

# Binomial Distribution

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# Binomial Probability

Many processes have  
only **2** possible outcomes

# Process with 2 outcomes

## Flipping a coin



Process with 2 outcomes

Effectiveness of a drug:

Effective -vs- Not effective



# Process with 2 outcomes

## Financial Balance



## Process with 2 outcomes

Success



Failure



Many processes can be  
broken down into  
**2 complementary events**



## Process with 2 outcomes

Rolling a die



Obtaining 1



1

Not 1



2



3



4



5



6

## Process with 2 outcomes

Rolling a die



1, 2, or 3



1



2



3

4, 5, 6



4



5



6

# Binomial Experiment

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Fixed number of trials

Repeated trials under identical conditions

Independent trials

Probability of success is the same in each trial

Goal: Probability of  $k$  successes out of  $n$  trials

# Binomial Experiment

Flipping a coin 5 times

Identical conditions

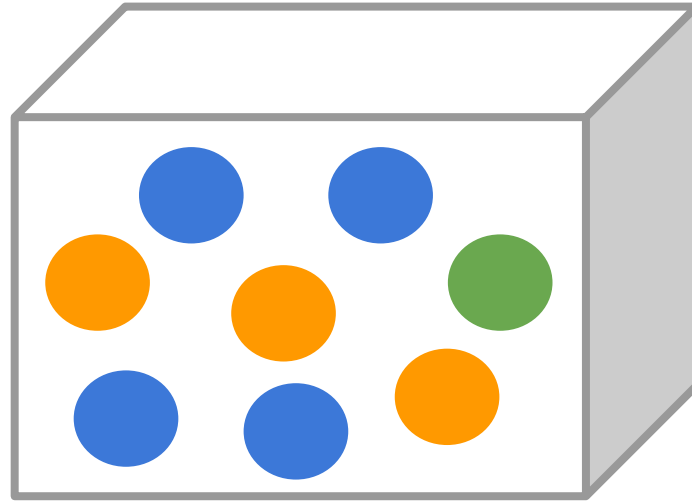
Independent trials

Constant probability of heads

Probability of 3 heads



## 2 Experiments



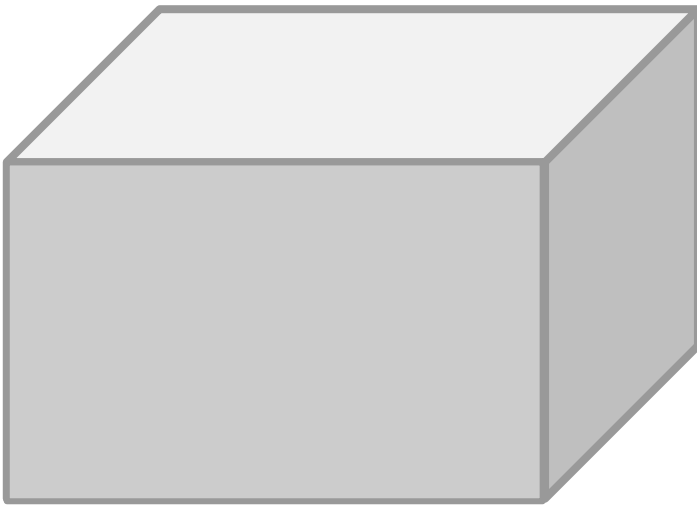
**Experiment A:** withdraw a ball, **replace it**, withdraw a 2nd ball, and counting # of orange balls

**Experiment B:** withdraw a ball, **no replacement**, withdraw a 2nd ball, and counting # of orange balls

Which experiment is Binomial?

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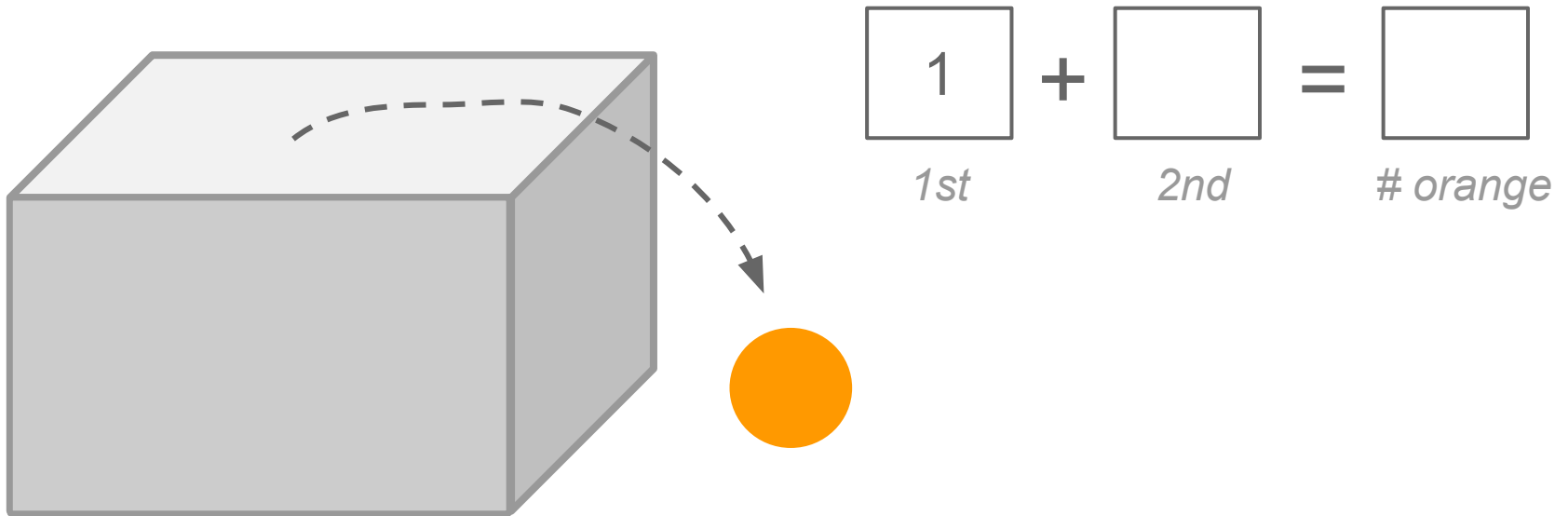
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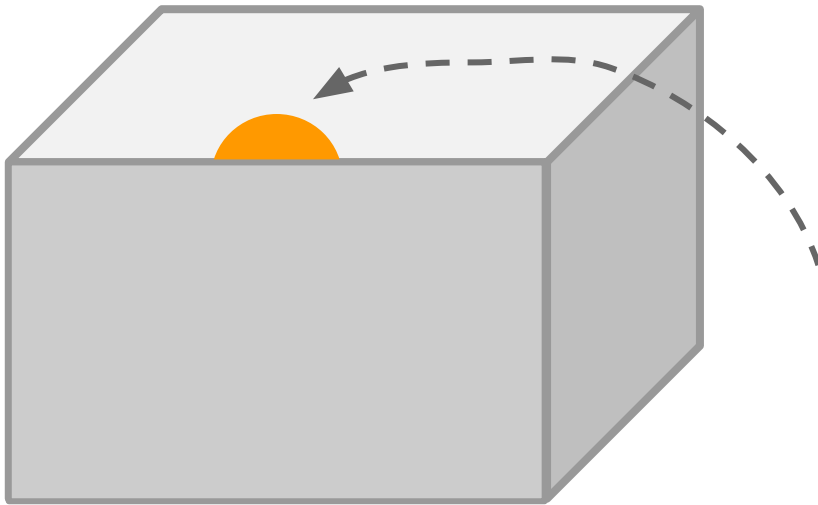
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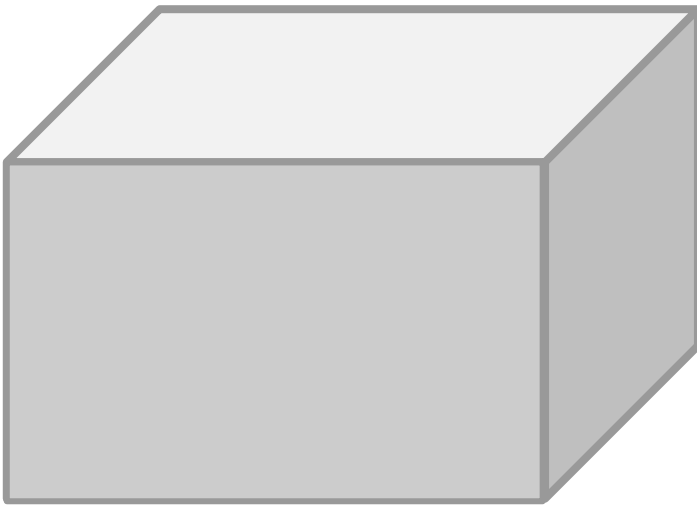
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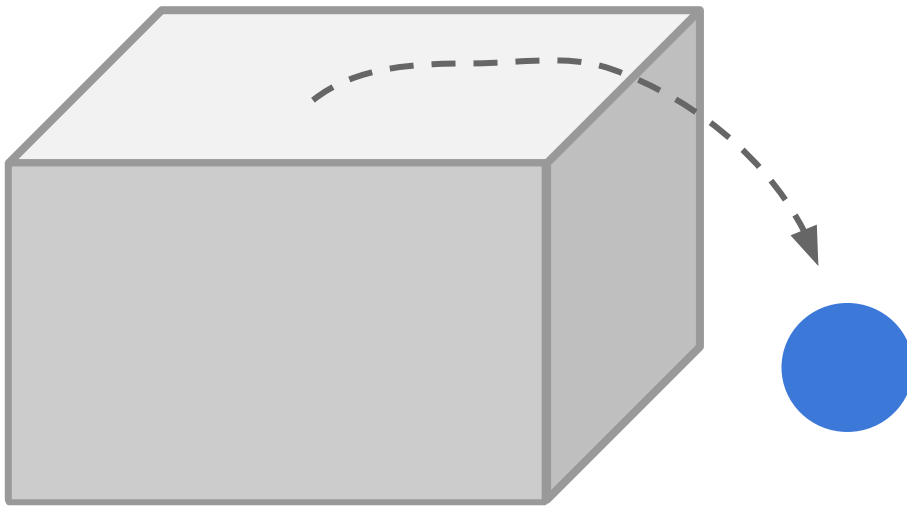
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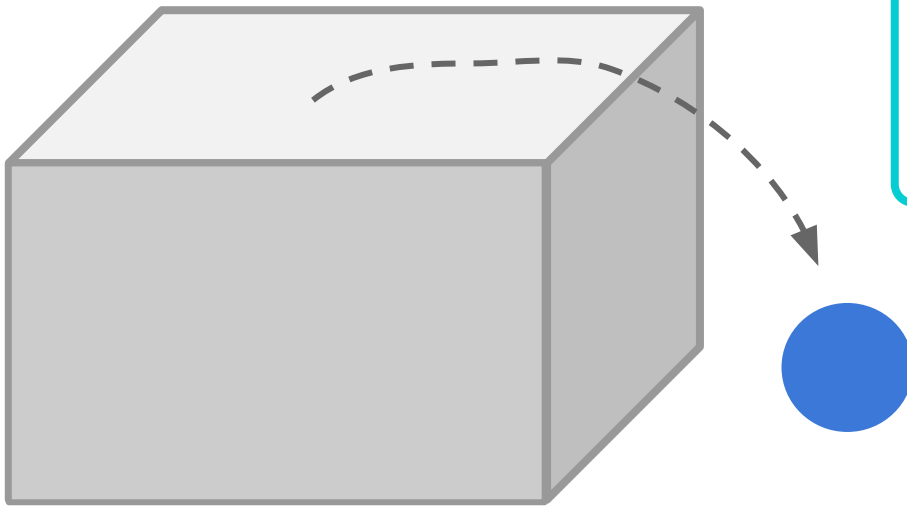
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1	+	0	=	1
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# Binomial Probability

$n$  independent trials

$k$  successes

$p$  probability of success

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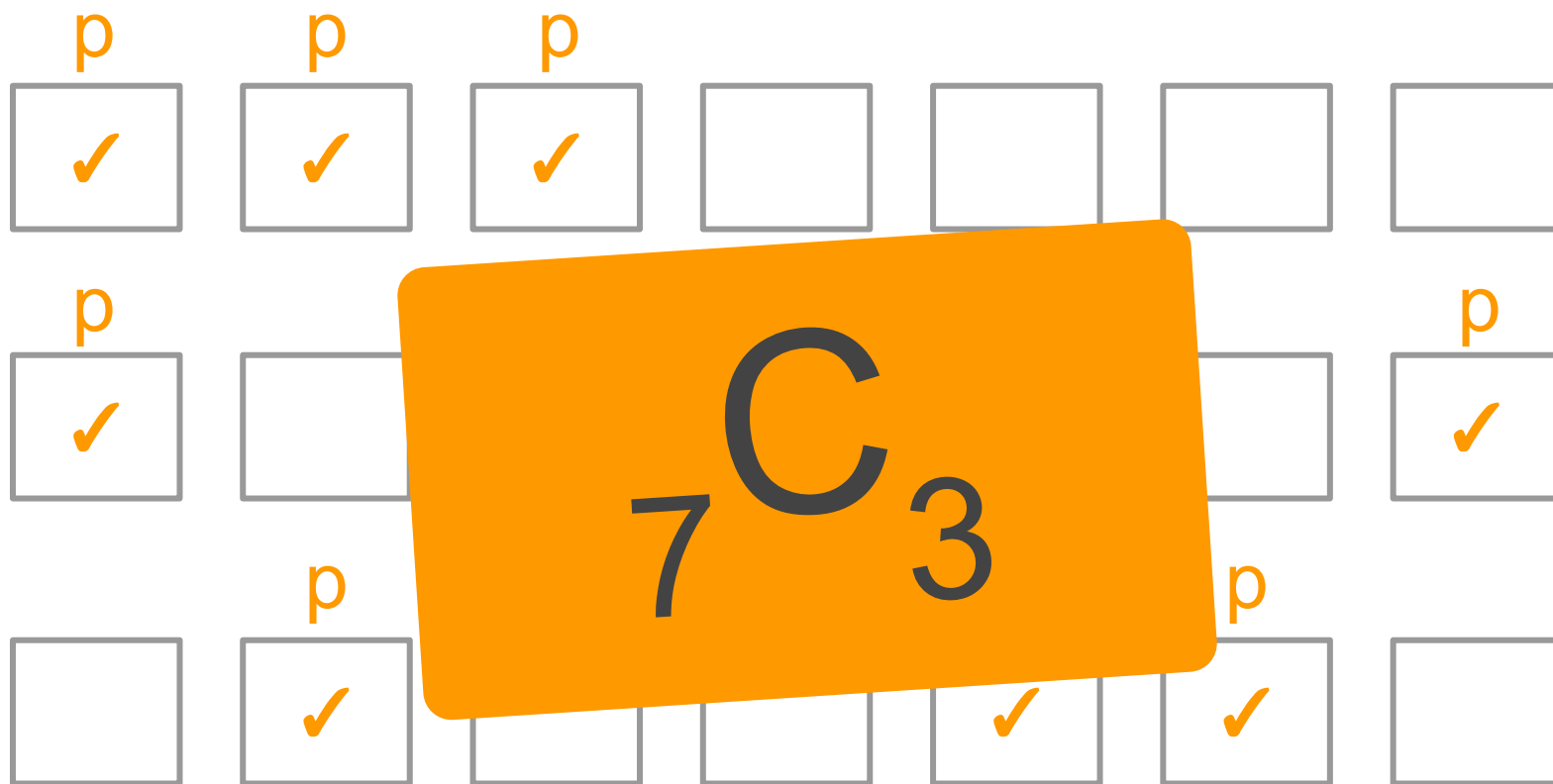
equivalently

$$P(k \text{ successes}) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$k=3$  successes in  $n=7$  trials



k=3 successes in n=7 trials



How many different ways to get 3  
successes in 7 trials?



# Binomial Probability Formula

The diagram illustrates the Binomial Probability Formula:  $P(k \text{ successes}) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$ . The components are color-coded and annotated with arrows:

- Binomial Coefficient:**  $\binom{n}{k}$  is enclosed in a red box. An orange arrow points to it from the text "*k* successes in *n* trials".
- Success Probability:**  $p^k$  is enclosed in an orange box. An orange arrow points to it from the text "probability *k* success".
- Failure Probability:**  $(1-p)^{n-k}$  is enclosed in a blue box. A blue arrow points to it from the text "probability of *n-k* failures".

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## Example

3 coins flipped

Probabilities of number of heads ?



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*3 coins are flipped*

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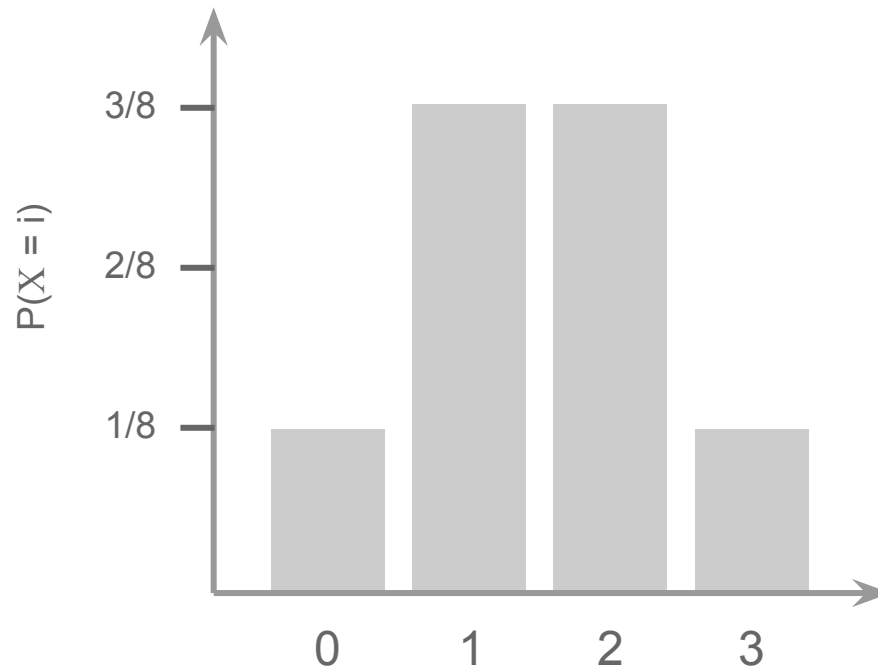
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# Some Expressions



# Inequalities Expressions

Notation	Expression
$k = 4$	Four successes
$k \geq 4$ ( $k = 4, 5, 6, \dots, n$ )	Four or more successes At least four successes No fewer than four successes
$k \leq 4$ ( $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ )	Four or fewer successes At most four successes No more than four successes
$k > 4$ ( $k = 5, 6, \dots, n$ )	More than four successes
$k < 4$ ( $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$ )	Fewer than four successes



# Graphing binomial distributions

Jim makes about 50% of the field goals he attempts

Draw the distribution probability that Jim will make 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 shots out of six attempts.

$$n = ?$$

$$p = ?$$

$$k = ?$$

# Graphing binomial distributions

$$n = 6$$

$$p = 0.5$$

$$k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$$

$$P(X = k) = \binom{6}{k} 0.5^k (1-0.5)^{6-k}$$

# Graphing binomial distributions

k	P(k)
0	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	

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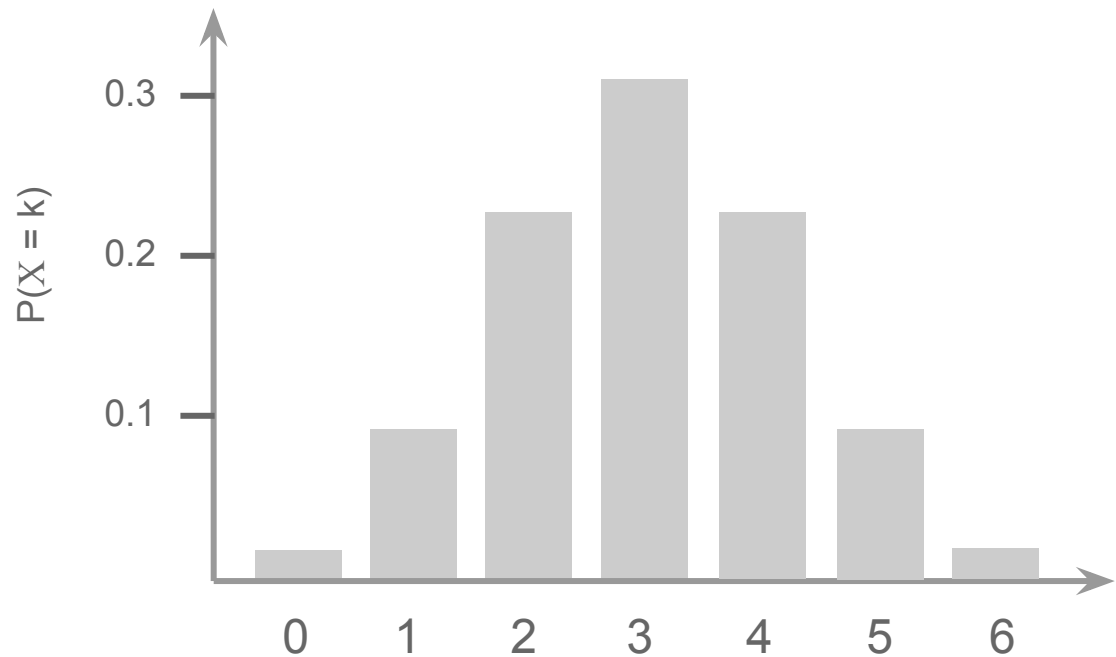
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# Graphics of Binomial Distributions.

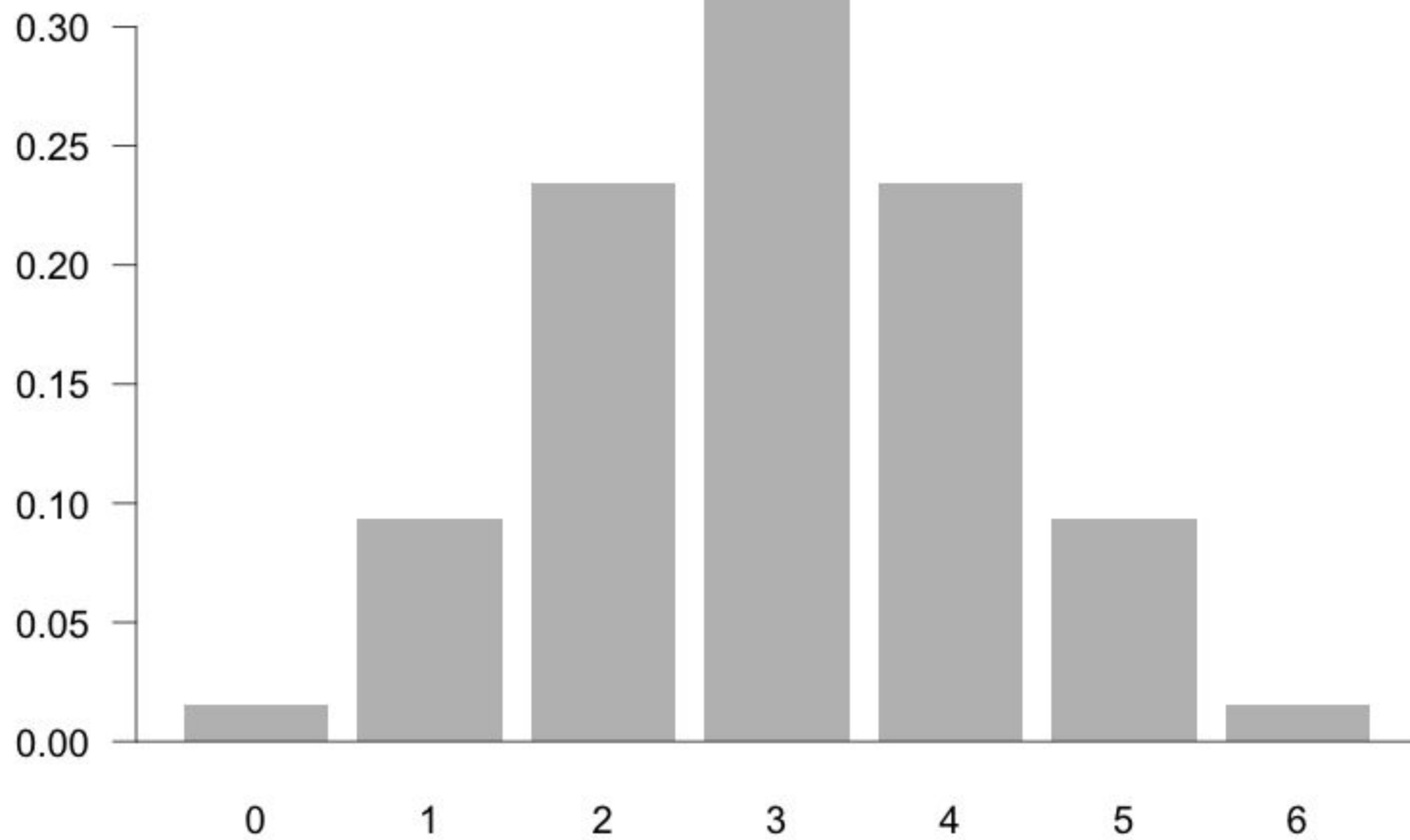
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$X$  binomial random variable

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$$p = 0.5$$

**Binomial  $n = 6$  and  $p = 0.5$**



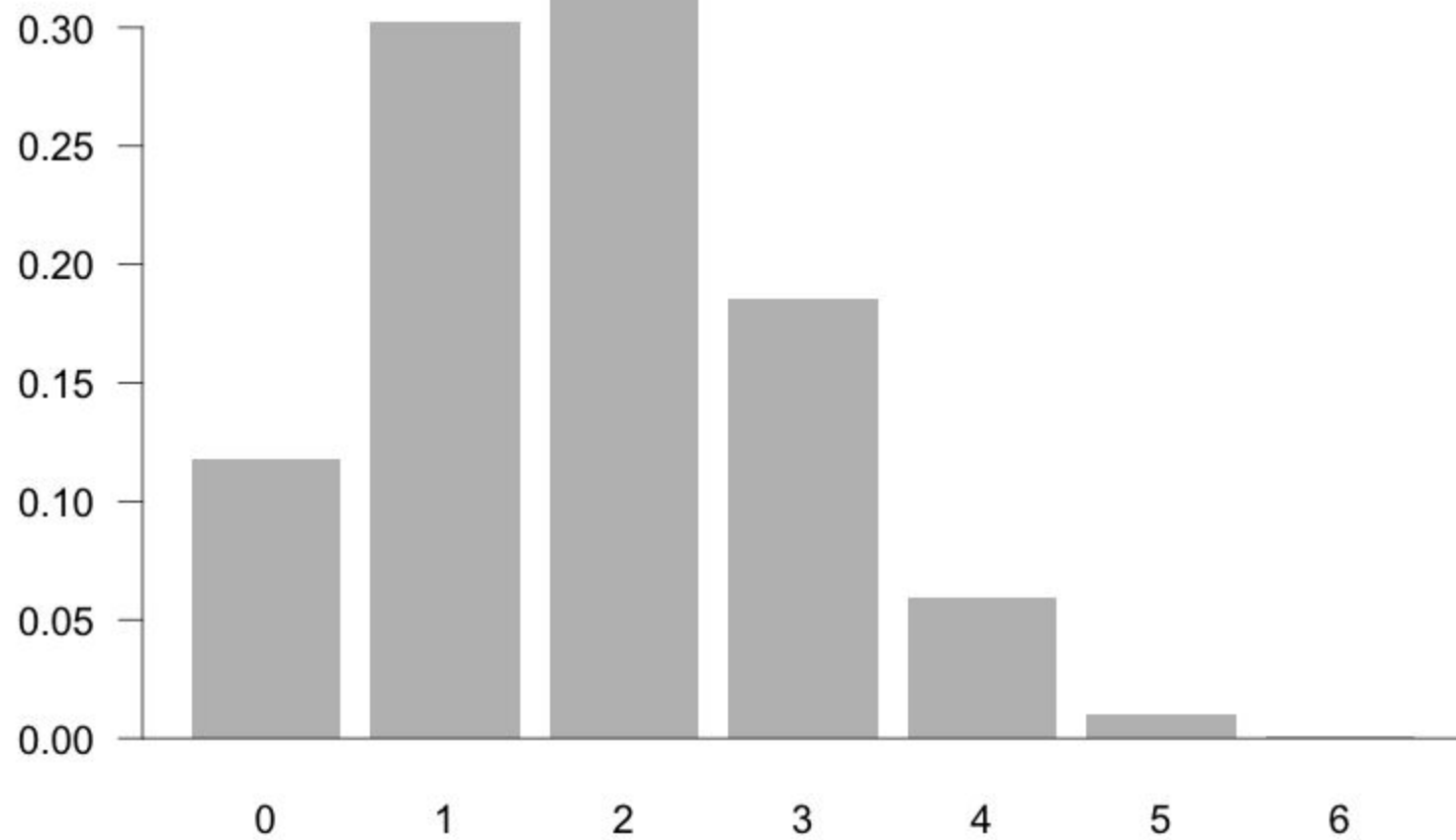
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$X$  binomial random variable

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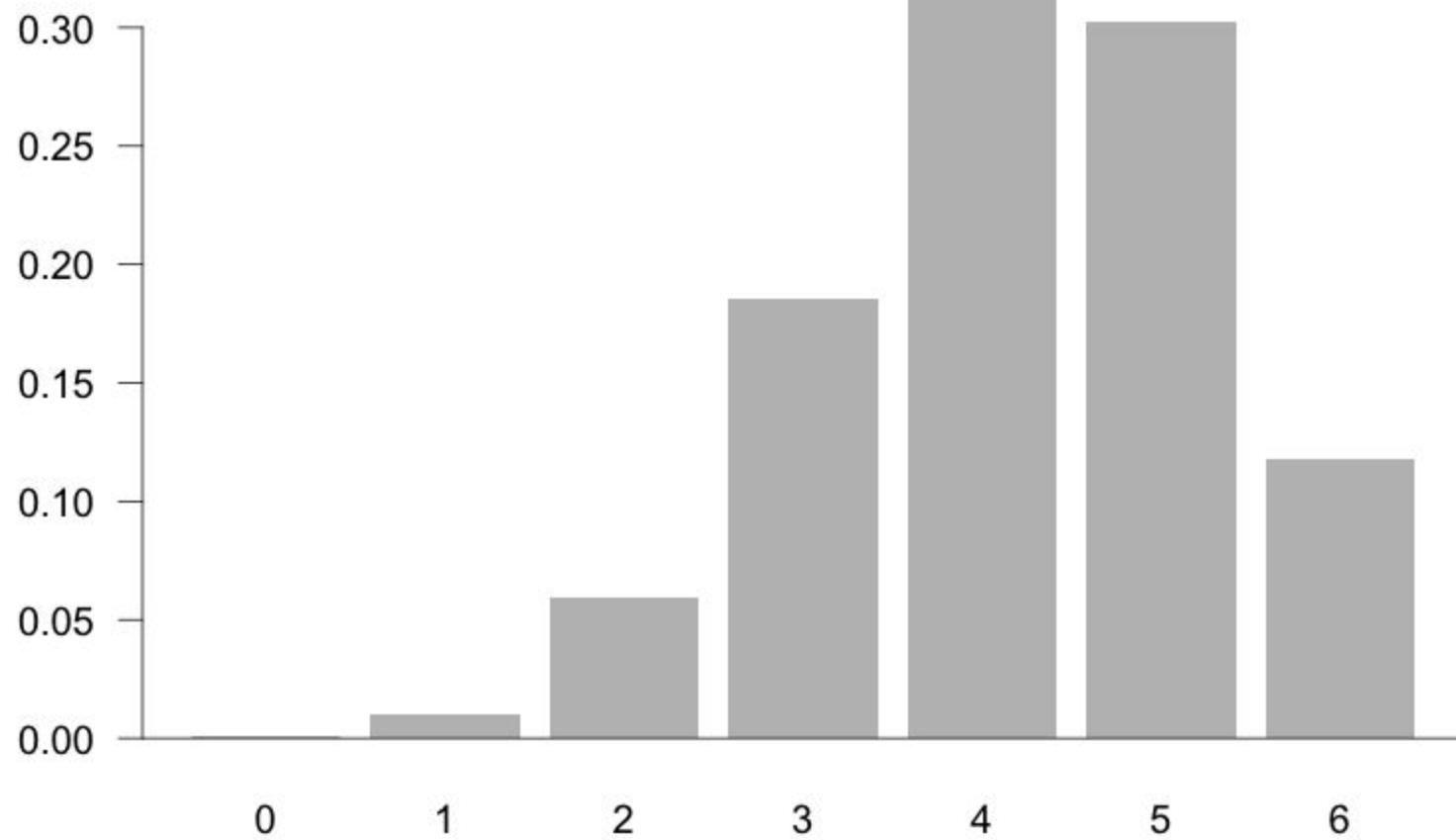
## Binomial example 3

$X$  binomial random variable

$$n = 6$$

$$p = 0.7$$

**Binomial  $n = 6$  and  $p = 0.7$**



## Binomial example 4

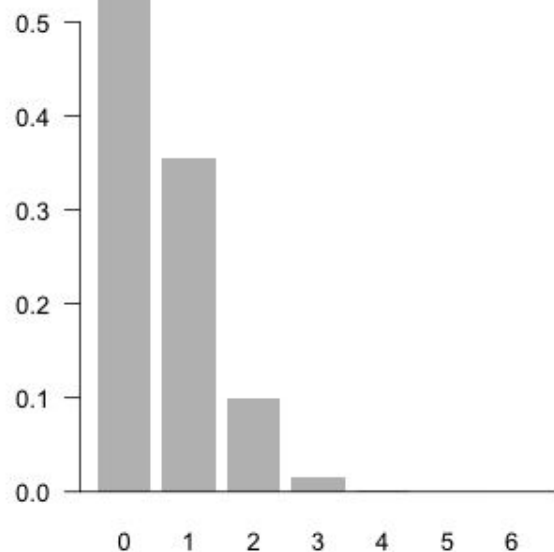
$X$  binomial random variable

$$n = 6$$

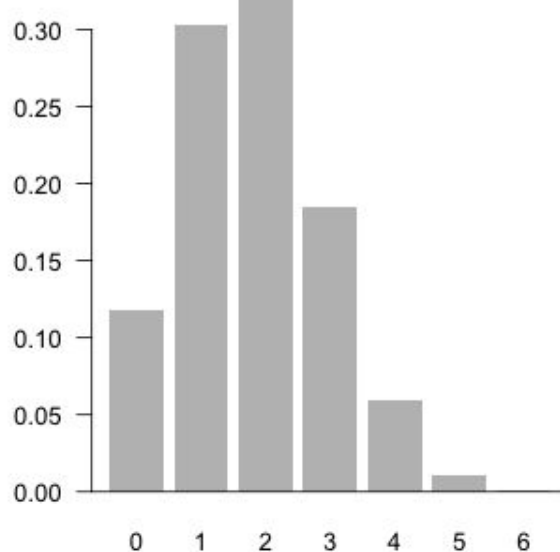
$$p = 0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.9$$



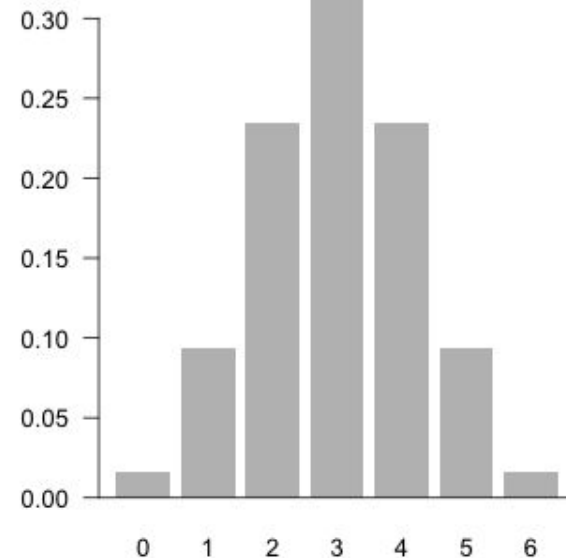
**Binomial  $n = 6$ ,  $p = 0.1$**



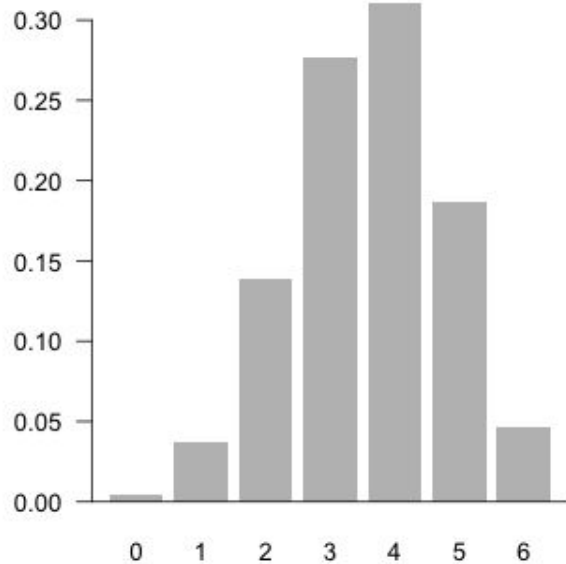
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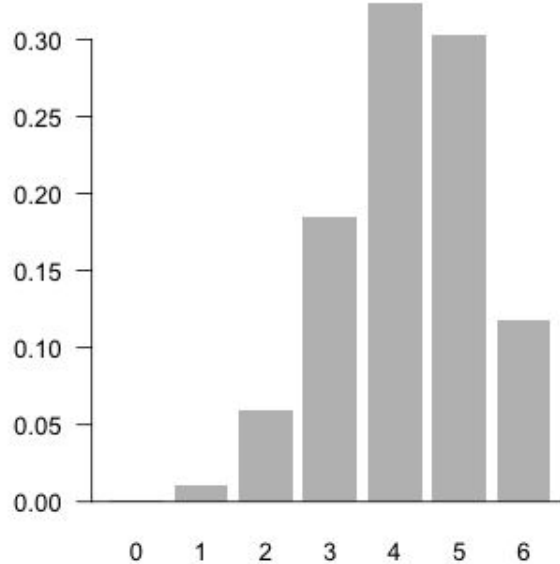
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