

Ex: One roll of a fair 6-sided die,
 $X \sim \text{Unif}(1, 6)$.

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{2}(1+6) = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{12}(6-1)(6-1+2) = \frac{35}{12}.$$

Defn: A Bernoulli random variable $X \sim \text{Ber}(p)$ is a random indicator variable with
 $P(X=1) = p$ and $P(X=0) = 1-p$.

$$E[X] = 1 \cdot P(X=1) + 0 \cdot P(X=0) = p$$

$$E[X^2] = 1^2 \cdot P(X=1) + 0^2 \cdot P(X=0) = p$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = p - p^2 = p(1-p)$$

Ex: One flip of a coin that has $P(\text{heads}) = p$.

Defn: A binomial random variable $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ is the sum of n independent Bernoulli random variables $X_i \sim \text{Ber}(p)$, for $1 \leq i \leq n$.

$$P(X=j) = \binom{n}{j} p^j (1-p)^{n-j}$$

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i heads

$E[X]:$

Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \text{Ber}(p)$ and independent,
 and $X = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i] \quad (\text{lin. of } E) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n p = np \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(X) &= \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) \quad (X_i\text{'s are ind.}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n p(1-p) = np(1-p).\end{aligned}$$

Ex: # of heads in n ind flips of a coin with $P(\text{heads}) = p$.