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#2) Write up the results of your Lab 1 work. I don't want all of your output, please pick the interesting bits (and start thinking about what makes a result interesting?).

#Rules: If the dice rolls 3 or more sixes out of 20 rolls, it is fair.

#Rules: If the dice rolls less than 3 sixes out of 20, it is unfair.

#Based on the dice experiment, I did both the control and experimental groups.

#In the controlled group, I got 6s, 2/10.

#In the experimental group, I got 6s, 5/10.

#While some minor variations were observed across individual rolls, the most interesting result came from Sun Wo's experiment, where the dice were physically altered by shaving it down to resemble a coin.

#This modification created a heads-or-tails situation, significantly increasing the likelihood of the dice landing on either the 6 or the opposite face.

#As a result, Sun Wo's dice showed a 50% chance of rolling a 6, far higher than the typical expectation of 16.67%.

#This clear manipulation highlights how altering the shape of the dice can impact fairness, with Sun Wo's dice appearing unfair due to the excessive occurrence of 6s.

#The experiment demonstrates that even slight physical alterations can skew probability, making it essential to control for such factors when determining fairness in dice-based experiments.

3) The playlist contains 20 songs, giving each song a 1 in 20 (or 5%) chance of being selected.

However, two bands—Falling in Reverse and Mago de Oz—each have 4 songs in the playlist.

This means songs by these bands have a combined 20% chance of being played. All the other songs come from different artists, with each of these artists contributing only one song.

Null Hypothesis: All 20 songs should have an equal chance of being selected, meaning a 5% chance for each song.

Alternative Hypothesis: The shuffle function shows favoritism toward songs from the same artists.

Null hypothesis: $p = 1/20$

Alternative hypothesis: $p \neq 1/20$

Synopsis: For the experiment, only 5 songs will be played. Since the shuffle automatically resets, no song will repeat until all the songs in the playlist have been played. Ideally, the 5 randomly selected songs should come from 5 different artists, with just one song from each of the two bands. To test whether Shuffle is truly randomized, we used three different modes, Spotify Free, Spotify Premium, and Apple Music, to reduce the risk of favoritism and also to test whether or not one app was more randomized than the other.

Playlist Link:

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4mOJdqckZXxJTFIXR8vkoE?si=YpOZHESoQ9-JTvEOG7Gngw&pi=D0YgPzKwT9K2o>

Shuffle#1 (Spotify – Free)	Shuffle#2 (Apple Music-Premium)	Shuffle#3 (Spotify - Premium)
"We Own the Night" by Dance Gavin Dance	"False Pretense" by The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus	"Carry On" - Falling In Reverse
"Unannounced" by Picturesque	"Congratulations" by Post Malone	"Talk to a Friend" - Rain City Drive
"No More Heroes" by The Strangers	"Toxicity" by System of a Down	"We Own the Night" - Dance Gavin Dance
"Toxicity" by System of a Down	"No More Heroes" by the Strangers	"San Diego" - blink-182

"Voyager" by Angels and Airwaves	"Unannounced" by Pictureques	"La cantata del diablo (Missit me...)" - Mägo de Oz
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We fail to reject the null hypothesis, as each shuffle from the experiment played 5 different from 5 different artists, showing a lack of favoritism. Although throughout the 3 shuffles, some songs repeat, they never repeat in the same order and aren't followed by songs from the same artists. However, more testing is needed to fully assess the fairness of the shuffle. A future experiment with 50 songs, where 40% of the songs come from just two bands, might provide better insight into whether the shuffles truly don't favor specific artists.