

# Plenary Outline

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## I. Intro: Probability, Expectation, Random Walks

- Gambler's Ruin : Don't be a sucker
- Sucker Bets
- Expectation  $\leadsto$  cycles
- Recursive Prob

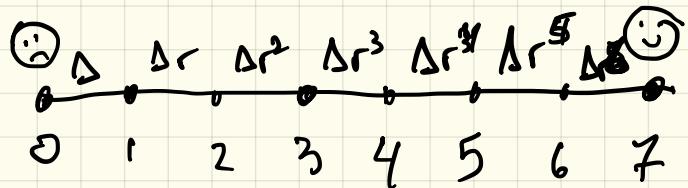


- Lotteries
- St Pete

• Polya's Theorem about  
Prob of Return

# The classic RW

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$$0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$$

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B|A)$$

$$P_0 = 0$$

$$P_1 = 1$$

$$P_R =$$

$$P_R = P P_{R+1} + q P_{R-1}$$



$$q \Delta_R = P \Delta_{R+1}$$

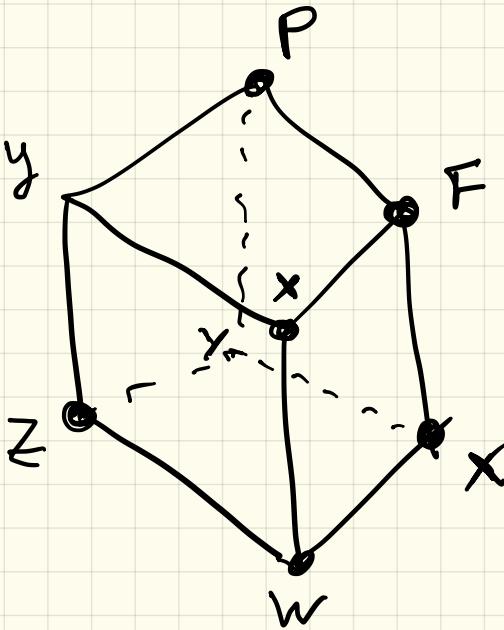
$$\Delta_{R+1} = \frac{q}{P} \Delta_R$$

$$P_R - P_{R-1} = P P_{R+1} + (q-1) P_{R-1}$$

$$\Delta \left( \frac{r^6 - 1}{r-1} \right) =$$

$$\Delta \left( \frac{r^N - 1}{r-1} \right) = P_1$$

$$P_N = \Delta \frac{r^N - 1}{r-1} = \text{or } \frac{1}{r^{N+1}}$$



$$x = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}y + \frac{1}{3}w$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{1}{3}z$$

$$w = \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{1}{3}z$$

$$z = \frac{2}{3}y + \frac{1}{3}w$$

$$3x = 1 + y + w$$

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$$3x - y - w = 1$$

$$-x + 3y - z = 0$$

$$2y - 2z + 2w = 1$$

$$z + w = 1$$

$$-2x - z + 3w = 0$$

$$-2y + 3z - w = 0$$

**СДЕЛУЕМ  
АМЕРИКУ  
СНОВА  
ВЕЛИКОЙ**

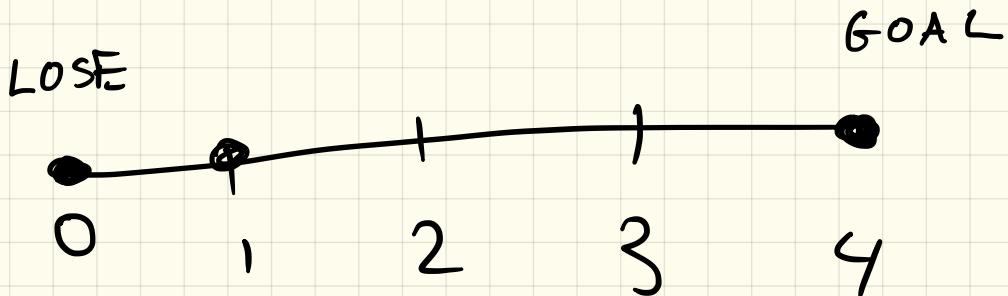
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BET

I'll bet u \$5

That if u give  
me \$10, I'll give  
u \$20

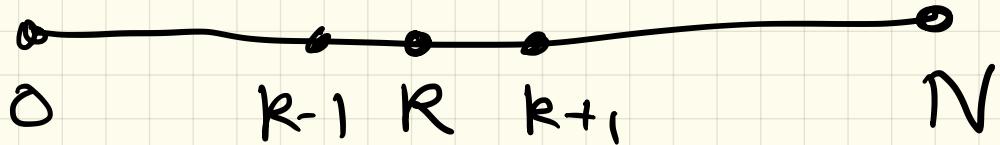
# Random Walk with Boundary



$$\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{3}{4}$$



$P_R := \text{Prob}(\text{"win"}, \text{starting } @ R)$

$$P_0 = 0$$

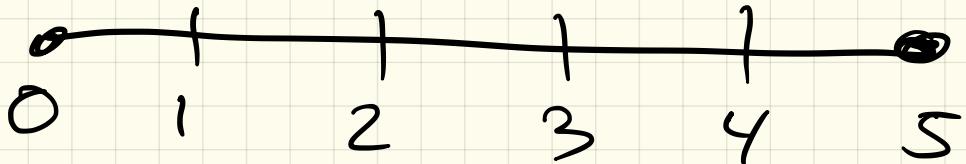
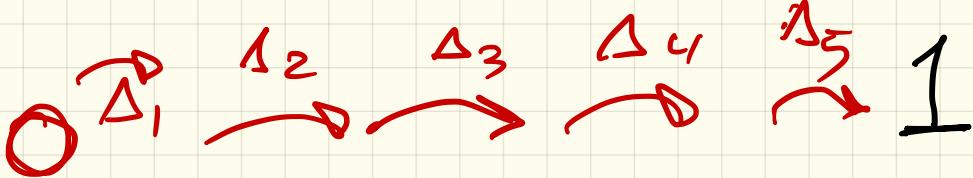
$$P_N = 1$$

$$\Delta_k := P_k - P_{k-1}$$

$$P_R = \frac{1}{2} P_{R+1} + \frac{1}{2} P_{R-1}$$

$$2P_R = P_{R+1} + P_{R-1}$$

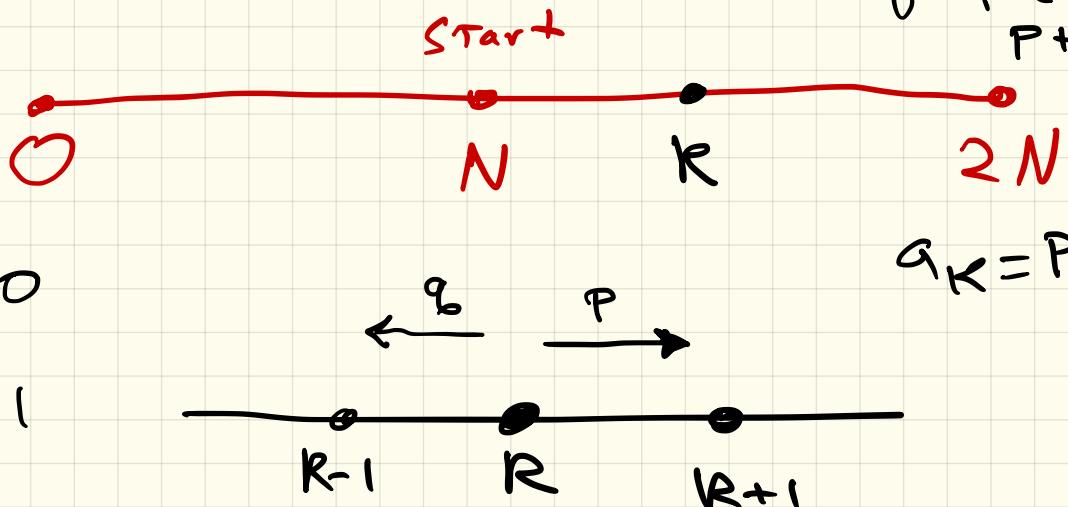
$$P_R - P_{R-1} = P_{R+1} - P_R$$



$$\begin{array}{cccccc} \frac{0}{5} = 0 & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{2}{5} & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{4}{5} & \frac{5}{5} = 1 \end{array}$$

Start with  $N$

$$P = \text{prob of win a bet}$$
$$q = P(\text{lose bet})$$
$$P + q = 1$$



$$\alpha_0 = 0$$

$$\alpha_{2N} = 1$$

$$\alpha_R = P \cdot \alpha_{R+1} + q \alpha_{R-1}$$

$$N = 100$$

$$R = 63$$

$$62 \quad 63 \quad 64$$

$$\alpha_{63} = .51\alpha_{62} + .49\alpha_{64}$$

$$r := \frac{q}{p}$$

$$(p+q)a_k = p \cdot a_{k+1} + q a_{k-1}$$

$$p a_k + q a_k = p a_{k+1} + q a_{k-1}$$

$$q(a_k - a_{k-1}) = p(a_{k+1} - a_k)$$

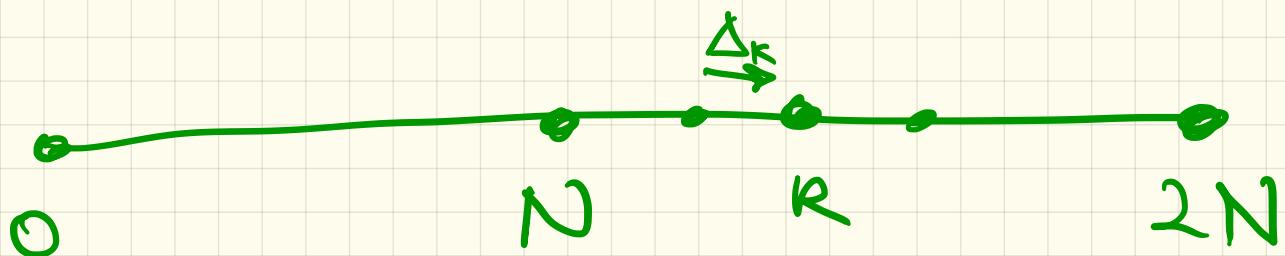
$$q \Delta_k = p \Delta_{k+1}$$

$$\Delta_{k+1} = \frac{q}{p} \Delta_k$$

$$\Delta_{k+1} = r \Delta_R$$

$a_N$

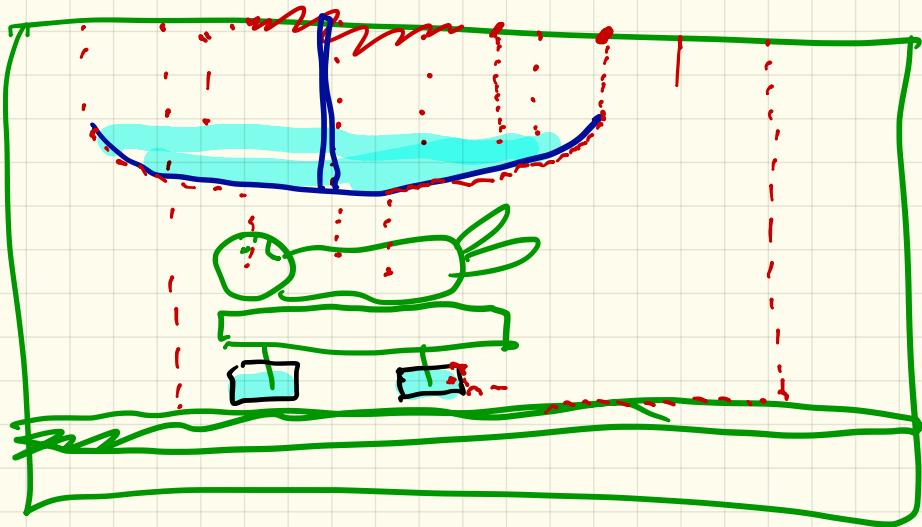
$$r = \frac{g}{p}$$



$$a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{m-1} =$$

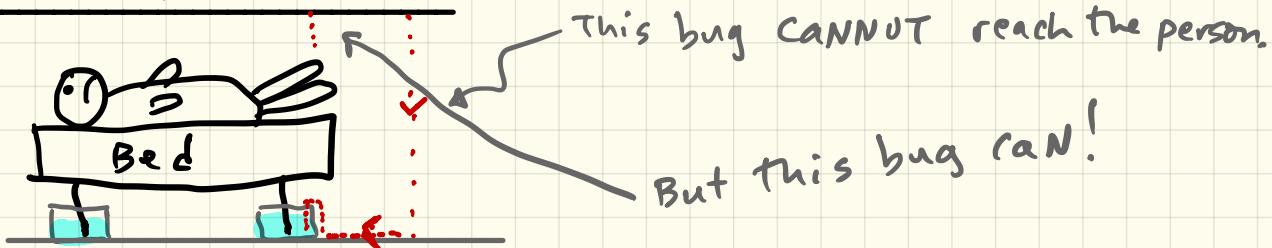
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math bug

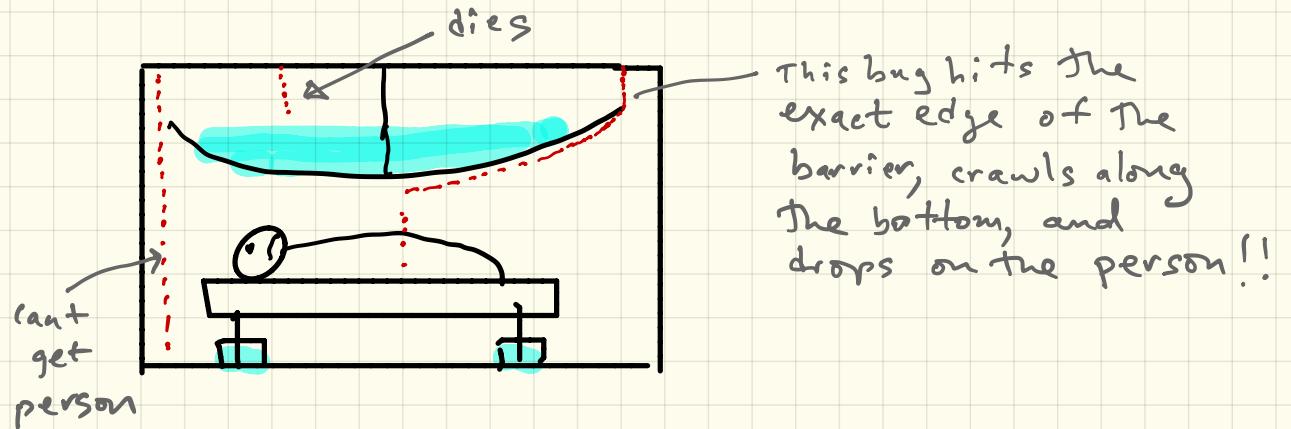


July 17, 2018 "Bug Problem"

The bugs have zero diameter — they are points — but they **sting** if they land on you. They randomly drop vertically from the ceiling and then can crawl on any surface. However, **water** kills them. Your goal: create a barrier that keeps ALL bugs away. You are also allowed to fill 4 coffee cans with water to keep bugs from crawling up like this:



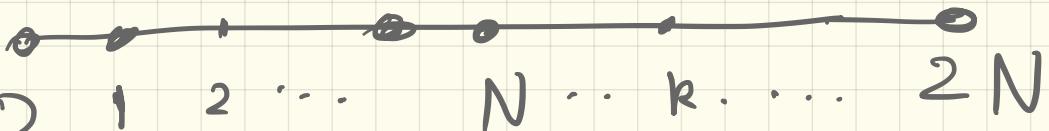
Your barrier cannot be air tight: The person must get air from the ceiling. Water will stop air (person is not a fish). Obviously your barrier MUST be bigger than the bed. Here is a try that fails:



This bug hits the exact edge of the barrier, crawls along the bottom, and drops on the person!!



$\alpha_n$



$$\left\{ \alpha_0 = 0 \right.$$

$$\Delta_k := \alpha_k - \alpha_{k-1}$$

$$\alpha_{2N} = 1$$

$$\Delta_{k+1} = \Delta_k r$$

$$r = \frac{q}{p}$$

geo prog

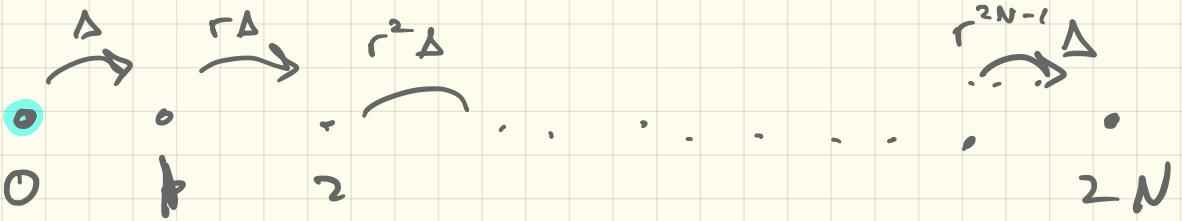
$$S = a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots + ar^{n-1}$$

$$rS = ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots + ar^{n-1} + ar^n$$

$$S - rS = a - ar^n$$

$$S(1-r) = a - ar^n$$

$$S = \frac{ar^n - a}{r - 1}$$



$$\Delta = \Delta_1$$

$$\Delta + r\Delta + r^2\Delta + \dots + r^{2N-1}\Delta = 1$$

$$\Delta(1 + r + \dots + r^{2N-1}) = 1$$

$$\Delta \left( \frac{r^{2N} - 1}{r - 1} \right) = 1 \Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{r - 1}{r^{2N} - 1}$$

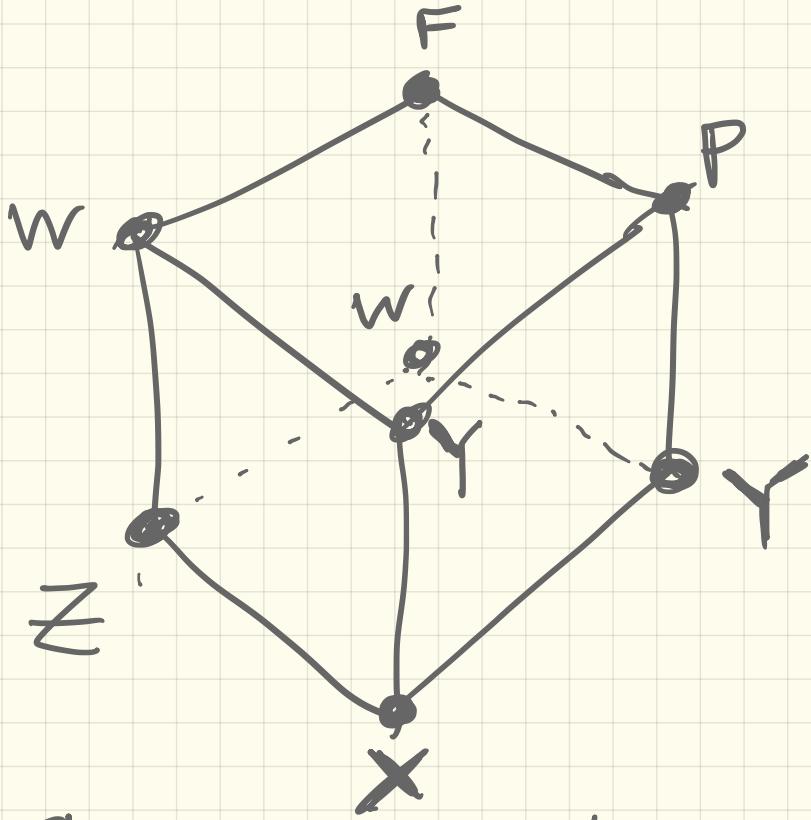
$$\begin{aligned} a_N &= \Delta + r\Delta + r^2\Delta + \dots + r^{N-1}\Delta \\ &= \Delta(1 + r + r^2 + \dots + r^{N-1}) = \Delta \left( \frac{r^N - 1}{r - 1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$q_N = \frac{1}{r^N + 1}$$

$$\Delta = \frac{r - 1}{r^{2N} - 1}$$

$$q_N = \Delta \left( \frac{r^N - 1}{r - 1} \right)$$

$$q_N = \frac{r^N - 1}{r^{2N} - 1} = \frac{r^N}{(r^N - 1)(r^N + 1)}$$



$$P = 0$$

$$F = 1$$

$$Y = \frac{1}{3}X + \frac{1}{3}W$$

$$X = \frac{2}{3}Y + \frac{1}{3}Z$$

$$Z = \frac{2}{3}W + \frac{1}{3}X$$

$$W = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}Y + \frac{1}{3}Z$$

$$\frac{9}{14}$$

$$\frac{5}{14}$$

$$\frac{3}{7}$$

$$\frac{4}{7}$$

Penny's Game

1969

Martin Gardner  
Colossal (sp?) Book of  
Math

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victim

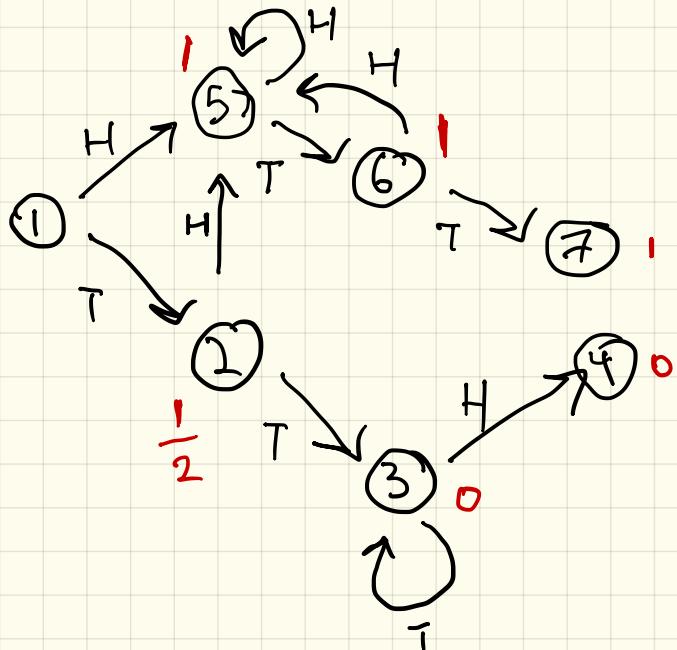
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Victim: TTH

Dr. Evil: HTT

H TT vs T TH



$$P_3 = \frac{1}{2} P_5 \Rightarrow P_3 = 0$$

$$P_2 = \frac{1}{2} P_5$$

$$P_6 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} P_5 \quad P_6 = 1$$

$$P_5 = \frac{1}{2} P_5 + \frac{1}{2} P_6 \Rightarrow P_5 = P_6$$

$$P_1 = \frac{1}{2} P_2 + \frac{1}{2} P_5$$

THH vs HTT

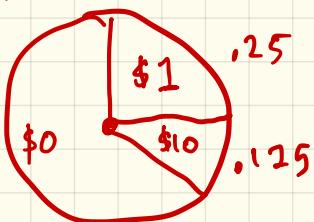
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(THH  $\frac{2}{3}$  vs HTT)

① Penny game computation

② Exp. It's a RV

E(Lottery)



$$E(X) = \sum v P(X=v)$$

evals

③ E(Fixed pt) = 1

④ E("system")

⑤ E(stop time)

all dice:

$$1 + \frac{6}{5} + \frac{6}{4} + \frac{6}{3} + \frac{6}{2} + 6$$

⑥ St Pete

If victim says

X Y Z

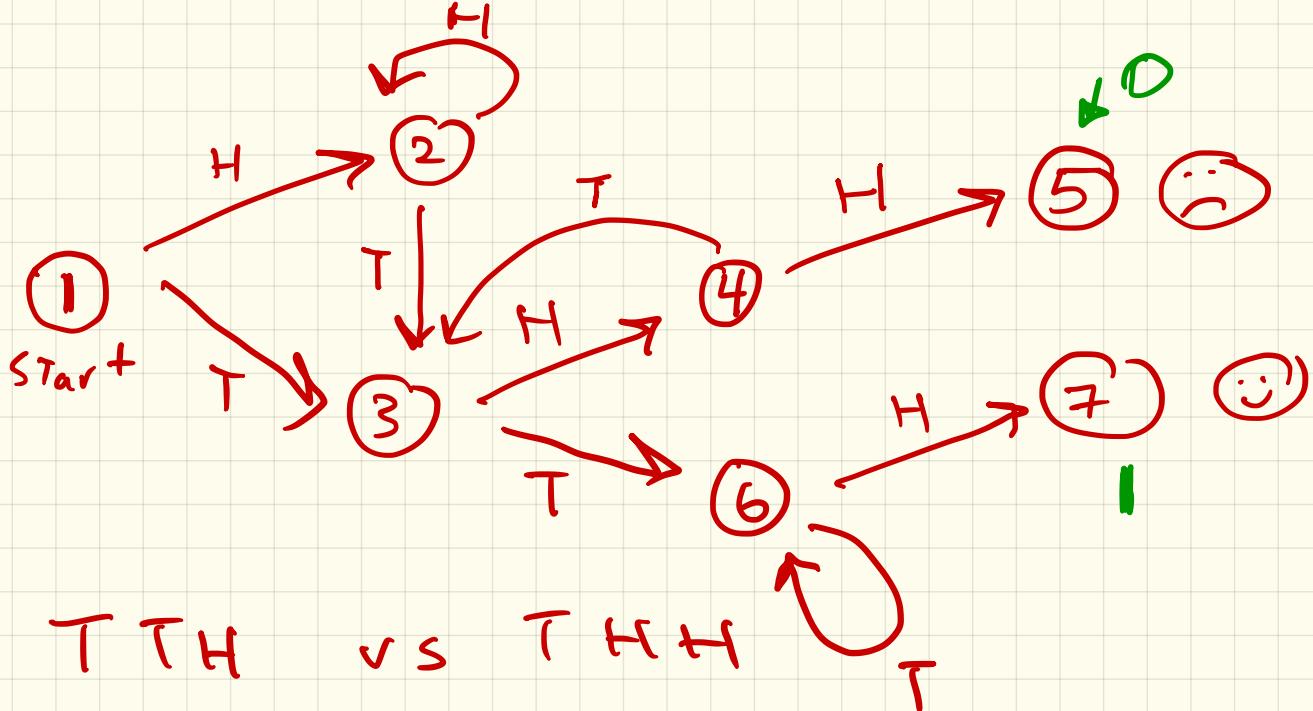
Dr Evil replies

$\bar{Y} X Y$

victim: T H H

EVIL      T T H

$$P(TTH \text{ comes first vs } THH) = \frac{2}{3}$$



TTH vs THHH

$P_k := \Pr(\text{EVIL wins, starting at } k)$

$$P_4 = \frac{1}{2} P_5 + \frac{1}{2} P_3$$

# Random Variable

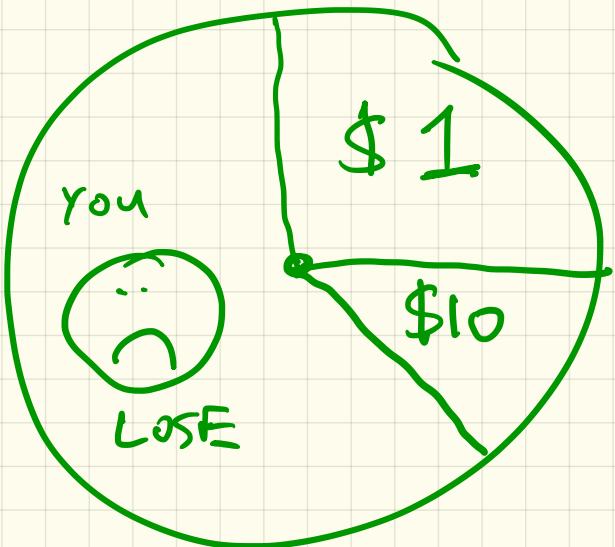
$X :=$  # heads when you toss  
a fair coin 100 times

$$P(X=64) = \binom{100}{64} \frac{1}{2^{100}}$$

Average value of  $X$ ?  
Expected Value

$$E(X) = 50$$

$L$  = lottery ticket



$$E(X) = \sum_{v \in \text{outputs}} v \cdot P(X=v)$$

$$1 \times P(L=1) + 10 \times P(L=10) = 1.5$$

SIM

$10^{-3}$

You Pay  
\$100

$$E = .999 \times 100 + .001 \times 10^6$$
$$-99.9 + 1000$$

$$E(X+Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$$

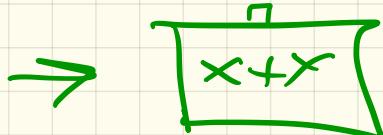
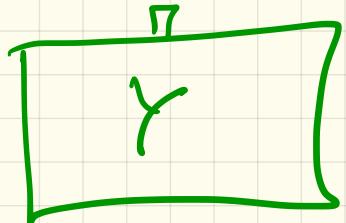
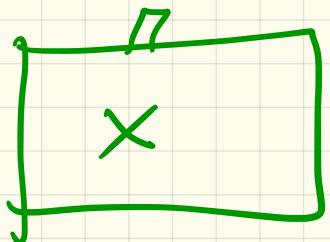
$$X + Y$$

$$\begin{aligned}2 \cdot D = \\2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12\end{aligned}$$

$$X + X \neq 2X$$

$D$  = die

$D + D = \text{sum of two dice}$   
2, 3, ..., 12



$L$  = # of people who get their lanyard

$$L = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 103, 105$$

$$L_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if camper } i \text{ is smiling} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E(L_i) = 1 \cdot P(L_i = 1) + 0 \cdot P(L_i = 0) = \frac{1}{105}$$

$$L_1 + L_2 + \dots + L_{105} = L$$

$$E(L) = E(L_1) + E(L_2) + \dots + E(L_{105})$$

$$= \frac{1}{105} + \frac{1}{105} + \dots$$

$$= 1$$

Coin game

St. Petersburg Game

TTH → win \$8

H → win 2

TTTTH → win \$128

G = 2, 4, 8, 16, . . .

SCENARIO

PROB

WIN

H

$\frac{1}{2}$

\$2

TH

$\frac{1}{4}$

\$4

TTH

$\frac{1}{8}$

\$8

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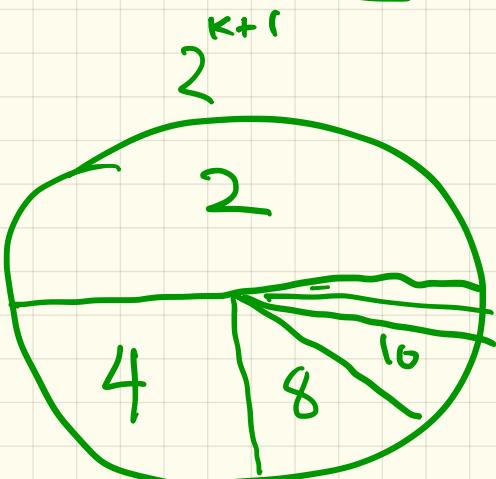
$\underbrace{T \dots T}_{K} H$

$\frac{1}{2^{k+1}}$

$2^{k+1}$

$$\sum \frac{1}{2^k} \cdot 2^k = \sum 1$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{2^k} \cdot \frac{2}{2^k}$$



$$E(G) = \infty$$

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- St. Petersburg Simulation
- $\infty$  Random Walks  
Polya's Theorem

Recurrent vs. Transient



- $\underbrace{\text{Recurrence}}_{P(\text{return})=1} \Leftrightarrow E(\# \text{returns}) = \infty$

Let  $u = P(0 \rightarrow)$ . Then  $P(\text{exactly } k \text{ returns}) = u^k (1-u)$

$$\Rightarrow E(\# \text{returns}) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k u^k (1-u) = \frac{1}{1-u}$$

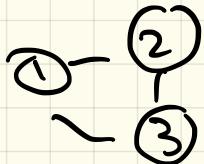
$$\underline{n = 10}$$

$C = \#\text{ of cycles in a random perm.}$

$$E(C)$$

$\pi = \underbrace{(1\ 2\ 3)}_{\text{3-cycle}}(4\ 5\ 6)(7\ 8\ 9)(10)$

↑  
unicycle



$\pi:$

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
2	3	1	5	6	4				10

$$\Theta = (1\ 2)(3\ 4\ \dots\ 10)$$

$$n=10$$

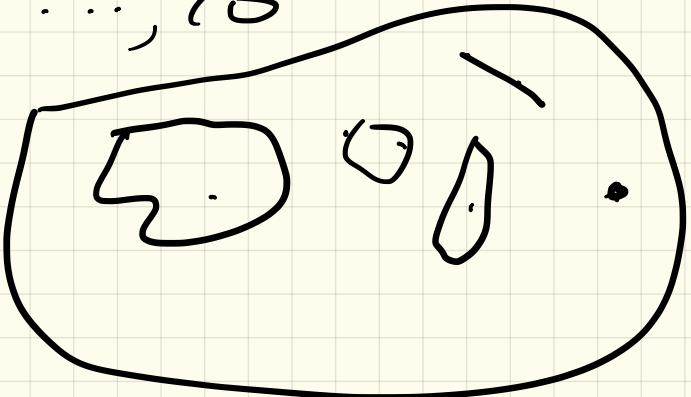
$$C = 1, 2, \dots, 10$$

$$P(C=10) = \frac{1}{10!}$$

$$P(C=1) = \frac{1}{0!}$$

$$C = \sum \dots \dots \dots$$

$C_k := \# \text{ of } k\text{-cycles}$



$$\cancel{\sum_{n=1}^{10}} c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + \dots + c_{10} = C$$

$$= \cancel{vn_1} + \cancel{bic} + \cancel{tri} + \dots + \cancel{10-cyc}$$

$$E(c_1) = 1$$

$$E(c_2) = ??$$

$$c_2 = u_1 + \dots + u_{10}$$

$$u_k := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \cancel{\substack{k \\ \text{is in} \\ \text{a cycle}}} \\ 0 & \text{if not} \end{cases}$$

$$n = 10$$

$$\pi = (1 \times) ( \quad \cdot \quad - \quad - \quad \dots )$$

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ 2-10 \\ \underbrace{\phantom{0}}_{9} \end{matrix}$$

# choices

$$8!$$

choices

$$\cancel{\times} \text{ choices} = 9!$$

$$\# \text{ perms} = 10!$$

$$\frac{9!}{10!} = \frac{1}{10}$$

<u><math>n = 1^{\text{st}}</math></u>	$n = 3$	$U_2$	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$
1 2 3	$\rightarrow (1)(2)(3)$	0	3	0	0
1 3 2	$\rightarrow (1) (23)$	1	1	1	0
2 1 3	$\rightarrow (12) (3)$	1	1	1	0
2 3 1	$\rightarrow (123)$	0	0	0	1
3 1 2	$\rightarrow (132)$	0	0	0	1
3 2 1	$\rightarrow (13) (2)$	0	1	1	0

$$U_2 \quad E(U_2) = \frac{1}{3}$$

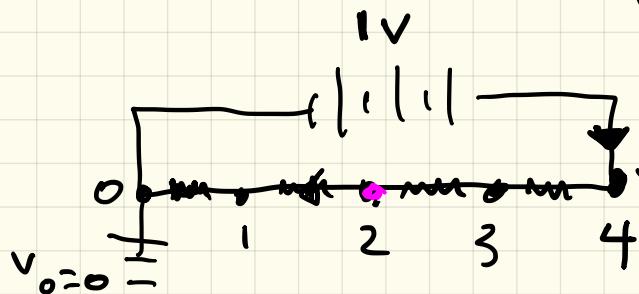
$$E(U_1) = \frac{3}{3} \quad E(U_3) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$E(c) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\approx \log n$$

$$\log_e n$$

$$V_x = \frac{V_{x+1} + V_{x-1}}{2}$$



Ohms Law

Kirchoff's Law

I = current

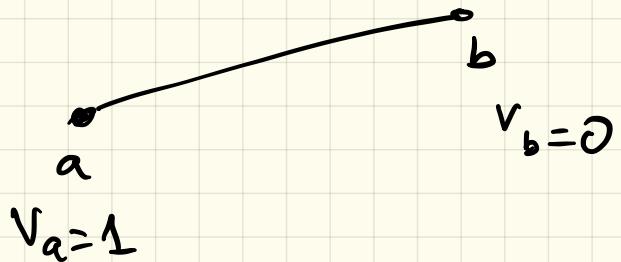
R = resist

$V_x = \text{Voltage at } x$

$$V_{xy} = \frac{V_x - V_y}{R}$$

# Elect. Circuit / RW

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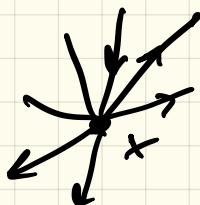
$$\text{Ohm} \rightarrow i_{xy} = \frac{V_x - V_y}{R_{xy}}$$

$$i_{xy} = (V_x - V_y) C_{xy}$$

$R_{xy}$  = resist

$C_{xy} := \frac{1}{R_{xy}} = \text{conductance}$

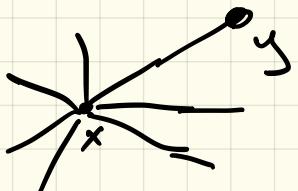
$i_{xy}$  = current



$$i_x := \sum_y i_{xy}$$

$$C_x := \sum_y C_{xy}$$

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$$i_x = 0$$

$$0 = \sum_y i_{xy} = \sum_y (v_x - v_y) c_{xy}$$

$$v_x c_x = \sum_y v_y c_{xy}$$

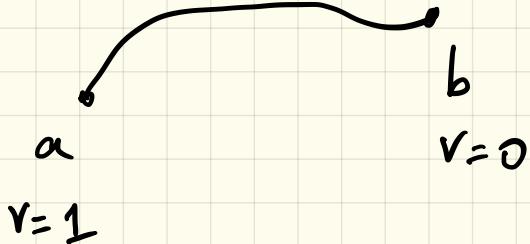
$$v_x = \sum_y \frac{c_{xy}}{c_x} v_y$$

$$P_{xy} :=$$

$$\frac{c_{xy}}{c_x}$$

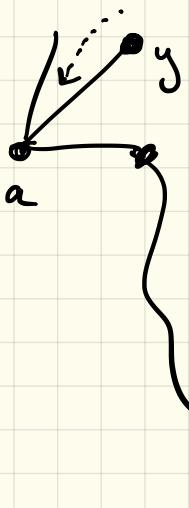
$P(x \rightarrow y)$   
"N<sup>a</sup>  
step"

$$v_x := P(x \rightarrow a \text{ without visit } b)$$



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$$i_a = \sum_y i_{ay} = \sum_y (v_a - v_y) C_{ay}$$



$$= C_a \sum_y (v_a - v_y) \frac{C_{ay}}{c_a}$$

$$= C_a \left( \underbrace{v_a}_{1} \sum_y P_{ay} - \underbrace{\sum_y v_y}_{1} P_{ay} \right)$$

$$= C_a \left( 1 - \underbrace{\sum_y v_y}_{\text{red}} P_{ay} \right)$$

$$\frac{v_a}{i_a} \approx R_E \left( \frac{\text{eff resist}}{P(a \rightarrow b \text{ escape})} \right) = C_a \left( P(\text{escape } a \rightarrow b) \right)$$

at  $y$  ... eventually to  $a$ ,  
avoiding  $b$

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I. Recap  $E(\text{cycles of a random perm})$

II.  $\infty$  Random Walks

III. The Role of physics

$$E(\text{unicycles}) = 1$$

$$n = 5$$

$$U_1 := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if person } 1 \text{ is in unicycle} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$P(U_1 = 1) = \frac{1}{5} \quad E(U_1) = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$U := U_1 + U_2 + \dots + U_5$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(U) &= E(U_1) + E(U_2) + \dots + E(U_5) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots + \frac{1}{5} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$n=5$$

$$T_1 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if person } \#1 \text{ is in} \\ & \text{a tricycle} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$P(T_1 = 1)$$

$$(1 \quad \cancel{x} \quad y) - -$$

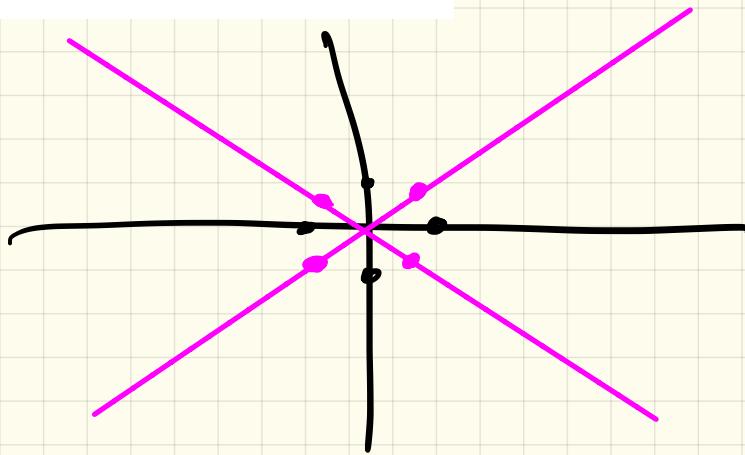
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4      3

$$2!$$

$\frac{4!}{5!}$  ways out of  
 $\frac{4!}{5!}$  perm

$$P(T_1 = 1) = \frac{4!}{5!} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$u_{2n} = \frac{1}{6^{2n}} \sum_{j,k} \frac{(2n)!}{j! j! k! k! (n-j-k)! (n-j-k)!}$$

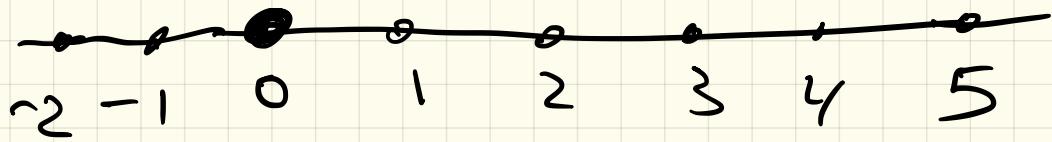


$$\overline{T} := \overline{T}_1 + \overline{T}_2 + \overline{T}_3 + \overline{T}_4 + \overline{T}_5$$

- 3. # of tricycles

$$E(T) = 1$$

$$E(\# \text{ tricycles}) = \frac{1}{3}$$



$u := P(\text{starting at } 0, \text{ we return to } 0)$

$E(\# \text{ returns})$

$P(\text{return exactly } k \text{ time})$

$$u^k (1-u)$$

$E(\text{XX returns})$

$$= 1 \cdot P(\text{Ret 1}) + 2 \cdot P(\text{Retur 2}) + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k u^k (1-u)$$

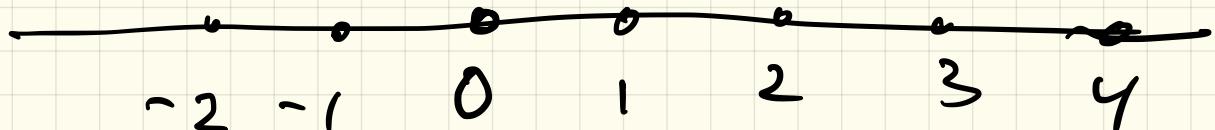
$$= 1 \cdot u(1-u) + 2 \cdot u^2(1-u) + 3 \cdot u^3(1-u) + \dots$$

$$u - u^2 + 2u^2 - 2u^3 + 3u^3 - 3u^4 + \dots$$

$$= u + u^2 + u^3 + \dots = \frac{u}{1-u}$$

If  $P(\text{Return} = 1) \iff$

$$E(\#\text{ returns}) = \infty$$



$$U_t := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if we are back at 0} \\ & \text{at time } t \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & E(U_2 + U_4 + U_6 + U_8 + \dots) \\ &= P(U_2=1) + P(U_4=1) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$P(U_{10} = 1) \geq \frac{\binom{10}{5}}{2^{10}} = \frac{\frac{10!}{5!5!}}{2^{10}}$$

all we need to is

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}$$

$$\binom{2n}{n} \frac{1}{2^{2n}}$$

$$n=5$$

$$P(U_{10}=1) = \binom{10}{5} \frac{1}{2^{10}}$$

$$\frac{10!}{5! 5! 2^5 2^5} = \frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdots \cdot 10}{246810 \ 246810}$$

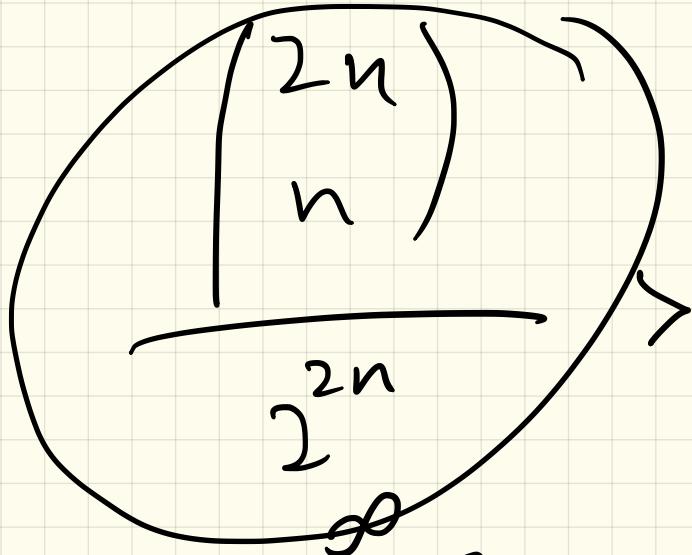
$$= \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 9}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8 \cdot 10} = X$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{4} \frac{5}{6} \frac{7}{8} \frac{9}{10}}_x \quad \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{3} \frac{4}{5} \frac{6}{7} \frac{8}{9}}_{x'} = \frac{1}{20}$$

$$\frac{1}{20} < x^2$$

$$n=5 \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}} < x$$

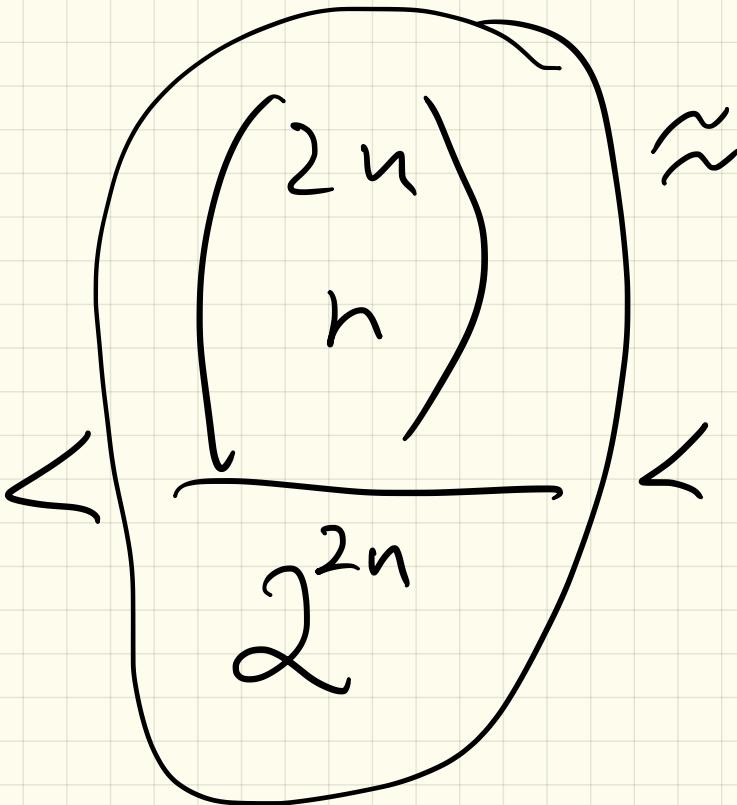
$$n=4 \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \cdot 8}} < x$$



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{4n}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2^n)^2}{2^{2n}} > \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} > \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = \infty$$

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}$$



$$\approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi n}}$$