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ASSIGNMENT 1

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Exempler:10.13.2.13 - If I toss a coin 3 times and get head each time, should I expect a tail to have a higher chance in the 4th toss? Give reason in support of your answer.

Solution: No. Because each coin toss is independent.

Random variable	Definition
X	number of heads achieved in first 3 coin tosses
Y	$Y = 1$ if 4^{th} coin toss is head and 0 if tail

$$X \sim B(3, p)$$

p = Probability of head = $\frac{1}{2}$

$$\Pr(Y = 1 \mid X = 3) = \frac{\Pr(Y = 1, X = 3)}{\Pr(X = 3)}$$
 (1)

$$=\frac{\binom{3}{3}\frac{1}{2}^4}{\binom{3}{3}\frac{1}{2}^3}=0.5$$
 (2)

$$\Pr(Y = 0 \mid X = 3) = \frac{\Pr(Y = 0, X = 3)}{\Pr(X = 3)}$$
 (3)

$$=\frac{\binom{3}{3}\frac{1}{2}^4}{\binom{3}{3}\frac{1}{2}^3}=0.5\tag{4}$$

Hence there is equal chance for head and tail on 4th coin toss.