

# UNIT 9B Randomness in Computation: Games with Random Numbers

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## Rolling a die



```
from random import randint
def roll():
    return randint(0,15110) % 6 + 1
```

OR

```
def roll():
    return randint(1,6)
```

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#### Another die





def roll(): #wrong

return randint(0,90)

def roll(): #right

return randint(0,9) \* 10

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## Simulating a Deck of Cards

- A deck of cards is made up of 52 cards, where each card has a suit and a rank:
  - Suits: Spades (♠), Hearts (♥), Diamonds (♠),
    Clubs (♣)
  - Ranks: 2, 3, 4, 5,6, 7, 8, 9, 10,J (Jack), Q (Queen),K (King), A (Ace)
- A standard deck of cards has 1 of each combination of suit and rank.

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### A card deck in Python

Do not use ... in your code

```
def create_deck():
    deck = []
    ranklist = ["2","3","4", ..., "K","A"]
    suitlist = ["clubs", ..., "spades"]
    for suit in range(0,4):
        for rank in range (0,13):
            card = []
            card.append(ranklist[rank])
            card.append(suitlist[suit])
            deck.append(card)
    return deck
```

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#### Rank

```
def get_rank(card):
    ranklist = ["2", ..., "A"]
    return
    ranklist.index(card[0])
```

Do not use ... in your code!

2	0
3	1
4	2
5	3
6	4
7	5
8	6
9	7
10	8
J	9
Q	10
K	11
Α	12

card rank

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#### Suit

```
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...
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```

card	suit
♣ (clubs)	0
♦ (diamonds)	1
♥ (hearts)	2
♠ (spades)	3

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## Picking a random card from a deck

```
from random import randint
```

```
def pick_card(deck):
    card_number = randint(0,51)
    return deck[card_number]
```

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#### **Dealing Random Cards**

- Suppose we have a card game like Poker where we want to be dealt a "hand" of 5 random cards from the deck.
- What is potentially wrong with the following code?

```
hand = []
for i in range(0,5):
    hand.append(pick card(deck))
```

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### Shuffling the Deck

- We should shuffle a deck and then create a hand from the first 5 cards in the deck.
- There are many ways to shuffle a deck of cards.
- One algorithm:
  - Exchange (swap) the first card with a random card.
  - Exchange the second card with a random card except the first card.
  - Exchange the third card with a random card except the first two cards.
  - ... Repeat until all cards have been swapped.

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#### **Building the Function**

• For the first card (at index 0) in deck **d**, how do we generate a random index for a card to swap?

```
r = randint(0, len(d)-1)
```

 How do we swap the first card with the randomlyselected card?

```
temp = d[0]

d[0] = d[r]

d[r] = temp

or we can use parallel assignment in Python...

d[0], d[r] = d[r], d[0]
```

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## Building the Function (cont'd)

 For the second card (at index 1) in deck d, how do we generate a random index for any card except the first card?

```
r = randint(1, len(d)-1)
```

 How do we swap the first card with the randomlyselected card?

```
temp = d[1]

d[1] = d[r]

d[r] = temp

or we can use parallel assignment in Python...

d[1], d[r] = d[r], d[1]
```

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## Building the Function (cont'd)

• For the third card (at index 2) in deck **d**, how do we generate a random index for any card except the first two cards?

```
r = randint(2, len(d)-1)
```

 How do we swap the first card with the randomlyselected card?

```
temp = d[2]

d[2] = d[r]

d[r] = temp

or we can use parallel assignment in Python...

d[2], d[r] = d[r], d[2]
```

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#### In general...

 For the card at index i in deck d, how do we generate a random index for a card to swap?

```
r = randint(i, len(d)-1)
```

 How do we swap the first card with the randomlyselected card?

```
temp = d[i]
d[i] = d[r]
d[r] = temp
or we can use parallel assignment in Python...
d[i], d[r] = d[r], d[i]
```

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Shuffling the entire deck and dealing five cards...

```
def permute(deck):
    for i in range(0,len(deck)-1):
        r = randint(i,len(deck)-1)
        deck[i],deck[r] = deck[r], deck[i]
    return deck

>> hand = permute(deck)[0:5]
[ ['10','hearts'],['10','spades'],
    ['J','spades'],['4','clubs'],['Q','spades'] ]
You can also use random.shuffle(deck) to permute!
```

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#### Poker: Detecting a Flush

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- In poker, a flush is a hand where all of the cards have the same suit.
- One possible algorithm:
   If all of the cards have a suit of spades, return true.
   If all of the cards have a suit of hearts, return true.
   If all of the cards have a suit of diamonds, return true.
   If all of the cards have a suit of clubs, return true.
   If none of the above tests returns true, return false.

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## Poker: Detecting a Flush (cont'd)

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## Poker: Detecting a Flush (cont'd)

## Poker: Detecting a Flush (Another way)

```
def flush2(hand)
  for j in range(0,4): # j is suit index
      count = 0  # reset for suit j
      for i in range(0,len(hand)):
          if (hand[i].get_suit() == j):
            count = count + 1
      if count == len(hand):
          return True  # all suits were j
    return False
```

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#### Simple dice game

- A player has two die. On each roll, if the player does not roll "doubles" (same value on each die), then the player wins the sum of the die values. Otherwise, the player earns a "strike". The game ends once the player has three strikes.
- Write a function that returns the amount the player wins in a simulated simple dice game.

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## Rolling a die

```
def roll():
    return randint(1,6)
```

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## One round of the game

```
die1 = roll()
die2 = roll()
if die1 == die2:
    strikes = strikes + 1
else:
    sum = sum + die1 + die2
```

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#### Putting it together

```
def simple_game():
    strikes = 0
    sum = 0
    while (strikes < 3):
        die1 = roll()
        die2 = roll()
        if die1 == die2:
            strikes = strikes + 1
        else:
            sum = sum + die1 + die2
    return sum</pre>
```

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## What is the average winnings for 1000 players of this game?

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```
>>> games = []
>>> for i in range(0,1000):
...     games.append(simple_game())
...
>>> games
[16, 60, 252, 131, 70, ..., 209, 70, 107]
>>> total = 0
>>> for score in games:
...     total = total + score
...
>> total/1000
=> 102.674
```