

#32: Probability in Computer Science 2 5 Brad Solomon

Review common probability terminology:

- What is the **sample space** of a single dice? Of two dice?
- Give two examples of **events** given X dice. •
- Given two random variables D1 and D2, describe a random ٠ variable for the sum of two dice.
- What is the **expected value** of D1 and D2? Of the sum of • both?

Randomization in Algorithms

1. Assume input data is random to estimate average-case performance

Give an example of an average case analysis:

What assumptions were made?

2. Use randomness inside algorithm to estimate expected running time

Give an example of an expected case analysis:

Where is the source of randomness?

What assumptions were made?

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3. Using randomness inside algorithm to estimate expected accuracy

What are the four outcomes in probabilistic accuracy?

Give an example of an expected case accuracy:

Where is the source of randomness?

What assumptions were made?

What is the difference between a **Las Vegas** algorithm and a **Monte Carlo** algorithm?