

variable name
 \downarrow
 $P(X=x)$
 \uparrow
 value
 eg 3, "e", etc

GOAL: DEFINE VALUES THAT SUMMARIZE A PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION
 expectation

$$E[X] = \sum_x x P(X=x)$$

x \leftarrow think "for"

$$P(X=0) = 1/2$$

$$P(X=1) = 1/2$$

$$E[X] = 0 \cdot 1/2 + 1 \cdot 1/2 = 1/2$$

easy to calculate

$$P(X=0) = 1/100$$

\vdots

$$P(X=99) = 1/100$$

hard to do by hand \rightarrow use computers!

expectation of a function of X

$$E[X^2] = \sum_x x^2 P(X=x)$$

shift the dist'n to mean

$$= 0^2 \cdot 1/2 + 1^2 \cdot 1/2 = 1/2$$



$$E[X - E[X]] = E[X] - E[E[X]]$$

expectation is a sum, \therefore linear

$$= E[X] - E[X]$$

same for all x

$$\sum_x (E[X]) P(X=x) = E[X] \sum_x P(X=x) = E[X] \cdot 1$$

ok, not actually hard:

$$\sum_{x=1}^{100} x P(X=x) =$$

$$\frac{1}{100} \sum_{x=1}^{100} x = \frac{1}{100} \cdot \frac{100 \cdot (100+1)}{2} = 50.5$$

Then shift down by 1

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

Square the value to make it positive