.0$ 

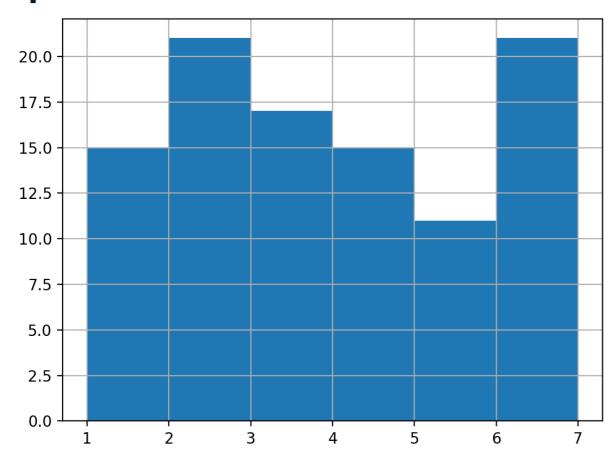
#### Theoretical probability distribution



$$mean(die['number']) = 3.5$$

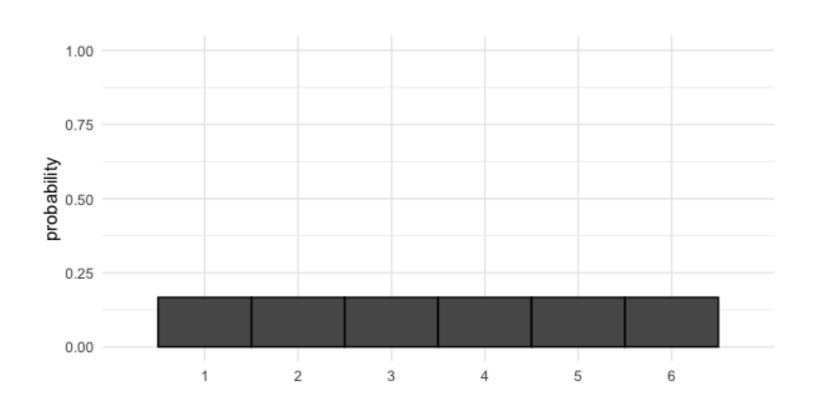
## A bigger sample

#### Sample of 100 rolls



$$np.mean(rolls_100['number']) = 3.4$$

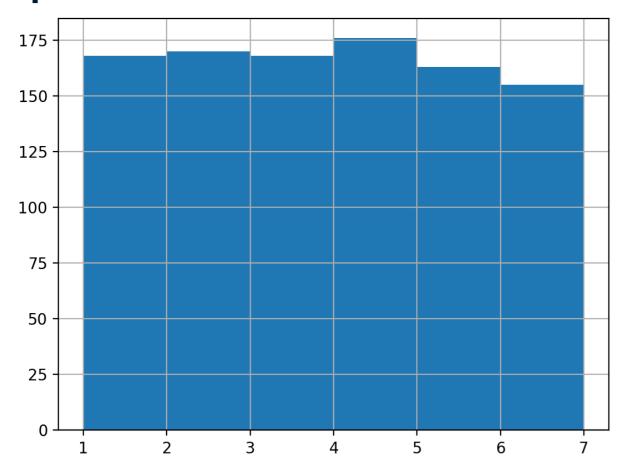
#### Theoretical probability distribution



$$mean(die['number']) = 3.5$$

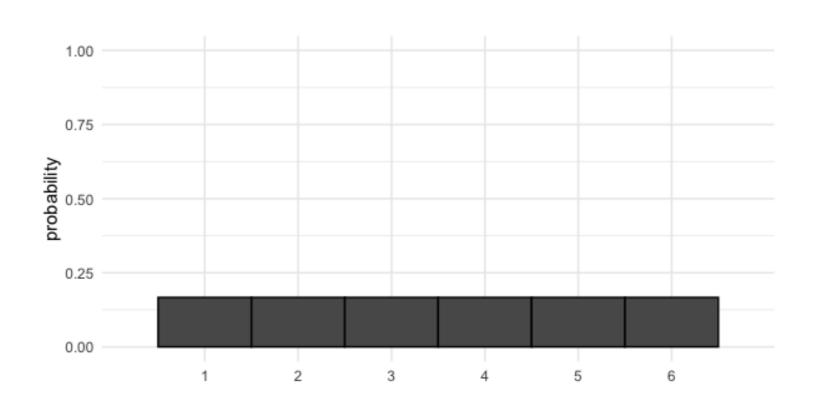
#### An even bigger sample

#### Sample of 1000 rolls



$$np.mean(rolls_1000['number']) = 3.48$$

#### Theoretical probability distribution



$$mean(die['number']) = 3.5$$

## Law of large numbers

As the size of your sample increases, the sample mean will approach the expected value.

Sample size	Mean
10	3.00
100	3.40
1000	3.48

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# Continuous distributions

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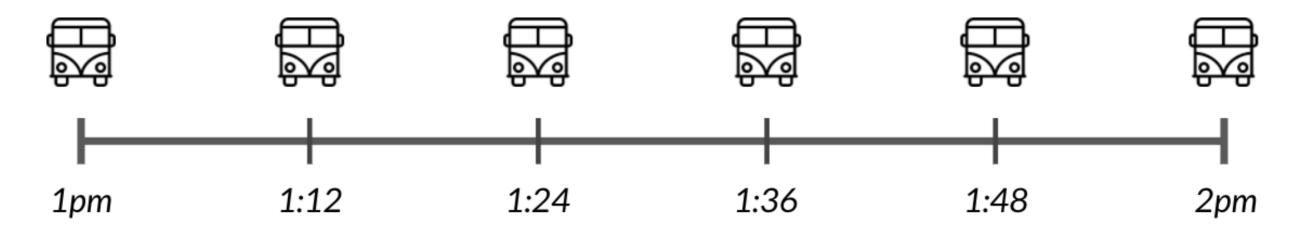


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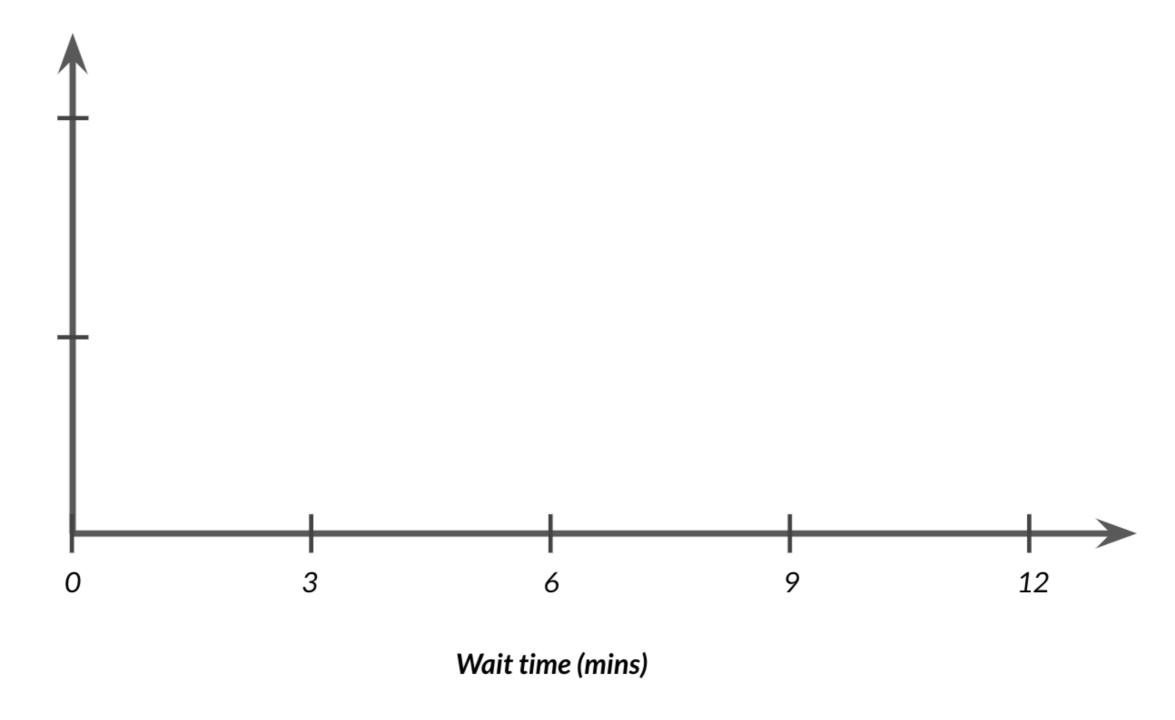


## Waiting for the bus



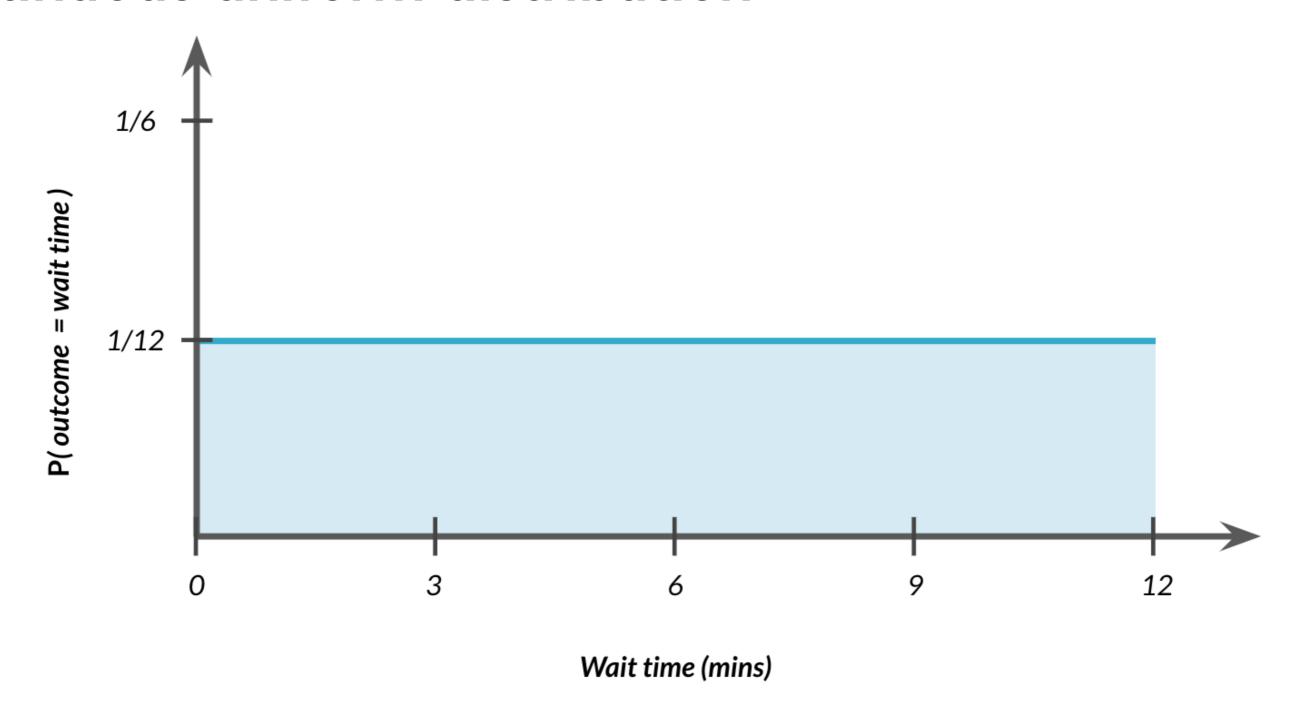


## Continuous uniform distribution





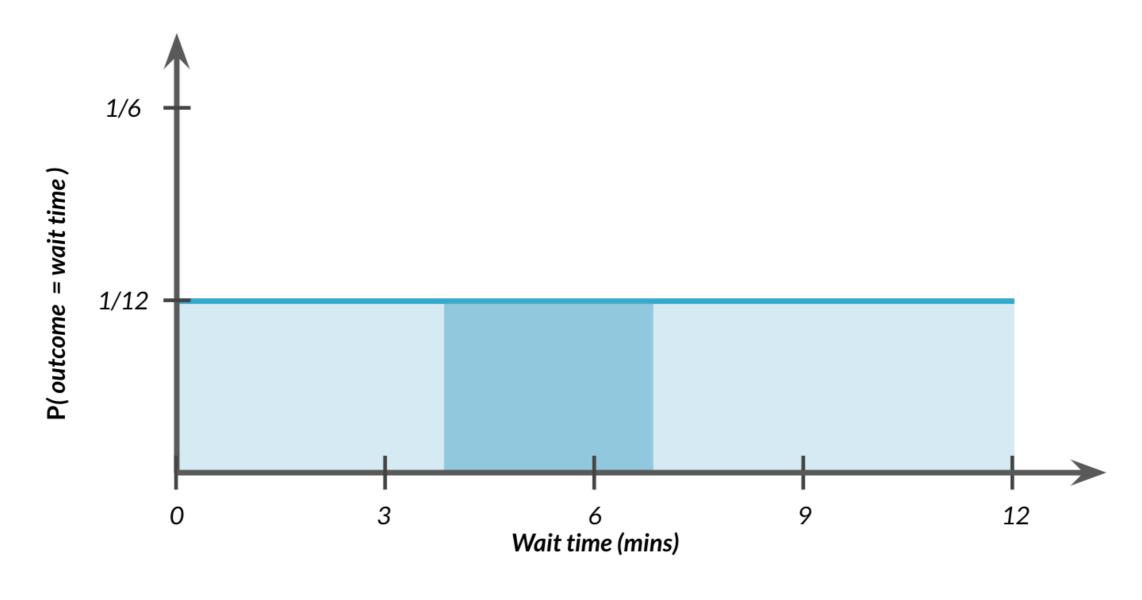
## Continuous uniform distribution





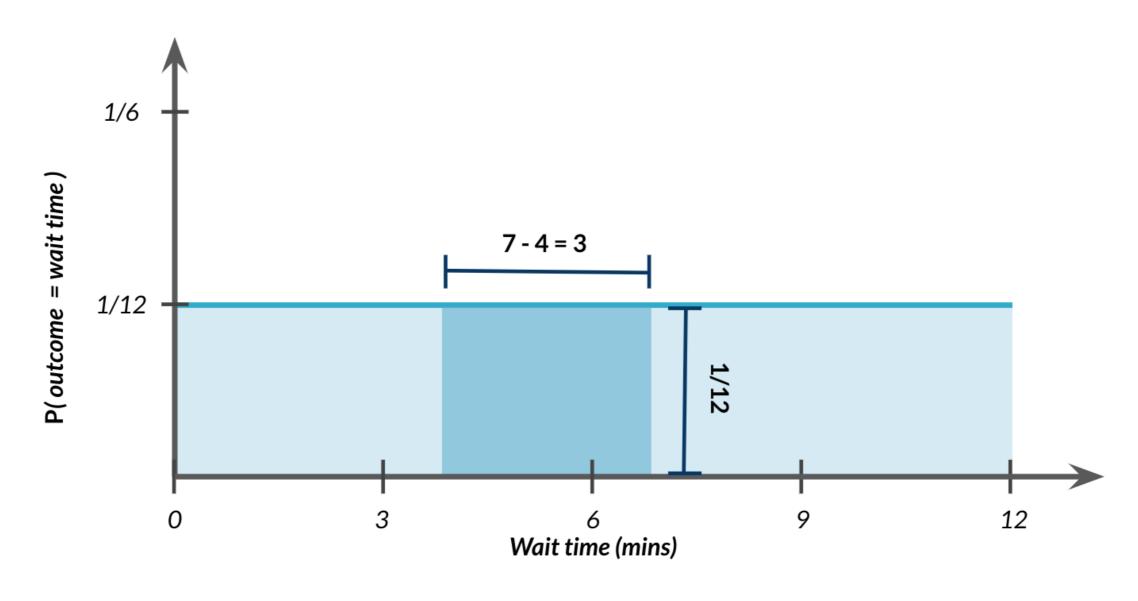
## Probability still = area

$$P(4 \leq \text{wait time} \leq 7) = ?$$



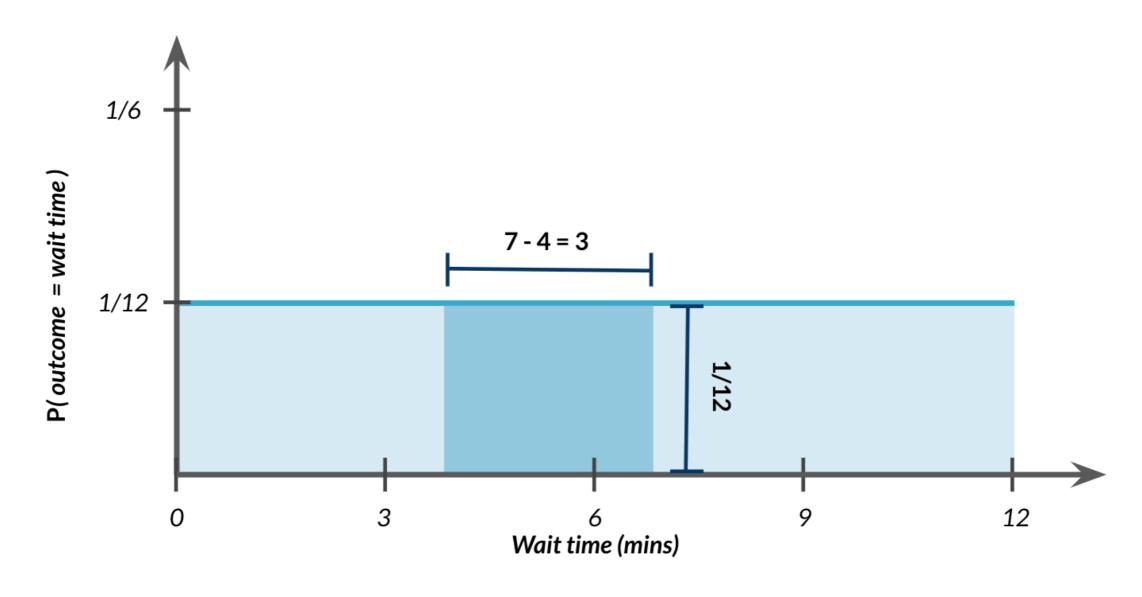
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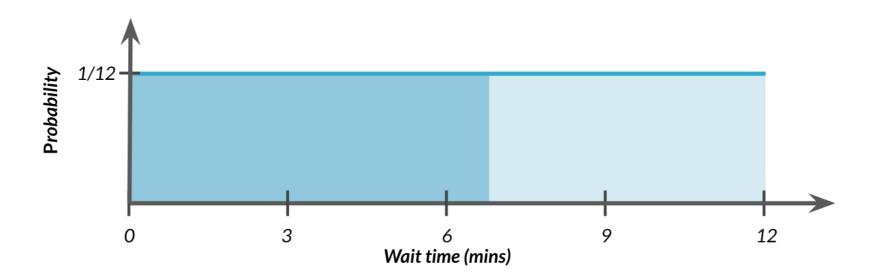
## Probability still = area

$$P(4 \le \text{wait time} \le 7) = 3 \times 1/12 = 3/12$$



## Uniform distribution in Python

 $P(\text{wait time} \leq 7)$ 

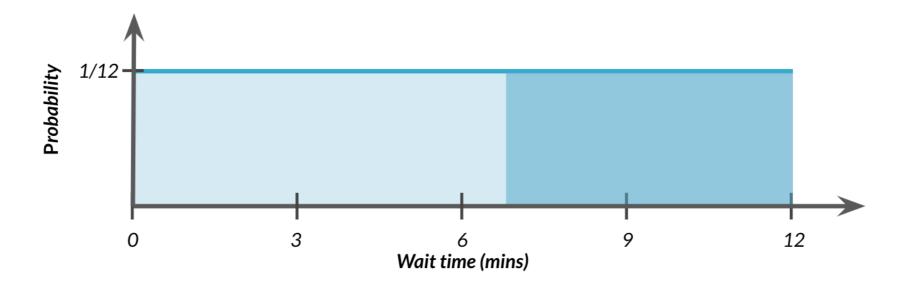


from scipy.stats import uniform
uniform.cdf(7, 0, 12)



## "Greater than" probabilities

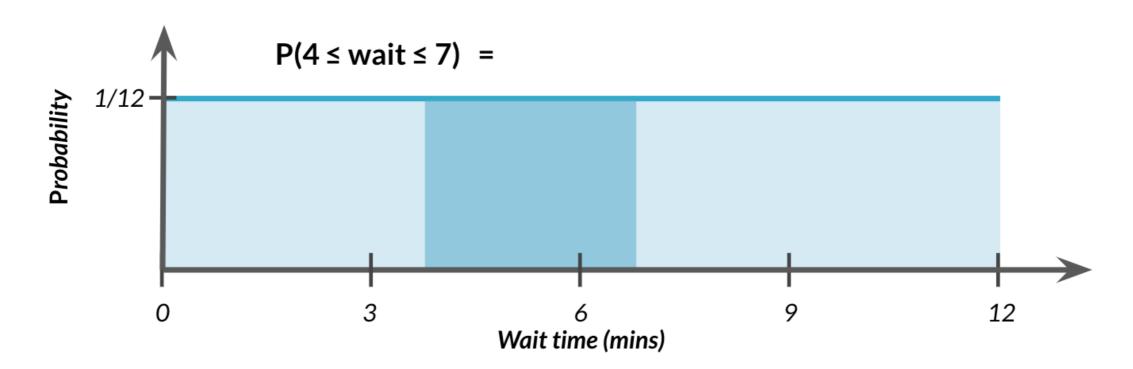
$$P(\text{wait time} \ge 7) = 1 - P(\text{wait time} \le 7)$$



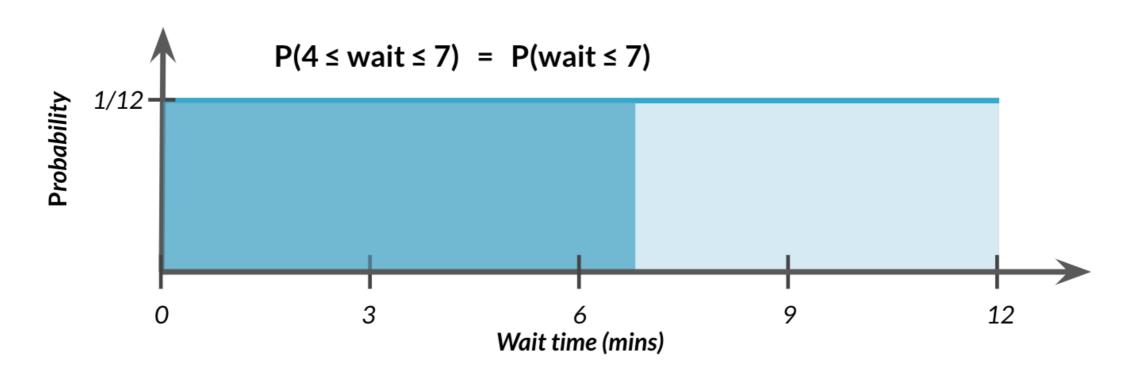
from scipy.stats import uniform
1 - uniform.cdf(7, 0, 12)



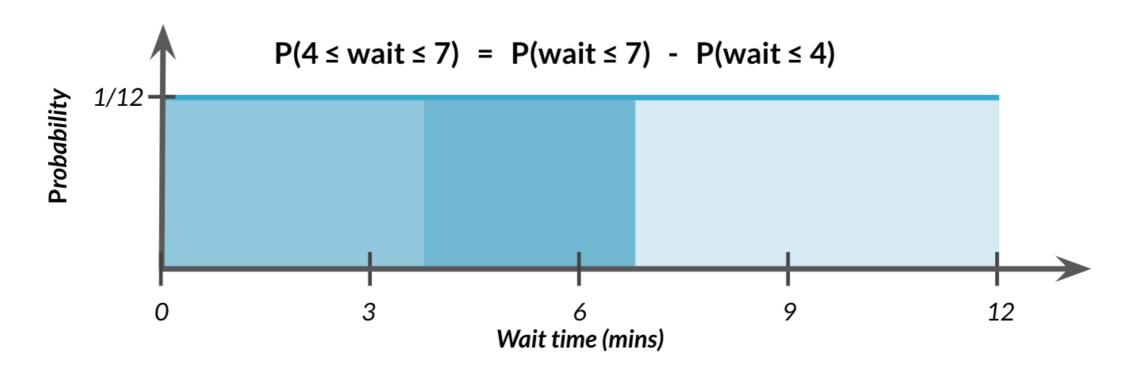
### $P(4 \leq ext{wait time} \leq 7)$



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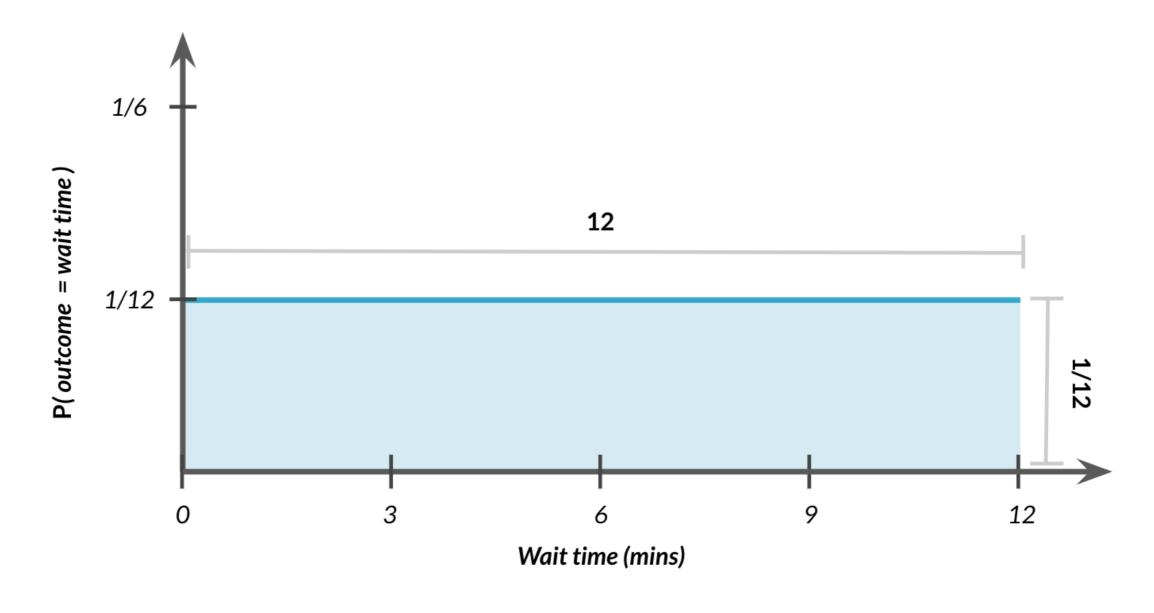


```
from scipy.stats import uniform
uniform.cdf(7, 0, 12) - uniform.cdf(4, 0, 12)
```



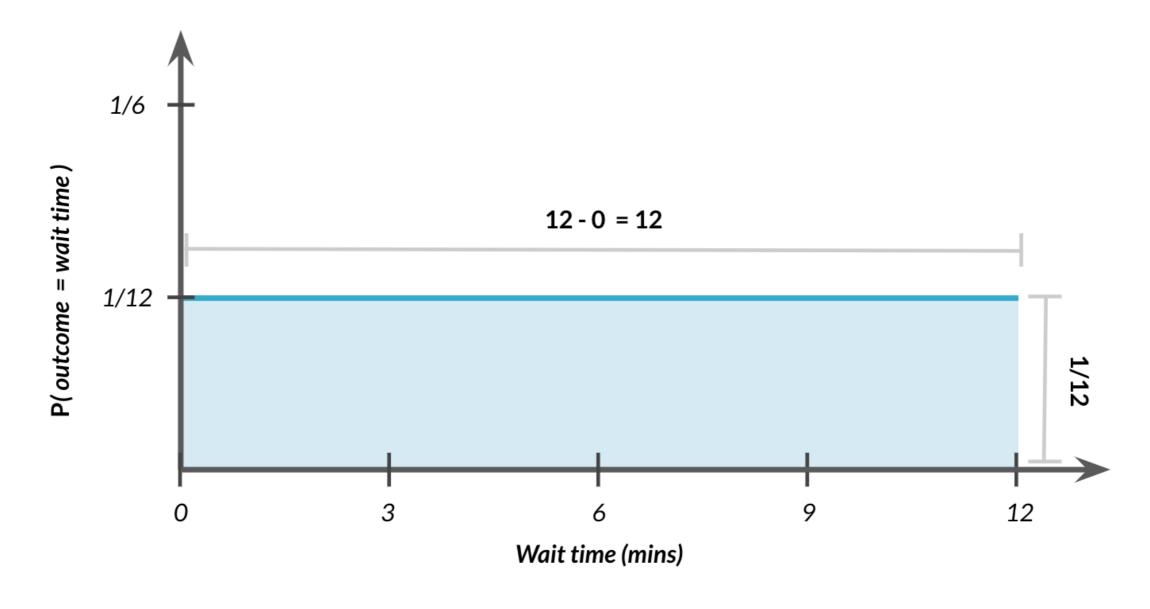
## Total area = 1

$$P(0 \le \text{wait time} \le 12) = ?$$



## Total area = 1

$$P(0 \le {
m outcome} \le 12) = 12 \times 1/12 = 1$$

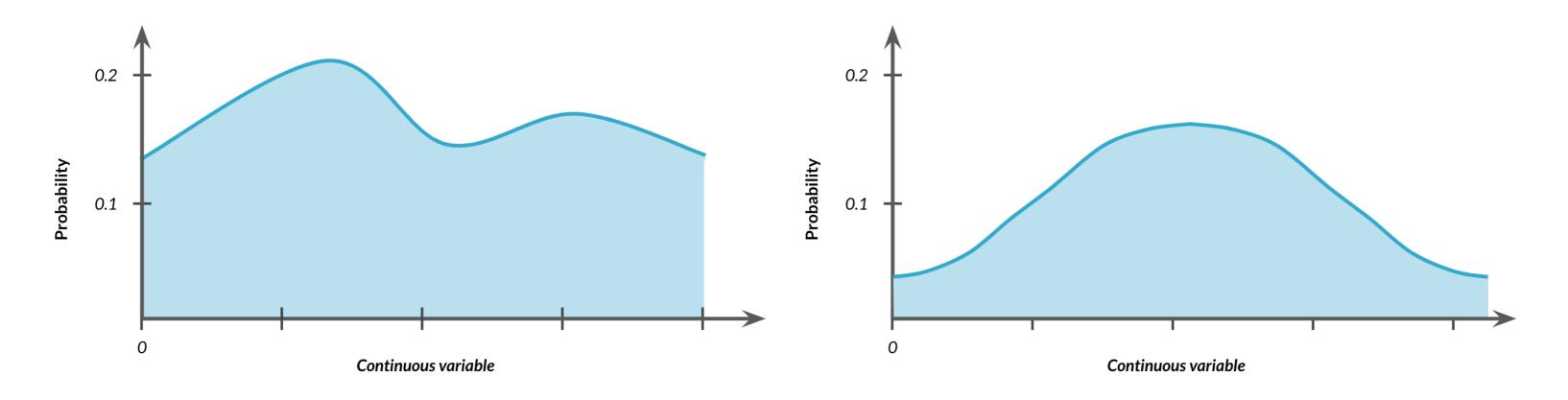


## Generating random numbers according to uniform distribution

```
from scipy.stats import uniform
uniform.rvs(0, 5, size=10)
```

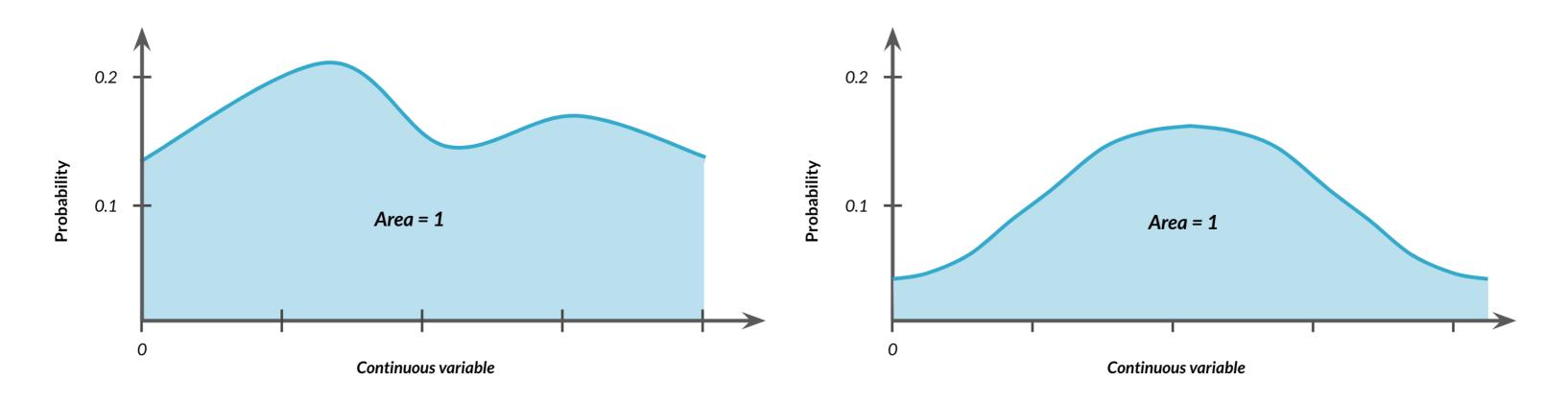
```
array([1.89740094, 4.70673196, 0.33224683, 1.0137103 , 2.31641255, 3.49969897, 0.29688598, 0.92057234, 4.71086658, 1.56815855])
```

## Other continuous distributions





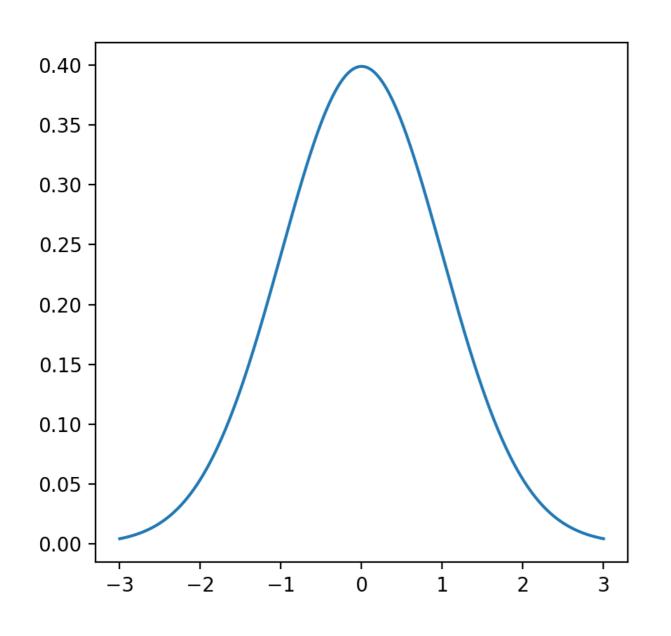
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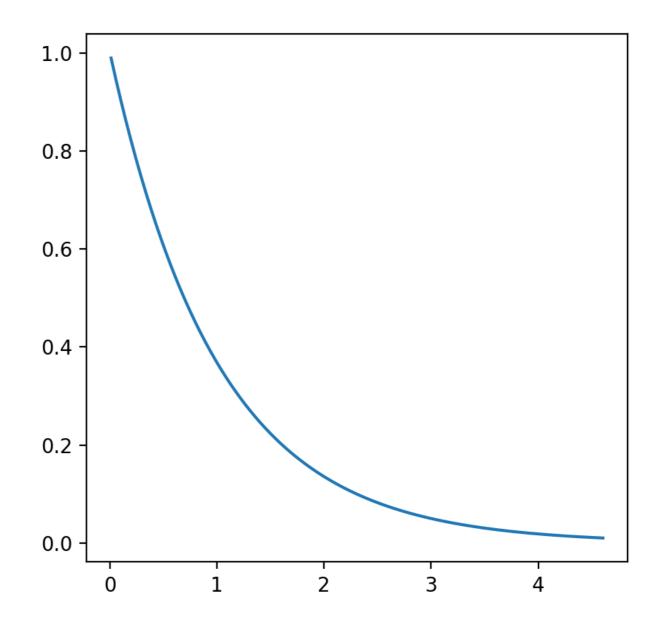


## Other special types of distributions

#### Normal distribution



#### **Exponential distribution**



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# The binomial distribution

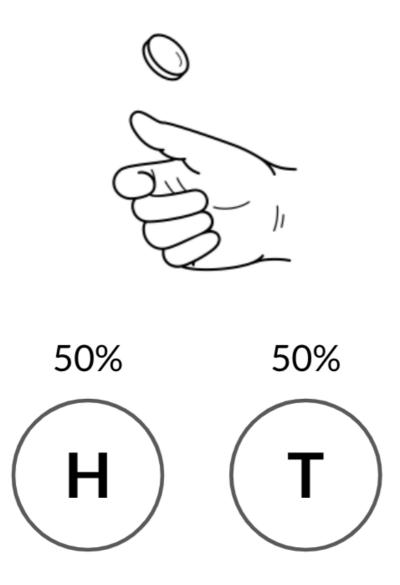
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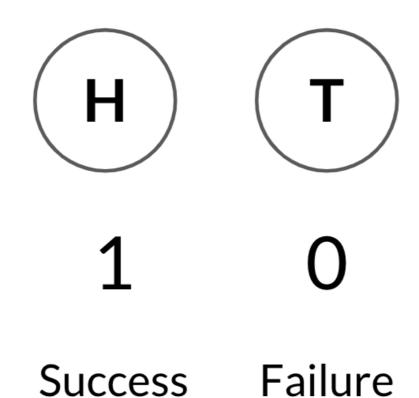
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## Coin flipping



## **Binary outcomes**



Win Loss

## A single flip

```
binom.rvs(# of coins, probability of heads/success, size=# of trials)
```

```
1 = \text{head}, 0 = \text{tails}
```

```
from scipy.stats import binom
binom.rvs(1, 0.5, size=1)
```

```
array([1])
```



## One flip many times

```
binom.rvs(1, 0.5, size=8)
```

array([0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1])

binom.rvs(1, 0.5, size = 8)

Flip 1 coin with 50% chance of success 8 times

## Many flips one time

```
binom.rvs(8, 0.5, size=1)
```

array([5])

binom.rvs(8, 0.5, size = 1)

Flip 8 coins with 50% chance of success 1 time

## Many flips many times

```
binom.rvs(3, 0.5, size=10)
```

array([0, 3, 2, 1, 3, 0, 2, 2, 0, 0])

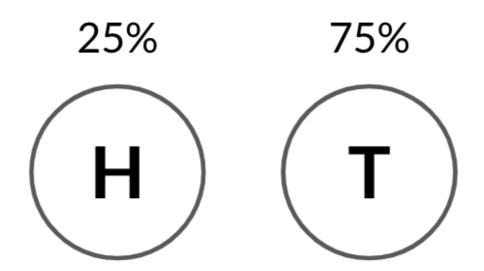
binom.rvs(3, 0.5, size = 10)

Flip 3 coins with 50% chance of success 10 times



## Other probabilities

```
binom.rvs(3, 0.25, size=10)
```





### **Binomial distribution**

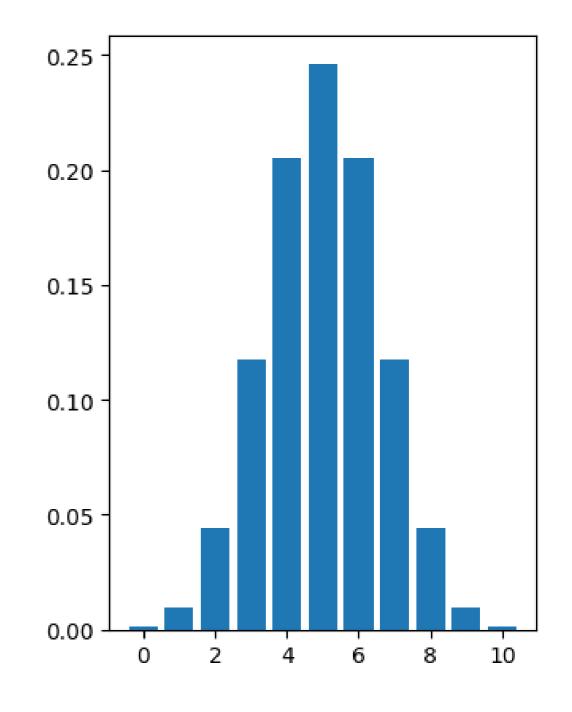
Probability distribution of the number of successes in a sequence of independent trials

E.g. Number of heads in a sequence of coin flips

Described by n and p

- n: total number of trials
- p: probability of success

p nbinom.rvs(3, 0.5, size = 10)



## What's the probability of 7 heads?

```
P(\text{heads} = 7)
```

```
# binom.pmf(num heads, num trials, prob of heads)
binom.pmf(7, 10, 0.5)
```

## What's the probability of 7 or fewer heads?

 $P(\text{heads} \leq 7)$ 

binom.cdf(7, 10, 0.5)

## What's the probability of more than 7 heads?

P(heads > 7)

```
1 - binom.cdf(7, 10, 0.5)
```

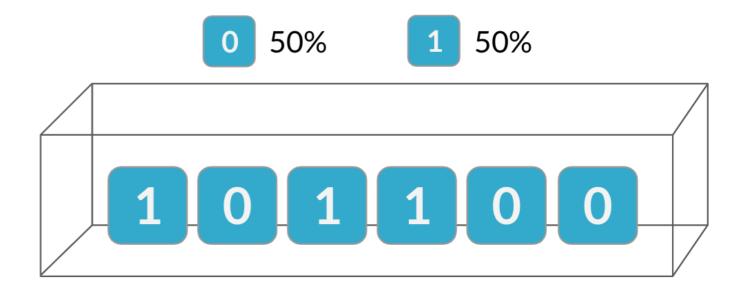
## **Expected value**

Expected value =  $n \times p$ 

Expected number of heads out of 10 flips =10 imes0.5=5

## Independence

The binomial distribution is a probability distribution of the number of successes in a sequence of **independent** trials

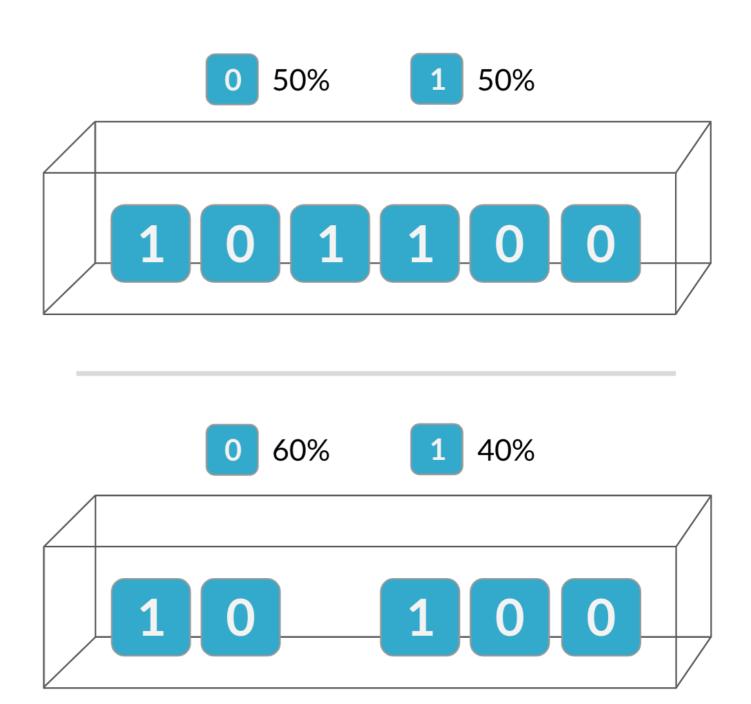


## Independence

The binomial distribution is a probability distribution of the number of successes in a sequence of **independent** trials

Probabilities of second trial are altered due to outcome of the first

If trials are not independent, the binomial distribution does not apply!



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