

[220 / 319] Dictionary Nesting

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Learning Objectives Today

More dictionary operations

- len, in, for loop
- d.keys(), d.values()
- defaults for get and pop

Syntax for nesting (dicts inside dicts, etc)

- indexing/lookup
- step-by-step resolution

list

dict

dict

dict

Understand common use cases for nesting

- binning/bucketing (**list** in **dict**)
- a more convenient table representation (**dict** in **list**)
- transition probabilities with Markov chains (**dict** in **dict**)

one of the most common
data analysis tasks

we'll generate random
English-like texts

Today's Outline

Dictionary Ops

Binning (dict of list)

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Probability Tables and Markov Chains (dict of dict) – self-interest study; **not required for quizzes and exams**

Creation of Empty Dict - self-review

Non-empty dict:

```
d = {"a": "alpha", "b": "beta"}
```

Empty dict (way 1):

```
d = {}
```

Empty dict (way 2):

```
d = dict() # special function called constructor
```

similar for lists: `L = []`

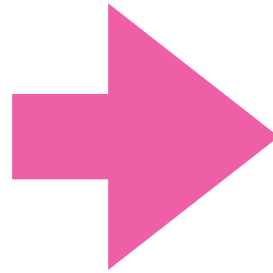
similar for lists: `L = list() # special function called constructor`

similar for sets: `s = set() # special function called constructor`

len, in, for - self-review

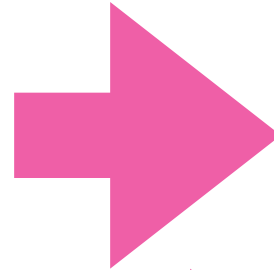
```
num_words = {0:"zero", 1:"one", 2:"two", 3:"three"}
```

```
print(len(num_words))
```



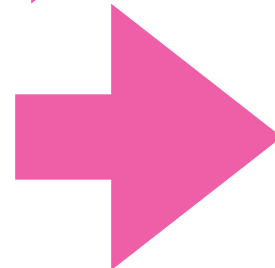
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```
print(1 in num_words)
```



True

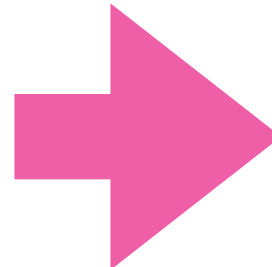
```
print("one" in num_words)
```



False

(it is only checking keys, not vals)

```
for x in num_words:  
    print(x, num_words[x])
```



0 zero

1 one

2 two

3 three

you can iterate over values
by combining a **for loop** with **lookup**

Extracting keys and values

```
num_words = {0:"zero", 1:"one", 2:"two", 3:"three"}
```

```
print(type(num_words.keys()))
```



<class 'dict_keys'>

```
print(type(num_words.values()))
```



<class 'dict_values'>

don't worry about these
new types, because we
can force them to be lists

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```



<class 'dict_keys'>

```
print(type(num_words.values()))
```



<class 'dict_values'>

```
print(list(num_words.keys()))
```



[0, 1, 2, 3]

```
print(list(num_words.values()))
```



**["zero", "one",
"two", "three"]**

Defaults with get and pop

```
suffix = {1:"st", 2:"nd", 3:"rd"}
```

 `suffix.pop(0)` # delete fails, because no key 0

 `suffix[4]` # lookup fails because no key 4

Defaults with get and pop

```
suffix = {1:"st", 2:"nd", 3:"rd"}
```

specify a default if
key cannot be found

✓ `suffix.pop(0, "th")` # returns "th" because no key 0

✗ `suffix[4]` # lookup fails because no key 4

✓ `suffix.get(4, "th")` # returns "th" because no key 4

specify a default if
key cannot be found

Defaults with get and pop

```
suffix = {1:"st", 2:"nd", 3:"rd"}
```

```
for num in range(6):  
    print(str(num) + suffix.get(num, "th"))
```



0th

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

5th

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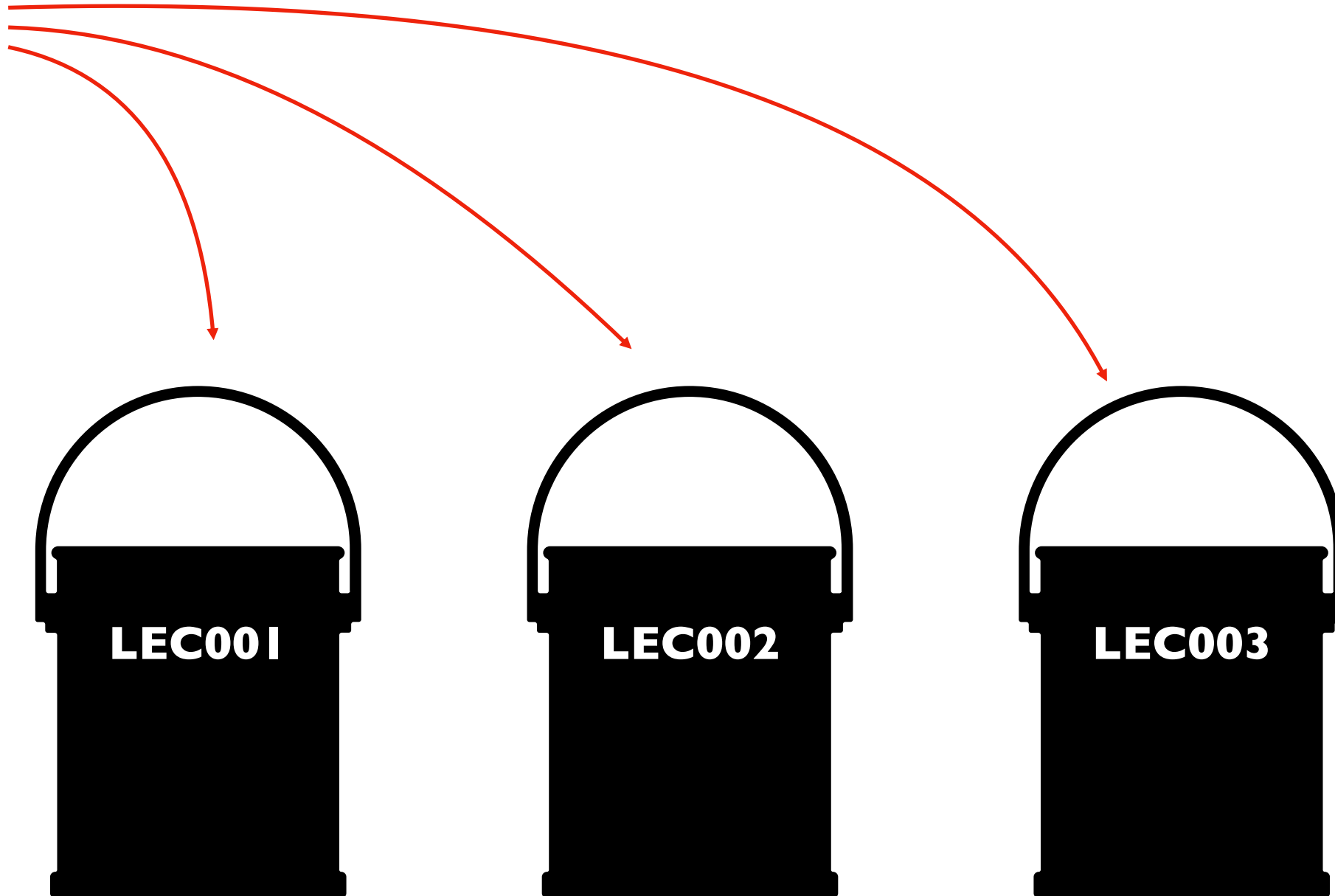
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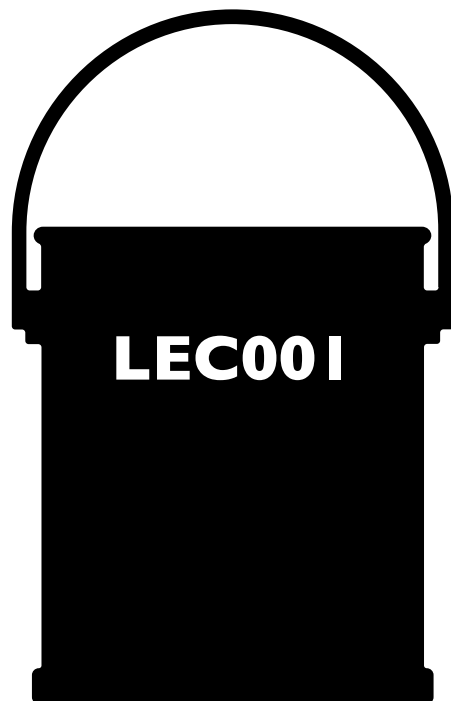
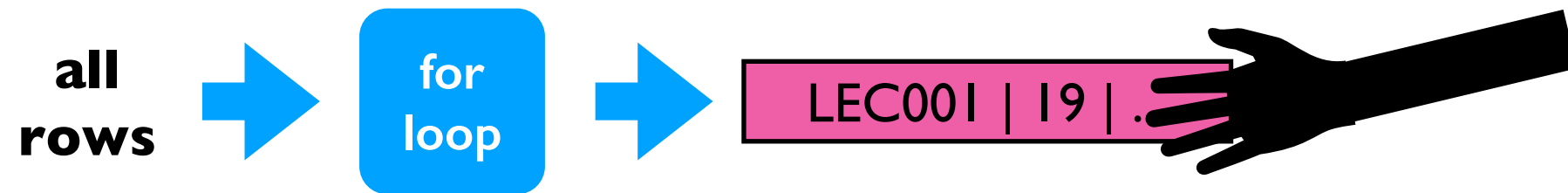
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Bucketizing/Binning

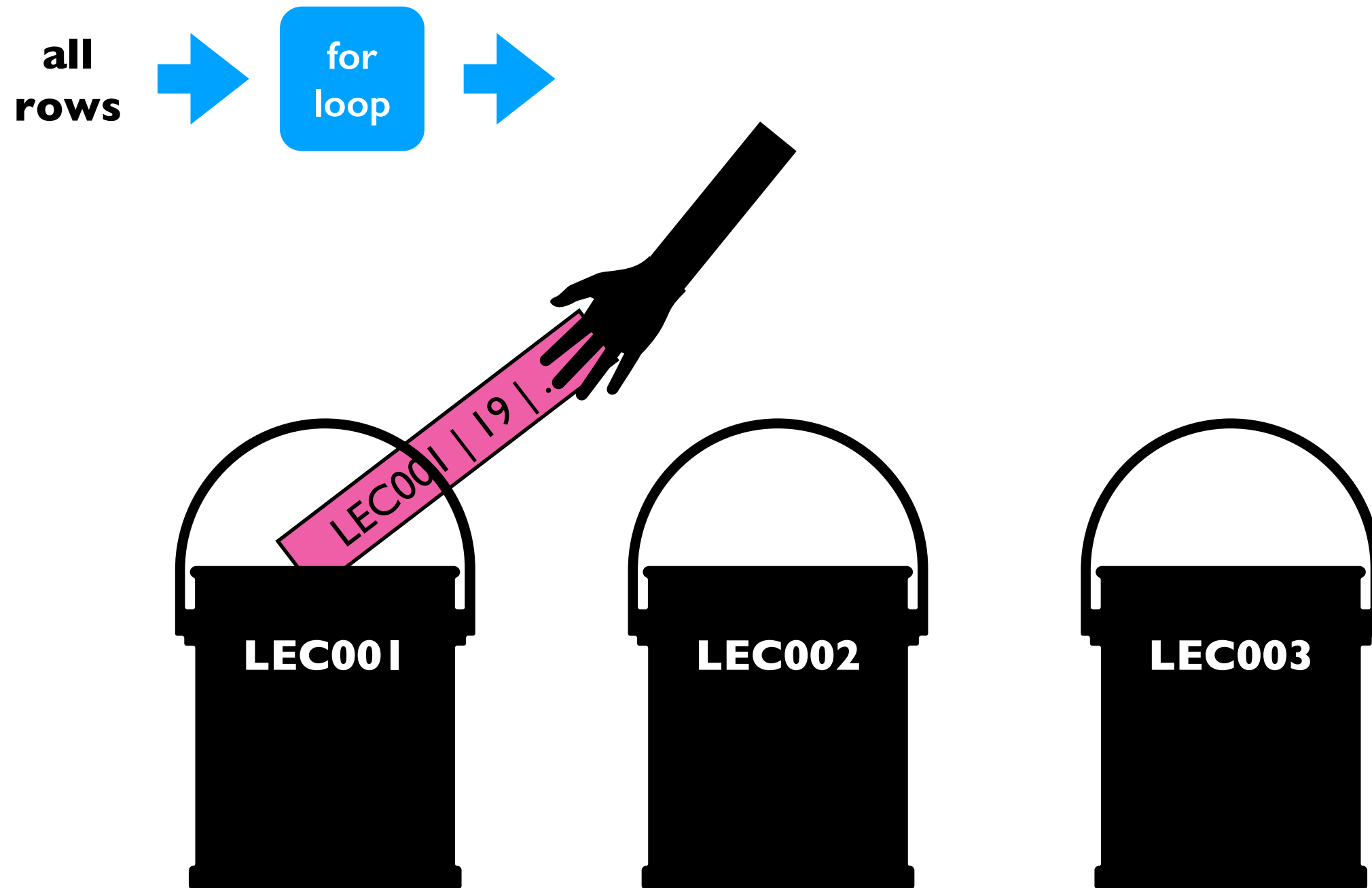
**all
rows**



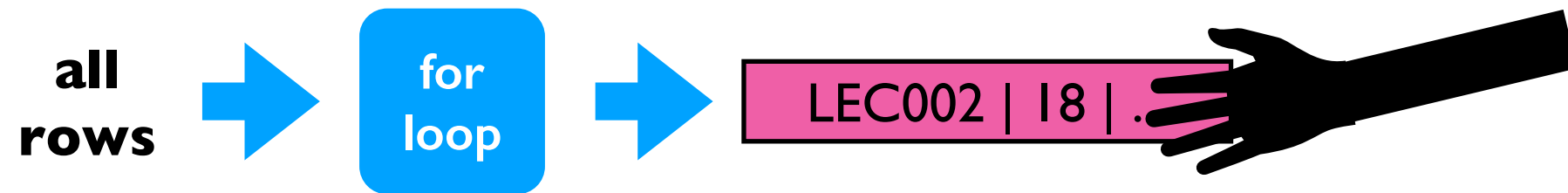
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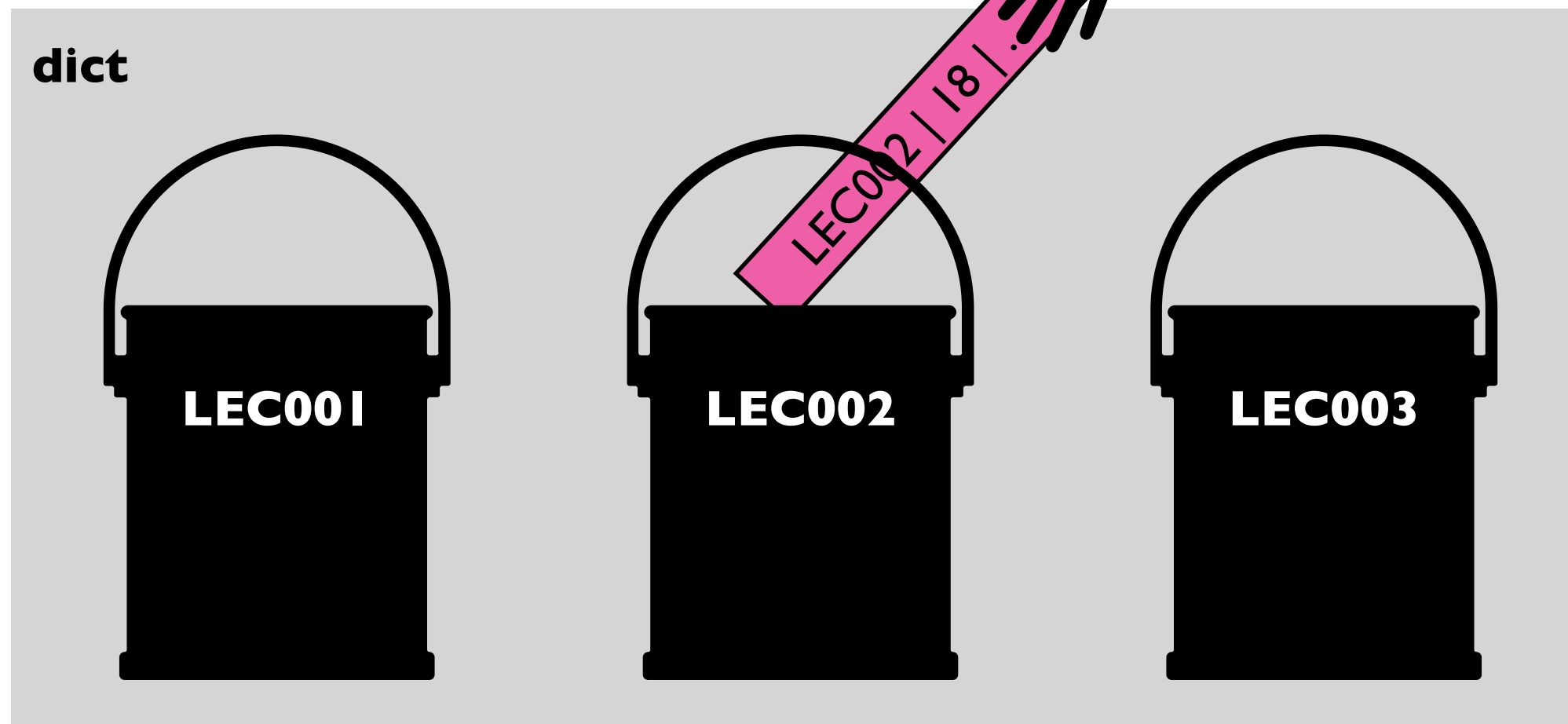
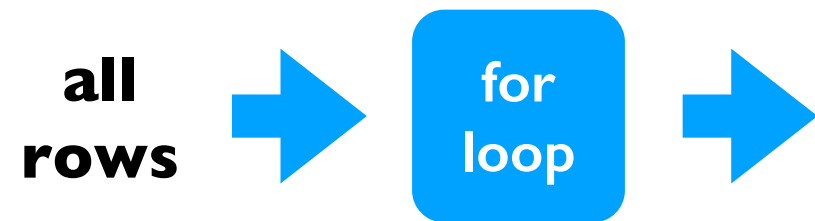
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Bucketizing/Binning



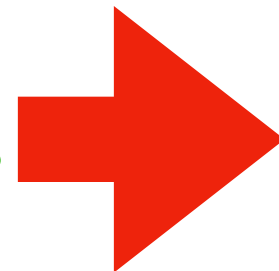
Bucketizing/Binning



Bins with lists and dicts

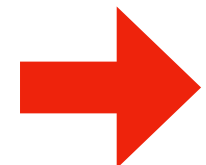
all data

```
rows = [  
  ["LEC001", 19, "CS"],  
  ["LEC002", 18, "Eng"],  
  ["LEC002", 21, "Econ"],  
  ["LEC003", 25, "Stat"],  
  ["LEC002", , "DS"],  
  ["LEC003", , "DS"],  
]
```



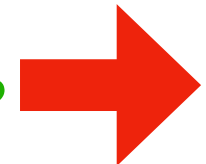
bins = {

```
  "LEC001": [  
    ["LEC001", 19, "CS"],
```



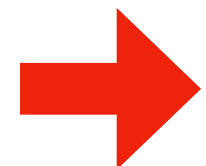
avg 19

```
  ],  
  "LEC002": [  
    ["LEC002", 18, "Eng"],  
    ["LEC002", 21, "Econ"],  
    ["LEC002", , "DS"],
```



avg 19.5

```
  ],  
  "LEC003": [  
    ["LEC003", 25, "Stat"],  
    ["LEC003", , "DS"],
```



avg 25

```
  ]
```

```
}
```

Demo 1: Average Age per Section

Goal: print **average age** of students in each section

Input:

- CS220 Information survey

Output:

- Average age within each section

Example:

SEC001: 19

SEC002: 19.5

SEC003: 25

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Table Representation

name	x	y
Alice	30	20
Bob	5	11
Cindy	-2	50

list of list representation

```
header = ["name", "x", "y"]
rows = [
    ["Alice", 30, 20],
    ["Bob", 5, 11],
    2 → ["Cindy", -2, 50],
]
```

↑
2

`rows[2][header.index("y")]`

list of dict representation

```
[
    {"name": "Alice", "x": 30, "y": 20},
    {"name": "Bob", "x": 5, "y": 11},
    2 → {"name": "Cindy", "x": -2, "y": 50},
]
```

↑
"y"

`rows[2]["y"]`

Demo 2: Table Transform

Goal: create function that transforms list of lists table
to a list of dicts table

Input:

- List of lists (from a CSV)

Output:

- List of dicts

Example:

```
>>> header = ["x","y"]
>>> rows = [[1,2], [3,4]]
>>> transform(header, rows)
[{"x":1, "y":2}, {"x":3, "y":4}]
```

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Challenge: Letter Frequency

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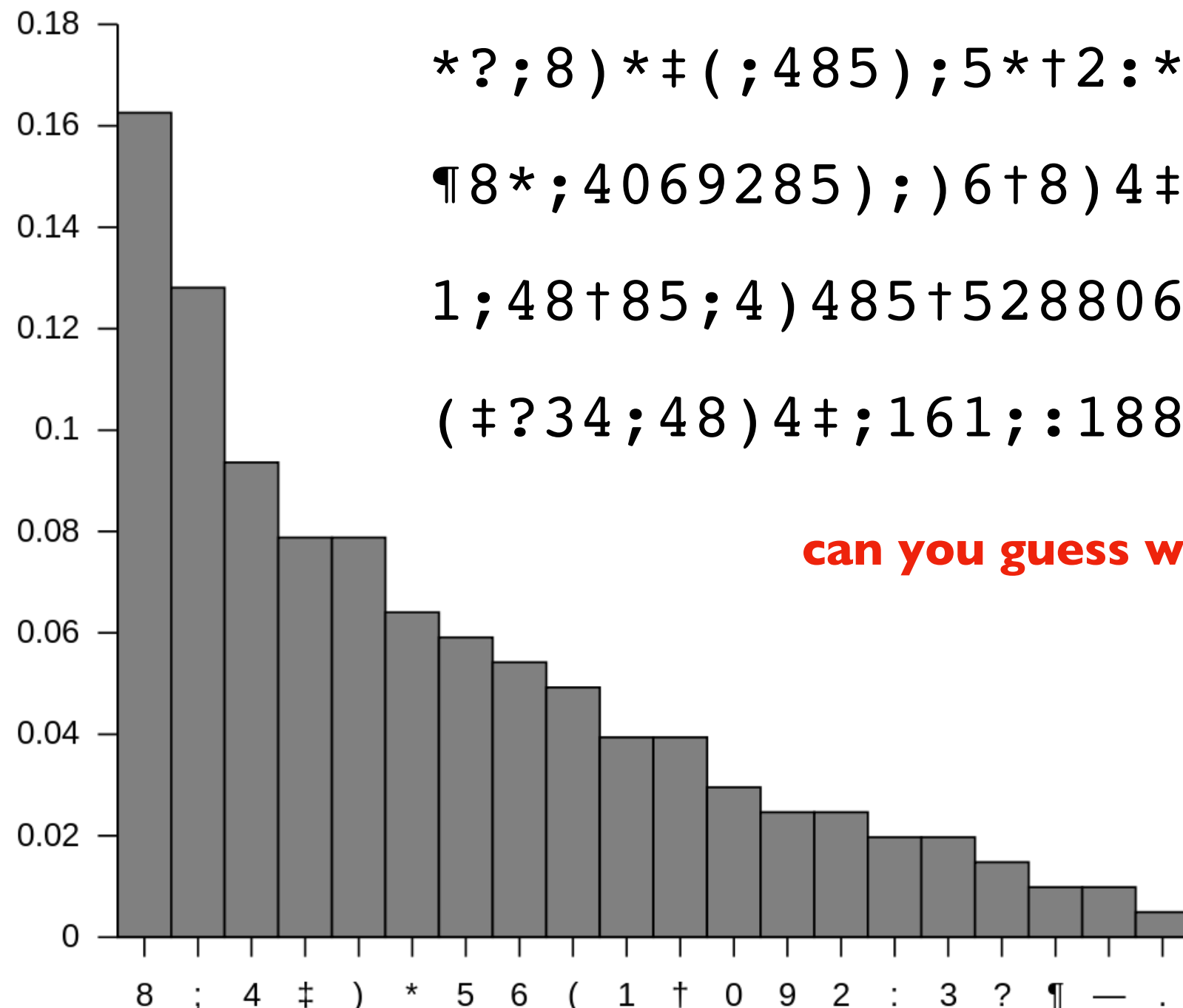
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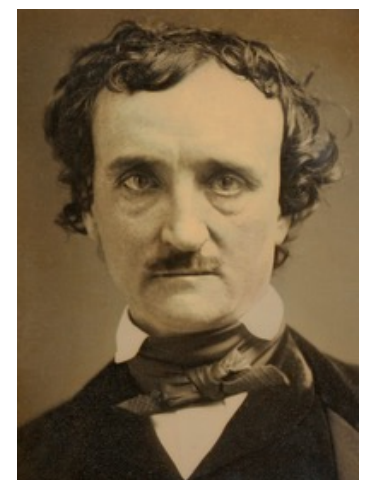
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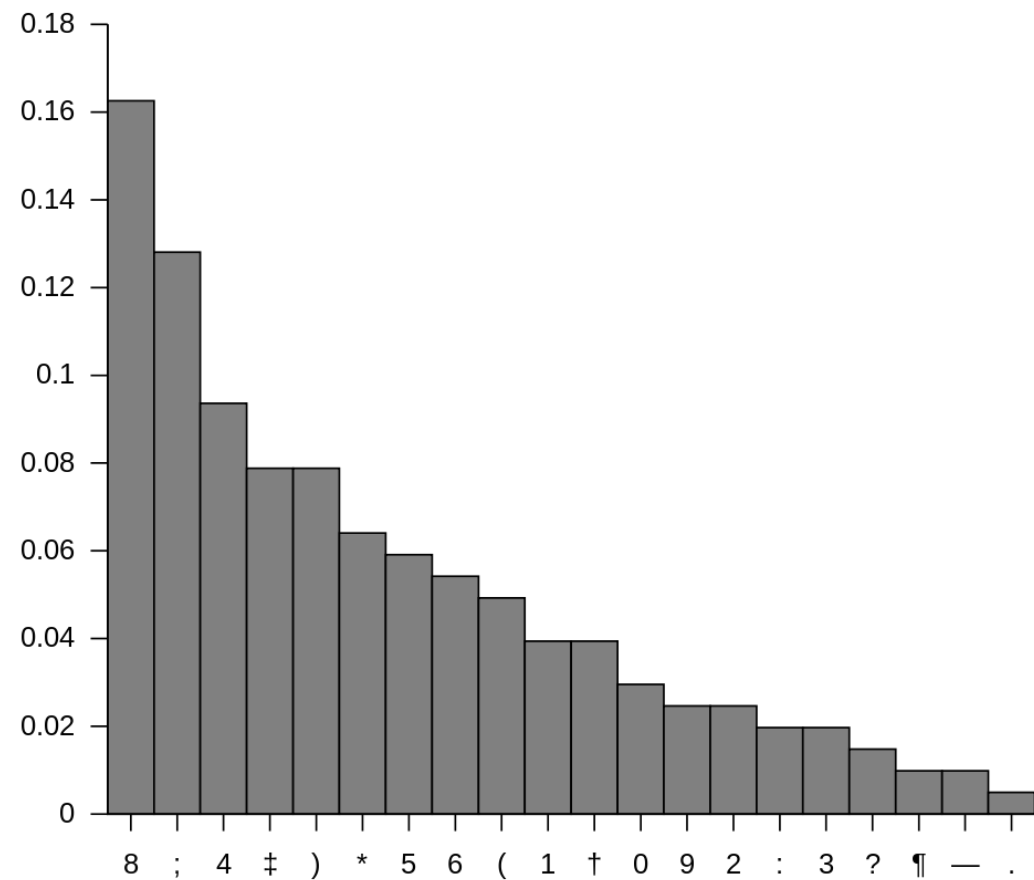
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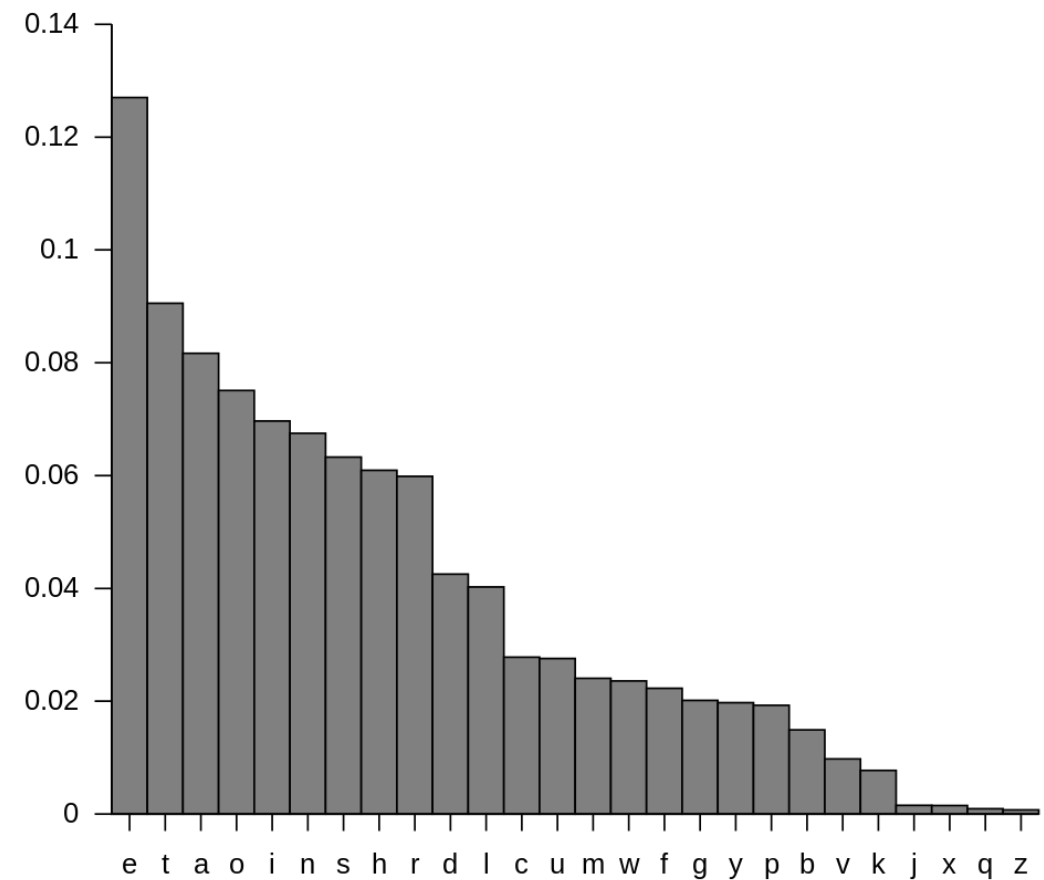
can you guess what 8 represents?



Challenge: Letter Frequency

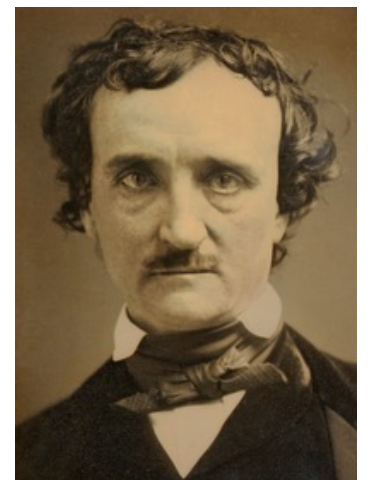


letters



symbols

how to compute these?



Challenge: Letter Frequency

Goal: if we randomly pick a word in a text, what is the probability that it will be a given letter?

Input:

- Plaintext of book (from Project Gutenberg)

Output:

- The portion of letters in the text that are that letter

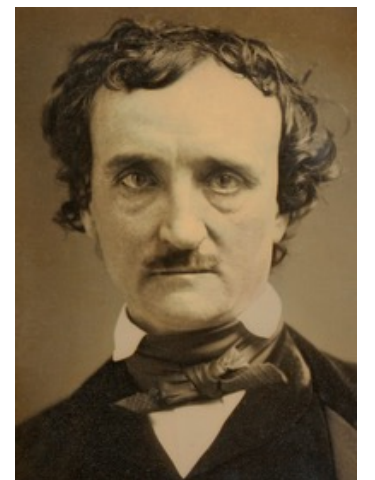
Example:

text: AAAAABBBCCC

A: 50%

B: 20%

C: 30%



Sequence Data

Consider this sequence: “the **qu**ick tiger is **qu**iet”

What letter likely comes after “t” in this text?

Next Letter	Probability
h	50%
i	50%
a	0%
...	0%

dict for “t”:

```
{"h": 0.5, "i": 0.5}
```

What letter likely comes after “q” in this text?

Next Letter	Probability
u	100%
...	0%

dict for “q”:

```
{"u": 1.0}
```

Sequence Data

Organize all the dicts with a dict:

```
probs = {  
    "u": {"i": 1.0},  
  
    }  
}
```

Imagine a next-letter probability dictionary for every letter

dict for "u":

`{"i": 1.0}`

dict for "t":

`{"h": 0.5, "i": 0.5}`

dict for "i":

`{"c": 0.25, "g": 0.25,
"s": 0.25, "e": 0.25}`

dict for "q":

`{"u": 1.0}`

...

Sequence Data

Organize all the dicts with a dict:

```
probs = {  
    "u": {"i": 1.0},  
    "t": {"h": 0.5, "i": 0.5}  
    "i": {"c": 0.25, "g": 0.25,  
          "s": 0.25, "e": 0.25},  
    "q": {"u": 1.0},  
    ...  
}
```

`probs["i"]`

Imagine a next-letter probability dictionary for every letter

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`{"i": 1.0}`

dict for "t":

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dict for "i":

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"s": 0.25, "e": 0.25}`

dict for "q":

`{"u": 1.0}`

...

Sequence Data

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    "i": {"c": 0.25, "g": 0.25,  
          "s": 0.25, "e": 0.25},  
    "q": {"u": 1.0},  
    ...  
}
```

`probs["i"]["e"]` ➡ 0.25

There is a 25% probability that
the letter following an “i” is an “e”

**Imagine a next-letter probability
dictionary for every letter**

dict for “u”:

`{"i": 1.0}`

dict for “t”:

`{"h": 0.5, "i": 0.5}`

dict for “i”:

`{"c": 0.25, "g": 0.25,
"s": 0.25, "e": 0.25}`

dict for “q”:

`{"u": 1.0}`

...

Vocabulary

```
probs = {  
    "u": {"i": 1.0},  
    "t": {"h": 0.5, "i": 0.5}  
    "i": {"c": 0.25, "g": 0.25,  
          "s": 0.25, "e": 0.25},  
    "q": {"u": 1.0},  
    ...  
}
```

The collection of transition probabilities like this is sometimes called a “stochastic matrix”

Processes that make probabilistic transitions like this (e.g., from one letter to the next) are called “Markov chains”

Random Text Generation

**which looks
closest to
English?**

1

XFOML RXKHRJFFJUJ
ZLPWCFWKCYJ FFJEYVKCQSGHYD
QPAAMKBZAACIBZLHJQD.

2

OCRO HLI RGWR NMIELWIS EU LL
NBNESEBYA TH EEI ALHENHTTPA
OOBTTVA NAH BRL.

3

ON IE ANTSOUTINYS ARE T
INCTORE ST BE S DEAMY ACHIN D
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Random Text Generation

all letters equally likely

XFOML RXKHRJFFJUJ
ZLPWCFWKCYJ FFJEYVKCQSGHYD
QPAAMKBZAACIBZLHJQD.

**weighted random, based
on frequency in a text**
(implement with dict)

OCRO HLI RGWR NMIELWIS EU LL
NBNESEBYA TH EEI ALHENHTTPA
OOBTTVA NAH BRL.

**probability of each letter
based on previous letter**
(implement with dict of dicts)

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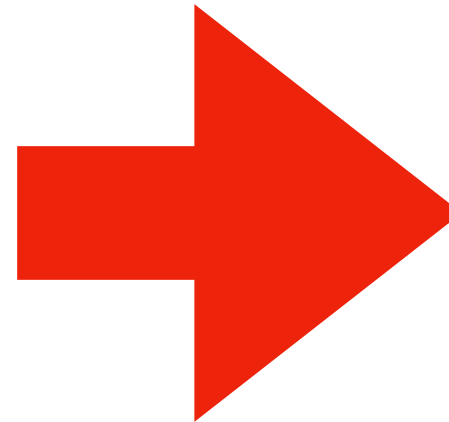
Hypothetical Use Case

DNA sequences

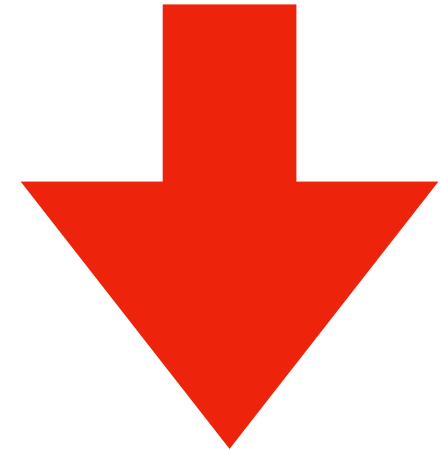
GATACAGATACAGATACA

GCTATAGCTATAGCGCGC

AAAATTTTAAAATTTTAAAA



stochastic model



CATCATC?TC?TCATC?TCAT
CATCATCATCATCATCAT

**synthetic sequences,
filling in gaps**

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Sequence analysis

GenRGenS: software for generating random genomic sequences and structures

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Challenge: Conditional Letter Frequency

Goal: if we look at given letter, what is the next letter likely to be?

Input:

- Plaintext of book (from Project Gutenberg)

Output:

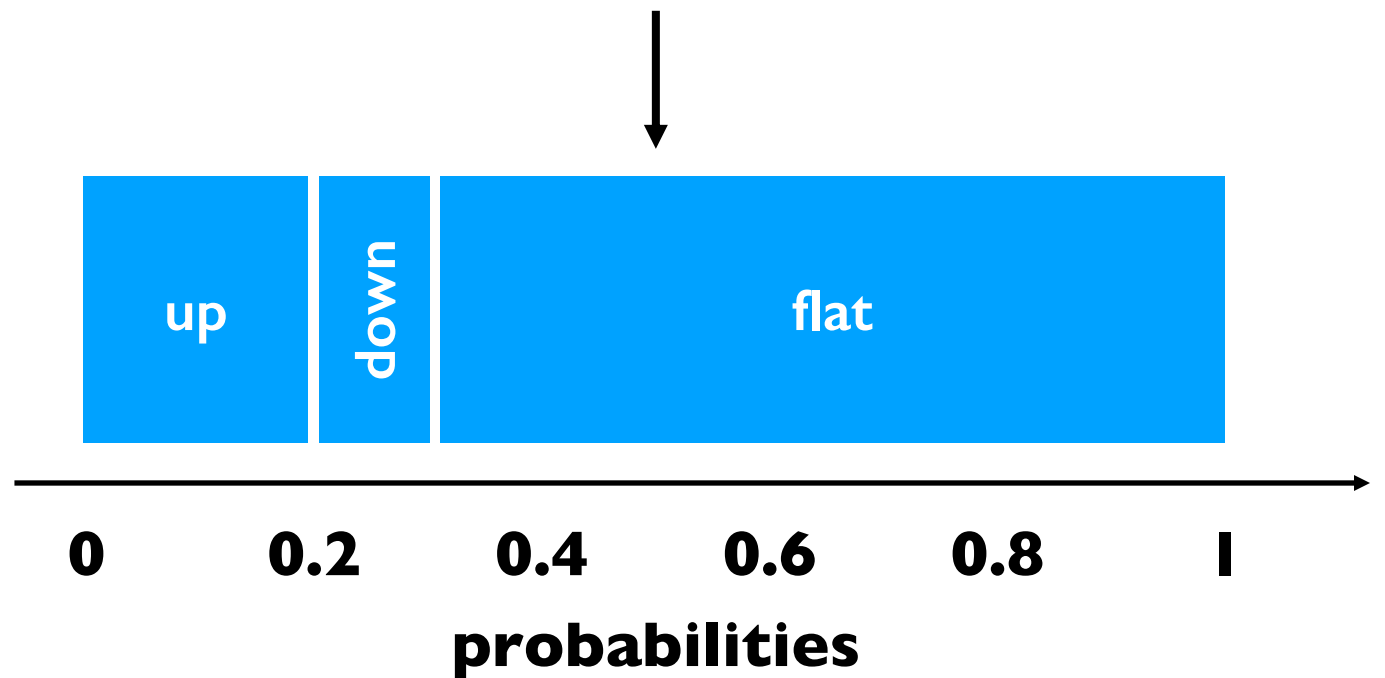
- Transition probabilities
- Randomly generated text, based on probabilities

Weighted Random

```
transitions = {  
    "up": 0.2,  
    "down": 0.1,  
    "flat": 0.7  
}
```

```
x = random.random()  
# assume 0.5
```

flat “wins”

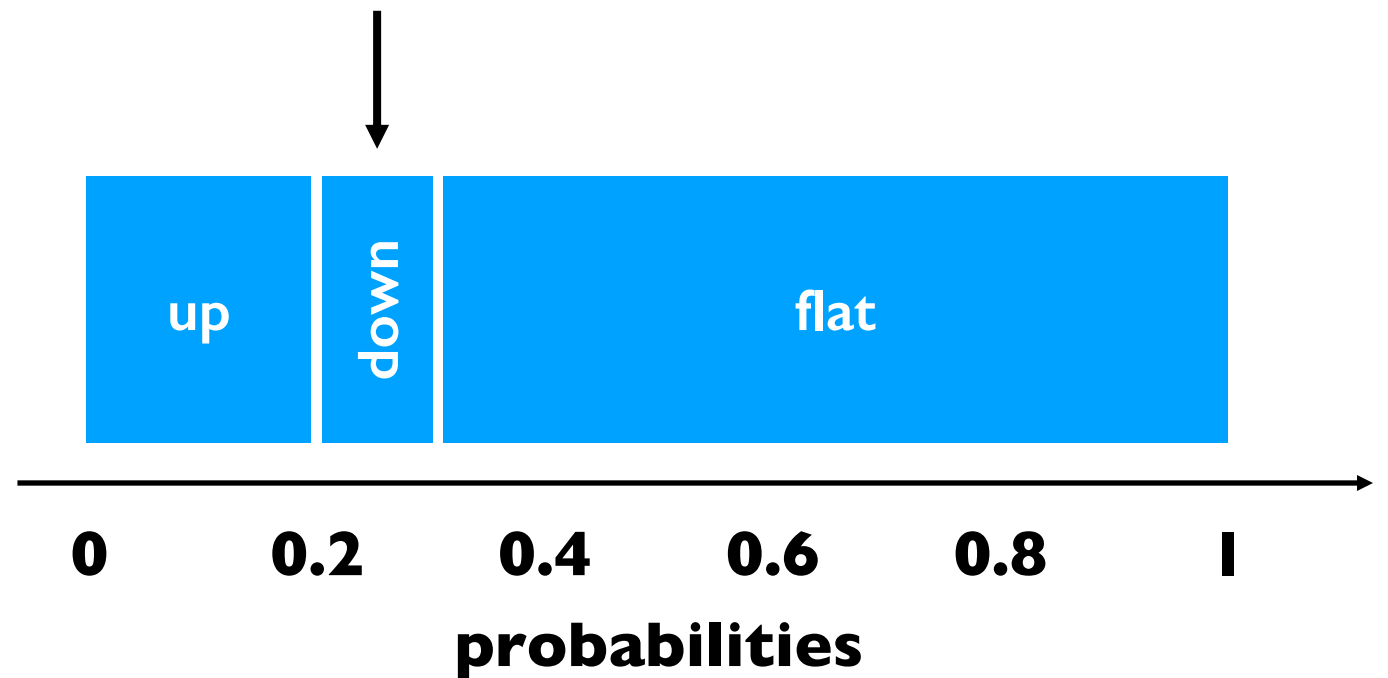


Weighted Random

```
transitions = {  
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    "flat": 0.7  
}
```

down “wins”

```
x = random.random()  
# assume 0.25
```

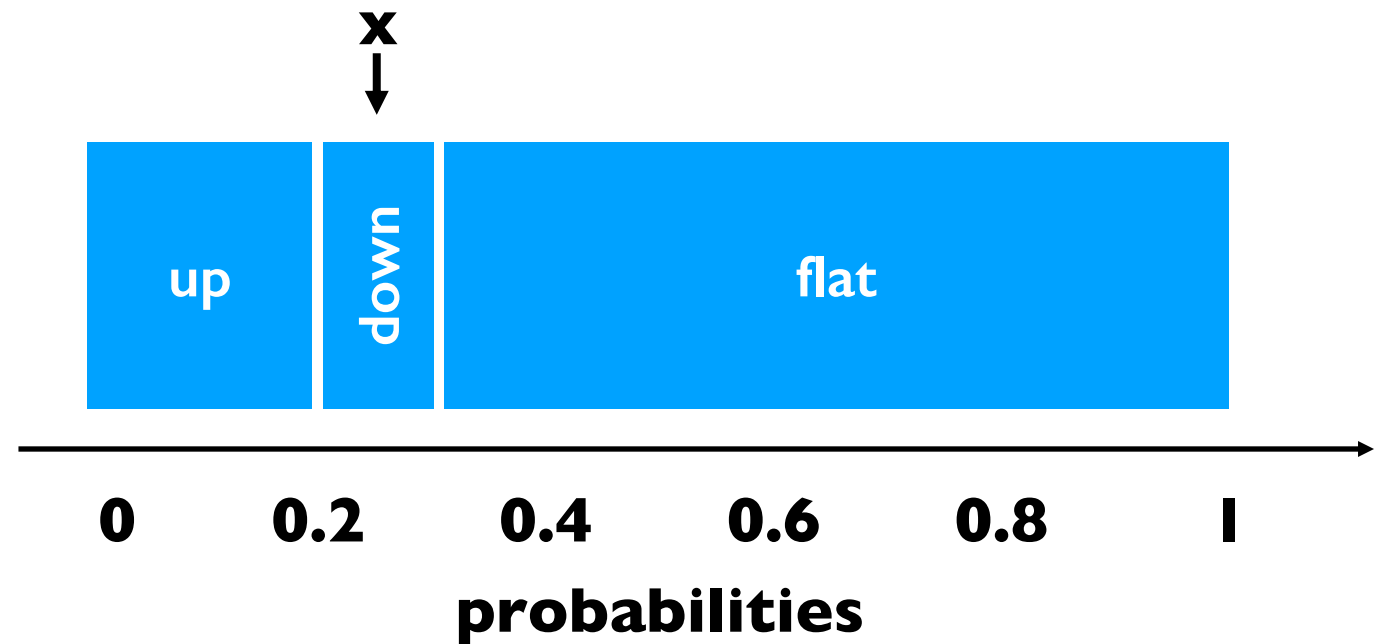


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```

```
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# assume 0.25
```

```
end = 0  
keys = ["up", "down", "flat"]  
winner = None  
for key in keys:  
    end += transitions[key]  
    if end >= x:  
        winner = key  
        break
```

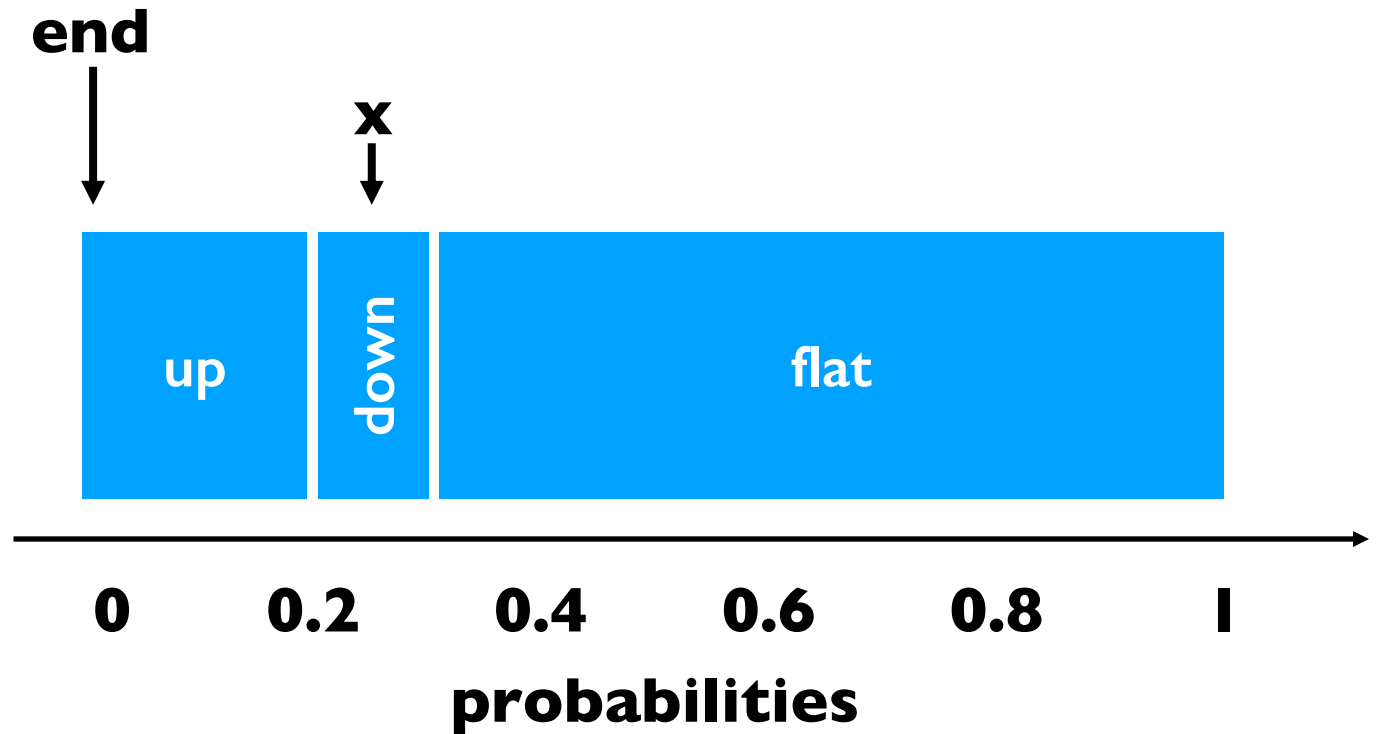


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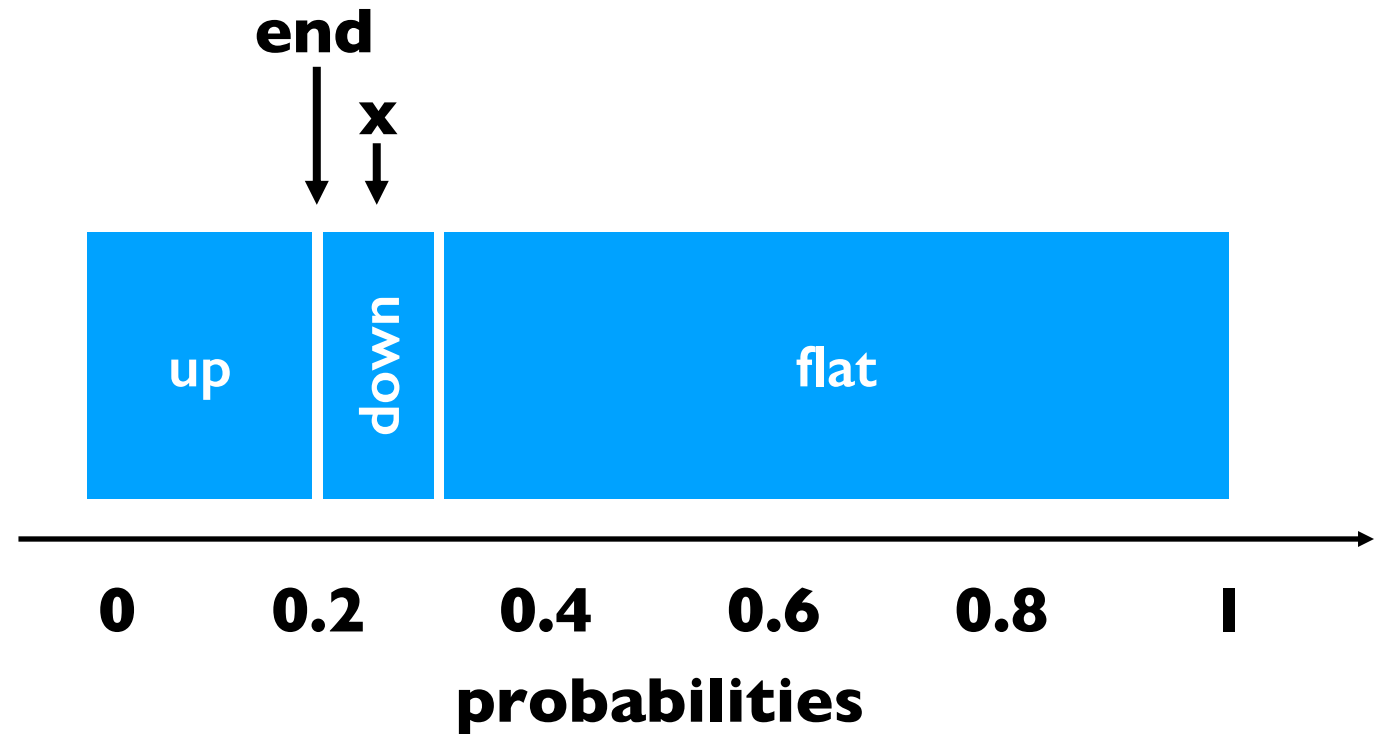
key	up
end	0

Weighted Random

```
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    "down": 0.1,  
    "flat": 0.7  
}
```

```
x = random.random()  
# assume 0.25
```

```
end = 0  
keys = ["up", "down", "flat"]  
winner = None  
for key in keys:  
    end += transitions[key]  
     if end >= x:  
        winner = key  
        break
```



key up

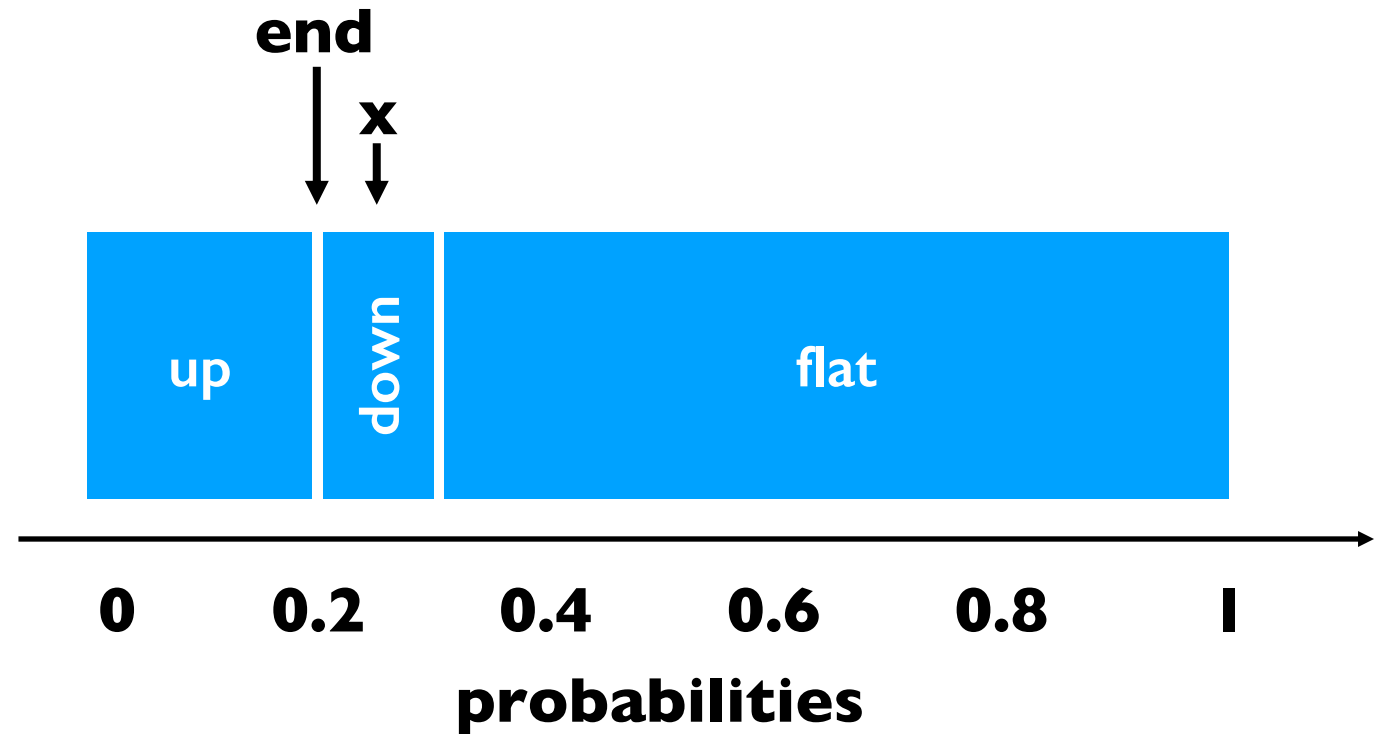
end 0.2

Weighted Random

```
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    "down": 0.1,  
    "flat": 0.7  
}
```

```
x = random.random()  
# assume 0.25
```

```
end = 0  
keys = ["up", "down", "flat"]  
winner = None  
→ for key in keys:  
    end += transitions[key]  
    if end >= x:  
        winner = key  
        break
```



key up

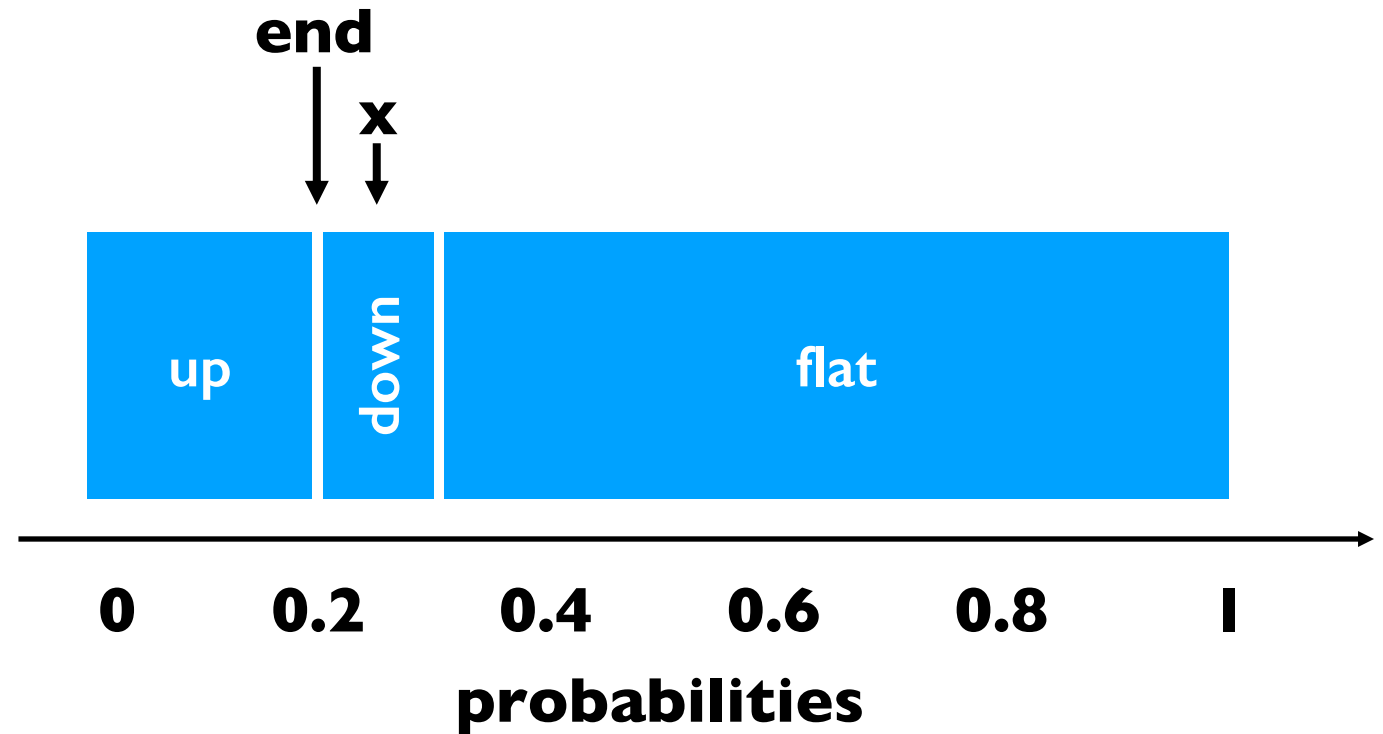
end 0.2

Weighted Random

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transitions = {  
    "up": 0.2,  
    "down": 0.1,  
    "flat": 0.7  
}
```

```
x = random.random()  
# assume 0.25
```

```
end = 0  
keys = ["up", "down", "flat"]  
winner = None  
for key in keys:  
    ➡ end += transitions[key]  
    if end >= x:  
        winner = key  
        break
```



key down

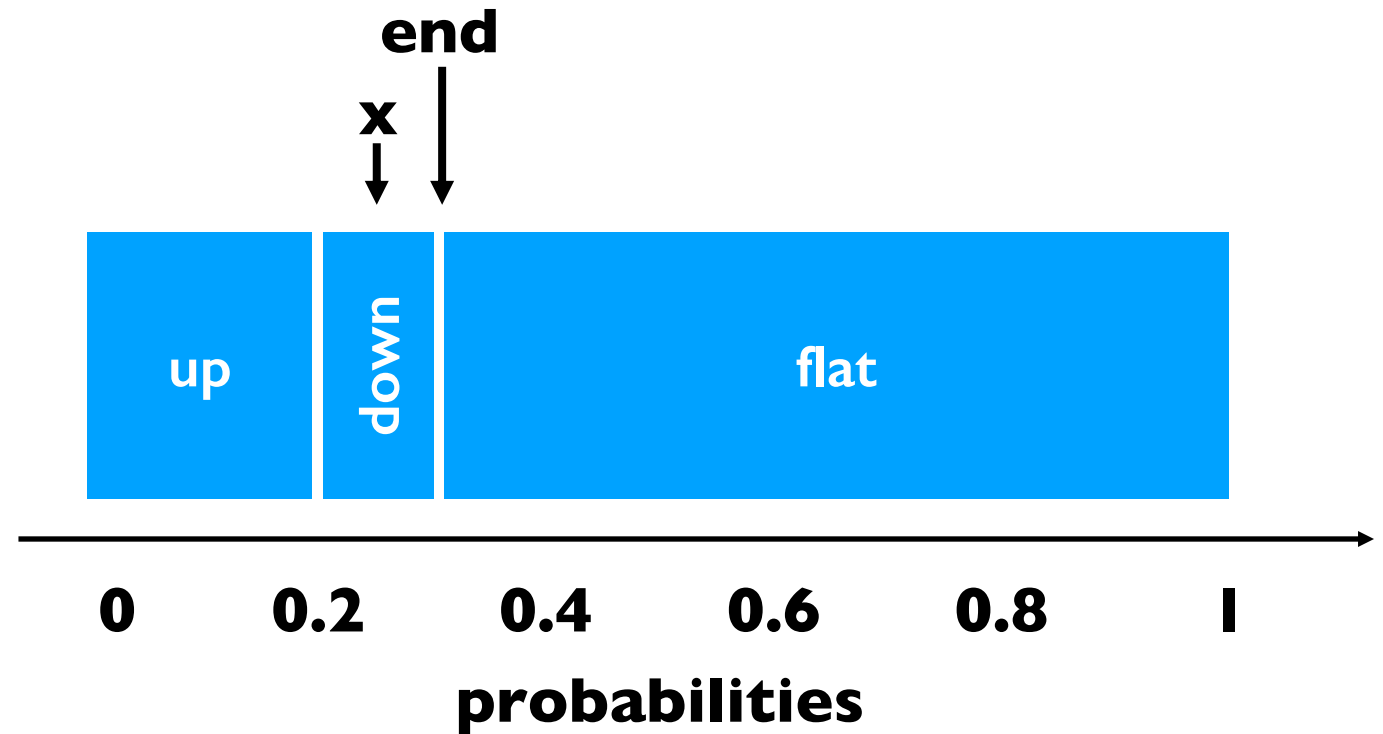
end 0.2

Weighted Random

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transitions = {  
    "up": 0.2,  
    "down": 0.1,  
    "flat": 0.7  
}
```

```
x = random.random()  
# assume 0.25
```

```
end = 0  
keys = ["up", "down", "flat"]  
winner = None  
for key in keys:  
    end += transitions[key]  
    if end >= x:  
        winner = key  
        break
```



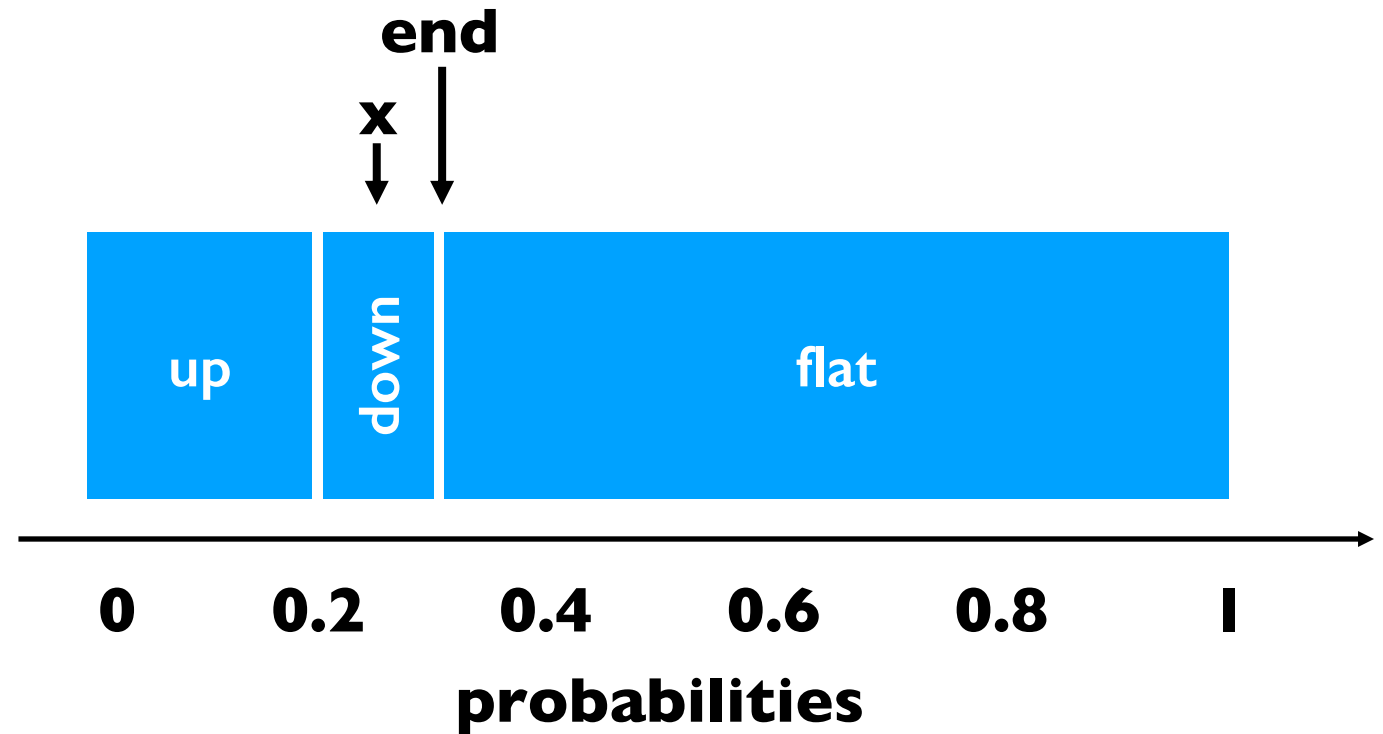
key down
end 0.3

Weighted Random

```
transitions = {  
    "up": 0.2,  
    "down": 0.1,  
    "flat": 0.7  
}
```

```
x = random.random()  
# assume 0.25
```

```
end = 0  
keys = ["up", "down", "flat"]  
winner = None  
for key in keys:  
    end += transitions[key]  
    if end >= x:  
        ➡ winner = key  
        break
```



key down
end 0.3

we randomly chose "down"