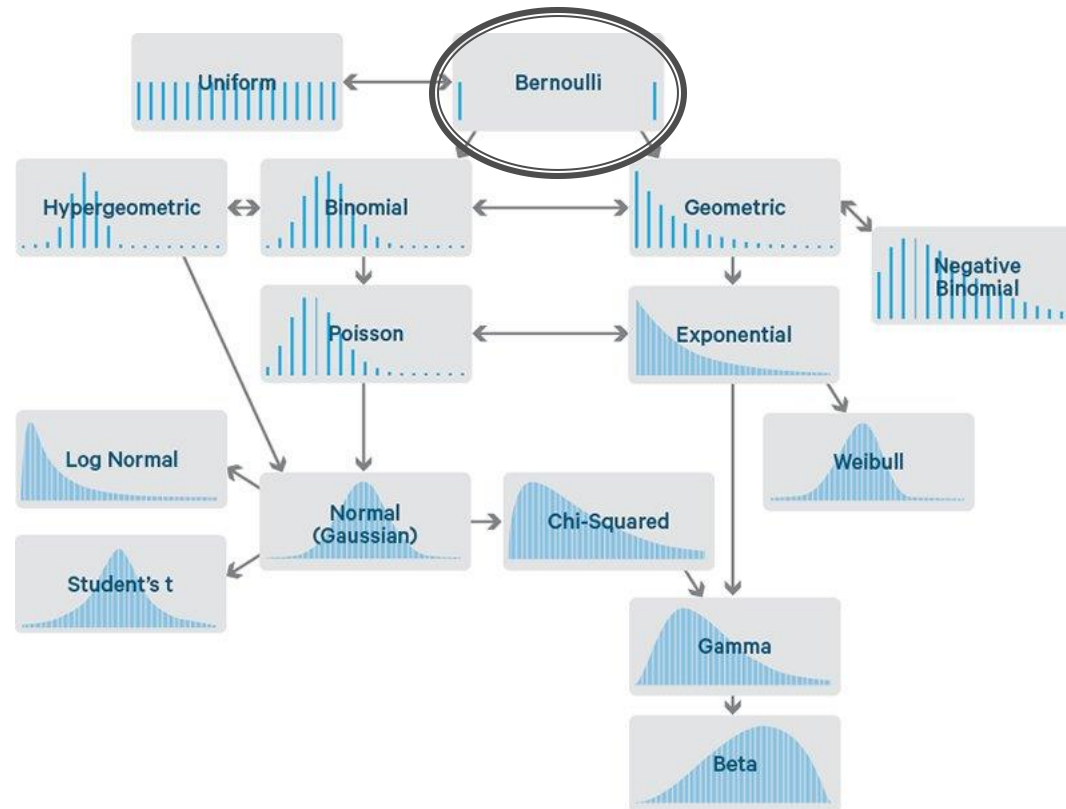


# Bernoulli Distribution

# Geometric Distribution

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# Bernoulli Distribution



# Bernoulli Distribution

- A Bernoulli trial generates one of two possible outcomes – “success” or “failure”
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  - $X=0$  if a failure
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$$\Pr(X=x_j)=p(x_j)=\begin{cases} p & \text{for } x_2 = 1 \\ 1 - p & \text{for } x_1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

i	1	2
$x_i$	0	1
$P(x_i)$	$1-p=q$	$p$

# Bernoulli Distribution

- From this we can show that

$$E[X]=p$$

$$\text{Var}[X]=pq$$

- Proof?

# Example Bernoulli Distribution

The example we shall use to illustrate the Bernoulli probability distribution is the New Zealand vs Ireland World Cup Rugby Quarter Final.

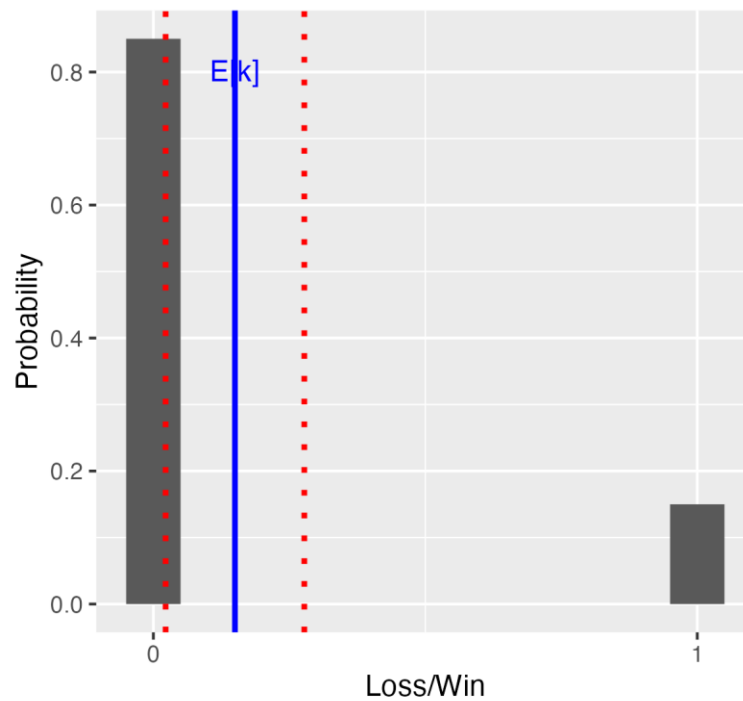
$$\Pr(X=x_j)=p(x_j)=\begin{cases} 0.15 & \text{for } x_2 = 1 \text{ Ireland Wins} \\ 1 - 0.15 & \text{for } x_1 = 0 \text{ Ireland Loses} \end{cases}$$

i	1	2
$x_i$	0	1
$P(x_i)$	$1-0.15=0.85$	0.15

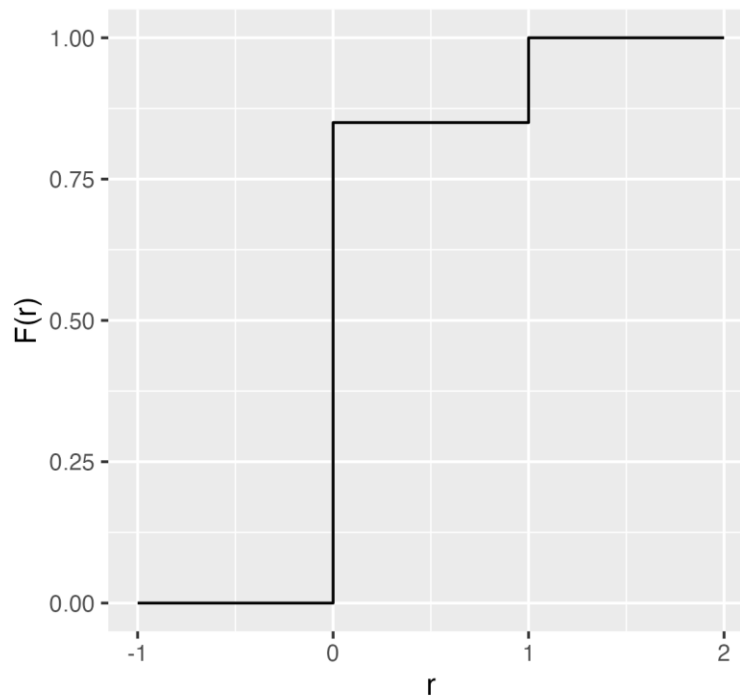
# Example Bernoulli Distribution

$$E[X]=0.15$$
$$\text{Var}[X]=0.125$$

**A** Bernoulli Distribution



**B** Cumulative Bernoulli Distribution



# Features of a Bernoulli Experiment

1. There are two possible outcomes arbitrary called success and failure
2. A success occurs with probability  $p$  and a failure occurs with probability  $q=1-p$
3. The Random Variable is ordered as 1 if success and 0 if failure



# Bernoulli Process

- What is the number of tosses of a fair coin required until the first Head?
- Let's take a specific situation.
- What is the probability that the fifth toss is a head

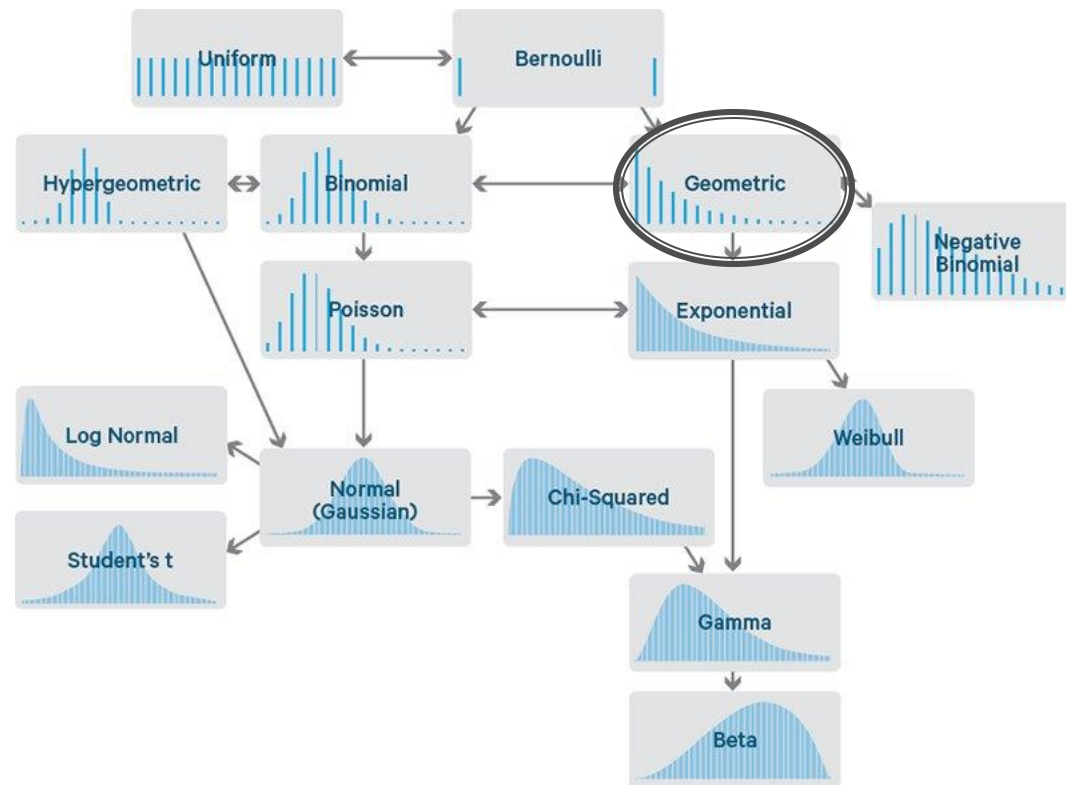
$$\Pr(\text{Fifth Toss is a Head}) = \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{2} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \frac{1}{2}$$

# Bernoulli Process

- What is the number of rolls of a fair die required until the first six?
- Let's take a specific situation.
- What is the probability that the fifth roll is a six

$$\Pr(\text{Fifth Roll is a Six}) = \left(\frac{5}{6} \frac{5}{6} \frac{5}{6} \frac{5}{6}\right) \frac{1}{6} = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^4 \frac{1}{6}$$

# Geometric Distribution



# Geometric Distribution

I play until I win



# Geometric Distribution

$$\Pr(X=x) = p(x) = q^{x-1}p = (1-p)^{x-1}p$$

$$x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty, 0 < p < 1$$

This is the probability mass function for a **geometric distribution**

# Geometric Distribution

Is the sum of p all equal 1

$$\sum_{x=1}^{\infty} Pr(x) = p \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} q^{x-1} = p(1 + q + q^2 + \dots)$$

$$\sum_{x=1}^{\infty} Pr(x) = p \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} q^{x-1} = \frac{p}{1-q} = \frac{p}{p} = 1$$

# Geometric Distribution

Is the sum of p all equal 1

$$E[X] = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x q^{x-1} p = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$\text{Var}[X] = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} (x - \frac{1}{p})^2 q^{x-1} p = \frac{q}{p^2}$$

Proof?

# Coin Game

Toss a coin until you get a Tails





# Coin Toss - Geometric Distribution

$$q = \Pr(H) = 1 - \Pr(T) = 0.5,$$

$$p = \Pr(T) = 0.5$$

$$\Pr(X=x) = p(x) = 0.5^{x-1} 0.5 = (1 - 0.5)^{x-1} 0.5$$

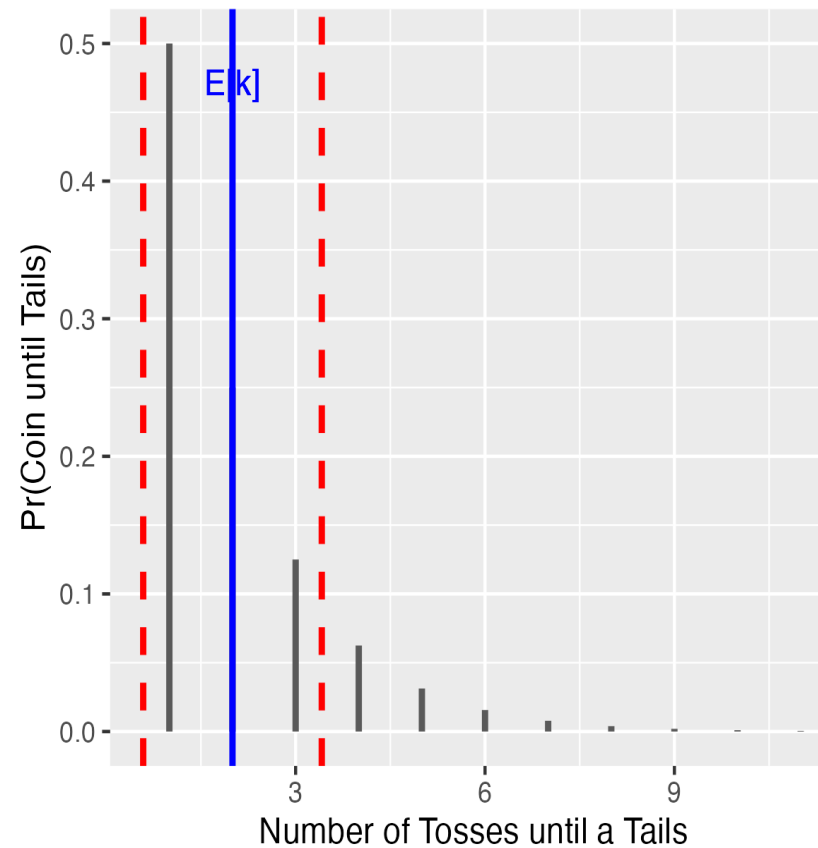
Number of times to play until a win,  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty$ ,  $0 < p < 1$

$$E[X] = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x 0.5^{x-1} 0.5 = \frac{1}{0.5} = 2$$

$$\text{Var}[X] = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \left(x - \frac{1}{0.5}\right)^2 0.5 = \frac{0.5}{0.5^2} = 2$$

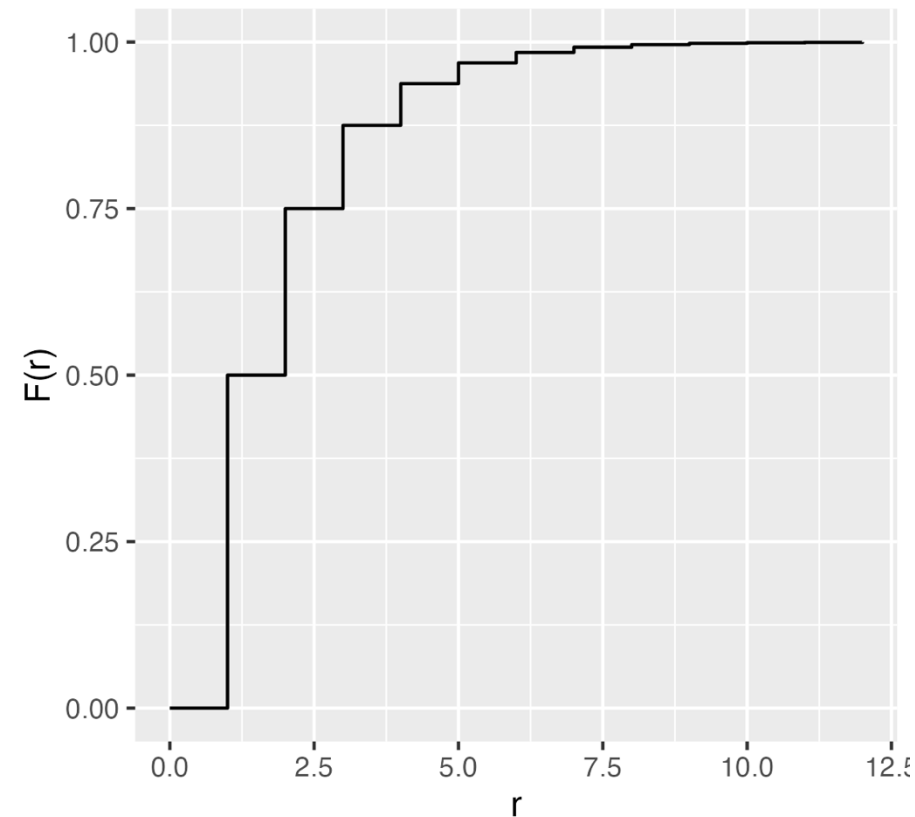
# Coin Toss - Probability MASS Function

**A** Coin Toss Geometric Distribution



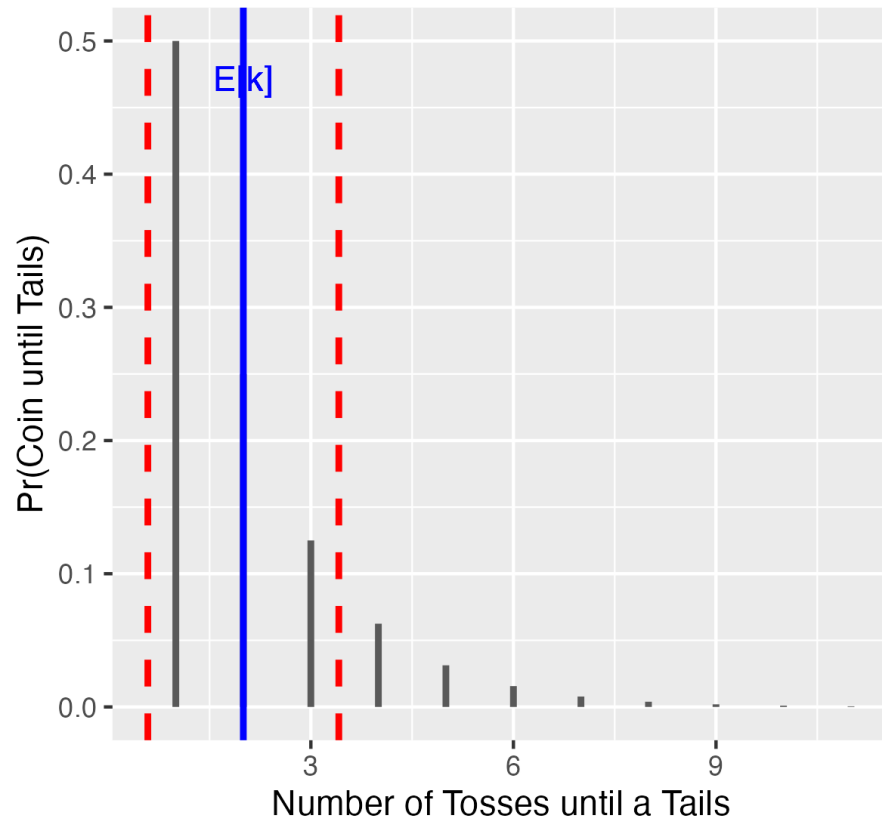
# Coin Toss - Cumulative Distribution

**B** Coin Toss Cumulative Geometric Distributi

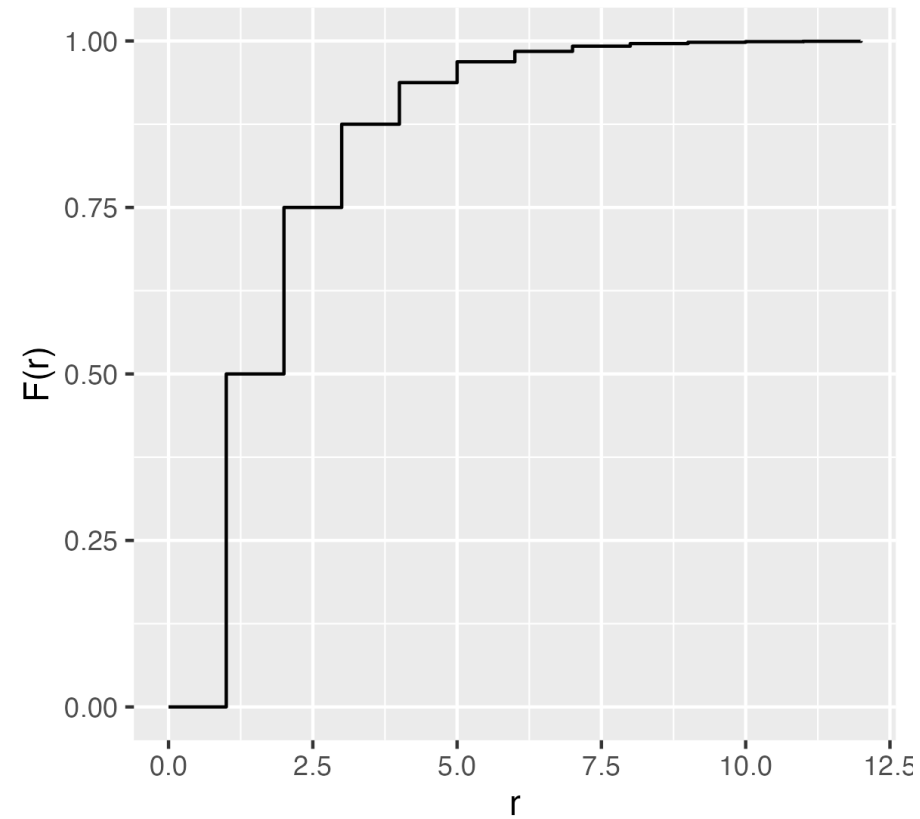


# Coin Toss

**A** Coin Toss Geometric Distribution



**B** Coin Toss Cumulative Geometric Distribution



# Dice Game

Roll Dice until you get a 6



# Dice Game-Geometric Distribution

$$q = \Pr(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) = 1 - \Pr(6) = \frac{5}{6}, \quad p = \Pr(6) = \frac{1}{6},$$

$$\Pr(X=x) = p(x) = \frac{5^{x-1}}{6} \frac{1}{6} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{6}\right)^{x-1} \frac{1}{6}$$

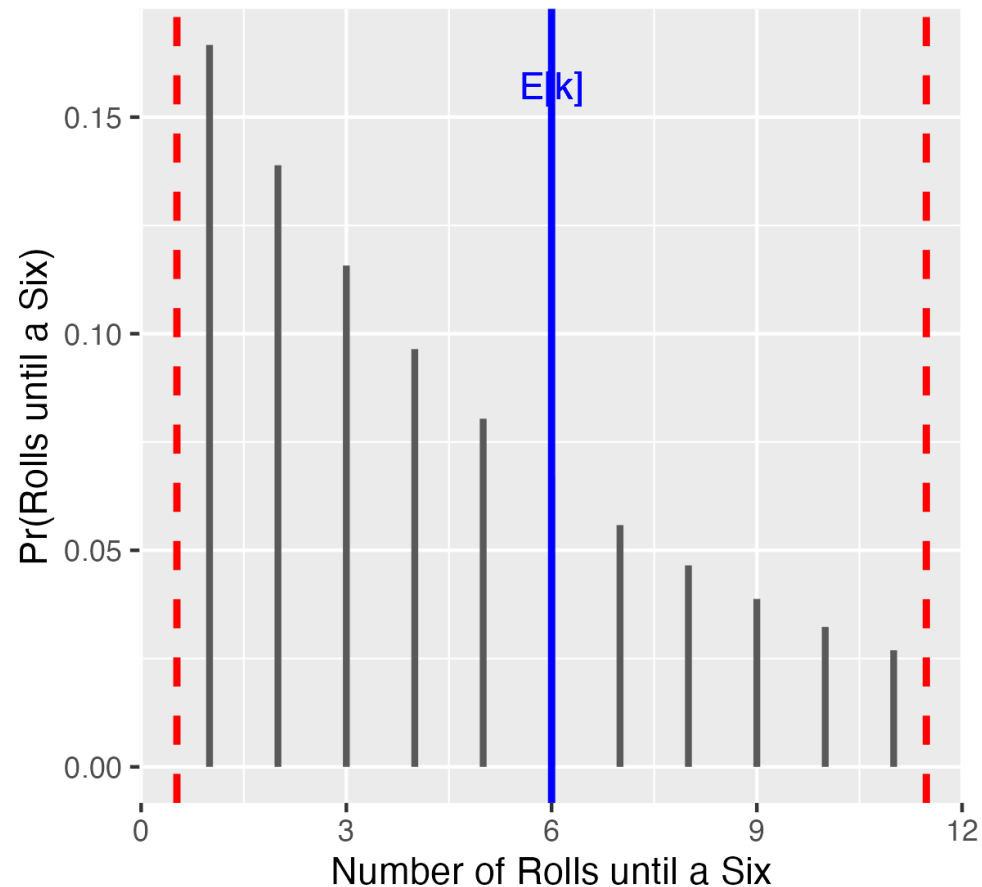
Number of times to play until a win,  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty, 0 < p < 1$

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{6}} = 6$$

$$\text{Var}[X] = \frac{\frac{5}{6}}{\frac{1}{6}^2} = 30$$

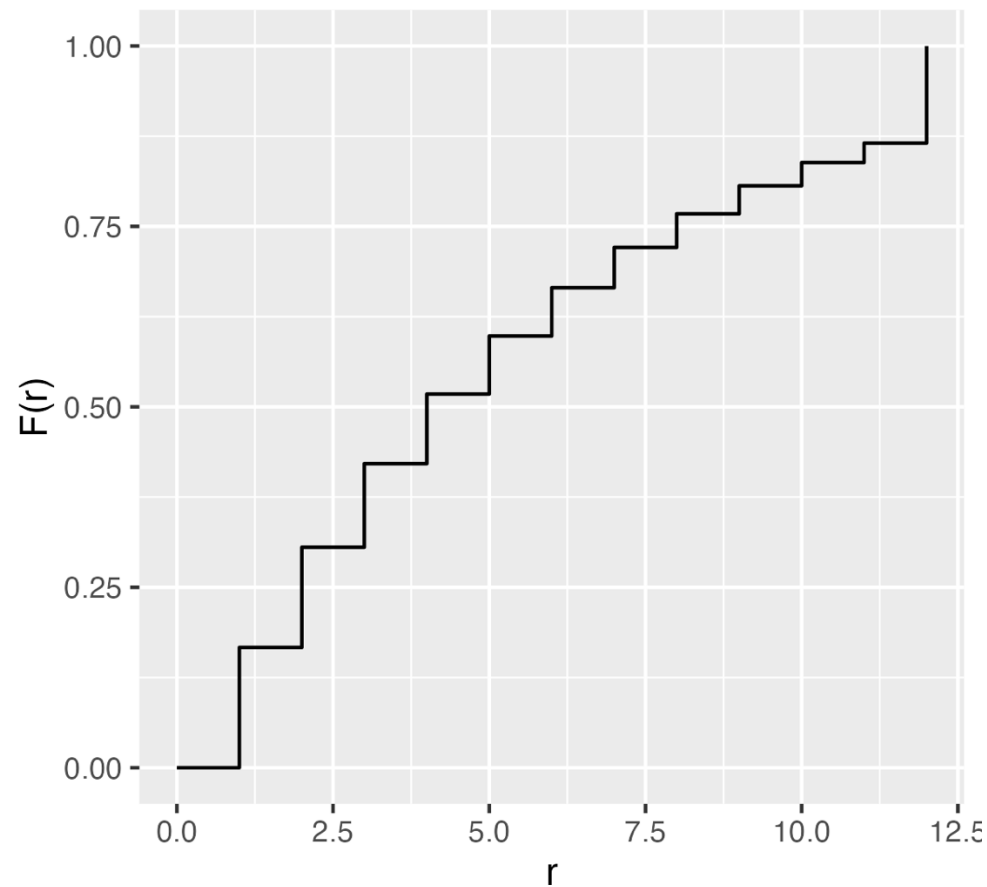
# First Six - Probability Mass Distribution

**A** Dice Roll Geometric Distribution



# First Six -Cumulative Distribution

**B** Dice Roll Cumulative Geometric Distributic

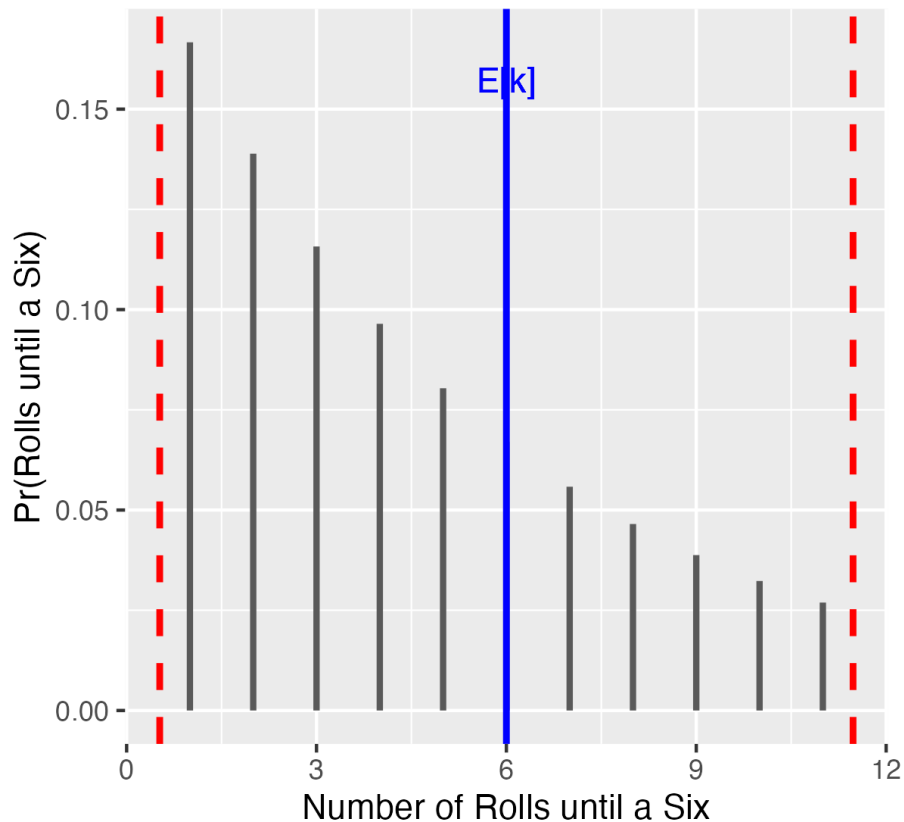




# First Six

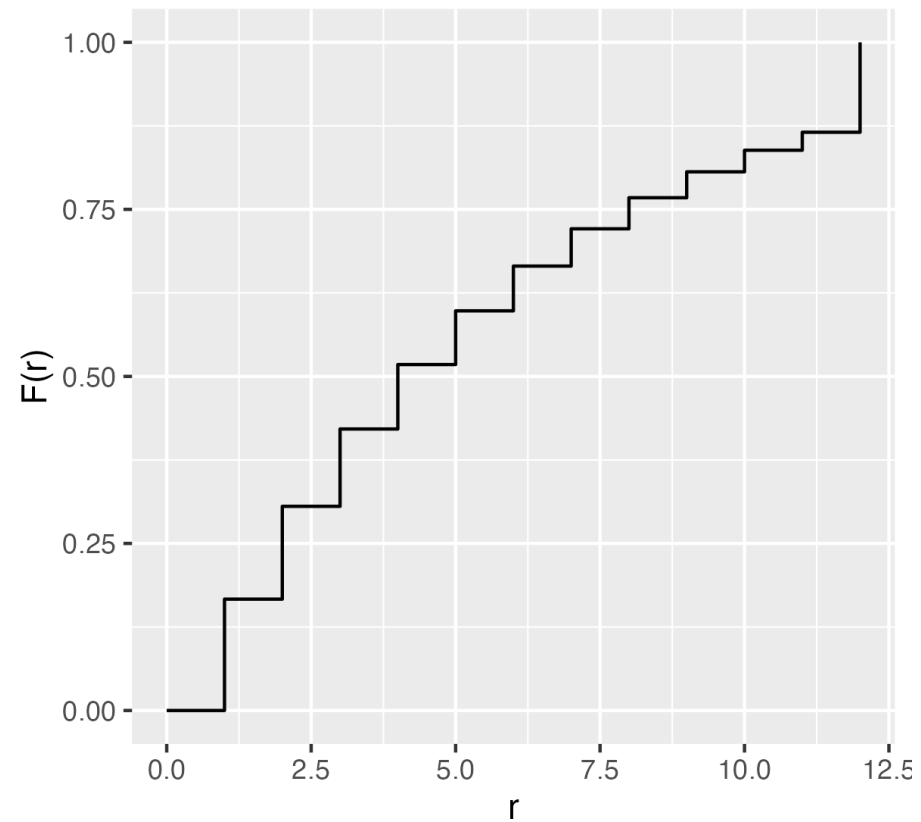
## PROBABILITY MASS FUNCTION

**A** Dice Roll Geometric Distribution



## CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION

**B** Dice Roll Cumulative Geometric Distributic



# Note about Notation

- $X \sim G(p)$ 
  - $P$  is the probability
- In R
  - **dgeom(x, prob, log = FALSE)**: returns the value of the geometric probability density function  
Note  $x$  starts at 0.
  - **pgeom(q, prob, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)**: returns the value of the geometric cumulative density function.
  - **qgeom(p, prob, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)**: returns the value of the inverse geometric cumulative density function.
  - **rgeom(n, prob)**: generates a vector of geometric distributed random variables.

# Rugby - Ireland vs New Zealand

# Ireland vs New Zealand



1. The probability of Ireland beating New Zealand in a one off game is 0.15.
2. Describe the geometric distribution if Ireland played New Zealand until Ireland wins.

# Ireland vs New Zealand

$$\Pr(\text{Ireland Win})=0.15,$$

$$\Pr(\text{New Zealand Win})=1-0.15=0.85$$

$$\Pr(X=x) = p(x) = 0.85^{x-1}0.15 = (1 - 0.15)^{x-1}0.15$$

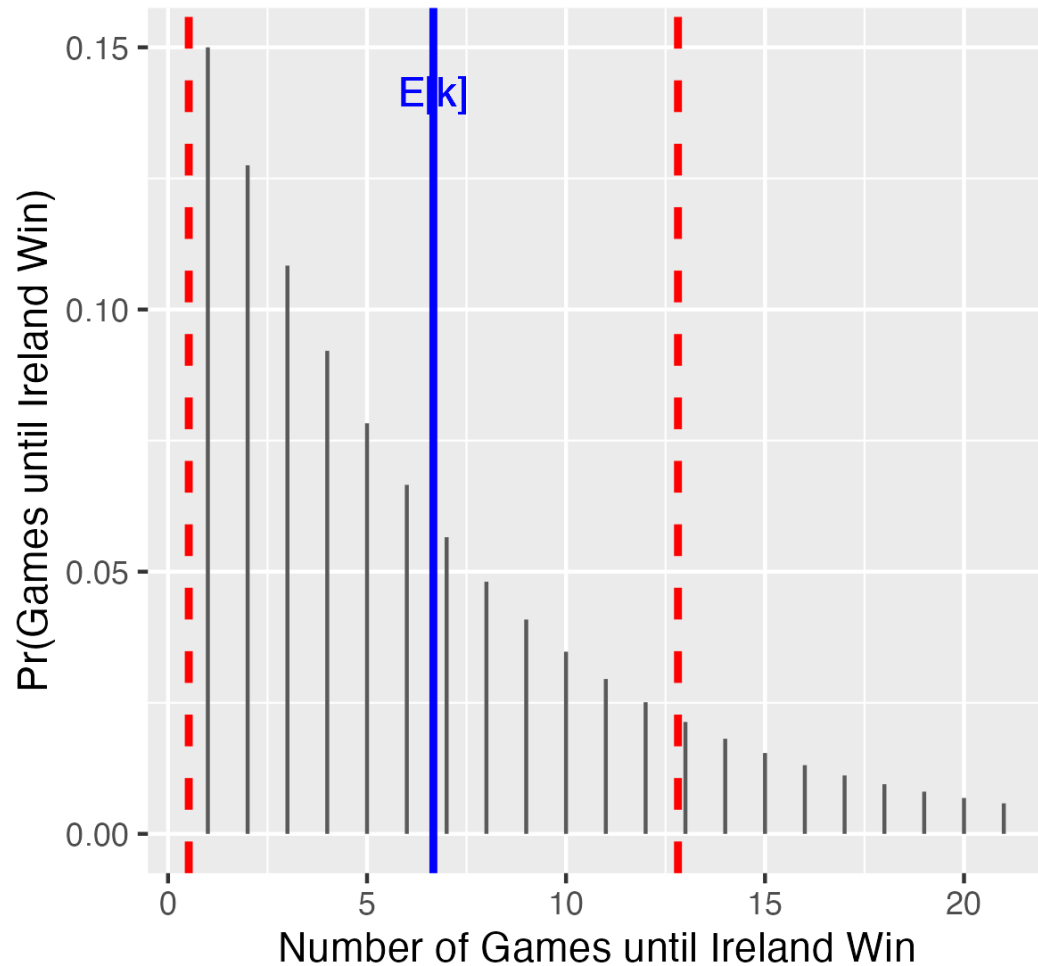
Number of times to play until a win,  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty, 0 < p < 1$

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{0.15} = 6.66667$$

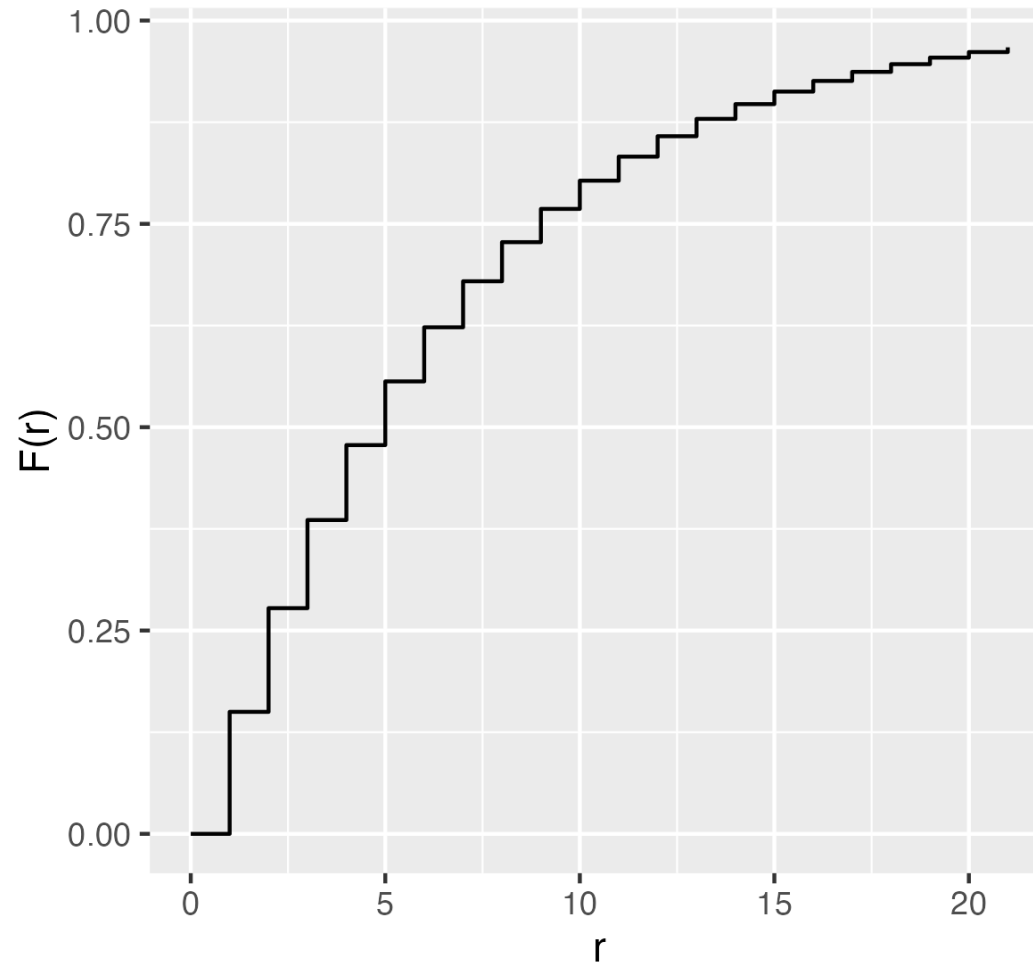
$$\text{Var}[X] = \frac{0.85}{0.15^2} = 37.778$$

# Ireland vs New Zealand

**A** Geometric Distribution



**B** Cumulative Geometric Distribution



# Transmission Error

# Example- Transmission Error

1. One percent of bits transmitted through a digital transmission are received in error. Bits are transmitted until the first error.
2. Let  $X$  denote the number of bits transmitted until the first error.



# Product Error

# Example - Product Error

- It is known that 5% of smart phones on a production line are defective. Products are inspected until the first defective smart phone is encountered
- Let  $X$  number of inspections to obtain first defective

# Example 2 - Product Error

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- You go to the Factory and for 10 days you test until you find a defective product

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Freq of fault	15	13	16	14	11	7	9	6	5	4

- Do you believe the factory has a product error rate of 0.05?

# Takeaway Point

- **Probability distributions** allow us to model uncertainty in discrete outcomes.
- A **Bernoulli trial** is a random experiment with exactly two possible outcomes—success or failure—where the probability of success remains constant across trials.
- **Geometric distributions** model binary outcomes and the number of trials until the first success.

