

# **Probability and Statistics**

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$$2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$$

$$X=2 = \{(TTH), (HTT), (THT)\}$$

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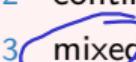
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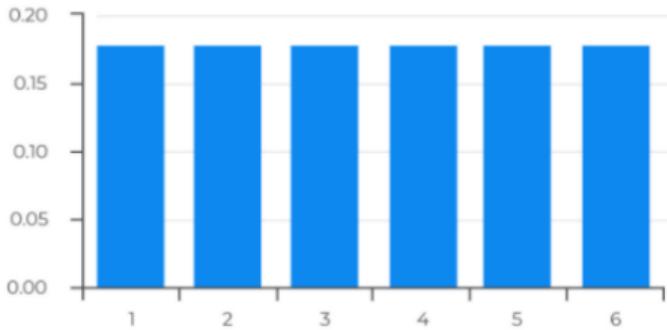
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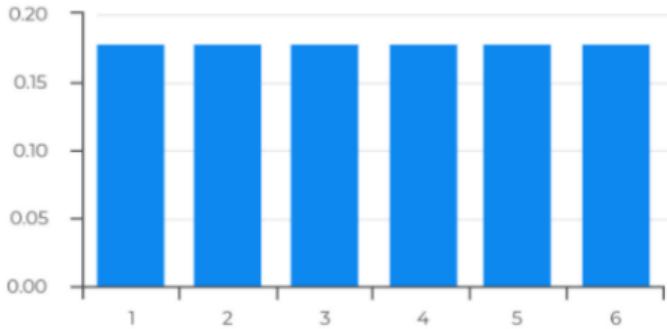
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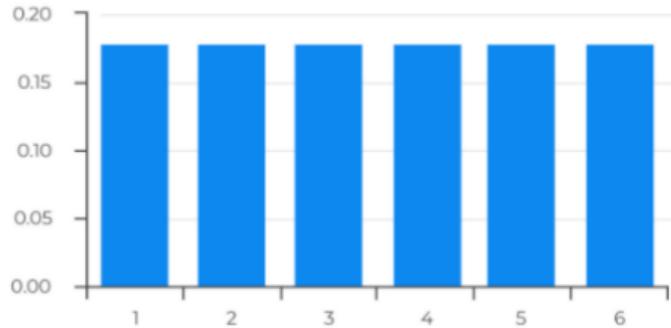
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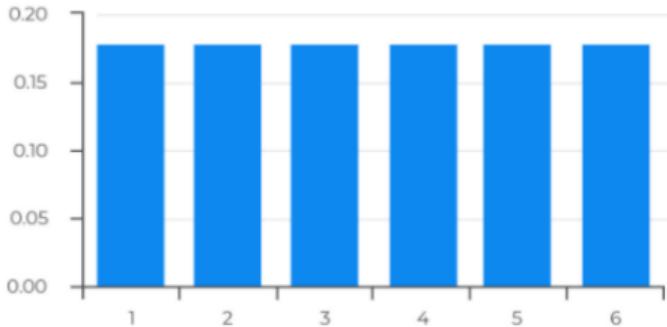




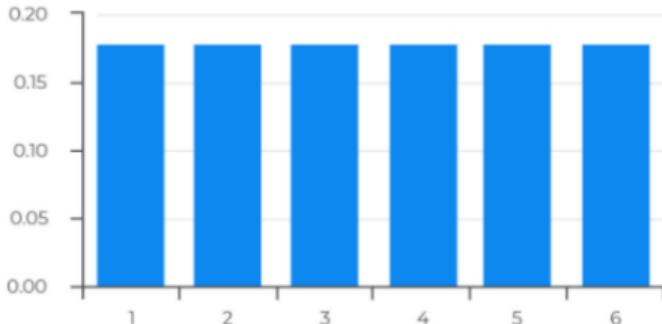
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We have

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P_{Y(1)} = P(Y = 1) = P(H) = p \\ P_{Y(2)} = P(Y = 2) = P(TH) = (1-p)p \\ \vdots \\ P_{Y(k)} = P(Y = k) = P(TT \cdots TH) = (1-p)^{k-1}p \end{array} \right\} \text{PMF}$$

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PMF  $P_Y(k)$

$$P(2 \leq Y < 5) = \sum_{k=2}^4 P_Y(k) = (1-p)p + (1-p)^2 p + (1-p)^3 p$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$
$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4}$$
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 $\{x=k\} = P(A) \cdot P(B) \Rightarrow A \text{ and } B$   
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$$P((X < 2) \cap (Y > 1)) = P(X < 2)P(Y > 1) \quad [\text{Since } X, Y \text{ independent}]$$

$$= (P_X(0) + P_X(1)) \underline{P_Y(2)} = \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{4}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \underline{\underline{\frac{3}{16}}}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{6} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{6} \cdot 2 + \frac{1}{6} \cdot 3 + \frac{1}{6} \cdot 4$$

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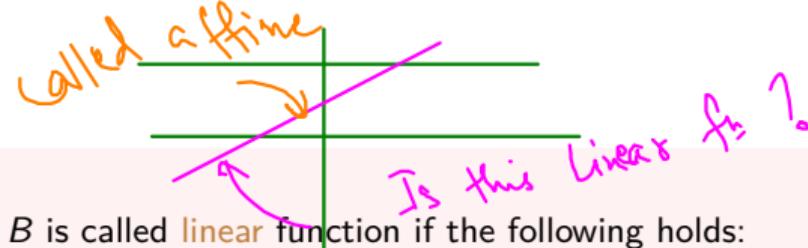
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$$f(\alpha u + \beta v) = \alpha f(u) + \beta f(v), \quad \forall u, v \in A, \quad \underline{\alpha, \beta \text{ scalars}}$$

Q To  $f(x) = 10$  a linear fn?

Ans: No

$$f(0) = f(n-n) = f(n) - f(n) = 0 - f(n) = 0$$

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- 8  $f \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x+y \\ y-z \\ z \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} f \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} + f \begin{pmatrix} d \\ e \\ f \end{pmatrix} &= f \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} + f \begin{pmatrix} d \\ e \\ f \end{pmatrix} \\ \rightarrow f \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} + f \begin{pmatrix} g \\ h \\ i \end{pmatrix} &= f \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} + f \begin{pmatrix} g \\ h \\ i \end{pmatrix} \\ \rightarrow f \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} &= f \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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$$E[C] = \cancel{C}$$

Let  $X$  = 6 sided die roll. Let  $Y = 2X - 1$ . If  $E[X] = 3.5$ , then what is  $E[Y] = ?$

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y] &= E[2X - 1] = 2E[X] - 1 \\ &= 2 \cdot 3.5 - 1 = 7 - 1 \\ &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$E[g]$$