

- Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  be the  $n$  items that we have seen. We want to prove that the probability of any of them being in memory is  $\frac{1}{n}$ .
- Let's define a r.v.  $X_n$  which will take the value of the item in memory after  $n$  steps. So, we need to prove that  $\Pr[X_n = a_i] = \frac{1}{n}$   $\forall 1 \leq i \leq n$ .
- Induction proof:

• Base case:  $n=1 \rightarrow X_1 = a_1 = 1$  (only one item at this point)  $\checkmark$

• I.H.: Assuming that  $\Pr[X_n = a_i] = \frac{1}{n}$  works  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq n$ , we will prove that it holds for  $n+1$ .

•  $n+1$ : After  $n+1$  <sup>steps</sup> ~~steps~~, we have that  $X_{n+1} = a_{n+1}$  with a probability of  $\frac{1}{n+1}$ . Therefore,  $\Pr[X_{n+1} = a_{n+1}] = \frac{1}{n+1}$ .  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq n$  we have:

~~From the induction hypothesis, we have that  $\Pr[X_n = a_i] = \frac{1}{n}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .~~

$$\Pr[X_{n+1} = a_i] = \Pr[\text{no replacement after } n \text{ steps} \& X_n = a_i] =$$

$$= \Pr[\text{no replacement after } n \text{ steps}] \cdot \Pr[X_n = a_i] =$$

I.H.  $\rightarrow$

$$= \frac{n}{n+1} \cdot \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{n+1} \checkmark$$