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Probability Machine

To Do

Turn the board over so all of the beads are at the top.

Turn the board so the beads begin to fall.
Watch the distribution of the beads.

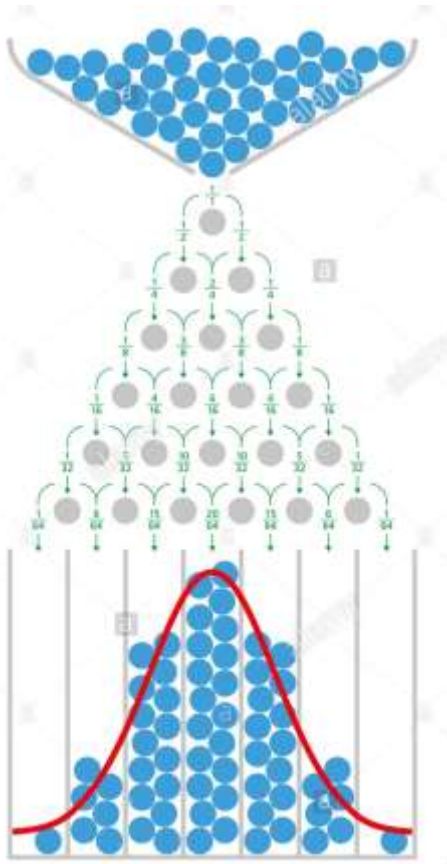
Mess Around

How often does a colored bead land in an outer column? How about in a center column?

What's Going On

As a ball hits a peg, it has equal odds of bouncing left or right. The odds that a ball ends up in a given column is related to the number of different ways the ball can reach that column, like left-left-right and left-right-left. Therefore, balls have a higher probability of reaching the center columns.

This board is designed to demonstrate the binomial distribution described by Sir Francis Galton.



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