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## 13. Exercise: Geometric random variables

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### Exercise: Geometric random variables

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Let  $X$  be a geometric random variable with parameter  $p$ . Find the probability that  $X \geq 10$ . Express your answer in terms of  $p$  using standard notation (click on the "STANDARD NOTATION" button below.)

$P(X \geq 10) =$

✓ Answer:  $(1-p)^9$

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#### Solution:

We can calculate the desired probability by adding the probabilities of the events  $\{X = 10\}$ ,  $\{X = 11\}$ ,  $\{X = 12\}$ , etc., and using the formula for the sum of a geometric series. However, we can get the answer in an easier way, using the interpretation of geometric random variables as the number of trials until the first success. The event  $\{X \geq 10\}$  is the event that the first 9 trials resulted in failure, and therefore its probability is  $(1 - p)^9$ .

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