

# [301] Randomness

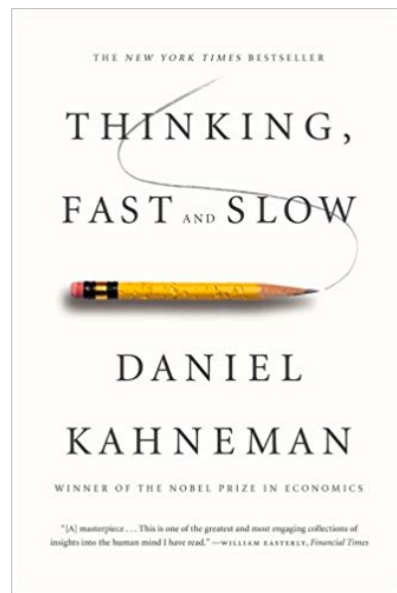
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# Which series was randomly generated?

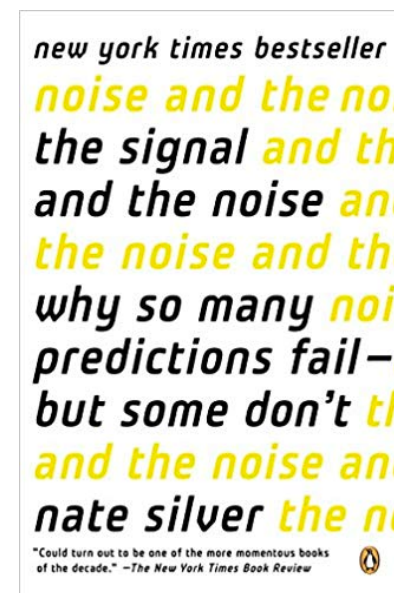
## Which did I pick by hand?



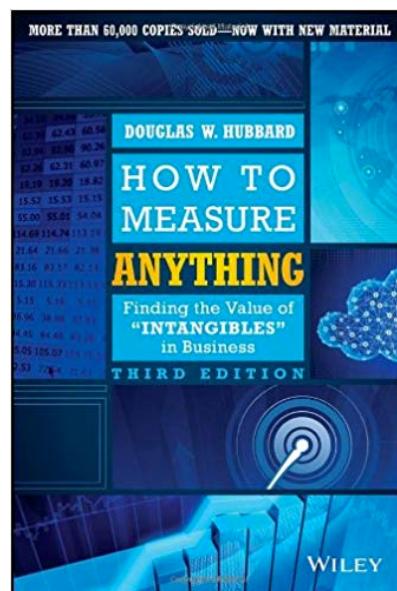
# Announcement 1: Recommended popular stats books (for winter-break reading)



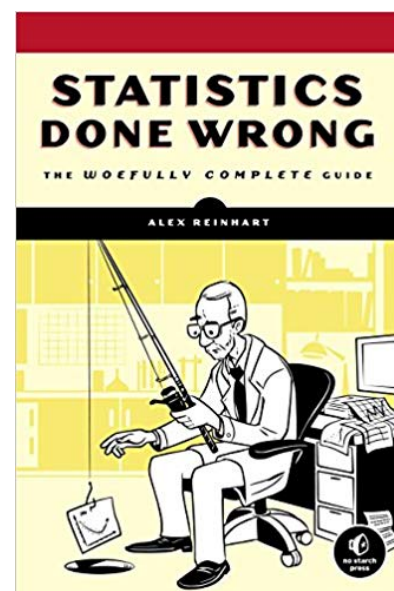
**Thinking, Fast and Slow**  
by Daniel Kahneman



**The Signal and the Noise**  
by Nate Silver



**How to Measure Anything**  
by Douglas W. Hubbard



**Statistics Done Wrong**  
by Alex Reinhart

# Announcement 2: Course Evaluations

## Section 1:

<https://aefis.wisc.edu/index.cfm/page/AefisCourseSection.surveyResults?courseSectionid=580893>

## Section 2:

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**Evaluations are important generally,  
but especially this semester**

- my first time teaching CS 301
- we made major changes to CS 301 this semester
- I promise to read every evaluation after the semester ends

# Announcement 3: Final Exam Prep

## Details: similar to midterms

- worth 20%
- 2 hours on **Dec 19th at 7:45am** (in the morning!)
- you can have a hand-written notesheet
- we'll use any extra time this Wed to review
- cumulative, across whole semester
- topics **NOT** included on the exam: beautifulsoup, regression, simulation

## Recommended prep

- make sure you understand all the **study sheet** problems
- review the **readings**, especially anything I took the time to write myself
- review everything you got wrong on the **midterms**
- review the **slides**
- review the code you wrote for the **projects**

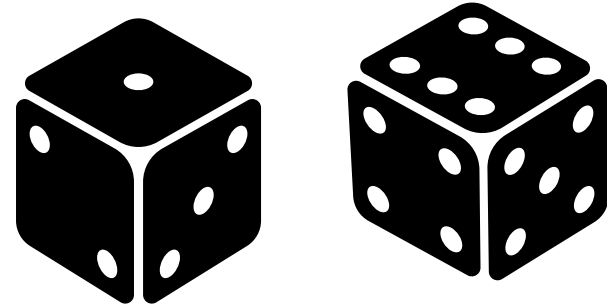
## Comments on old finals

- we'll post them, because people ask for them
- content has evolved a lot in the last 3rd of CS 301, so **they're not great review material**

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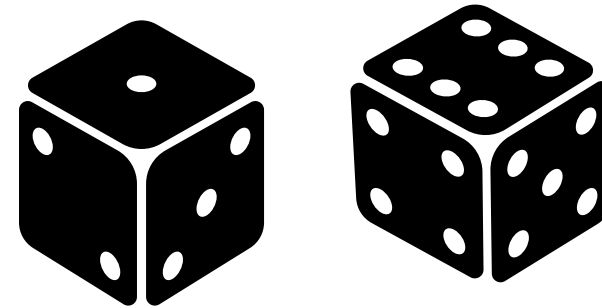
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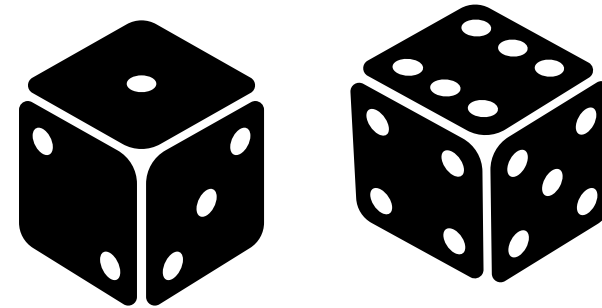
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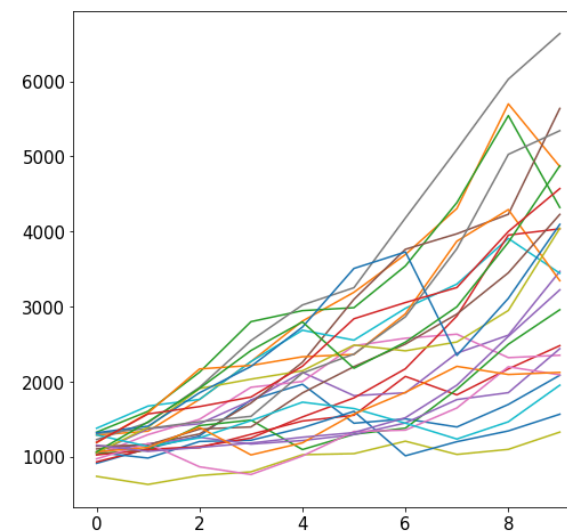
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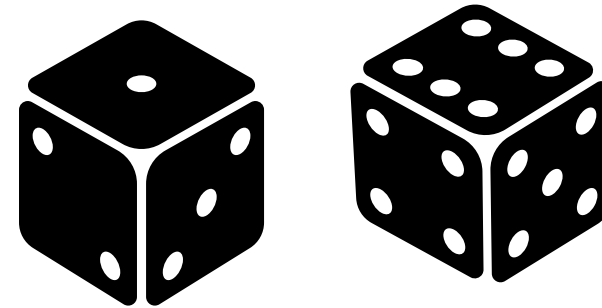


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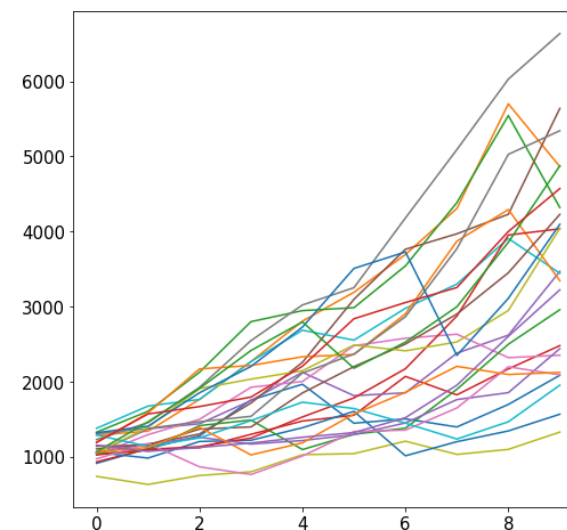
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**our focus**

# Outline

choice()

pseudorandom: debugging/seeding

visualization: bar plots vs. histograms

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statistical significance: an intuitive approach

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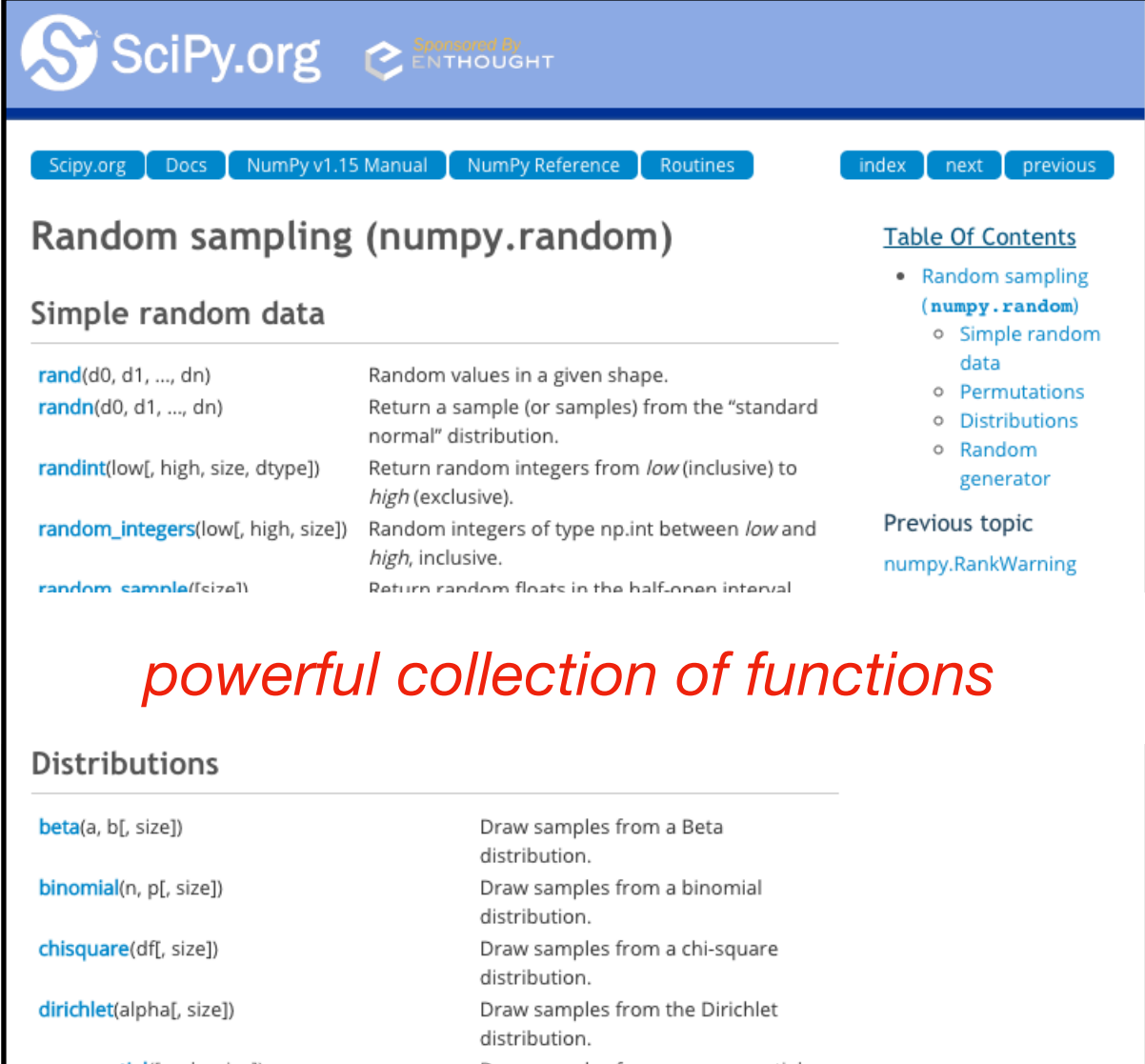
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Previous topic

[numpy.RankWarning](#)

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rock
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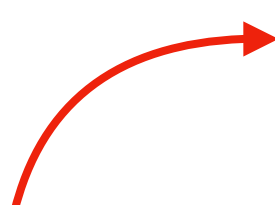
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**each time choice is  
called, a value is randomly  
selected (will vary run to run)**

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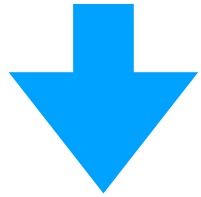
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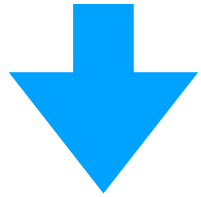
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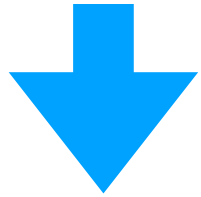
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1-dimensional ndarray with 5 items

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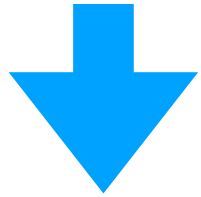
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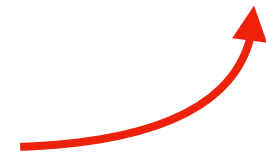


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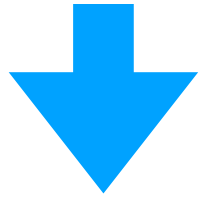
numpy shape tuple



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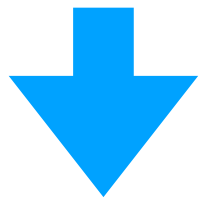
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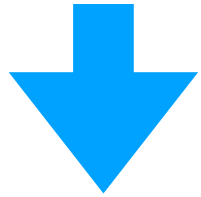


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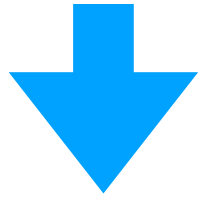
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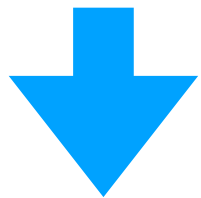
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2-dimensional ndarray with 6 items

# Random values and Pandas

```
from numpy.random import choice, normal

# random Series
choice(["rock", "paper", "scissors"], size=5)
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```
from numpy.random import choice, normal

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Series(choice(["rock", "paper", "scissors"], size=5))
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0	paper
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# random DataFrame
```

```
DataFrame(choice(["rock", "paper", "scissors"], size=(5,3)))
```

	0	1	2
0	scissors	scissors	scissors
1	scissors	scissors	rock
2	rock	scissors	rock
3	scissors	scissors	rock
4	paper	rock	rock

# Demo 1: exploring bias

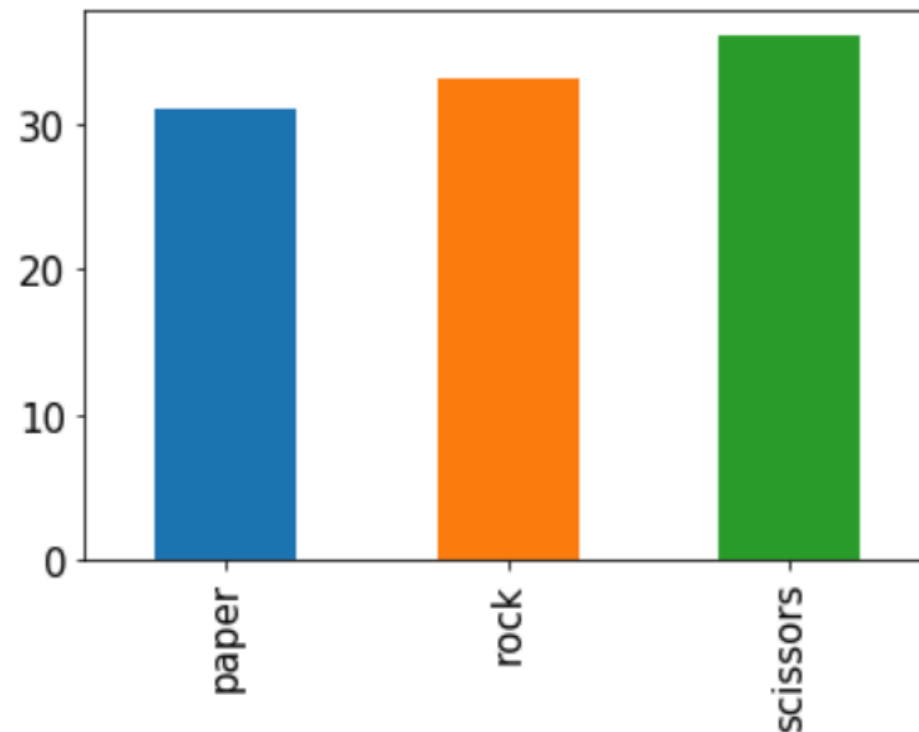
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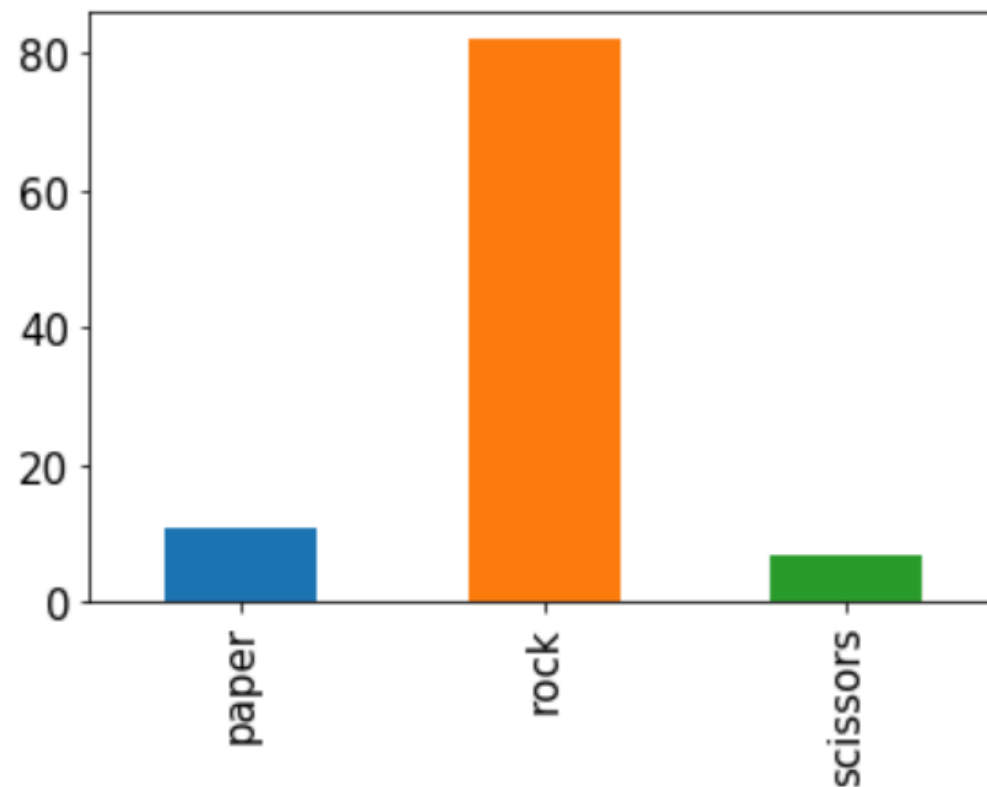


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**Question 2: how can we make it biased (if we want it to be)?**



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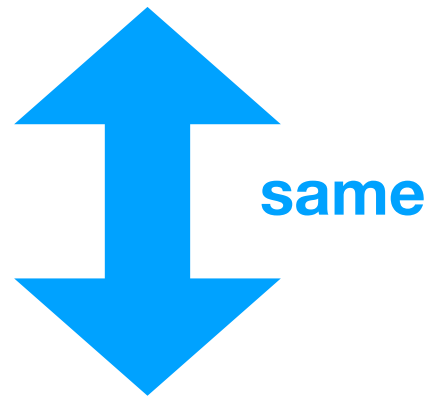
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```
# random int (approach 2): 0, 1, or 2  
choice(3)
```

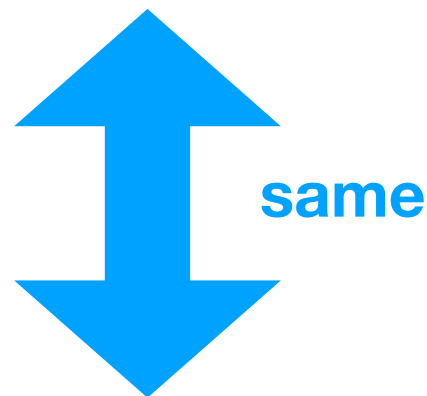


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random non-negative int  
that is **less than 3**

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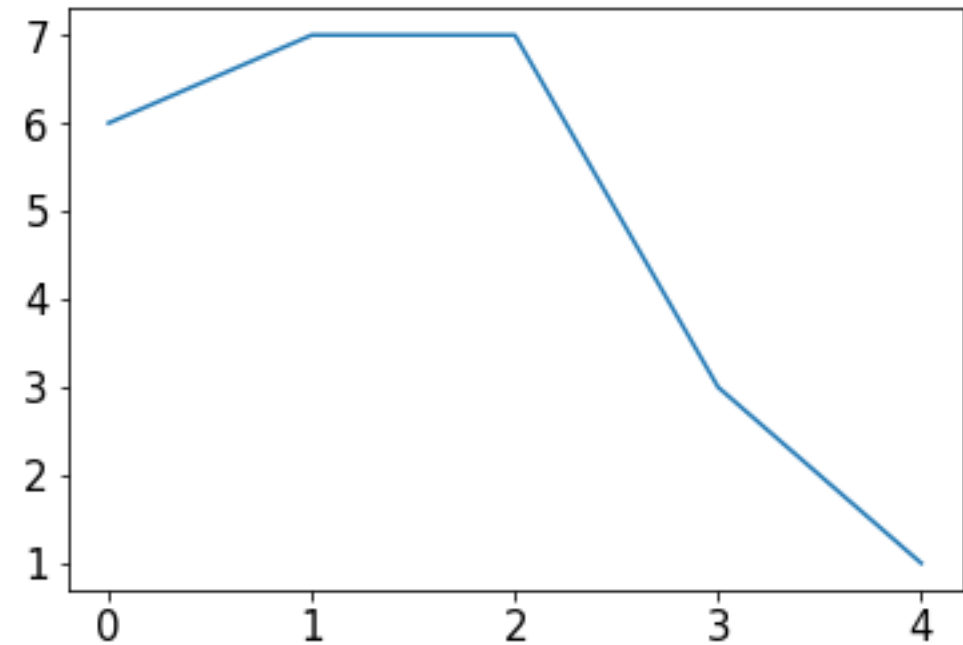
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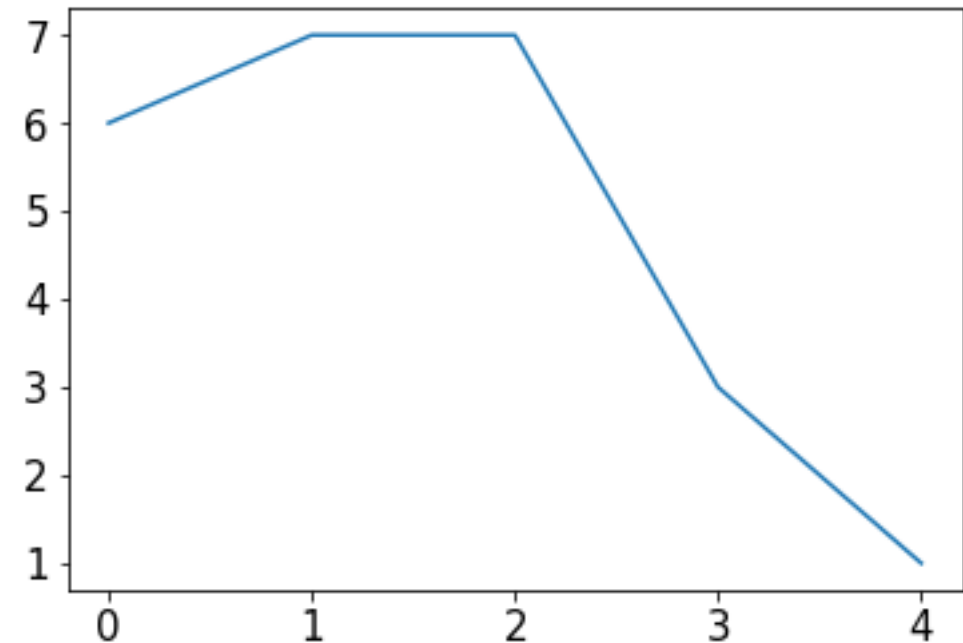


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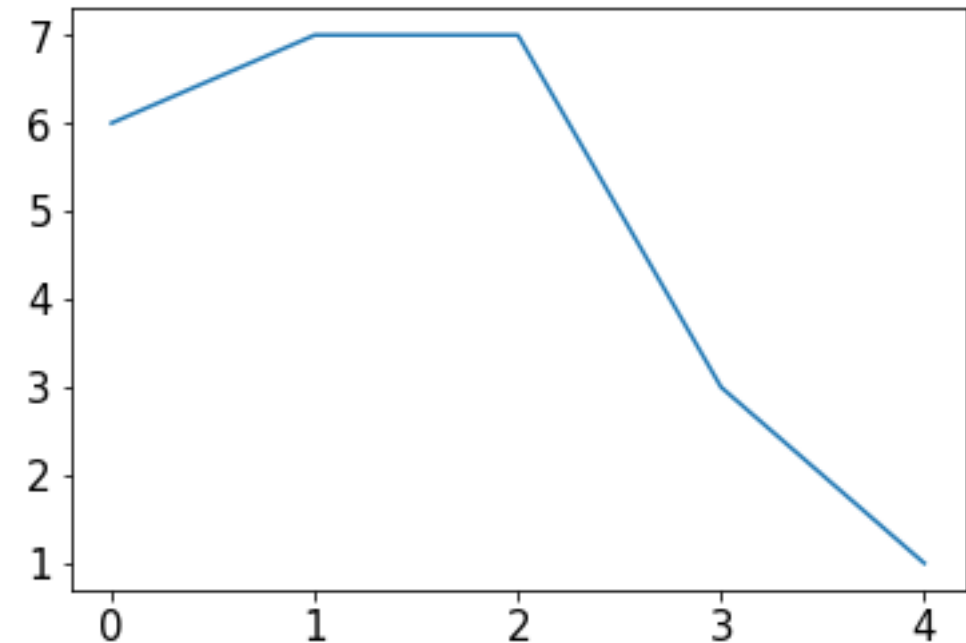
*what are we computing for diff?*

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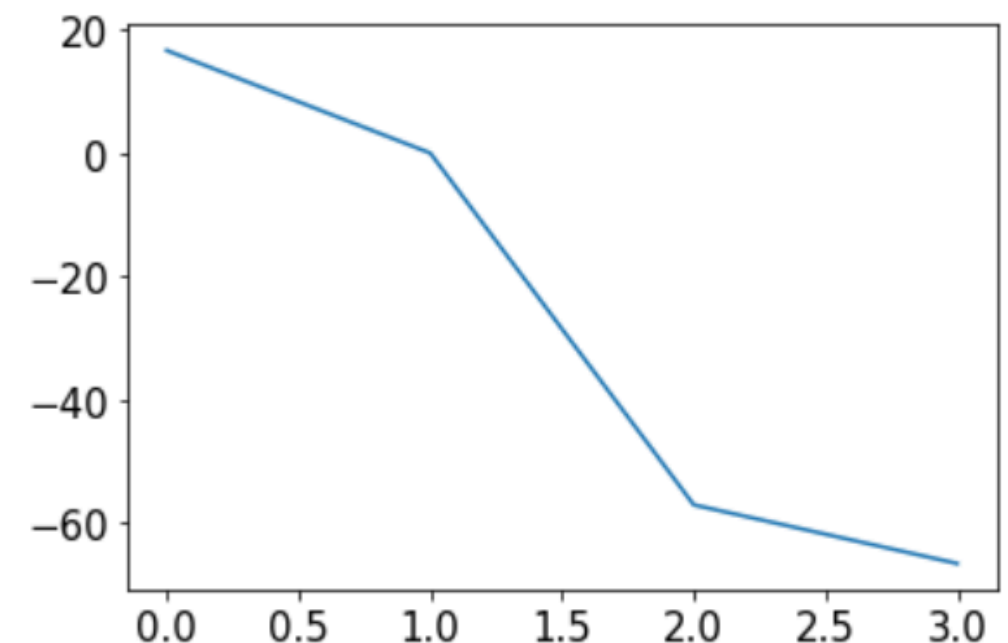
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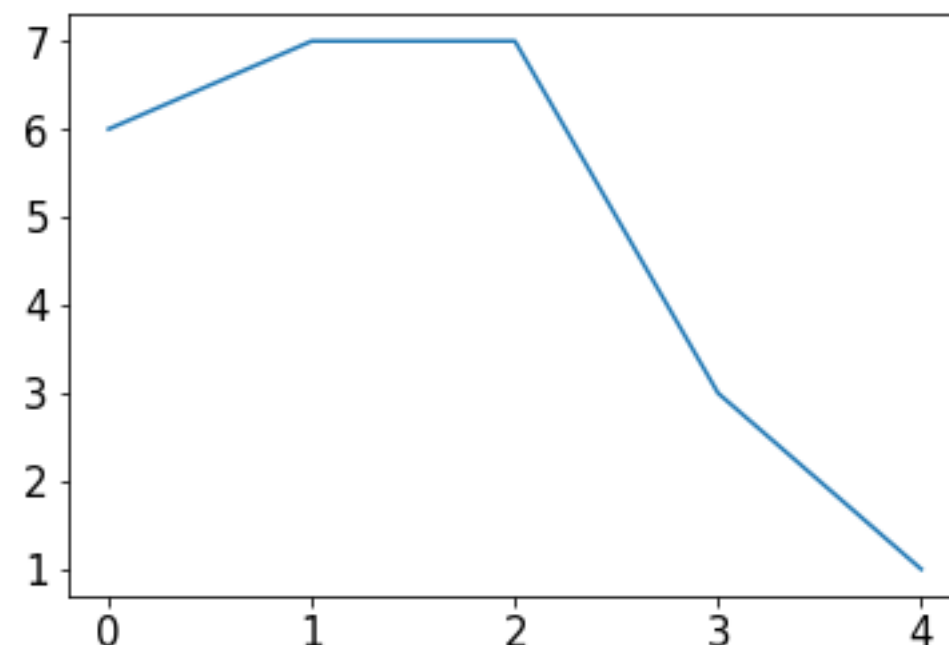


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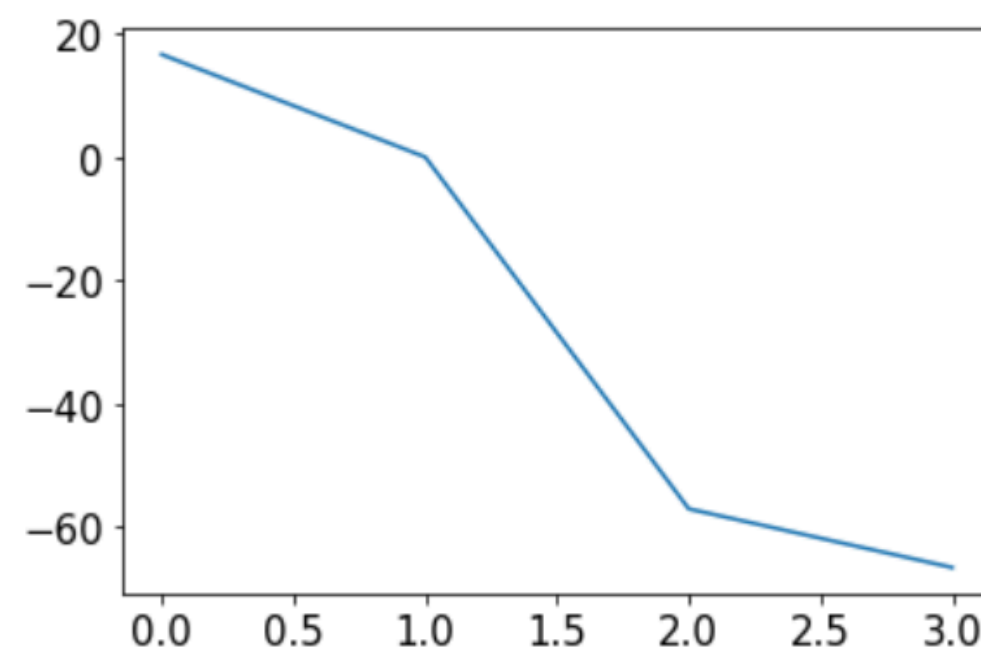
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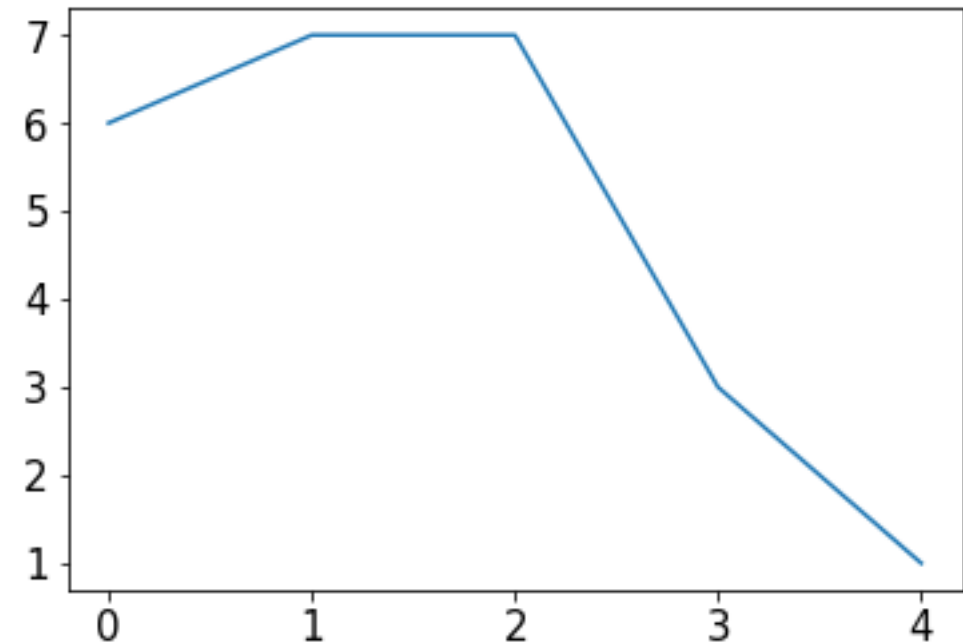


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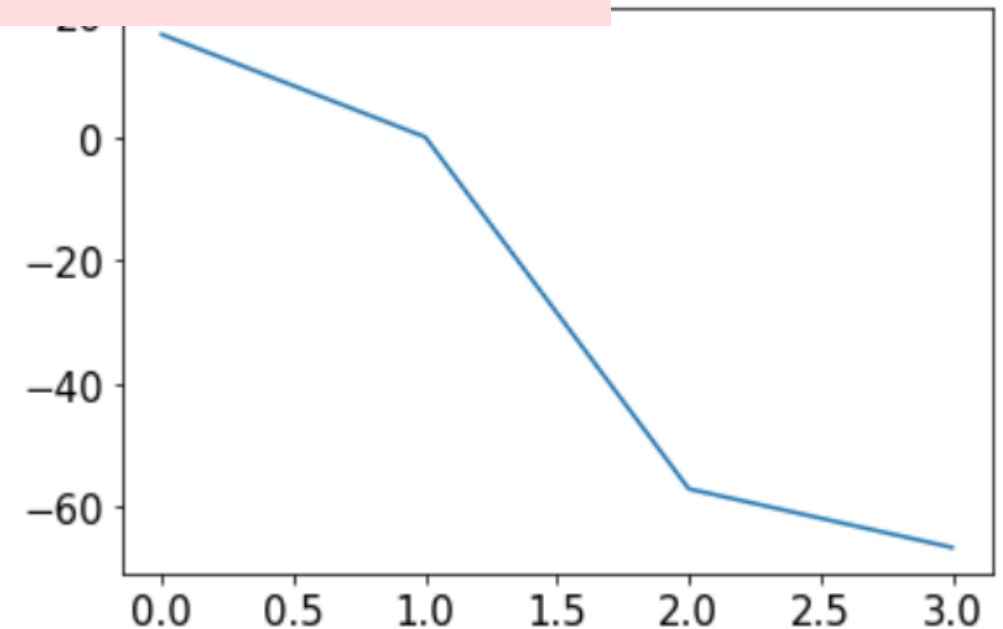
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RuntimeWarning: divide by zero encountered in long_scalars
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*who had a non-reproducible bug for a project this semester?*

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fortunately, the random values we've been generating are not really, truly random. They're merely **pseudorandom**.

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**restart!**

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**seed**

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# Seeding

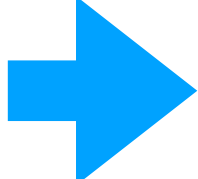
```
from numpy.random import choice, normal  
import numpy as np
```

```
np.random.seed(1)  
choice(10, size=5) ➡ array([5, 8, 9, 5, 0])
```

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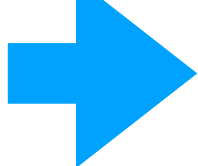
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```

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choice(10, size=5)
```



```
array([5, 8, 9, 5, 0])
```

```
np.random.seed(2)  
choice(10, size=5)
```



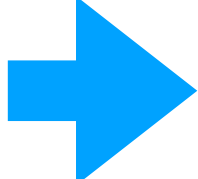
```
array([8, 8, 6, 2, 8])
```



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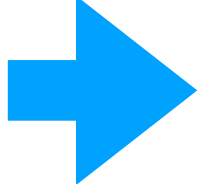
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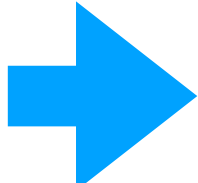
```
array([5, 8, 9, 5, 0])
```

```
np.random.seed(2)  
choice(10, size=5)
```



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```
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choice(10, size=5)
```

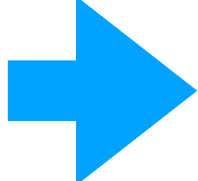


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```

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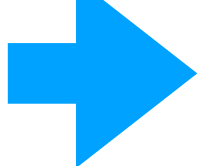
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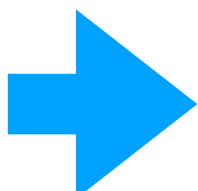
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```

```
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choice(10, size=5)
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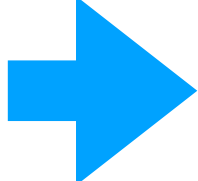


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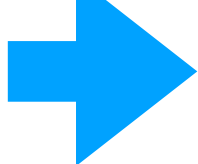
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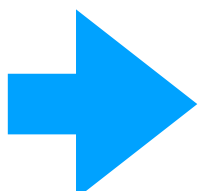
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array([5, 8, 9, 5, 0])
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**Debug tip:** if you have a bug related to randomness, find a seed that causes the bug to arise, then use that seed until you find the problem.  
(don't forget to remove it when you're done!)

# Outline

choice()

pseudorandom: debugging/seeding

visualization: bar plots vs. histograms

normal()

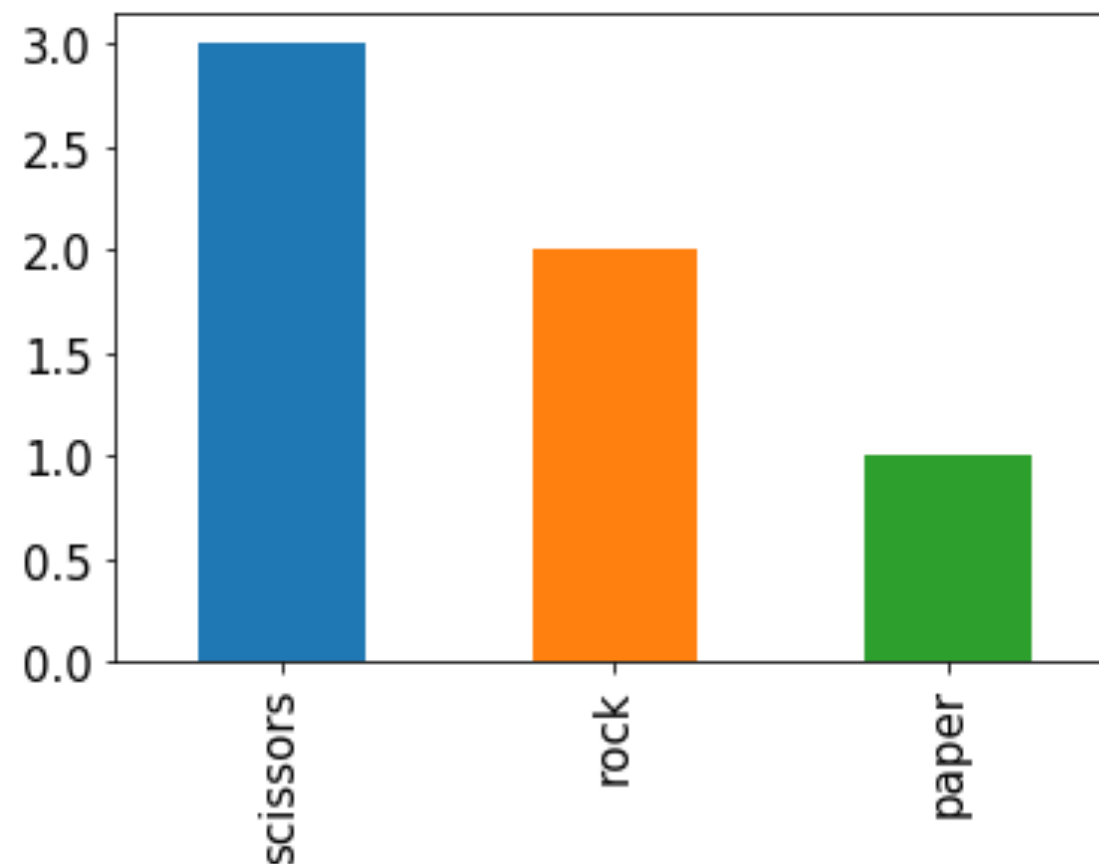
statistical significance: an intuitive approach

# Frequencies across categories

bars are a **good way** to view frequencies **across categories**

```
s = Series(["rock", "rock", "paper",  
           "scissors", "scissors", "scissors"])
```

```
s.value_counts().plot.bar()
```

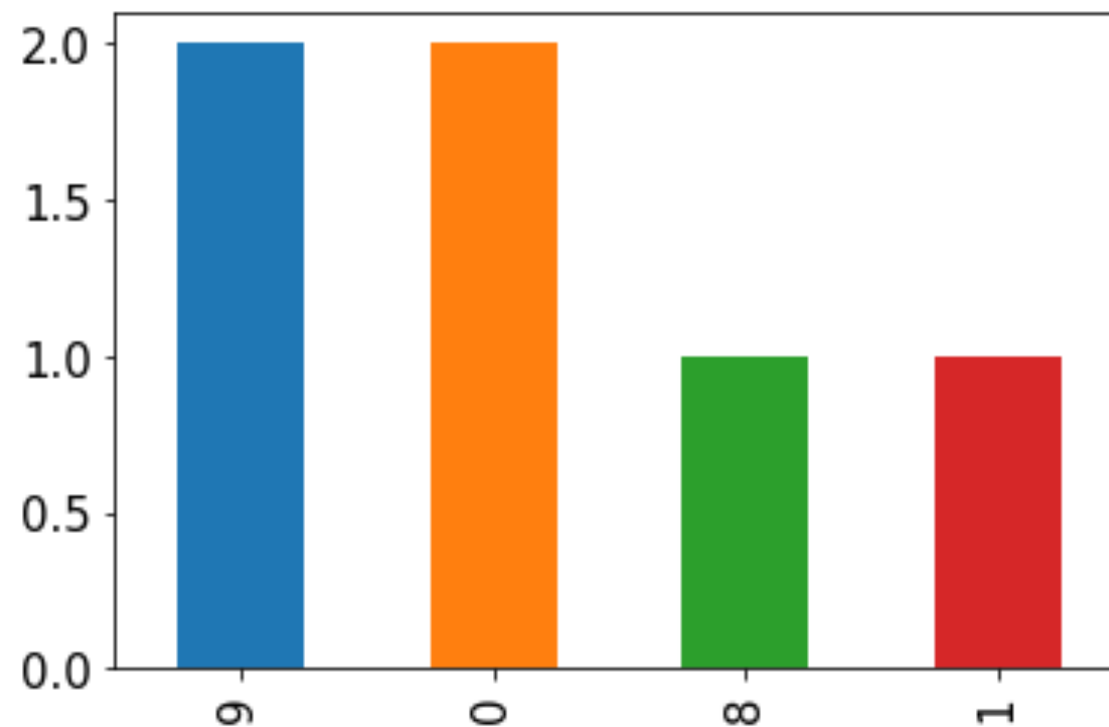


# Frequencies across numbers

bars are a **bad way** to view frequencies **across numbers**

```
s = Series([0, 0, 1, 8, 9, 9])
```

```
s.value_counts().plot.bar()
```



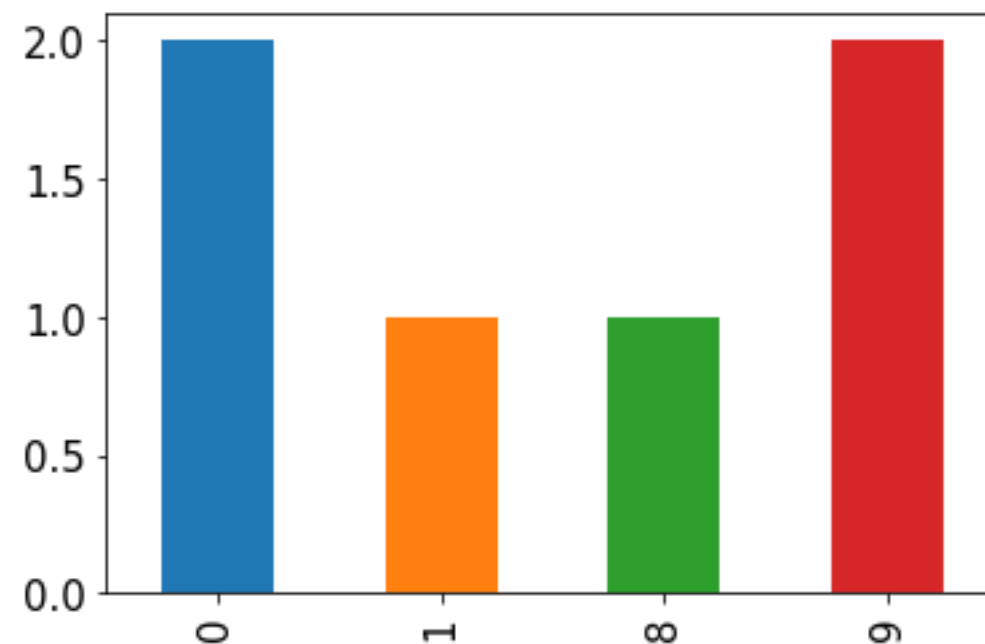
**numbers not ordered**

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```

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```



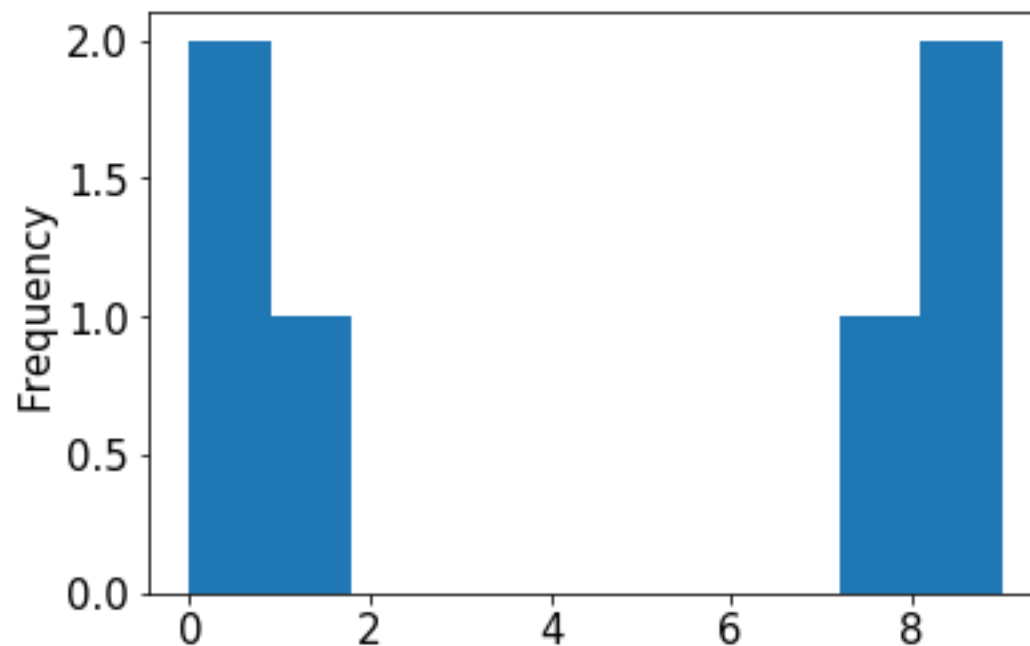
gap between 1 and 8 not obvious

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```
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```

```
s.value_counts().sort_index().plot.bar()  
s.plot.hist()
```



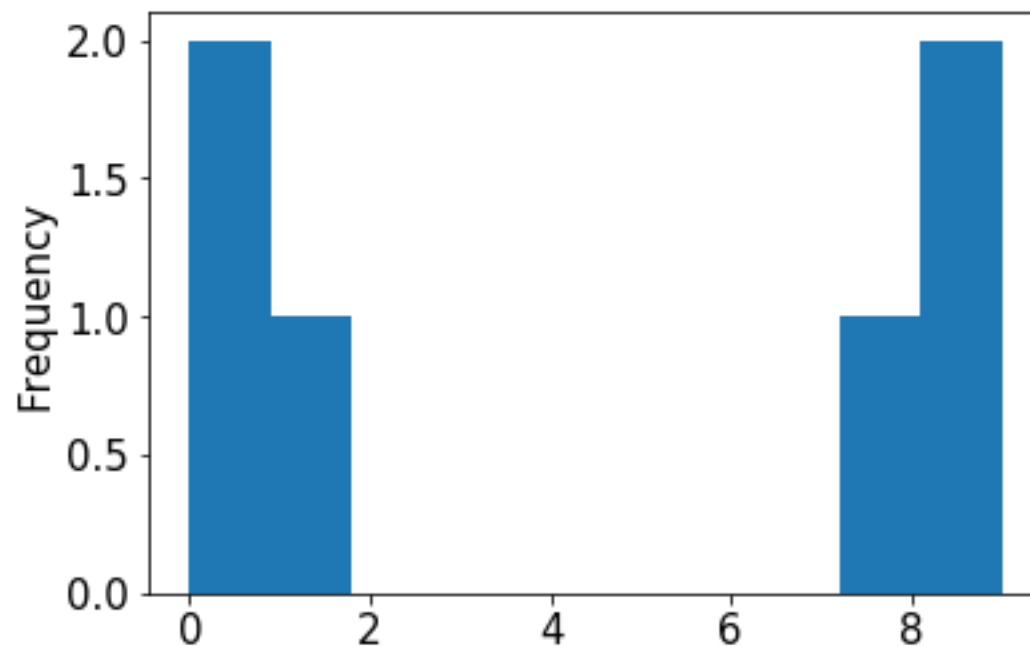


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s.plot.hist()
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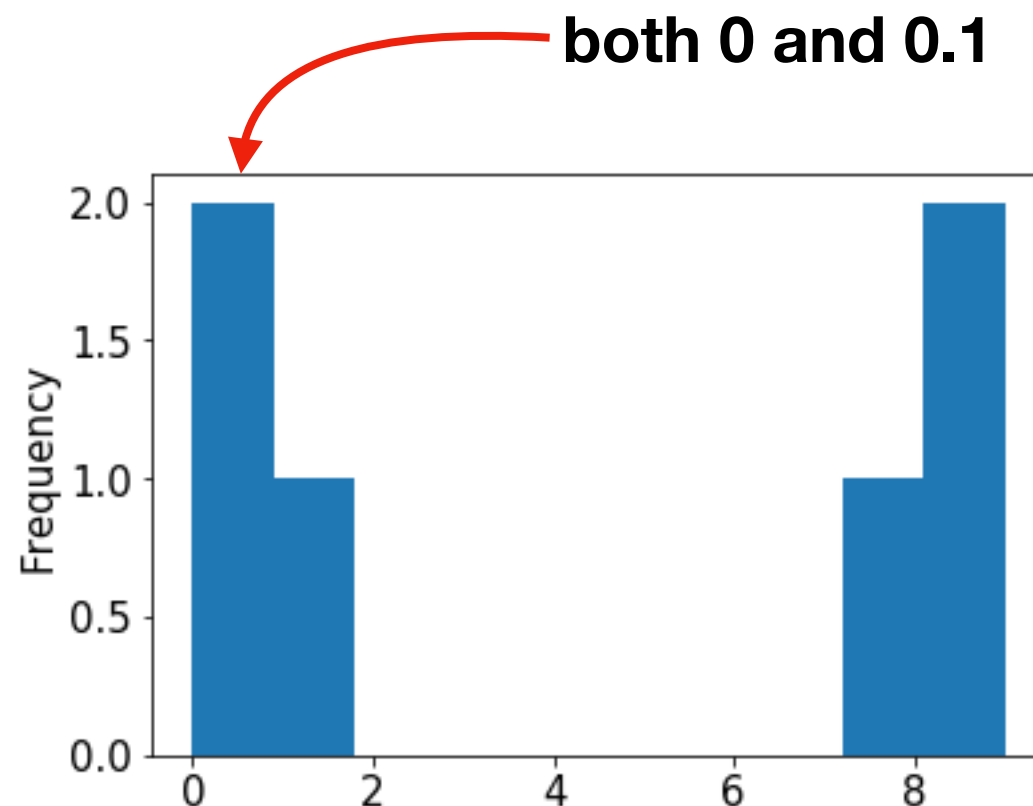
**this kind of plot is called a histogram**

# Frequencies across numbers

histograms are a **good way** to view frequencies **across numbers**

```
s = Series([0.1, 0, 1, 8, 9, 9.2])
```

```
s.value_counts().sort_index().plot.bar()  
s.plot.hist()
```



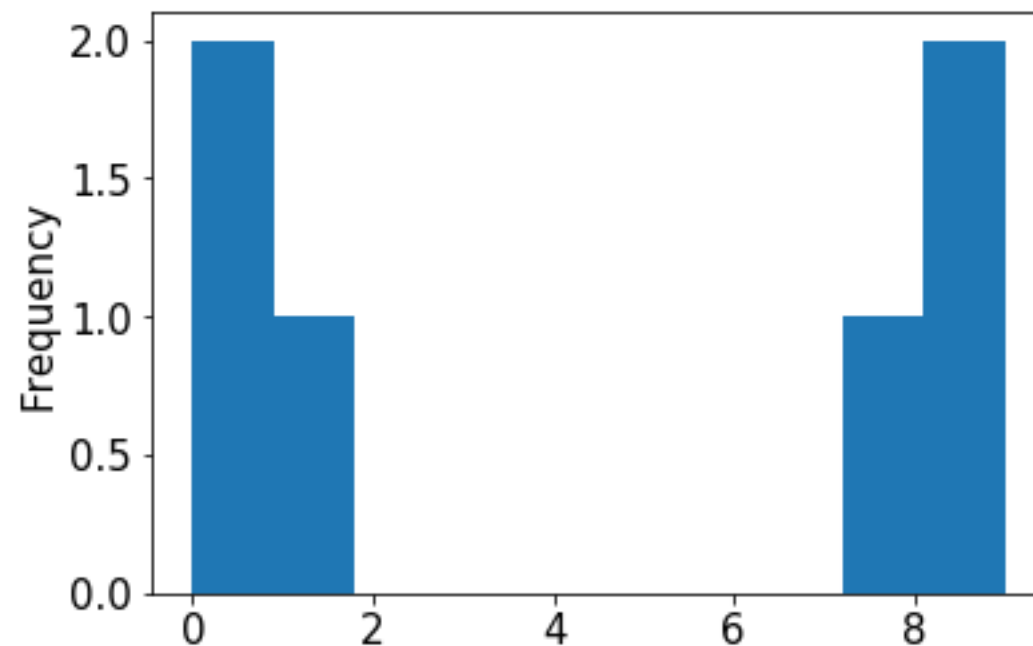
**a histogram "bins" nearby numbers to create discrete bars**

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```
s = Series([0.1, 0, 1, 8, 9, 9.2])
```

```
s.value_counts().sort_index().plot.bar()  
s.plot.hist(bins=10)
```



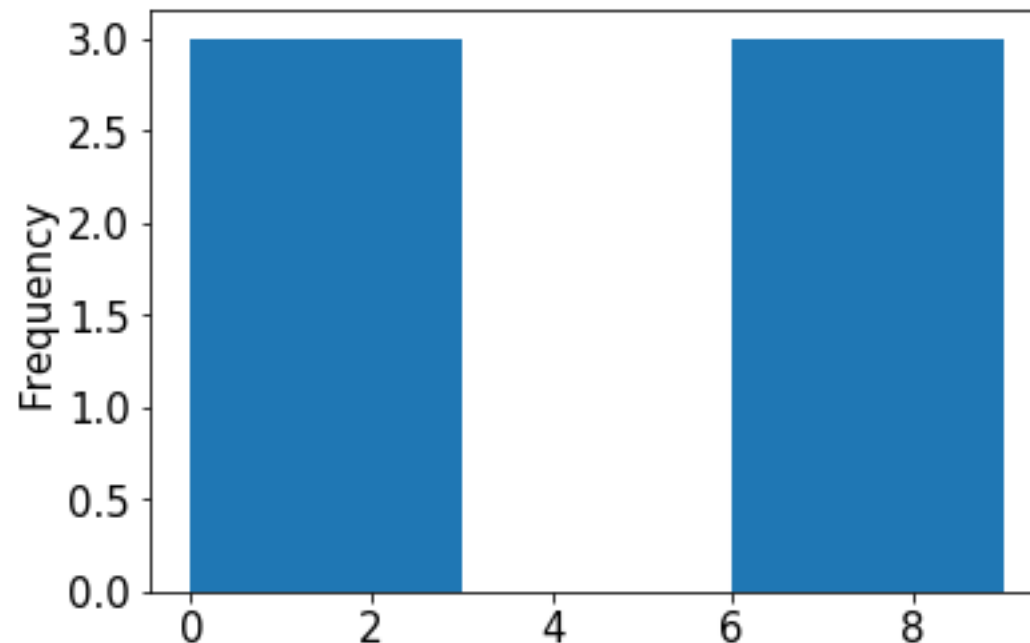
**we can control the number of bins**

# Frequencies across numbers

histograms are a **good way** to view frequencies **across numbers**

```
s = Series([0.1, 0, 1, 8, 9, 9.2])
```

```
s.value_counts().sort_index().plot.bar()  
s.plot.hist(bins=3)
```



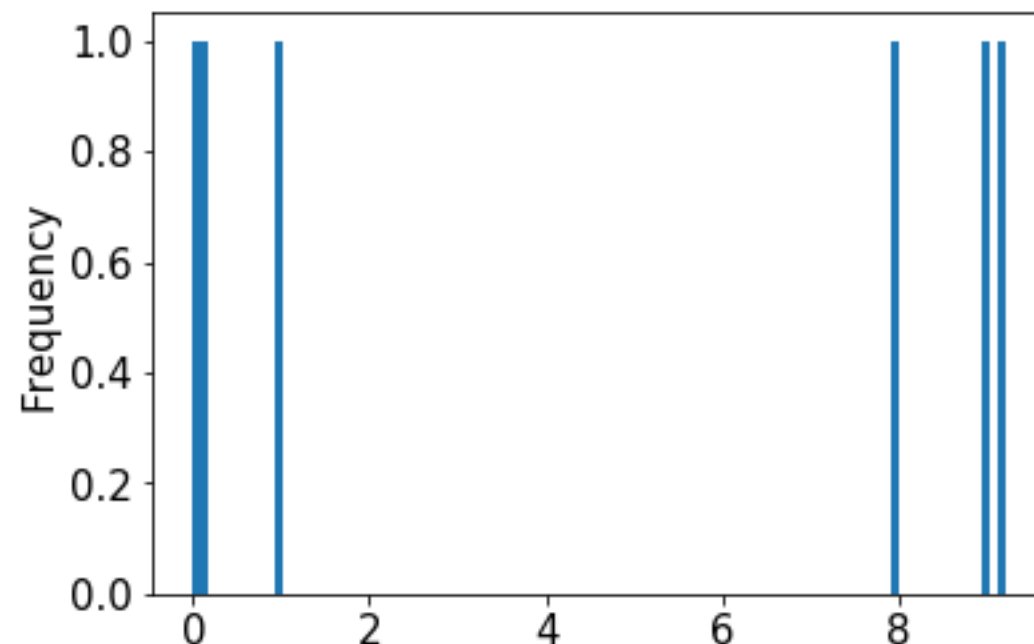
**too few bins provides too little detail**

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```
s = Series([0.1, 0, 1, 8, 9, 9.2])
```

```
s.value_counts().sort_index().plot.bar()  
s.plot.hist(bins=100)
```



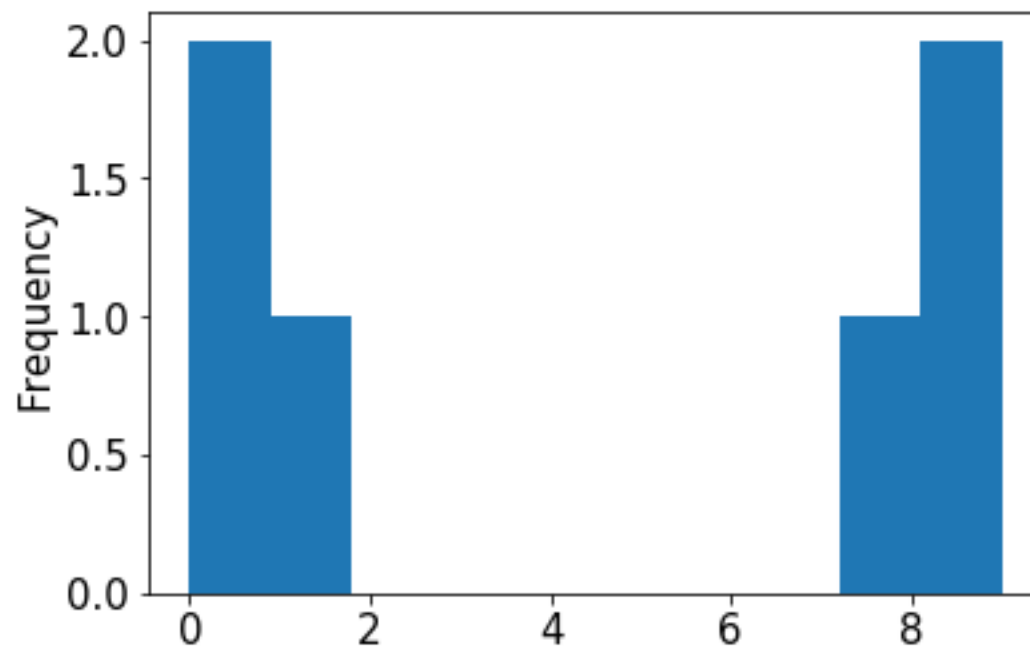
**too many bins provides too much detail (equally bad)**

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s.plot.hist(bins=10)
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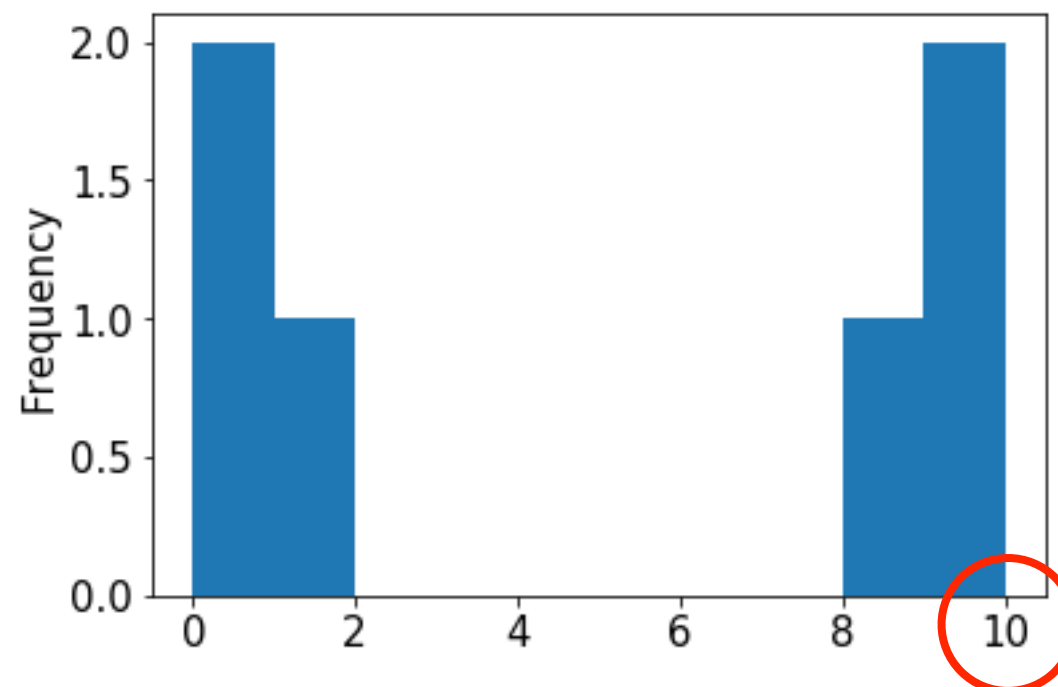
**numpy chooses the default bin boundaries**

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```
s.value_counts().sort_index().plot.bar()  
s.plot.hist(bins=[0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10])
```



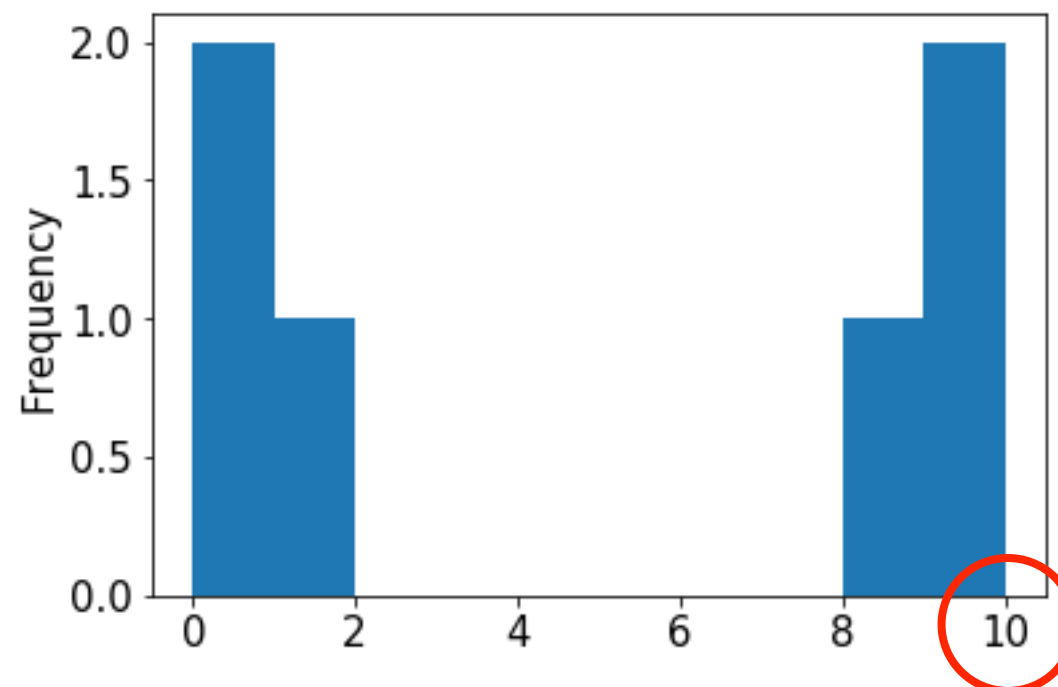
**we can override the defaults**

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```

```
s.value_counts().sort_index().plot.bar()  
s.plot.hist(bins=range(11))
```



**this is easily done with range**



# Demo 2: coin flips

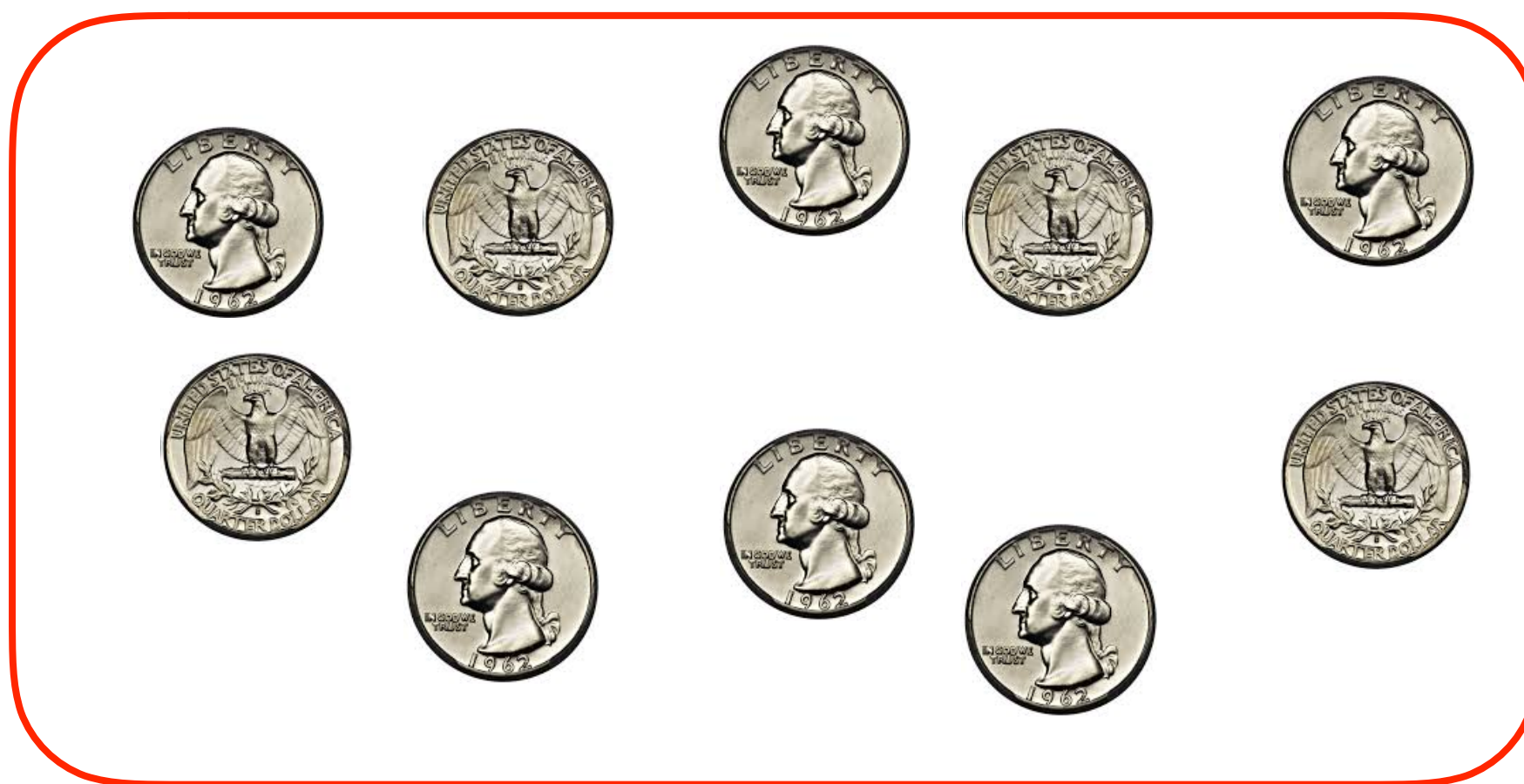
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**6 heads**

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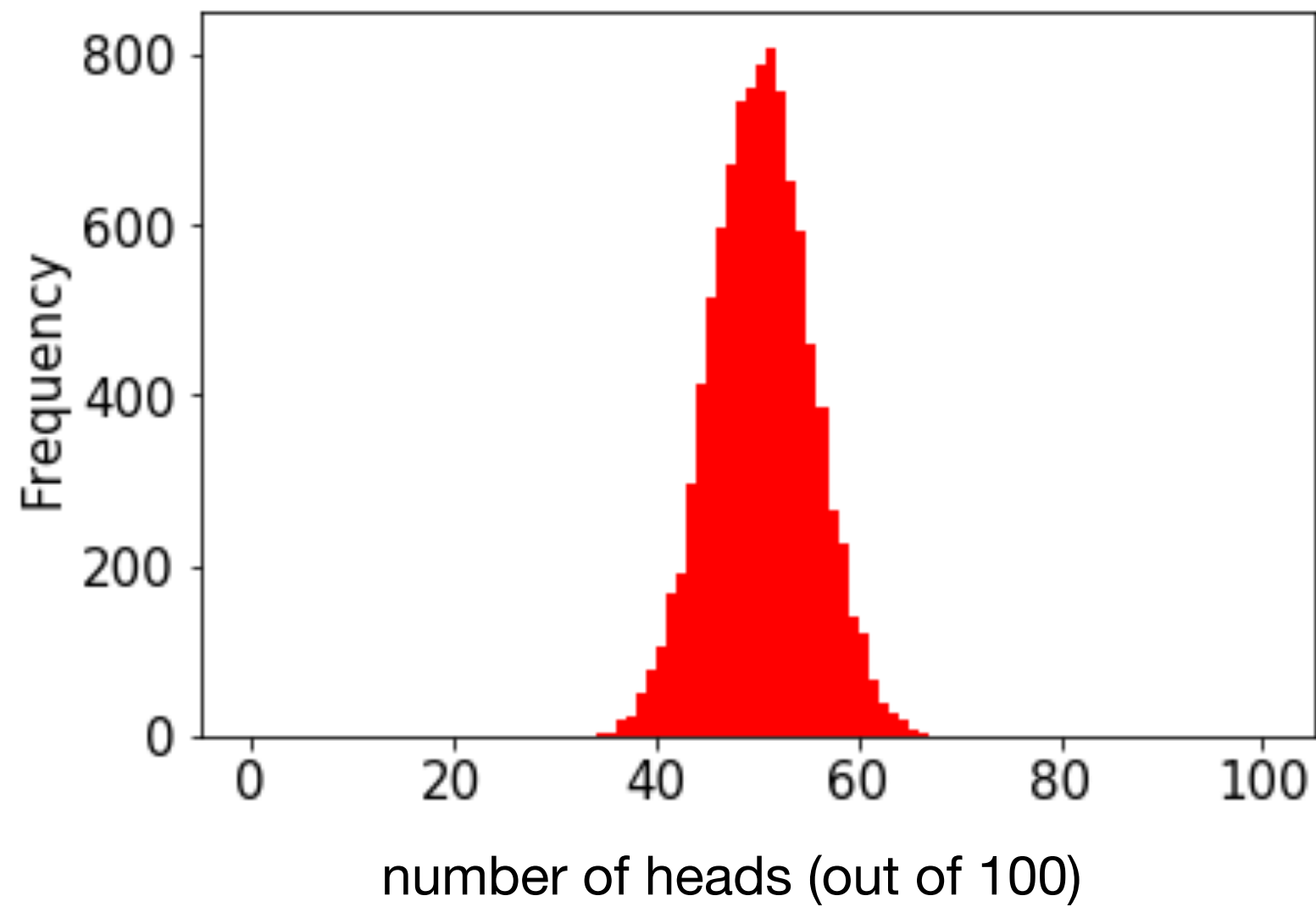


6 heads

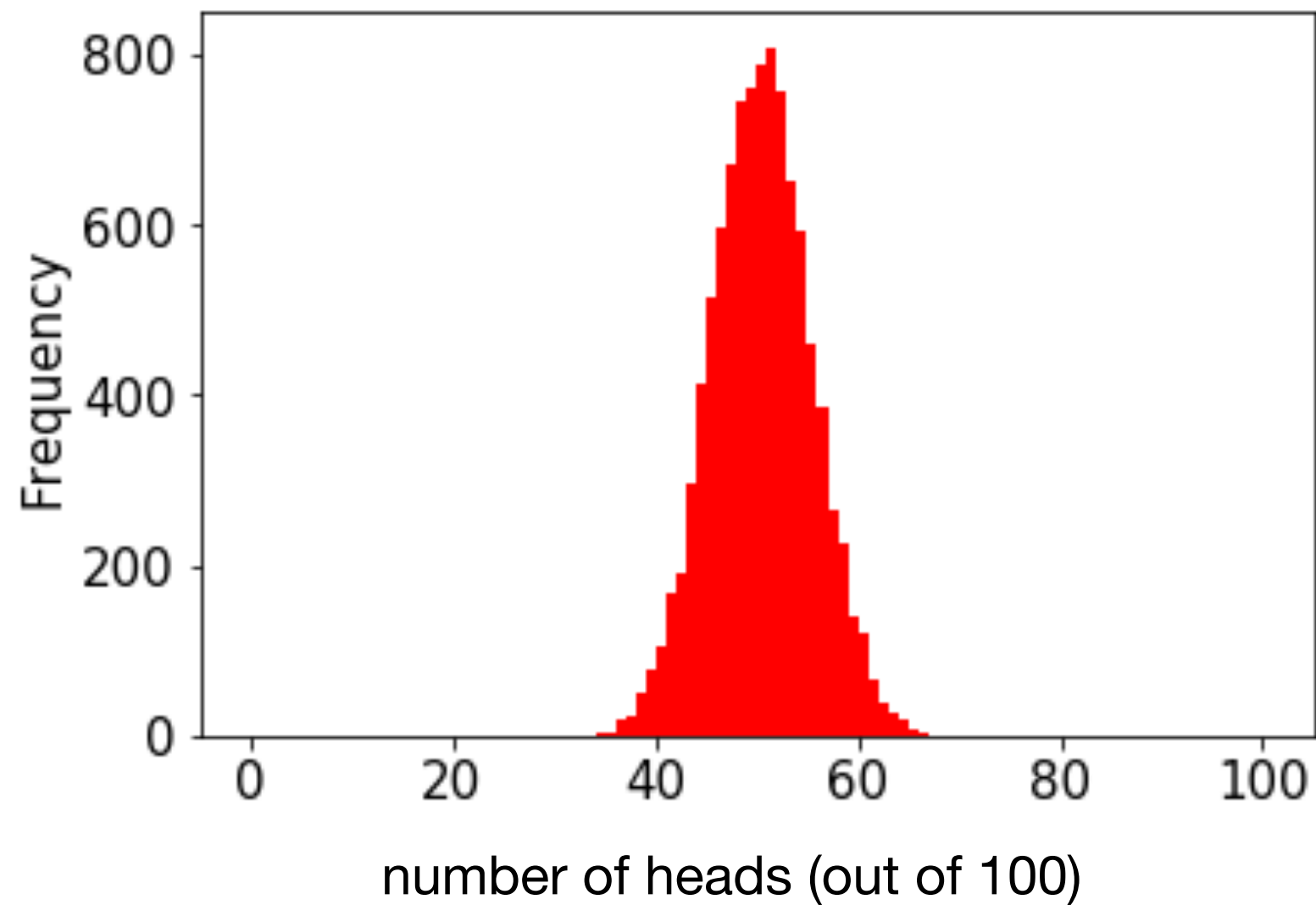
If we flip 100 coins, 10K times, how often do we get each head count?

number of samples  
sample size

# Demo 2: result

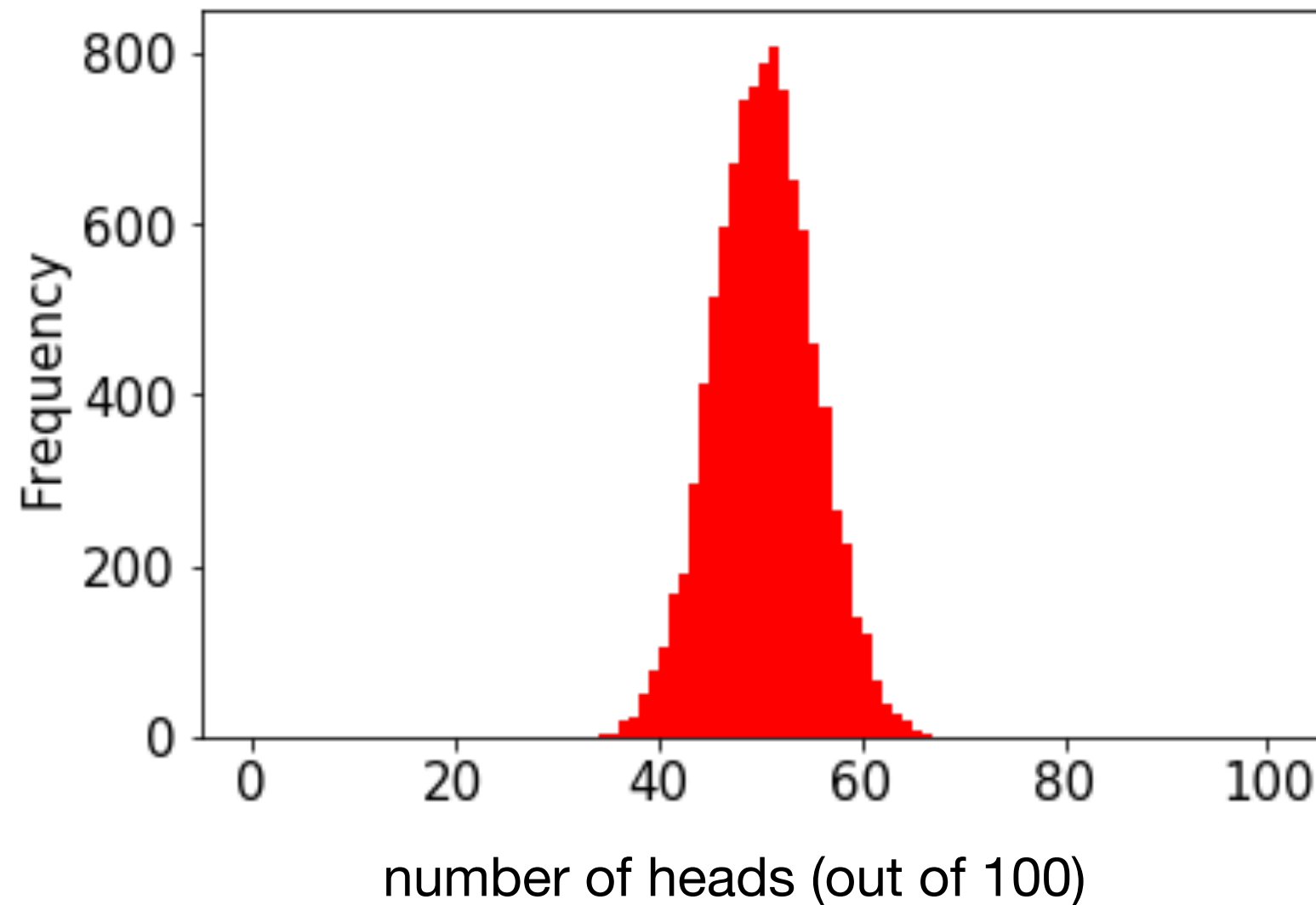


# Demo 2: result



**this shape resembles what we often call  
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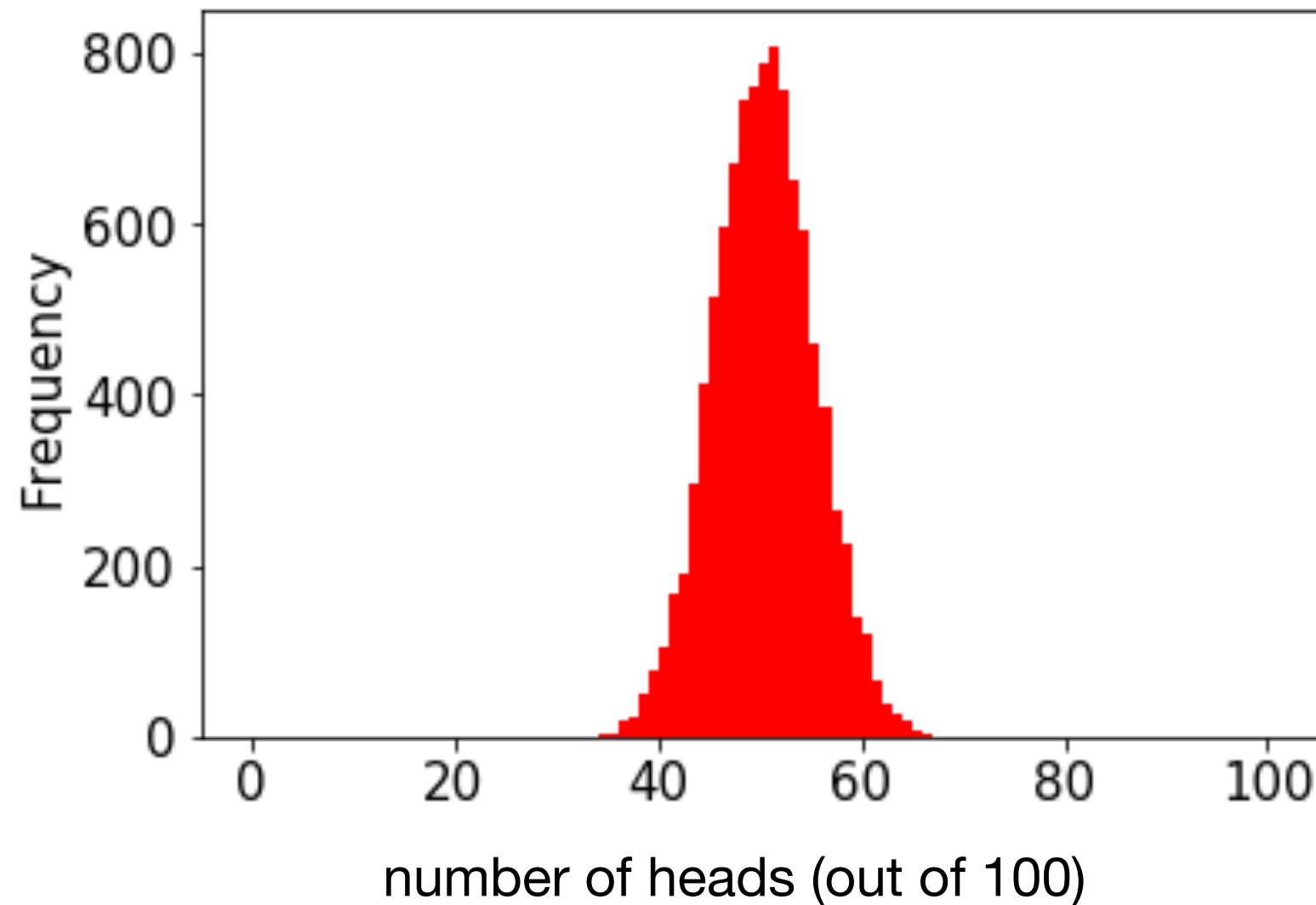
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in general, if we take large samples enough  
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numpy can directly  
generate random  
numbers fitting a  
normal distribution

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# normal

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import numpy as np

for i in range(10):
    print(normal())
```



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```

```
for i in range(10):  
    print(normal())
```

**Output:**

```
-0.18638553993371157  
0.02888452916769247  
1.2474561113726423  
-0.5388224399358179  
-0.45143322136388525  
-1.4001861112018241  
0.28119371511868047  
0.2608861898556597  
-0.19246288728955144  
0.2979572961710292
```

# normal

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import numpy as np
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```
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```

**average is 0 (over many calls)**

**numbers closer to 0 more likely**

**-x just as likely as x**

**Output:**

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0.2979572961710292
```

# normal

```
from numpy.random import choice, normal  
import numpy as np
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```
s = Series(normal(size=10000))
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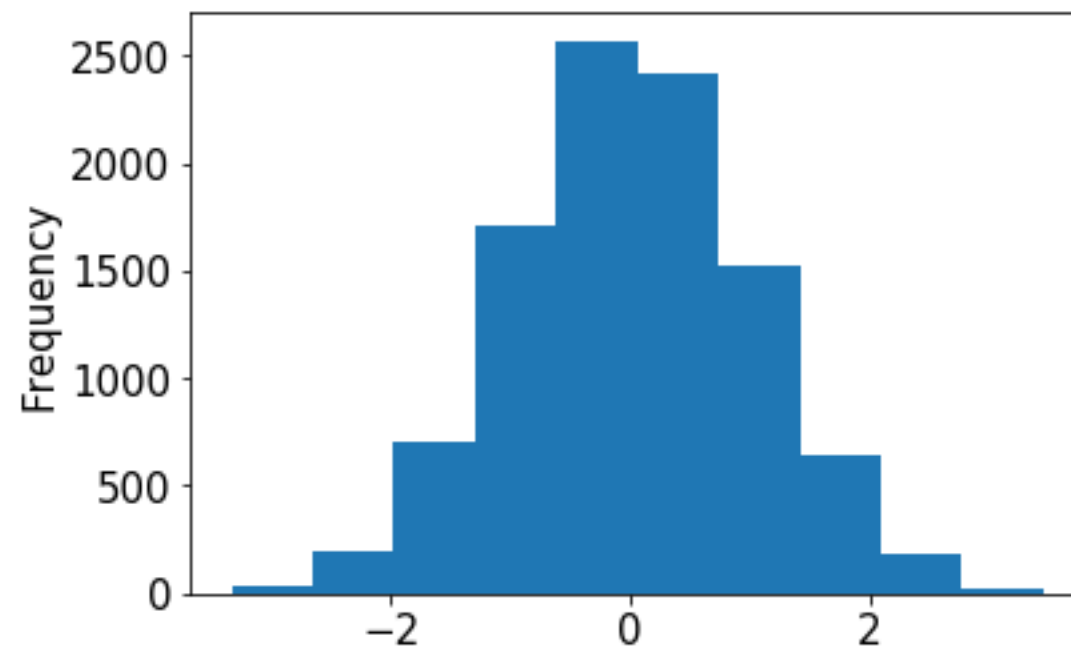
```
s.plot.hist()
```

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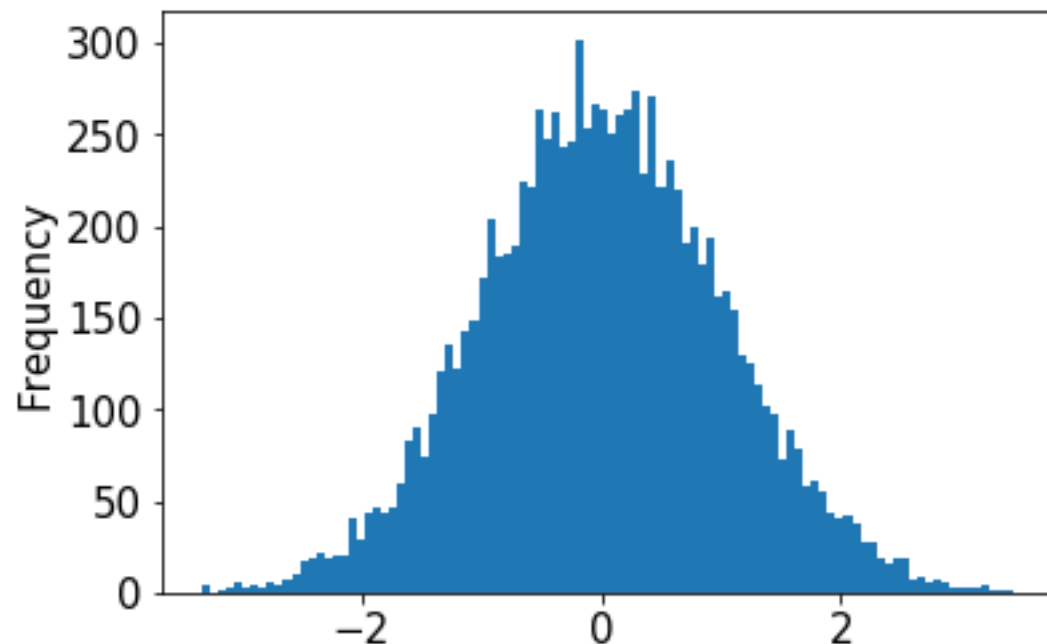


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```
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```

```
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```

```
s.plot.hist(bins=100)
```

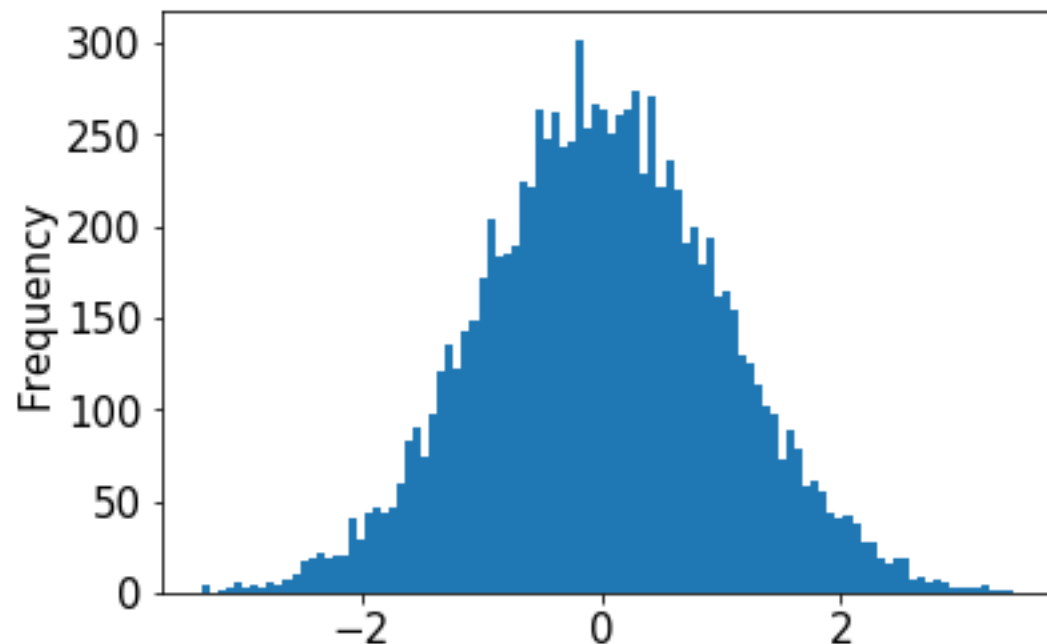


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```

```
s = Series(normal(size=10000))
```

```
s.plot.hist(bins=100, loc=, scale=)
```



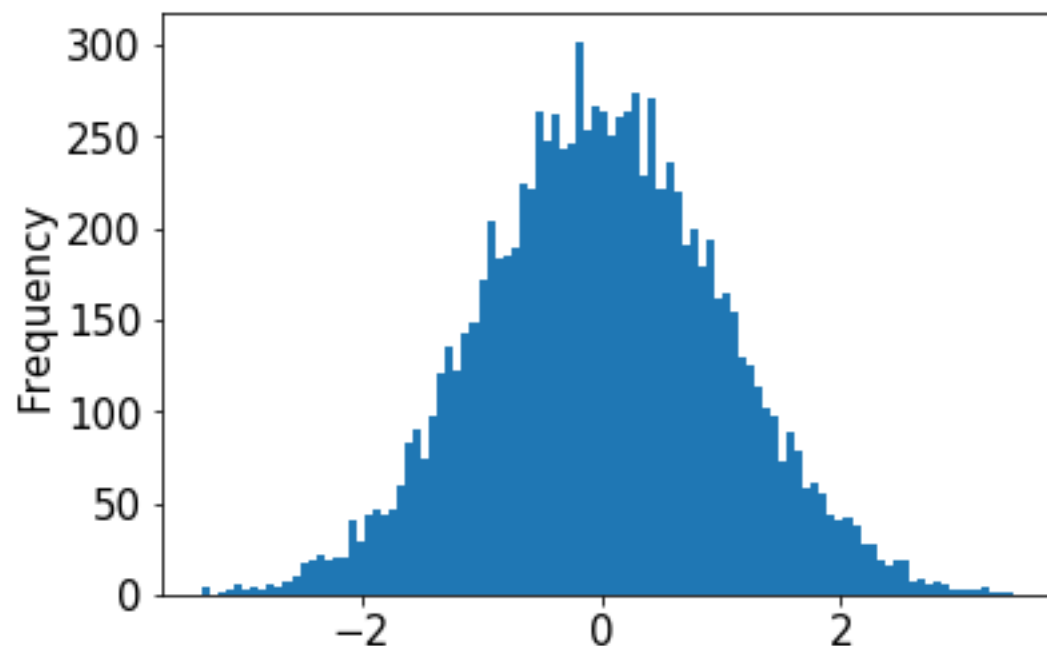
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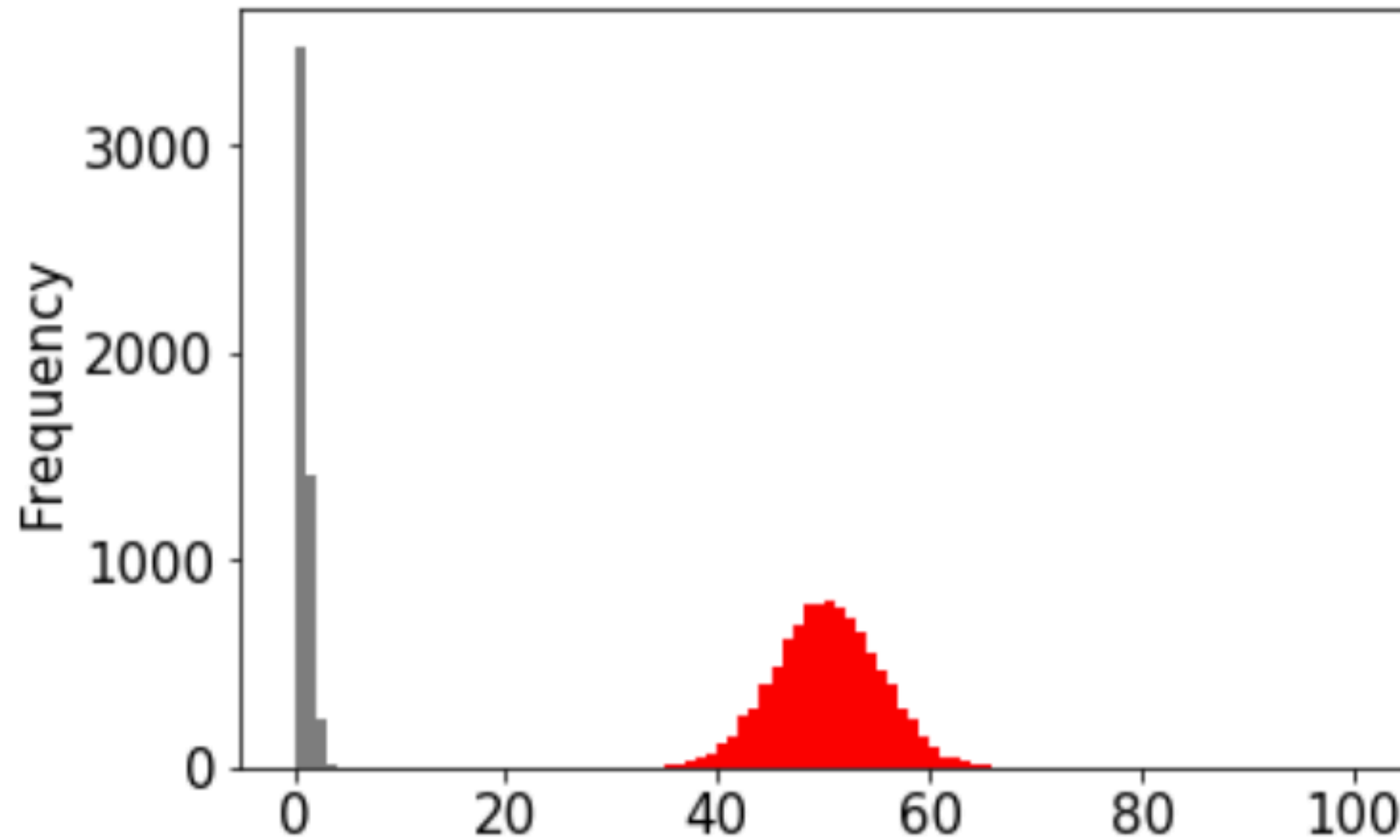
```
s.plot.hist(bins=100, loc=, scale=)
```

try plugging in different values  
(defaults are 0 and 1, respectively)

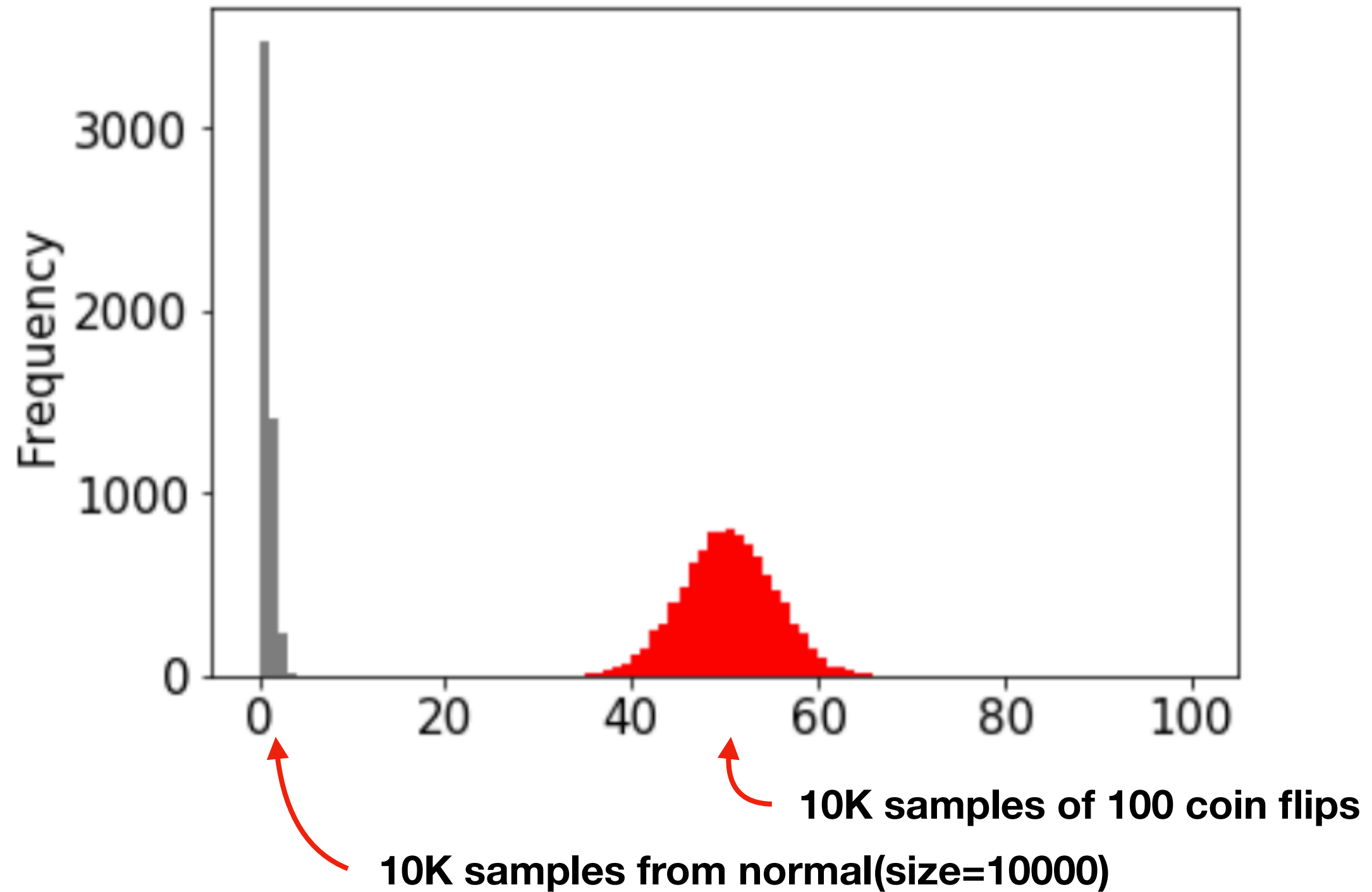




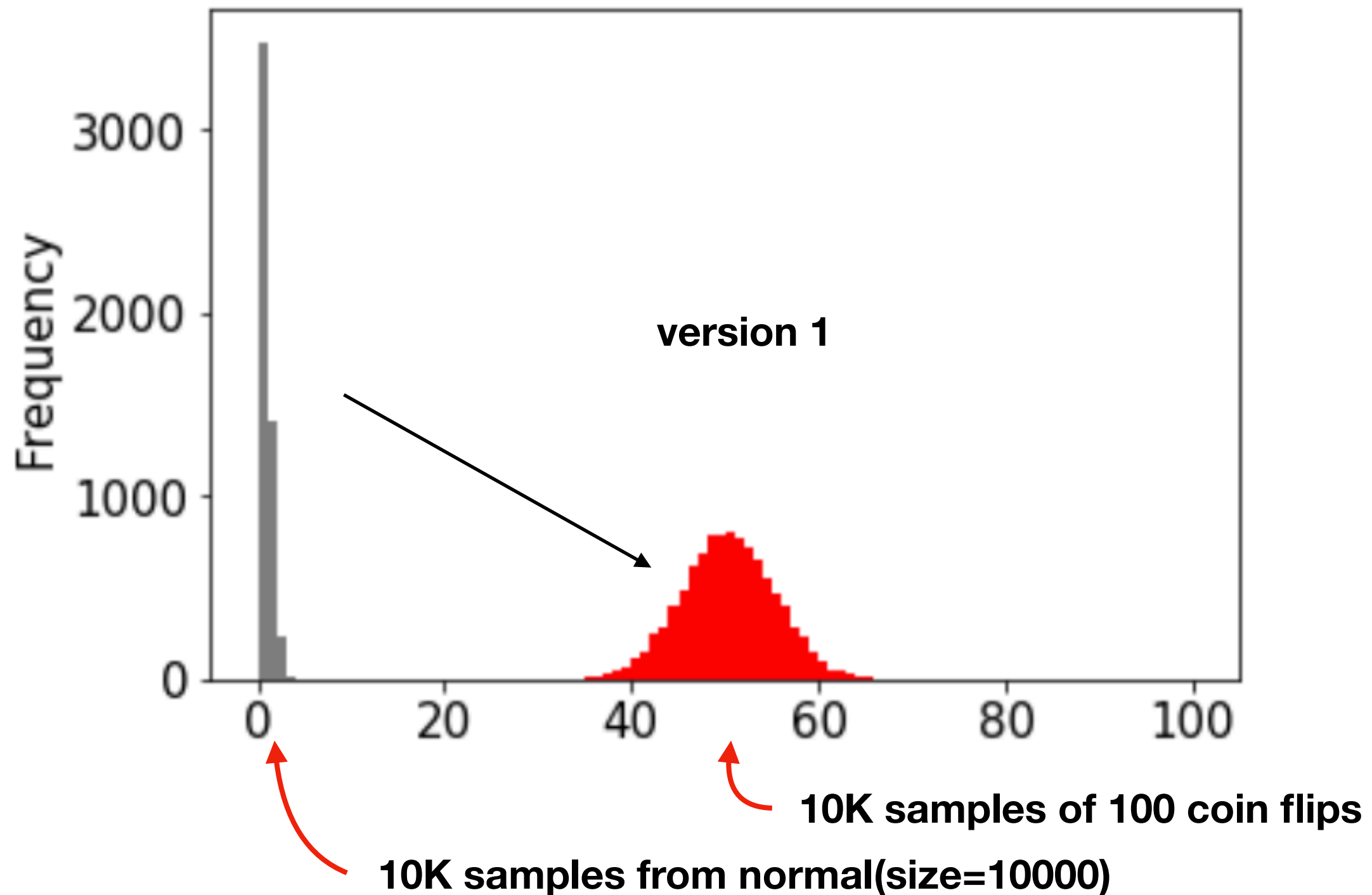
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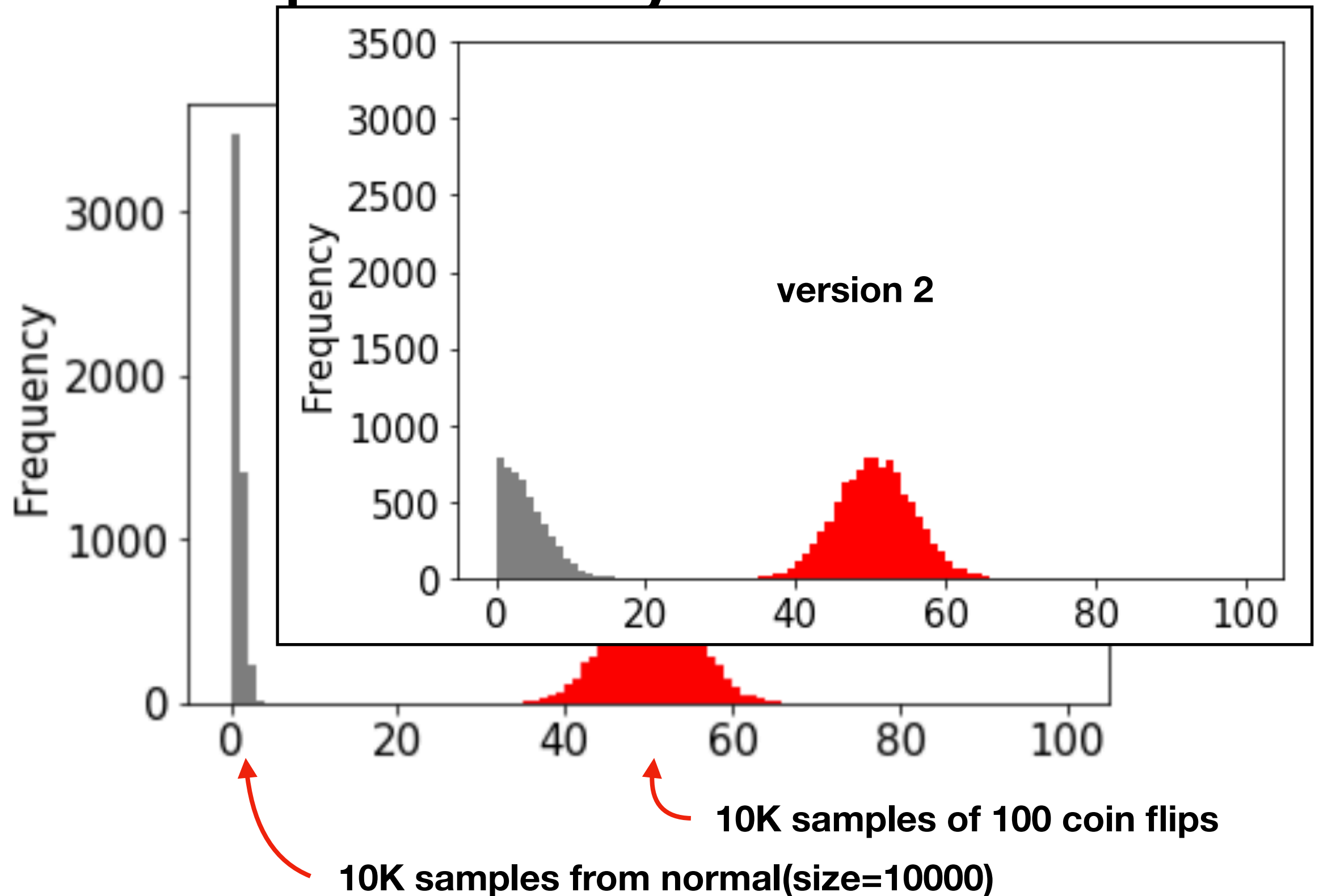


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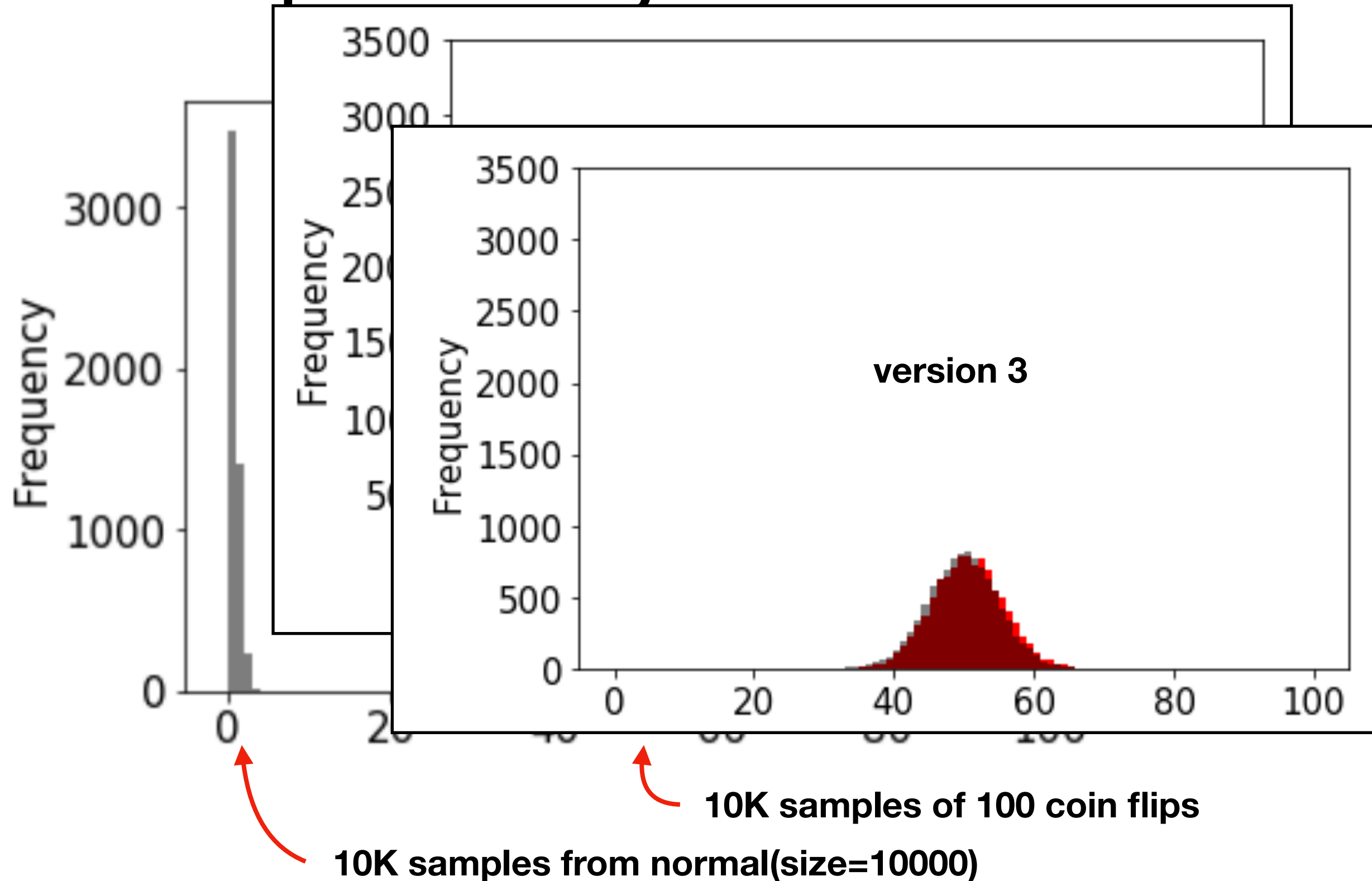
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pseudorandom: debugging/seeding

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statistical significance: an intuitive approach

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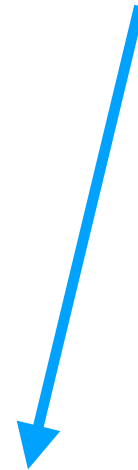


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a statistician might say we're trying to decide if the evidence that the coin isn't fair is **statistically significant**

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small skew over **large samples** is good evidence

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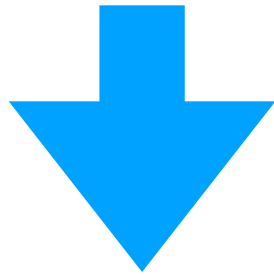
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11 more

12 less

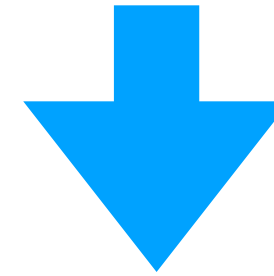
# Demo 5: Do front-row students score better?

```
df = pd.read_csv("scores.csv")
```



	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	84	90	89	89	90	87	85	100	96	94
1	100	89	89	87	72	88	72	98	94	82
2	85	82	83	84	73	85	76	94	87	96
3	74	87	82	89	97	91	84	80	91	87
4	98	76	78	77	91	88	78	100	77	70
5	82	72	73	84	98	70	94	91	73	83
6	70	100	94	76	71	75	71	77	100	73
7	89	77	83	71	95	89	77	92	91	70
8	100	84	82	79	70	88	98	77	81	79
9	99	88	89	92	84	82	94	93	77	75

```
df.mean(axis=1)
```



0	90.4
1	87.1
2	84.5
3	86.2
4	83.3
5	82.0
6	80.7
7	83.4
8	83.8
9	87.3
dtype: float64	

**what are the odds that the front row would do so well by chance?**