# **Binomial Distribution**

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# Binomial Probability

# Many processes have only 2 possible outcomes

#### Flipping a coin







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Effectiveness of a drug:

Effective -vs- Not effective



#### Financial Balance







# Many processes can be broken down into 2 complementary events

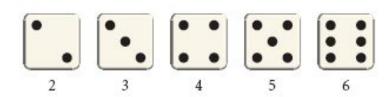
#### Rolling a die



#### Obtaining 1



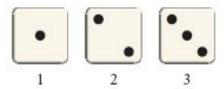
#### Not 1



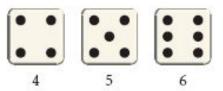
# Rolling a die



1, 2, or 3



4, 5, 6



Fixed number of trials

Repeated trials under identical conditions

Independent trials

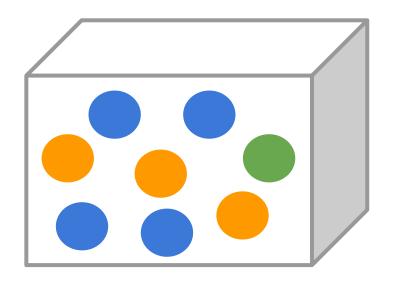
Probability of success is the same in each trial

Goal: Probability of **k** successes out of **n** trials

Flipping a coin 5 times
Identical conditions
Independent trials
Constant probability of heads
Probability of 3 heads



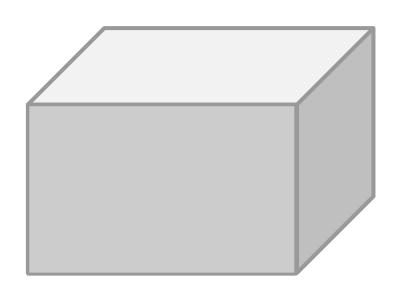
#### 2 Experiments

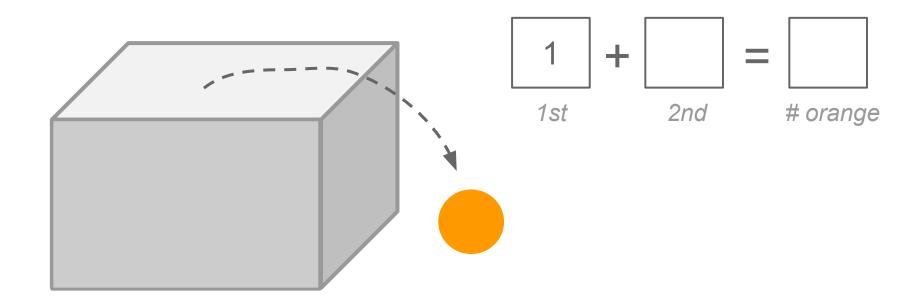


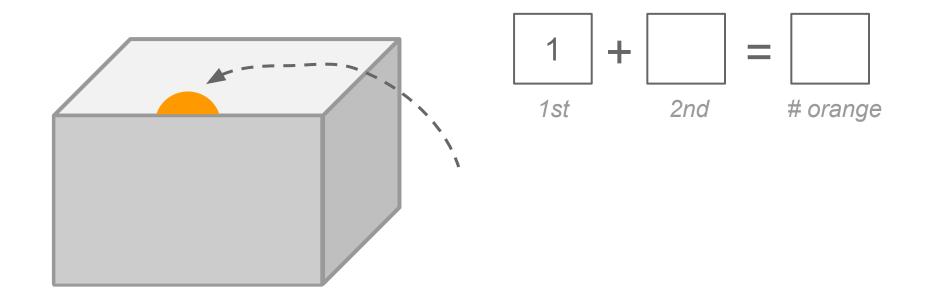
Experiment A: withdraw a ball, replace it, withdraw a 2nd ball, and counting # of orange balls

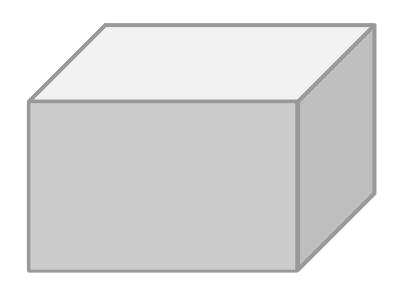
Experiment B: withdraw a ball, no replacement, withdraw a 2nd ball, and counting # of orange balls

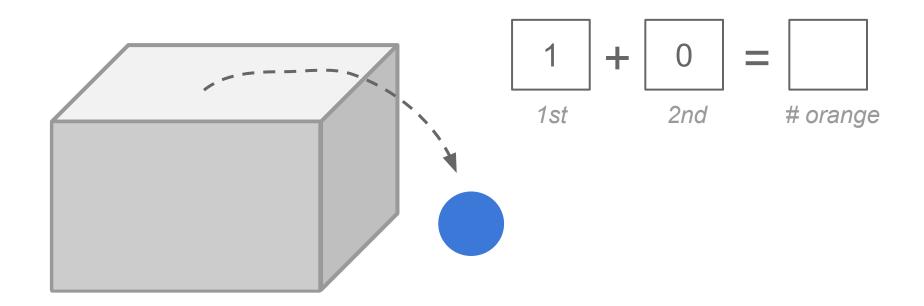
Which experiment is Binomial?

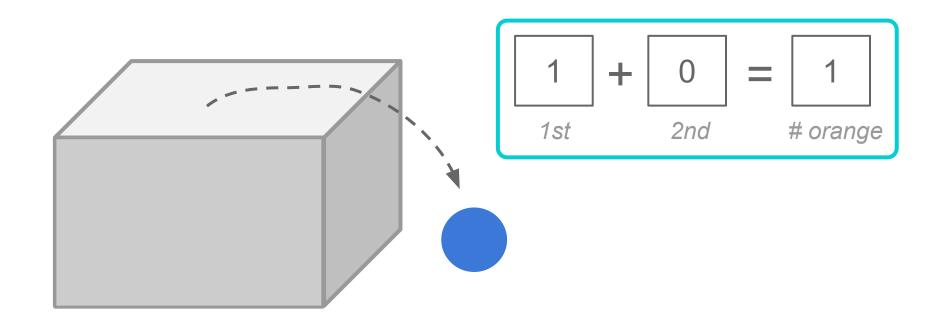












#### **Binomial Probability**

- *n* independent trials
- k successes
- p probability of success

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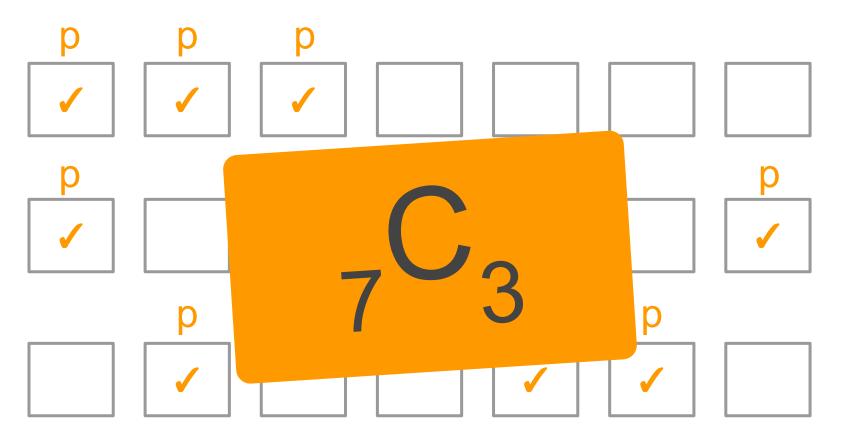
equivalently

$$P(k_{\text{successes}}) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

#### k=3 successes in n=7 trials

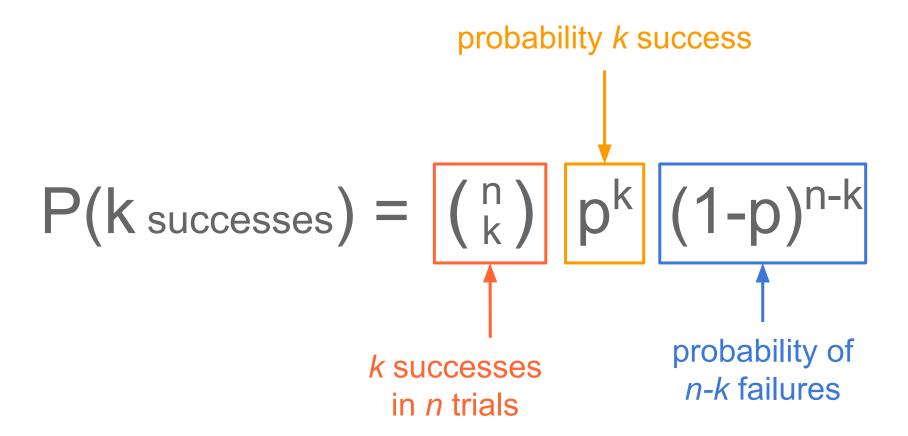


#### k=3 successes in n=7 trials



How many different ways to get 3 successes in 7 trials?

#### **Binomial Probability Formula**



#### Example

3 coins flipped

Probabilities of number of heads?



3 coins are flipped

$$P(X = 0) =$$

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$$P(X = 0) = {}_{3}C_{0} (\frac{1}{2})^{0} (\frac{1}{2})^{3}$$

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$$P(X = 2) =$$

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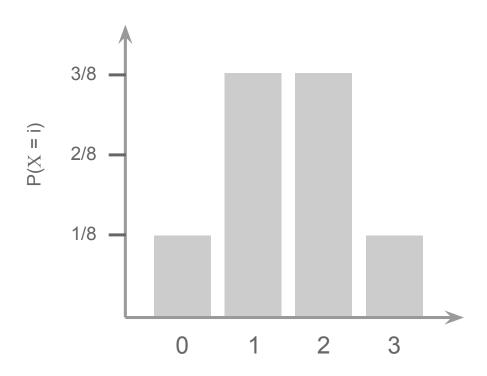
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## Some Expressions

## Inequalities Expressions

Notation	Expression
k = 4	Four successes
$k \ge 4$ (k = 4, 5, 6,, n)	Four or more successes At least four successes No fewer than four successes
$k \le 4$ ( $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ )	Four or fewer successes At most four successes No more than four successes
k > 4 (k = 5, 6,, n)	More than four successes
k < 4 (k = 0, 1, 2, 3)	Fewer than four successes



Jim makes about 50% of the field goals he attempts

Draw the distribution probability that Jim will make 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 shots out of six attempts.

$$n = ?$$

$$p = ?$$

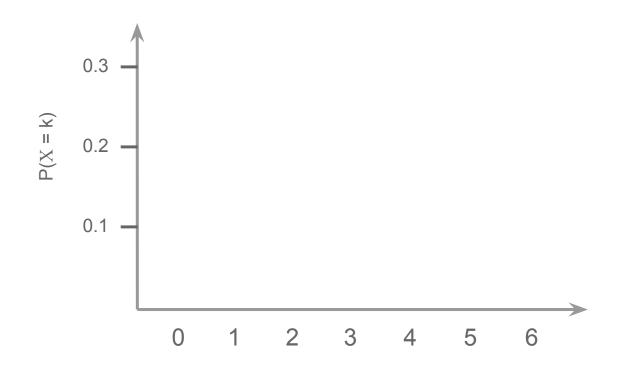
$$k = ?$$

$$P(X = k) = {6 \choose k} 0.5^{k} (1-0.5)^{6-k}$$

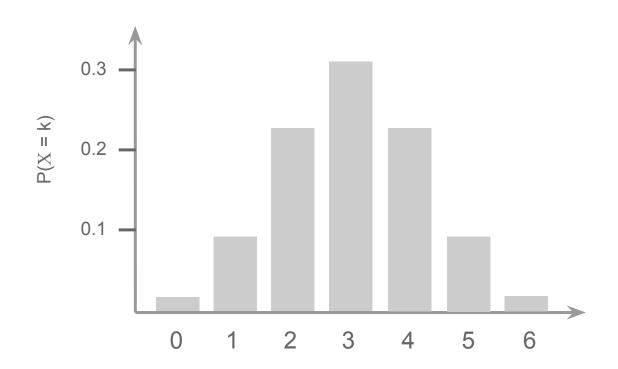
k	P(k)
0	
1	
2	
3	
4	
2 3 4 5 6	
6	

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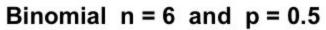


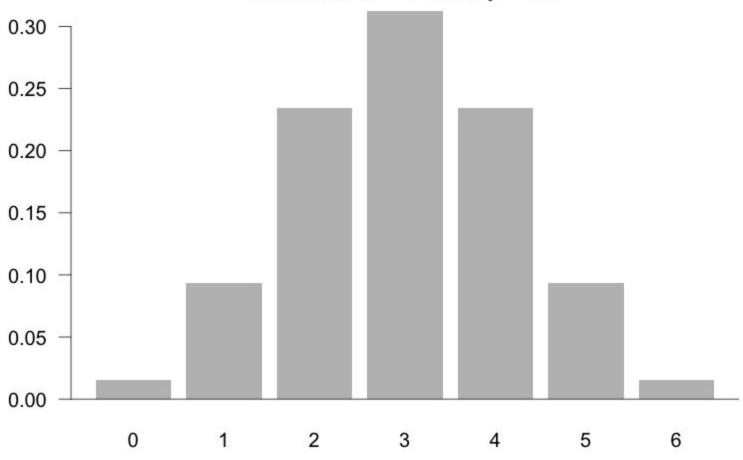
# Graphics of Binomial Distribs.

#### X binomial random variable

$$n = 6$$

$$p = 0.5$$

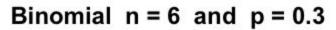


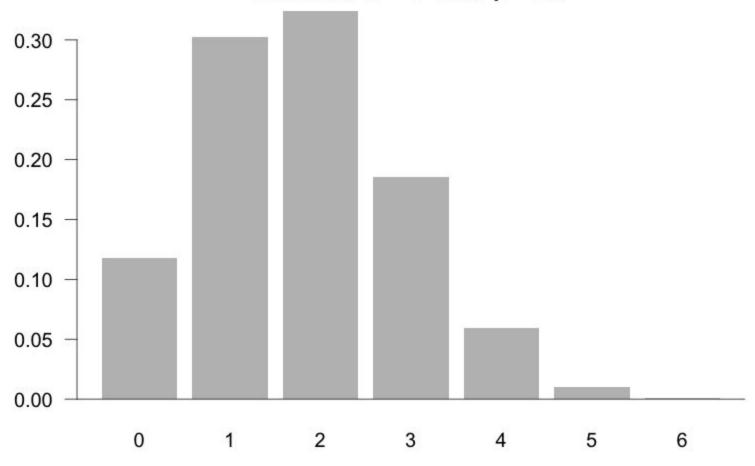


#### X binomial random variable

$$n = 6$$

$$p = 0.3$$



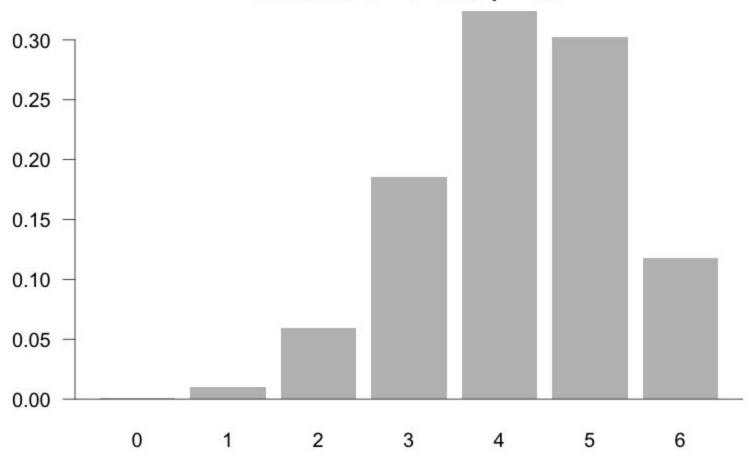


#### X binomial random variable

$$n = 6$$

$$p = 0.7$$

#### Binomial n = 6 and p = 0.7



X binomial random variable

$$n = 6$$

p = 0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.9

