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Lecture 18

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```
rbinom(10, size = 5, prob = 0.3)
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```
## [1] 2 2 3 0 4 3 2 1 0 2
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- ▶ **Note:** **R** is using the second definition of the Geometric Distribution, with the support $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$, i.e., in **R**, $X \sim \text{Geom}(p)$ shows *the number of Failures before the first Success*
- ▶ Example:

```
rgeom(10,prob = 0.3)
```

```
## [1] 17 0 3 0 1 1 2 4 0 4
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```
rpois(10, lambda = 2)
```

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- ▶ Models: Usually we think about the Uniform Distribution when talking about *picking a random number from an interval*

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```
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```

```
## [1] 4.336598 4.944355 3.633583 3.639146 2.274558 4.7676  
## [9] 2.691521 3.161340
```