

2018 COMP20008

Workshop 6

Example: Unbiased Coin (Head / Tail)

$$\text{Pr (Head)} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

$$\text{Pr (Tail)} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

Entropy:

- $-\text{Pr (Head)} \log_2(\text{Pr (Head)}) - \text{Pr (Tail)} \log_2(\text{Pr (Tail)})$
- $-0.5 \log_2(0.5) - 0.5 \log_2(0.5) = 1$
- Entropy -> Uncertainty

Example: Biased Coin (Head / Tail)

$$\text{Pr (Head)} = 1$$

$$\text{Pr (Tail)} = 0$$

Entropy:

- $-\text{Pr (Head)} \log_2(\text{Pr (Head)}) - \text{Pr (Tail)} \log_2(\text{Pr (Tail)})$
- $-1 \log_2(1) - 0 \log_2(0) = 0$
- What does that mean?

