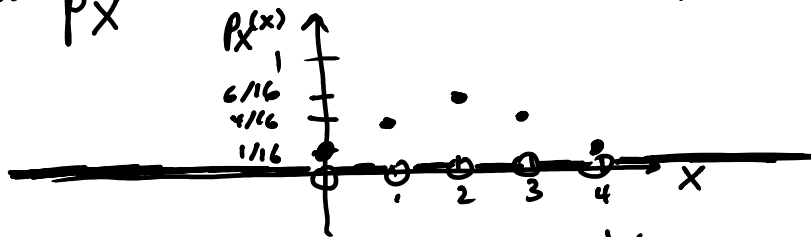


Example: Let X denote the number of girls born in 4 independent births. Notice X takes on 5 possible values: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4.

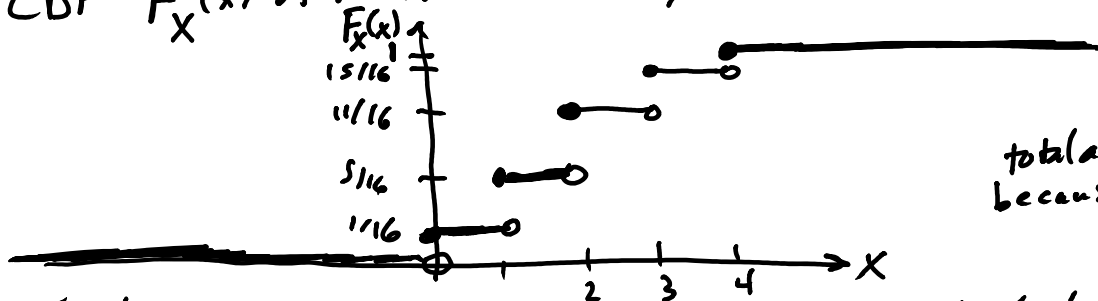
16 possible outcomes. 1 outcome $\rightarrow X=0$ $P(X=0) = \frac{1}{16}$
 4 outcomes $\rightarrow X=1$ $P(X=1) = \frac{4}{16}$
 6 outcomes $\rightarrow X=2$ $P(X=2) = \frac{6}{16}$
 4 outcomes $\rightarrow X=3$ $P(X=3) = \frac{4}{16}$
 1 outcome $\rightarrow X=4$ $P(X=4) = \frac{1}{16}$

mass $p_X(x)$ of the random variable X looks like:



like:
 $P(X=x) = 0$ for all other values of X
 often leave off the 0 values altogether.

CDF $F_X(x)$ of random variable X



total amount of jumps is 1 because the mass must sum to 1.

Think: CDF approaches 0 as $x \rightarrow -\infty$ i.e. to the left
 approaches 1 as $x \rightarrow +\infty$ i.e. to the right
 has step sizes of the same heights as the mass.

