

2-7 Discrete Probability

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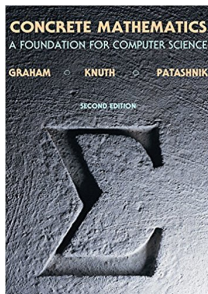
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 k=1 &\implies \mathbb{E}[Y] = \frac{n+1}{2}, \quad k=n \implies \mathbb{E}[Y] = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

After-class Exercise

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-k+1} i \binom{n-i}{k-1} = \binom{n+1}{k+1}$$



$$r \binom{r-1}{k-1} = k \binom{r}{k}$$

$$\sum_{0 \leq k \leq n} \binom{k}{m} = \binom{n+1}{m+1}$$

Chapter 5: Binomial Coefficients

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^{n-k+1} i \binom{n-i}{k-1} &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-k} (i+1) \binom{n-i-1}{k-1} \\
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NOT IID

(Independent and Identically Distributed)

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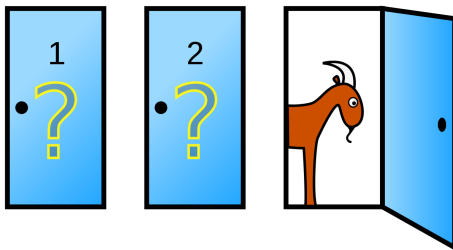
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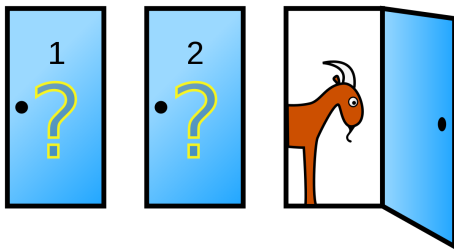
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order statistics?
balls-into-bins?

The Monty-Hall Problem





You: Randomly pick a door (No. 1)

I: Open a door which has a goat (No. 3)
(I know what's behind the doors)

Q : Do you want to switch to door 2?

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Q : Switching vs. Choosing between the two remaining doors randomly?

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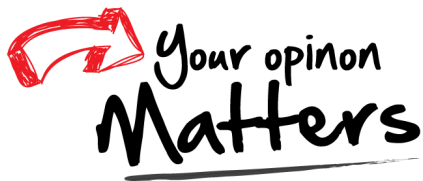
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Thank
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