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We can mathematically express this choice in two different ways:

- d_i is integer-valued, $d_i \in \{1, \dots, J\}$; ($J = 2$ in this case)
- d_{ij} is binary, $d_{ij} \equiv 1[d_i = j]$

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We can view the event $d_i = j$ as a weighted coin flip

This gives us a random variable that follows the Bernoulli distribution

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We can then estimate $(\beta_1 - \beta_2)$ and γ using any nonlinear optimizer