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7. E[X], $X = X_1 + ... + X_n \rightarrow$ where X_i is the number of spins you make to get the ith distinct number after you have already gotten i - 1 distinct numbers.

$$E[X_1 + ... + X_n] = E[X_1] + ... + E[X_n] \rightarrow$$

Let's compare the values of the individual expectations for n = 10 and derive a trend. Clearly, $E[X_1] = 1$

If 1 number is achieved, and each number has the same probability of being chosen, p of choosing a new number = 9/10; therefore, $E[X_2] = \frac{10}{9}$

If 2 number is achieved, and each number has the same probability of being chosen, p of choosing a new number = 8/10; therefore, $E[X_3] = \frac{10}{8}$

Generalizing, we can see that $E[X_i] = \frac{10}{10-i}, i = [0, ..., 10) \rightarrow E[X_i] = \frac{n}{n-i}, i = [0, ..., n) \rightarrow$

$$E[X] = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{n}{n-i} \to n \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{n-i} \to \text{Writing out the terms, we can rearrange this sum to } n \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{i} \to n$$

We can estimate this with an integral, $\int_{1}^{n} \frac{1}{x} dx + M, M = max(1/1, 1/n) = 1 \rightarrow$

 $ln(n) - ln(1) + 1 + c_1 \rightarrow ln(n) + c_2$, $c_2 = 1 + c_1 \rightarrow$ Putting back into the equation and generalizing c, we get $E[X] = n(ln(n) + c) \rightarrow nln(n) + nc$

|E[X] - nln(n)| is bounded by nc. Additionally, we see that nc grows at most the rate of n. Meaning, we can generalize be saying E[X] = nln(n) + O(n)