Chapter 2: Probability (Sections 3, 4, and 5

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$$= 0.3^2 = 0.09$$

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- When drawing with replacement, probability of the second chip being blue does not depend on the color of the first chip since whatever we draw in the first draw gets put back in the bag.

$$Prob(B|B) = Prob(B|O)$$

- In addition, this probability is equal to the probability of drawing a blue chip in the first draw, since the composition of the bag never changes when sampling with replacement.

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- This is especially important to take note of when the sample sizes are small. If we were dealing with, say, 10,000 chips in a (giant) bag, taking out one chip of any color would not have as big an impact on the probabilities in the second draw.

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$$P(ace\ then\ 3) = \frac{4}{52} \times \frac{4}{51} \approx 0.0060$$

Random variables

- A *random variable* is a numeric quantity whose value depends on the outcome of a random event
  - We use a capital letter, like X, to denote a random variable
  - The values of a random variable are denoted with a lower case letter, in this case x
  - For example, $P(X = x)$
- There are two types of random variables:
  - *Discrete random variables* often take only integer values
    - Example: Number of credit hours, Difference in number of credit hours this term vs last
  - *Continuous random variables* take real (decimal) values
    - Example: Cost of books this term, Difference in cost of books this term vs last

Expectation

- We are often interested in the average outcome of a random variable.
- We call this the *expected value* (mean), and it is a weighted average of the possible outcomes

$$\mu = E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} x\, P(X = x_i)$$

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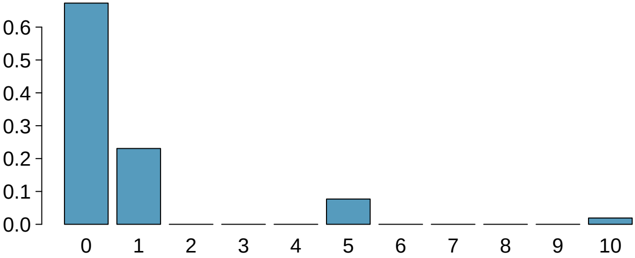
Heart (not ace)	1	$\frac{12}{52}$	$\frac{12}{52}$
Ace	5	$\frac{4}{52}$	$\frac{20}{52}$
King of spades	10	$\frac{1}{52}$	$\frac{10}{52}$
All else	0	$\frac{35}{52}$	0
Total			$E(X) = \frac{42}{52} \approx 0.81$

Expected value of a discrete random variable (cont.)

Below is a visual representation of the probability distribution of winnings from this game:



Variability

We are also often interested in the variability in the values of a random variable.

$$\sigma^2 = Var(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} (x_i - E(X))^2 P(X = x_i)$$

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Practice

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Other	*0*	*0 - 5 = -5*	$1 - 0.0094 = 0.9906$	$-5 \times 0.9906 = -4.953$
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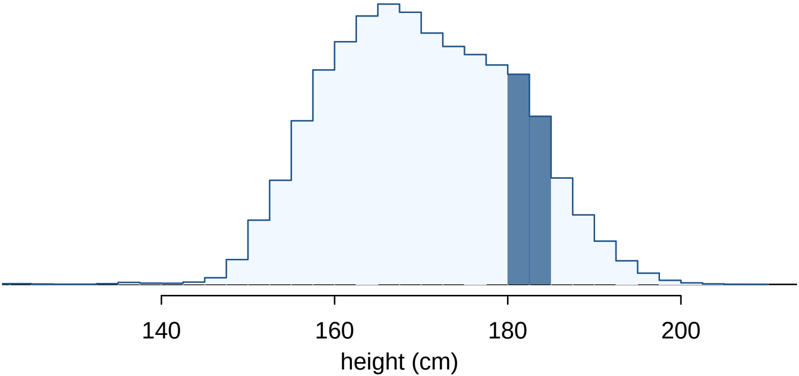
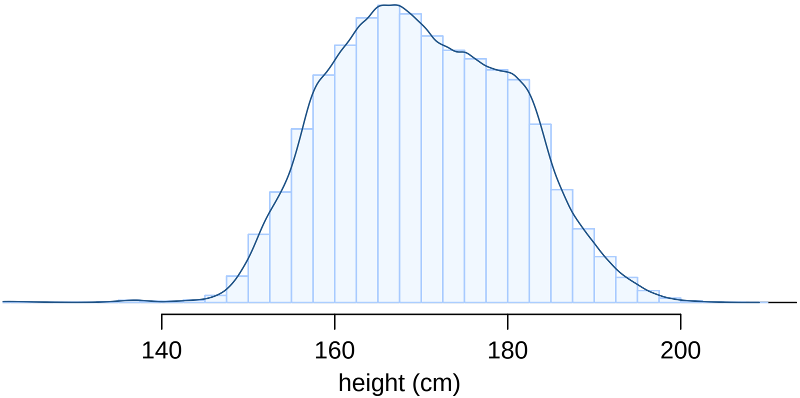
Continuous distributions

- Below is a histogram of the distribution of heights of US adults.
- The proportion of data that falls in the shaded bins gives the probability that a randomly sampled US adult is between 180 cm and 185 cm (about 5’11” to 6’1”).



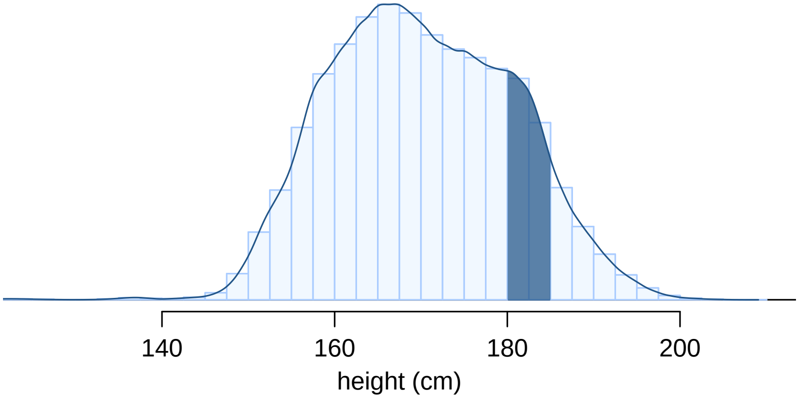
From histograms to continuous distributions

Since height is a continuous numerical variable, its *probability density function* is a smooth curve.



Probabilities from continuous distributions

Therefore, the probability that a randomly sampled US adult is between 180 cm and 185 cm can also be estimated as the shaded area under the curve.



By definition...

Since continuous probabilities are estimated as “the area under the curve”, the probability of a person being exactly 180 cm (or any exact value) is defined as 0.