

# Entropy $H(X)$ : Coin Tossing

$$H(X_{\text{coin}}) = -p(X_{\text{coin}} = 0) \log_2 p(X_{\text{coin}} = 0) - p(X_{\text{coin}} = 1) \log_2 p(X_{\text{coin}} = 1)$$

$X_{\text{coin}}$ : tossing a coin

$$X_{\text{coin}} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{Head} \\ 0 & \text{Tail} \end{cases}$$

**Fair coin:  $p(X=1)=p(X=0)=1/2$**

$$H(X) = -\frac{1}{2} \log_2 \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

**Completely biased:  $p(X=1)=1$**

$$H(X) = -0 * \log_2 0 - 1 * \log_2 1 = 0$$

