



# DS 100 – Intro to Data Science

Lecture 10– Iteration & Simulation

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# Announcements

## Checkpoint/Project 1:

- Paired assignment that covers the previous section of the course material
- Due Friday 02/28

## HW05 – Probability, Simulation, Estimation, and Assessing Models

- Due Wednesday (03/05)



# Lab & Late Days

Can't use late days for lab

Lab 0 – 4, if you missed any, let me know (by end of today) and you can submit them with two late days



# Experimentation & Simulation



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# Experimentation

Why do we want to run experiments?

To test a hypothesis

What could a hypothesis be in our previous (coin flipping) experiments?

Is a coin fair or not?

...



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# How to simulate multiple values

## Collection array

empty array to store the simulated values/statistic

`make_array()`

## Create a “repetitions sequence”

A sequence as long as the number of iterations

For  $n$  repetitions, use the sequence `np.arange(n)`

## Create a `for` loop. For each element:

Simulate *one* value by using the function you wrote in Step 2

Augment the collection array with this simulated value



# Monty Hall Problem

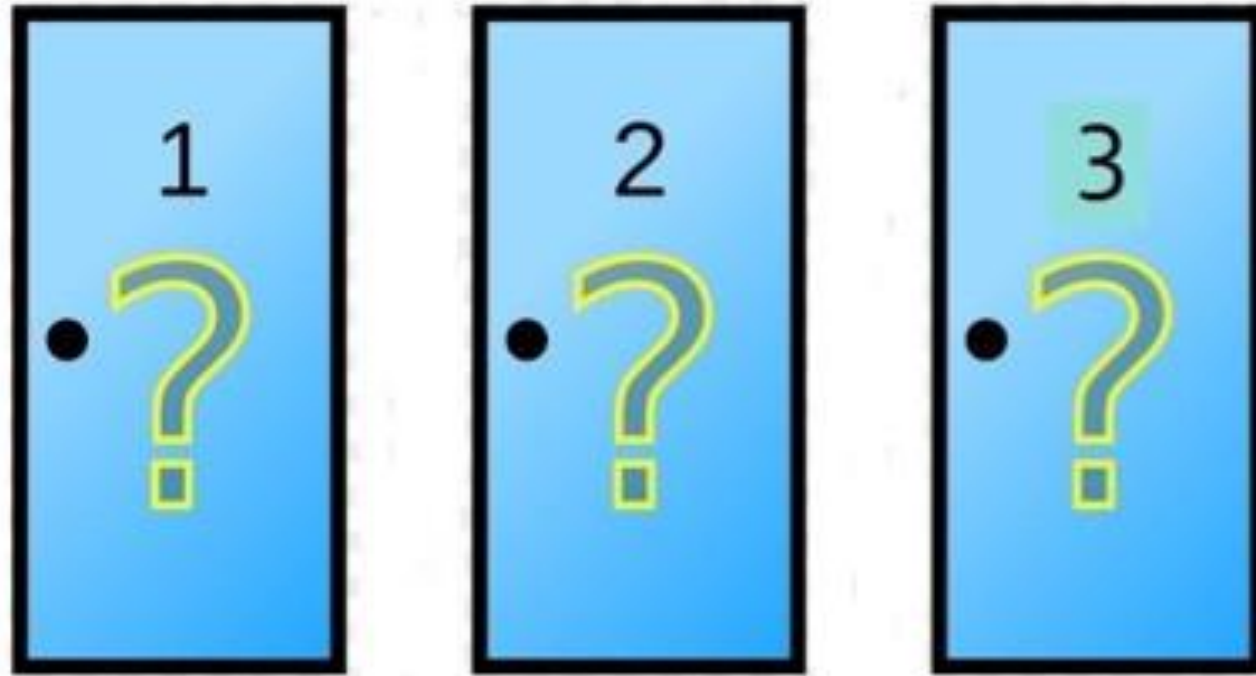
# LET'S MAKE A DEAL



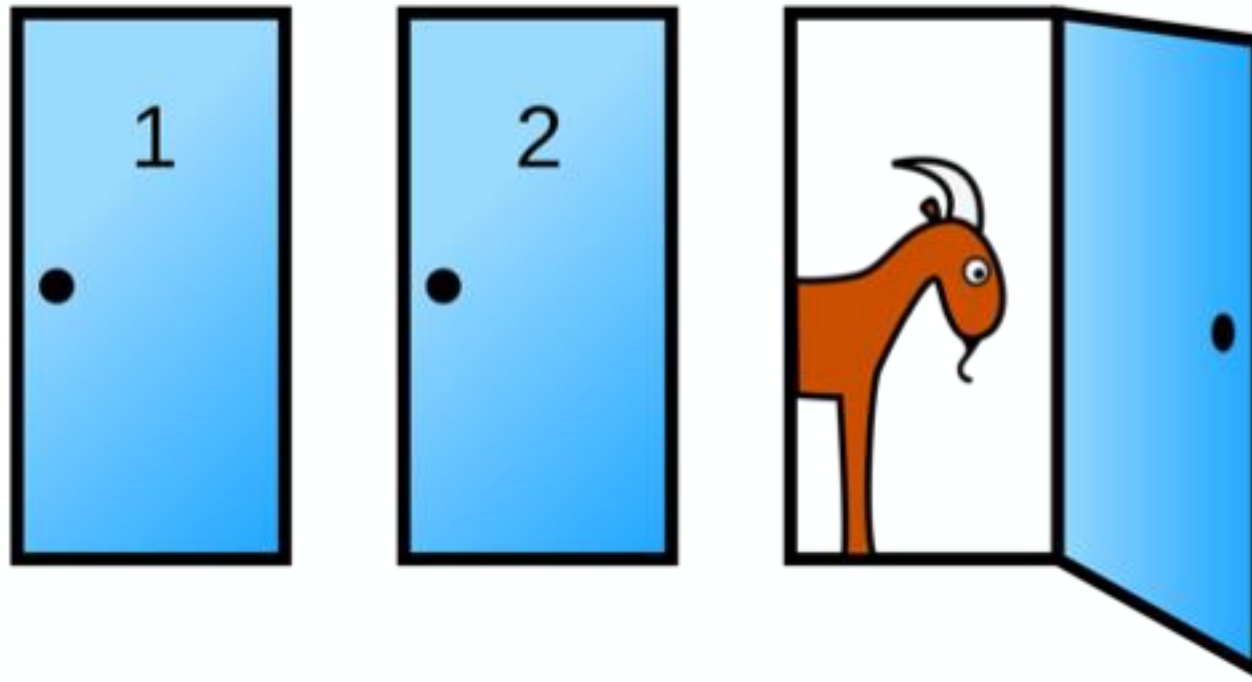
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# Probability



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# Basics

## Lowest value: 0

- Chance of event that is impossible

## Highest value: 1 (or 100%)

- Chance of event that is certain

If an event has chance 70%, then the chance that it doesn't happen is:

- $100\% - 70\% = 30\%$
- $1 - 0.7 = 0.3$
- We call this the **Complement**



# Equally Likely Outcomes

**Assuming** all outcomes are equally likely, the chance of an event A is:

$$P(A) = \frac{\textit{number of outcomes that make A happen}}{\textit{total number of outcomes}}$$



## Question

I have 3 cards: **ace of hearts**, **king of diamonds**, and **queen of spades**

I shuffle them and draw two cards at *random without replacement*.

What is the chance that I get the Queen followed by the King?



# Approach 1: Enumerate all outcomes

What is the chance that I get the Queen followed by the King?

1. Queen, King

2. Queen, Ace

3. Ace, King

4. Ace, Queen

5. King, Queen

6. King, Ace



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Answer:  $1/6$



## Approach 2: Probabilities of the sequences

What is the chance that I get the Queen followed by the King?

What's the probability I first draw Queen and what's the probability I then draw King

## Approach 2: Probabilities of the sequences

### Step 1:

- Draw Queen from {Ace, King, Queen}
- What's the probability of drawing Queen? **1/3**

### Step 2:

- Draw King from {King, Ace}
- What's the probability of drawing King? **1/2**

### Combining them:

- What's  $1/2$  of  $1/3$ ? **1/6**





# Multiplication Rule

Chance that two events  $A$  and  $B$  both happen

=  $P(A \text{ happens}) \times P(B \text{ happens given that } A \text{ has happened})$

- The answer is *less than or equal* to each of the two chances being multiplied
- The more conditions you have to satisfy, the less likely you are to satisfy them all



# Addition Rule

If event  $A$  can happen in *exactly one* of two ways, then

$$P(A) = P(\text{first way}) + P(\text{second way})$$

The answer is *greater than or equal* to the chance of each individual way



## Complement: At least one head

What the probability that I flip coins and I get at least one head?

In 3 tosses:

- Any outcome *except* TTT (tails, tails, tails)
- $P(\text{TTT}) = (1/2) \times (1/2) \times (1/2) = 1/8$
- $P(\text{at least one head}) = 1 - P(\text{TTT}) = 1 - (1/8) = 87.5\%$

In 10 tosses:

- $1 - (1/2)^{10} \cong 99.9\%$

