## A SAMPLE SPACES

#### A.1 FINDING THE SAMPLE SPACES

MCQ 1: A fair six-sided die is rolled once.



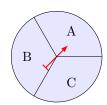
Find the sample space.

- $\Box \{1,2,3,4,5\}$
- $\square$  {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}
- $\boxtimes \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

Answer:

- The sample space is all possible outcomes.
- When rolling a fair six-sided die, the possible outcomes are the numbers on the die's faces.
- So, the sample space is  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ .

MCQ 2: You spin the arrow on the spinner below.



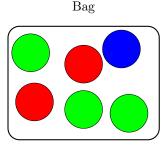
Find the sample space.

- $\boxtimes \{A, B, C\}$
- $\square \{A, B\}$
- $\square \{A,C\}$

Answer:

- The sample space is all possible outcomes of spinning the arrow.
- Here, the possible outcomes are A, B, and C.
- So, the sample space is  $\{A, B, C\}$ .

 $\mathbf{MCQ}$  3: A ball is chosen randomly from a bag containing 2 red balls, 1 blue ball, and 3 green balls.



Find the sample space.

- ⊠ {Red, Blue, Green}
- $\square$  {2 Red, 1 Blue, 3 Green}
- □ {Red, Red, Blue, Green, Green, Green}

Answer:

- When choosing a ball randomly from the bag containing 2 red balls, 1 blue ball, and 3 green balls, the balls are identical in color, so we do not distinguish between them based on quantity.
- So, the sample space (all possible outcomes) is: {Red, Blue, Green}

MCQ 4: A letter is chosen randomly from the word BANANA. Find all possible outcomes for the chosen letter.

- $\boxtimes \{B, N, A\}$
- $\square$  {B, A, N, A, N, A}
- $\square$  {A, B, N, A, B, N}

Answer:

- When choosing a letter randomly from the word "BANANA", the possible outcomes are the distinct letters in the word.
- So, the sample space (all possible outcomes) is: {B, A, N} or {B, N, A}. The order in which the letters are listed does not matter.

MCQ 5: A couple is expecting a baby. What is the sample space for this random experiment?

- $\boxtimes$  {boy, girl}
- $\square$  {boy}
- $\square$  {girl}

Answer:

- The sample space is all possible outcomes for the sex of the baby.
- The possible outcomes are "boy" or "girl".
- So, the sample space is {boy, girl}.

### **B EVENTS**

#### **B.1 FINDING EVENTS FOR DIE-ROLLING EVENTS**

MCQ 6: If you roll a die, what is the set of outcomes for the event "getting a 3"?

- $\Box$  {1, 3, 5}
- $\Box$  {2, 3, 4}
- $\Box$  {1, 2, 3}

 $\boxtimes \{3\}$ 

Answer: The set of outcomes for the event "getting a 3" is {3}.

MCQ 7: If you roll a die, what is the set of outcomes for the event "getting a 5 or 6"?





$$\Box \{1,2,3\}$$

$$\Box \{3,4,5\}$$

Answer: The set of outcomes for the event "getting a 5 or 6" is  $\{5,6\}$ .

MCQ 8: If you roll a die, what is the set of outcomes for the event "getting a number greater than or equal to 4"?



 $\boxtimes \{4, 5, 6\}$ 

 $\Box$  {3, 4, 5}

 $\Box$  {2, 3, 4}

Answer: The set of outcomes for the event "getting a number greater than or equal to 4" is  $\{4, 5, 6\}$ .

MCQ 9: If you roll a die, what is the set of outcomes for the event "even number"?

 $\Box$  {1, 3, 5}

 $\boxtimes \{2, 4, 6\}$ 

 $\square$  {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}

 $\Box$  {2, 3, 4, 5}

Answer: The set of outcomes for the event "even number" is  $\{2,4,6\}$ .

#### **B.2 FINDING EVENTS IN A CASINO SPINNER**

MCQ 10: If you spin the spinner below, what is the set of outcomes for the event "getting a 2"?



- $\boxtimes \{2\}$
- $\Box \{1,2,3\}$
- $\Box$  {2, 4, 6}
- $\Box \{0,1,2\}$

Answer: The set of outcomes for the event "getting a 2" is {2}.

MCQ 11: If you spin the spinner below, what is the set of outcomes for the event "red"?



- $\Box \{1,3,5,7\}$
- $\square$  {0}
- $\boxtimes \{2,4,6,8\}$
- $\Box \{1,2,3,4\}$

Answer: The set of outcomes for the event "red" is  $\{2, 4, 6, 8\}$ .

MCQ 12: If you spin the spinner below, what is the set of outcomes for the event "getting an odd number"?



- $\Box \{0,1,3\}$
- $\Box$  {2, 4, 6, 8}
- $\Box \{1,2,3,4\}$
- $\boxtimes \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$

Answer: The set of outcomes for the event "getting an odd number" is  $\{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ .

## C MULTI-STEP RANDOM EXPERIMENTS

#### C.1 FINDING OUTCOME IN A TABLE

MCQ 13: The table below shows the possible outcomes for the sexes of two children, first and second, where each can be a Boy (B) or a Girl (G).

second child first child	В	G
В	BB	?
G	GB	GG

Find the missing outcome.

- $\square BB$
- $\boxtimes BG$
- $\Box$  GB

Answer:

- The first child is represented by the row ("first child"), and the second child by the column ("second child").
- The missing outcome is BG.

MCQ 14: The table below shows the possible outcomes when selecting two letters at random from the word "MAT" with replacement (after choosing a letter, it is put back before the next selection).

letter 2 letter 1	M	A	T
M	MM	MA	MT
A	AM	AA	AT
T	TM	?	TT

Find the missing outcome.

 $\Box TT$ 

 $\boxtimes TA$ 

 $\Box$  AT

Answer:

- The first letter is "Letter 1" (row), and the second letter is "Letter 2" (column).
- The missing outcome is TA.

MCQ 15: The table below shows the possible outcomes when selecting two letters at random from the word "CODE" with replacement (after choosing a letter, it is put back before the next selection).

letter 2 letter 1	C	0	D	E
C	CC	CO	CD	CE
0	OC	00	OD	OE
D	DC	?	DD	DE
E	EC	EO	ED	EE

Find the missing outcome.

 $\boxtimes DO$ 

 $\square$  *OD* 

 $\square$  DC

Answer:

- The first letter is "Letter 1" (row), and the second letter is "Letter 2" (column).
- The missing outcome is DO.

MCQ 16: The table below shows the possible outcomes when selecting two letters at random from the word "NODE" without replacement (after choosing a letter, it is not put back before the next selection). An "X" means no outcome is possible.

letter 2	N	0	D	E
N	$\mathbf{X}$	?	ND	NE
0	ON	X	OD	OE
D	DN	DO	X	DE
E	EN	EO	ED	X

Find the missing outcome.

 $\square$  NN

 $\boxtimes NO$ 

 $\square$  ON

Answer:

- The first letter is "Letter 1" (row), and the second letter is "Letter 2" (column).
- The missing outcome is NO.

MCQ 17: The table below shows the possible outcomes when a coach selects two players at random from four players (A, B, C, D) without replacement (after choosing a player, they are not put back before the next selection). An "X" means no outcome is possible.

Player 2 Player 1	A	B	C	D
A	X	?	AC	AD
B	BA	X	BC	BD
C	CA	CB	X	CD
D	DA	DB	DC	X

Find the missing outcome.

 $\boxtimes AB$ 

 $\square$  BA

 $\Box$  CA

Answer:

- The first player is "Player 1" (row), and the second player is "Player 2" (column).
- The missing outcome is AB.

## C.2 COUNTING THE NUMBER OF POSSIBLE OUTCOMES IN A TABLE

Ex 18: The table below shows the possible outcomes for the sexes of two children, first and second, where each can be a Boy (B) or a Girl (G).

second child first child	B	G
В	BB	BG
G	GB	GG

Count the number of possible outcomes.

4 possible outcomes.

Answer:

- The sample space (the possible outcomes) is  $\{BB, BG, GB, GG\}$ .
- The number of possible outcomes is 4.

**Ex 19:** There are four players: A, B, C, and D. For position 1, only players A and B are eligible. For position 2, only players C and D are eligible. The table below shows the possible selections for the two positions.

position 2 position 1	C	D
A	AC	AD
B	BC	BD

Count the number of possible outcomes.



4 possible outcomes.

Answer:

- The sample space (the possible outcomes) is  $\{AC, AD, BC, BD\}$ .
- The number of possible outcomes is 4.

**Ex 20:** There are four players: A, B, C, and D. A coach selects two players at random without replacement. The table below shows the possible selections for the two positions. An "X" means no outcome is possible.

Player 2 Player 1	A	B	C	D
A	$\mathbf{X}$	AB	AC	AD
В	BA	X	BC	BD
C	CA	CB	X	CD
D	DA	DB	DC	X

Count the number of possible outcomes.

12 possible outcomes.

Answer:

- The sample space (the possible outcomes) is  $\{AB, AC, AD, BA, BC, BD, CA, CB, CD, DA, DB, DC\}.$
- The number of possible outcomes is 12.

**Ex 21:** There are three students: X, Y, and Z. A teacher selects one student each day, on Monday and Tuesday, to recite a poem. The selection is made without replacement, meaning the same student cannot be chosen both days. The table below shows the possible selections for the two days.

Tuesday Monday	X	Y	Z
X	X	XY	XZ
Y	YX	X	YZ
Z	ZX	ZY	X

Count the number of possible outcomes.

6 possible outcomes.

Answer:

- The sample space (the possible outcomes)  $\{XY, XZ, YX, YZ, ZX, ZY\}.$
- The number of possible outcomes is 6.

## C.3 COUNTING THE NUMBER OF POSSIBLE OUTCOMES FOR AN EVENT

Ex 22: There are four players: A, B, C, and D. A coach selects two players at random without replacement. The table below shows the possible selections for the two positions. An "X" means no outcome is possible.

Player 2 Player 1	A	B	C	D
A	X	AB	AC	AD
В	BA	X	BC	BD
C	CA	CB	X	CD
D	DA	DB	DC	$\mathbf{X}$

Count the number of outcomes for the event that player A is selected.

6 outcomes.

Answer:

- The event "player A is selected" includes all outcomes where A is either Player 1 or Player 2.
- From the table:
  - When A is Player 1 (row A): AB, AC, AD (3 outcomes).
  - When A is Player 2 (column A): BA, CA, DA (3 outcomes).
- Total outcomes:  $\{AB, AC, AD, BA, CA, DA\}$ , which is 6 outcomes.

**Ex 23:** A pair of colored dice (one red and one blue) is rolled. Each die has faces numbered 1 to 6. The table below shows the possible outcomes for the two dice.

blue die red die	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	11	12	13	14	15	16
2	21	22	23	24	25	26
3	31	32	33	34	35	36
4	41	42	43	44	45	46
5	51	52	53	54	55	56
6	61	62	63	64	65	66

Count the number of outcomes for the event "double" (both dice show the same number).

6 outcomes.

Answer:

- The event "double" includes all outcomes where the red die and blue die show the same number.
- From the table:
  - Doubles: 11, 22, 33, 44, 55, 66 (6 outcomes).
- Total outcomes: 6.

Ex 24: A pair of colored dice (one red and one blue) is rolled. Each die has faces numbered 1 to 6. The table below shows the possible outcomes for the two dice.

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blue die	4		9	l ,	_	C
red die	1	2	3	$\begin{vmatrix} 4 \end{vmatrix}$	5	6
1	11	12	13	14	15	16
2	21	22	23	24	25	26
3	31	32	33	34	35	36
4	41	42	43	44	45	46
5	51	52	53	54	55	56
6	61	62	63	64	65	66

Count the number of outcomes for the event "at least one 6" (at least one die shows a 6).

11 outcomes.

• The event "at least one 6" includes all outcomes where at least one of the dice shows a 6.

• From the table:

- Red die = 6 (row 6): 6 outcomes.

- Blue die = 6 (column 6), excluding (6,6) already counted: 5 more outcomes.

• Total outcomes: 11.

**Ex 25:** A pair of colored dice (one red and one blue) is rolled. Each die has faces numbered 1 to 6. The table below shows the possible outcomes for the two dice.

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blue die red die	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	11	12	13	14	15	16
2	21	22	23	24	25	<b>2</b> 6
3	31	32	33	34	35	36
4	41	42	43	44	45	<b>4</b> 6
5	51	52	53	54	55	56
6	61	62	63	64	65	66

Count the number of outcomes for the event "the sum of the dice is equal to 11."

2 outcomes.

Answer:

• The event "the sum of the dice is 11" includes all outcomes where the red die and blue die sum to 11.

• From the table:

- Possible pairs: 56 (5+6=11), 65 (6+5=11).

• Total outcomes: 2.

**Ex 26:** A pair of colored dice (one red and one blue) is rolled. Each die has faces numbered 1 to 6. The table below shows the possible outcomes for the two dice.

blue die red die	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	11	12	13	14	15	16
2	21	22	23	24	25	26
3	31	32	33	34	35	36
4	41	42	43	44	45	46
5	51	52	53	54	55	56
6	61	62	63	64	65	66

Count the number of outcomes for the event "the sum of the dice is equal to 7."

6 outcomes.

Answer:

• The event "the sum of the dice is 7" includes all outcomes where the red die and blue die sum to 7.

• From the table:

- Possible pairs: 16 (1+6), 25 (2+5), 34 (3+4), 43 (4+3), 52 (5+2), 61 (6+1).

• Total outcomes: 6.

Ex 27: A pair of colored dice (one red and one blue) is rolled. Each die has faces numbered 1 to 6. The table below shows the possible outcomes for the two dice.

blue die red die	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	11	12	13	14	15	16
2	21	22	23	24	25	26
3	31	32	33	34	35	36
4	41	42	43	44	45	46
5	51	52	53	54	55	56
6	61	62	63	64	65	66

Count the number of outcomes for the event "the sum of the dice is less than or equal to 3."

3 outcomes.

Answer:

• The event "the sum of the dice is less than or equal to 3" includes all outcomes where the sum is 2 or 3.

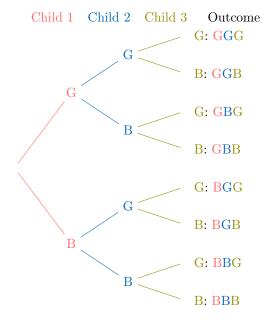
• From the table:

- Possible pairs: 11 (1+1=2), 12 (1+2=3), 21 (2+1=3).

• Total outcomes: 3.

## C.4 COUNTING THE NUMBER OF POSSIBLE OUTCOMES IN A TREE DIAGRAM

**Ex 28:** Parents have three children, each either a boy (B) or a girl (G). The tree diagram below illustrates all 8 possible sex outcomes for the three children.



Count the number of possible outcomes for the event where the first child is a boy.

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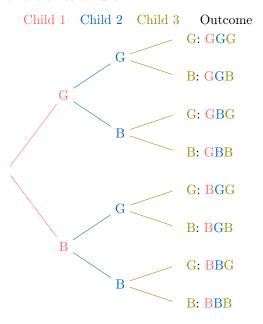
Answer:

• The event where the first child is a boy includes all outcomes starting with B, represented as  $B^{**}$ .



- These outcomes are: BBB, BBG, BGB, BGG.
- The number of possible outcomes is 4.

**Ex 29:** Parents have three children, each either a boy (B) or a girl (G). The tree diagram below illustrates all 8 possible sex outcomes for the three children.



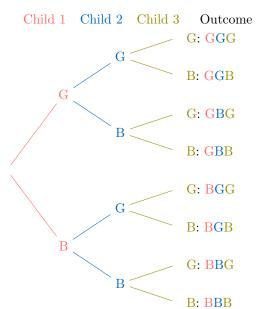
Count the number of possible outcomes for the event where there are exactly two girls.

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Answer:

- The event where there are exactly two girls includes all outcomes with exactly two G's and one B.
- These outcomes are: BGG, GBG, GGB.
- The number of possible outcomes is 3.

**Ex 30:** Parents have three children, each either a boy (B) or a girl (G). The tree diagram below shows all 8 possible sex outcomes for the three children.



Count the number of possible outcomes for the event where there are at least two girls.

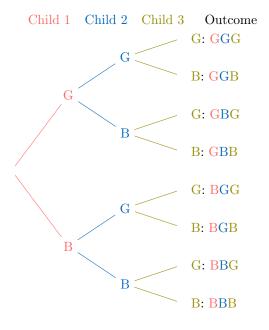


• The event where there are at least two girls includes all outcomes with two or three girls.

4

- These outcomes are: BGG, GBG, GGB, GGG.
- The number of possible outcomes is 4.

**Ex 31:** Parents have three children, each either a boy (B) or a girl (G). The tree diagram below illustrates all 8 possible sex outcomes for the three children.



Count the number of possible outcomes for the event where the family has mixed-sex children (at least one boy and one girl).

6

Answer:

- The event where the family has mixed-sex children includes all outcomes with at least one boy (B) and one girl (G), excluding all-boys (BBB) and all-girls (GGG).
- These outcomes are: BBG, BGB, BGG, GGB, GBG, GBB.
- The number of possible outcomes is 6.

### **D COMPLEMENTARY EVENTS**

## **D.1 FINDING THE COMPLEMENTARY EVENTS**

MCQ 32: If you roll a die, what is the set of outcomes for the event "not getting a 6"?

- $\Box \{2,3,4\}$
- $\square$  {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}
- $\boxtimes \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $\Box$  {1, 3, 5}

6



Answer: The set of outcomes for the event "not getting a 6" is  $\{1,2,3,4,5\}$ .

MCQ 33: If you roll a die, what is the set of outcomes for the event "not getting an odd number"?

 $\boxtimes \{2, 4, 6\}$ 

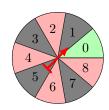
 $\square$  {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}

 $\Box \{1,2,3\}$ 

 $\Box \{1,3,5\}$ 

Answer: The set of outcomes for the event "not getting an odd number" is  $\{2,4,6\}$ .

MCQ 34: If you spin the spinner below, what is the set of outcomes for the event "not getting a 4"?



 $\Box \{1,2,3,4\}$ 

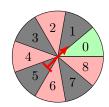
 $\boxtimes \{0,1,2,3,5,6,7,8\}$ 

 $\Box$  {2, 4, 6, 8}

 $\Box$  {4, 5, 6}

Answer: The set of outcomes for the event "not getting a 4" is  $\{0,1,2,3,5,6,7,8\}$ .

MCQ 35: If you spin the spinner below, what is the set of outcomes for the event "not getting red"?



 $\boxtimes \{0,1,3,5,7\}$ 

 $\Box$  {2, 4, 6, 8}

 $\square$  {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8}

 $\square$  {0}

Answer: The set of outcomes for the event "not getting red" is  $\{0,1,3,5,7\}$ .

### **E PROBABILITY**

## **E.1 DESCRIBING PROBABILITIES WITH WORDS**

MCQ 36: The probability of winning a game is  $\frac{1}{10}$ . Find the word to describe this probability.

☐ Impossible

□ Less Likely

 $\square$  Even Chance

☐ Most Likely

☐ Certain

Answer: The correct answer is "Less Likely." The probability of winning is  $\frac{1}{10}$ , which means you have the chance to win 1 game out of 10 games played. So, it's Less Likely.

MCQ 37: The probability of winning a game is  $\frac{4}{5}$ . Find the word to describe this probability.

☐ Impossible

☐ Less Likely

☐ Even Chance

 $\square$  Certain

Answer: The correct answer is "Most Likely." The probability of winning is  $\frac{4}{5}$ , which means you have the chance to win 4 games out of 5 games played. So, it's Most Likely.

MCQ 38: The probability of winning a game is  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Find the word to describe this probability.

☐ Impossible

☐ Less Likely

☐ Most Likely

☐ Certain

Answer: The correct answer is "Even Chance." The probability of winning is  $\frac{1}{2}$ , which means you have the chance to win 1 game out of 2 games played. So, it's an Even Chance.

MCQ 39: The probability of winning a game is 0. Find the word to describe this probability.

□ Less Likely

☐ Even Chance

☐ Most Likely

☐ Certain

Answer: The correct answer is "Impossible." The probability of winning is 0, which means you have no chance to win the game. So, it's Impossible.

MCQ 40: The probability of winning a game is 1. Find the word to describe this probability.

☐ Impossible

□ Less Likely

☐ Even Chance

☐ Most Likely

□ Certain

Answer: The correct answer is "Certain." The probability of winning is 1, which means you will definitely win the game. So, it's Certain.

### **E.2 MAKING DECISIONS USING PROBABILITIES**

MCQ 41: Louis advises you to play because the probability of winning this game is  $\frac{3}{4}$ . Do you follow his advice?

⊠ Yes

 $\square$  No

Answer: The correct answer is "Yes." The probability of winning is  $\frac{3}{4}$ , which means you have the chance to win 3 games out of 4 games played. So it is most likely. Therefore, it's a good idea to follow Louis's advice and play.

MCQ 42: Louis advises you to play because the probability of winning this game is  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Do you follow his advice?

□ Yes

⊠ No

Answer: The correct answer is "No." The probability of winning is  $\frac{1}{4}$ , which means you have the chance to win 1 game out of 4 games played. So it is less likely. Therefore, it's not a good idea to follow Louis's advice and play.

MCQ 43: The probability of succeeding a penalty is  $\frac{1}{2}$  for Louis and  $\frac{3}{4}$  for Hugo. Which player do you choose to take the penalty?

□ Louis

⊠ Hugo

Answer: The correct answer is "Hugo." The probability of succeeding for Louis is  $\frac{1}{2}$ , which means he has an even chance to succeed. For Hugo, it's  $\frac{3}{4}$ , which means he is most likely to succeed because he has the chance to succeed in 3 out of 4 penalties. So, Hugo is the better choice to take the penalty.

MCQ 44: The probability of succeeding a penalty is  $\frac{1}{4}$  for Louis and  $\frac{3}{5}$  for Hugo. Which player do you choose to take the penalty?

□ Louis

⊠ Hugo

Answer: The correct answer is "Hugo." The probability of succeeding for Louis is  $\frac{1}{4}$ , which means he is less likely to succeed because he has the chance to succeed in 1 out of 4 penalties. For Hugo, it's  $\frac{3}{5}$ , which means he is most likely to succeed because he has the chance to succeed in 3 out of 5 penalties. So, Hugo is the better choice to take the penalty.

## F EQUALLY LIKELY

#### F.1 FINDING PROBABILITIES IN A CASINO SPINNER

Ex 45: You spin the casino spinner shown below. Calculate the probability of the event "getting a 2".



$$P("getting a 2") = \boxed{\frac{1}{9}}$$

Answer:

- The number of outcomes in the universe when spinning the casino spinner is 9, since there are 9 sections (0 to 8).
- The number of outcomes for the event "getting a 2" is 1, as there is one section labeled 2 on the spinner.
- Therefore, the probability of getting a 2 is given by:

$$P("getting a 2") = \frac{\text{number of outcomes in the event}}{\text{number of outcomes in the universe}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{9}$$

Ex 46: You spin the casino spinner shown below. Calculate the probability of the event "not getting a 4".



$$P("\text{not getting a 4"}) = \boxed{\frac{8}{9}}$$

Answer:

- The number of outcomes in the universe when spinning the casino spinner is 9, since there are 9 sections (0 to 8).
- The number of outcomes for the event "not getting a 4" is 8, as there are eight sections that are not 4: 0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8.
- Therefore, the probability of not getting a 4 is given by:

$$P("\text{not getting a 4"}) = \frac{\text{number of outcomes in the event}}{\text{number of outcomes in the universe}} \\ = \frac{8}{9}$$

Ex 47: You spin the casino spinner shown below. Calculate the probability of the event "red".



$$P("\mathrm{red"}) = \boxed{\frac{4}{9}}$$

Answer:

- The number of outcomes in the universe when spinning the casino spinner is 9, since there are 9 sections (0 to 8).
- The number of outcomes for the event "red" is 4, as there are four red sections on the spinner: 2, 4, 6, and 8.

• Therefore, the probability of landing on a red section is given by:

$$P("red") = \frac{\text{number of outcomes in the event}}{\text{number of outcomes in the universe}}$$
$$= \frac{4}{9}$$

Ex 48: You spin the casino spinner shown below. Calculate the probability of the event "getting an odd number".



$$P("getting an odd number") = \boxed{\frac{4}{9}}$$

Answer:

- The number of outcomes in the universe when spinning the casino spinner is 9, since there are 9 sections (0 to 8).
- The number of outcomes for the event "getting an odd number" is 4, as there are four odd numbers on the spinner: 1, 3, 5, and 7.
- Therefore, the probability of getting an odd number is given by:

$$P("odd number") = \frac{\text{number of outcomes in the event}}{\text{number of outcomes in the universe}}$$
$$= \frac{4}{6}$$

Ex 49: You spin the casino spinner shown below. Calculate the probability of the event "not getting red".



$$P("not getting red") = \boxed{\frac{5}{9}}$$

Answer:

- The number of outcomes in the universe when spinning the casino spinner is 9, since there are 9 sections (0 to 8).
- The number of outcomes for the event "not getting red" is 5, as there are five sections that are not red: 0, 1, 3, 5, and 7.
- Therefore, the probability of not getting red is given by:

$$P("not getting red") = \frac{number of outcomes in the event}{number of outcomes in the universe}$$
$$= \frac{5}{9}$$

# F.2 FINDING PROBABILITIES IN A DICE EXPERIMENT

**Ex 50:** If you roll a die, what is the probability of the event "getting a 3"?

$$P("getting a 3") = \boxed{\frac{1}{6}}$$

Answer: There is 1 outcome (3) out of 6 possible outcomes, so the probability is  $\frac{1}{6}$ .

**Ex 51:** If you roll a die, what is the probability of the event "getting a 5 or 6"?

$$P("getting a 5 or 6") = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Answer: There are 2 outcomes (5 or 6) out of 6 possible outcomes, so the probability is  $\frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$ .

Ex 52: If you roll a die, what is the probability of the event "getting a number greater than or equal to 4"?

$$P("number \ge 4") = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Answer: There are 3 outcomes (4, 5, or 6) out of 6 possible outcomes, so the probability is  $\frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Ex 53: If you roll a die, what is the probability of the event "even number"?

$$P("even number") = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Answer: There are 3 outcomes (2, 4, or 6) out of 6 possible outcomes, so the probability is  $\frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Ex 54: If you roll a die, what is the probability of the event "not getting a 6"?

$$P("not getting a 6") = \boxed{\frac{5}{6}}$$

Answer: There are 5 outcomes (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5) out of 6 possible outcomes, so the probability is  $\frac{5}{6}$ .

Ex 55: If you roll a die, what is the probability of the event "not getting an odd number"?

$$P("\text{not getting an odd number"}) = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Answer: There are 3 outcomes (2, 4, or 6) out of 6 possible outcomes, so the probability is  $\frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

## F.3 CALCULATING THE PROBABILITY IN MULTI-STEP RANDOM EXPERIMENTS

Ex 56: A coach selects two players at random from a group of four players, labeled A, B, C, and D, without replacement (once a player is chosen, they are not available for the next selection). The table below shows all possible outcomes for selecting Player 1 and Player 2, where an "X" indicates an impossible outcome due to the same player being selected twice.

Player 2 Player 1	A	В	C	D
A	$\mathbf{X}$	AB	AC	AD
B	BA	$\mathbf{X}$	BC	BD
C	CA	CB	X	CD
D	DA	DB	DC	X

Calculate the probability that player C is selected as either Player 1 or Player 2.

$$P("selecting player C") = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Answer:

- The sample space consists of all possible pairs of players: AB, AC, AD, BA, BC, BD, CA, CB, CD, DA, DB, DC. This totals 12 outcomes.
- The event that player C is selected includes pairs where C is either Player 1 or Player 2: CA, CB, CD, AC, BC, DC. This totals 6 outcomes.
- The probability is calculated as:

$$P(\text{"C is selected"}) = \frac{\text{number of outcomes where C is selected}}{\text{number of possible outcomes}}$$
$$= \frac{6}{12}$$

Ex 57: Parents have three children, each either a boy (B) or a girl (G). The tree diagram below illustrates all 8 possible gender outcomes for the three children. Calculate the probability that the family has at least two girls.

$$P(\text{"at least two girls"}) = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Answer:

- The sample space consists of all possible gender outcomes for three children: BBB, BBG, BGB, BGG, GBB, GBG, GGB, GGG. This totals 8 outcomes.
- The event that the family has at least two girls includes outcomes with two or three girls: BGG, GBG, GGB, GGG. This totals 4 outcomes.
- The probability is calculated as:

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$$P(\text{"at least 2 girls"}) = \frac{\text{Number of outcomes with at least 2 girls}}{\text{Total number of outcomes}}$$

$$= \frac{4}{8}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$
The sample space consists of all possible pairs of outcomes from rolling two six-sided dice: 36 outcomes (6 outcomes for the red die times 6 outcomes for the blue die).

The event that the sum is greater than or equal to 11 includes pairs:  $(5,6)$ ,  $(6,5)$ ,  $(6,5)$ ,  $(6,6)$ . This totals 3 outcomes.

Ex 58: A pair of colored dice (one red and one blue) is rolled. Each die has faces numbered 1 to 6. The table below shows the possible outcomes for the two dice.

dé bleu dé rouge	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	11	12	13	14	15	16
2	21	22	23	24	25	26
3	31	32	33	34	35	36
4	41	42	43	44	45	46
5	51	52	53	54	55	56
6	61	62	63	64	65	66

Calculate the probability that the sum of the two dice is exactly 7.

$$P("\text{sum is } 7") = \boxed{\frac{1}{6}}$$

Answer

- The sample space consists of all possible pairs of outcomes from rolling two six-sided dice: 36 outcomes (6 outcomes for Die 1 times 6 outcomes for Die 2).
- The event that the sum is exactly 7 includes pairs: (1,6), (2,5), (3,4), (4,3), (5,2), (6,1). This totals 6 outcomes.
- The probability is calculated as:

$$P("\text{sum is 7"}) = \frac{\text{Number of outcomes with sum 7}}{\text{Total number of outcomes}}$$

$$= \frac{6}{36}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}$$

Ex 59: A pair of colored dice (one red and one blue) is rolled. Each die has faces numbered 1 to 6. The table below shows the possible outcomes for the two dice.

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2	21	22	23	24	25	26
3	31	32	33	34	35	36
4	41	42	43	44	45	46
5	51	52	53	54	55	56
6	61	62	63	64	65	66

Calculate the probability that the sum of the two dice is greater than or equal to 11.

$$P("sum \ge 11") = \boxed{\frac{1}{12}}$$

Answer:

- The event that the sum is greater than or equal to 11 includes pairs: (5,6), (6,5), (6,6). This totals 3 outcomes.
- The probability is calculated as:

$$P("sum \ge 11") = \frac{\text{Number of outcomes with sum } \ge 11}{\text{Total number of outcomes}}$$

$$= \frac{3}{36}$$

$$= \frac{1}{12}$$

Ex 60: A pair of colored dice (one red and one blue) is rolled. Each die has faces numbered 1 to 6. The table below shows the possible outcomes for the two dice.

dé bleu dé rouge	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	11	12	13	14	15	16
2	21	22	23	24	25	26
3	31	32	33	34	35	36
4	41	42	43	44	45	46
5	51	52	53	54	55	56
6	61	62	63	64	65	66

Calculate the probability that the sum of the two dice is exactly 6 or 8.

$$P("sum is 6 or 8") = \boxed{\frac{5}{18}}$$

Answer:

- The sample space consists of all possible pairs of outcomes from rolling two six-sided dice: 36 outcomes (6 outcomes for the red die times 6 outcomes for the blue die).
- The event that the sum is exactly 6 or 8 includes pairs: (1,5), (2,4), (3,3), (4,2), (5,1) for sum 6, and (2,6), (3,5), (4,4), (5,3), (6,2) for sum 8. This totals 10 outcomes.
- The probability is calculated as:

$$P("\text{sum is 6 or 8"}) = \frac{\text{Number of outcomes with sum 6 or 8}}{\text{Total number of outcomes}}$$

$$= \frac{10}{36}$$

$$= \frac{5}{18}$$

### **G COMPLEMENT RULE**

### G.1 APPLYING THE COMPLEMENT RULE

**Ex 61:** I toss a fair coin. The probability of getting heads is  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Find the probability of getting tails.

$$P("Getting tails") = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Answer:

- The probability of getting heads is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- $\bullet$  The event "Getting tails" is the complement of "Getting heads."
- Using the complement rule:

$$P("Getting tails") = 1 - P("Getting heads")$$
$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

• So, the probability of getting tails is  $\frac{1}{2} = 50\%$ .

Ex 62: A teacher told a joke in class: "Why was the math book sad? Because it had too many problems!" The probability that a student laughs at the joke is 70%.

Find the probability that a student does not laugh at the joke.

$$P("Not laughing") = \boxed{30}\%$$

Answer:

- The probability that a student laughs at the joke is 70%.
- The event "Not laughing" is the complement of "Laughing."
- Using the complement rule:

$$P("Not laughing") = 1 - P("Laughing")$$
  
=  $100\% - 70\%$   
=  $30\%$ 

• Therefore, the probability that a student does not laugh at the joke is 30%.

**Ex 63:** I randomly select a student in the class. The probability that a girl is selected is  $\frac{9}{10}$ .

Find the probability that a boy is selected.

$$P("Selecting a boy") = \boxed{\frac{1}{10}}$$

Answer:

- The probability that a girl is selected is  $\frac{9}{10}$ .
- The event "Selecting a boy" is the complement of "Selecting a girl."
- Using the complement rule:

$$P("Selecting a boy") = 1 - P("Selecting a girl")$$
 
$$= 1 - \frac{9}{10}$$
 
$$= \frac{1}{10}$$

• So, the probability that a boy is selected is  $\frac{1}{10} = 10\%$ .

**Ex 64:** The weather forecast predicts that there is a 70% chance of rain tomorrow.

Find the probability that it will not rain tomorrow.

$$P("\text{No rain"}) = \boxed{30}\%$$

Answer:

- The probability that it will rain tomorrow is 70%.
- The event "No rain" is the complement of "Rain".
- Using the complement rule:

$$P("\text{No rain"}) = 1 - P("\text{Rain"})$$
  
=  $100\% - 70\%$   
=  $30\%$ 

• Therefore, the probability that it will not rain tomorrow is 30%.

**Ex 65:** In a loto game, the probability of winning is  $\frac{1}{100}$ . Find the probability of losing.

$$P("Losing") = \boxed{\frac{99}{100}}$$



#### Answer:

- The probability of winning is  $\frac{1}{100}$ .
- The event "Losing" is the complement of "Winning."
- Using the complement rule:

$$P("Losing") = 1 - P("Winning")$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{100}$$

$$= \frac{100}{100} - \frac{1}{100}$$

$$= \frac{99}{100}$$

• So, the probability of losing is  $\frac{99}{100} = 99\%$ .

## H EXPERIMENTAL PROBABILITY

# H.1 CALCULATING EXPERIMENTAL PROBABILITIES IN PERCENTAGE FORM

Ex 66: During a classroom experiment, Ethan flips a coin 50 times and records that it lands on heads 30 times. Calculate the experimental probability that the coin lands on heads, and express the result in percentage form.

$$P("landing on heads") \approx 60 \%$$

Answer.

- The total number of trials in the experiment is 50, since Ethan flipped the coin 50 times.
- The number of successful outcomes for the event "landing on heads" is 30, as the coin landed on heads 30 times.
- Calculate the experimental probability:

$$P("landing on heads") \approx \frac{\text{number of successful outcomes}}{\text{total number of trials}}$$
 
$$\approx \frac{30}{50}$$
 
$$\approx 30 \div 50$$
 
$$\approx 0.6$$
 
$$\approx 0.6 \times 100\%$$
 
$$\approx 60\%$$

Ex 67: During a week of basketball practice, Mia made 45 out of 60 free-throw attempts. Estimate the experimental probability that Mia will make her next free-throw attempt, and express the result in percentage form.

$$P(\text{"making the next attempt"}) \approx \boxed{75}$$
%

Answer:

• The total number of trials in the experiment is 60, since Mia made 60 free-throw attempts.

- The number of successful outcomes for the event "making the next attempt" is 45, as Mia successfully made 45 free-throws.
- Calculate the experimental probability:

$$P("making the next attempt") \approx \frac{\text{number of successful outcom}}{\text{total number of trials}}$$

$$= \frac{45}{60}$$

$$= 45 \div 60$$

$$= 0.75$$

$$= 0.75 \times 100\%$$

$$= 75\%$$

Ex 68: During a week, the school cafeteria recorded that out of 150 students, 120 chose a vegetarian meal. Estimate the experimental probability that the next student will choose a vegetarian meal, and express the result in percentage form.

$$P(\text{choosing a vegetarian meal}) \approx 80\%$$

Answer:

- The total number of trials in the experiment is 150, since 150 students were recorded.
- The number of successful outcomes for the event "choosing a vegetarian meal" is 120, as 120 students chose a vegetarian meal.
- Calculate the experimental probability:

$$P("vegetarian meal") \approx \frac{\text{number of successful outcomes}}{\text{total number of trials}}$$

$$= \frac{120}{150}$$

$$= 120 \div 150$$

$$= 0.8$$

$$= 0.8 \times 100\%$$

$$= 80\%$$

Ex 69: Over the course of a year, it rained on 146 days out of 365 recorded days. Estimate the experimental probability that it will rain, and express the result in percentage form.

$$P("raining") \approx \boxed{40}\%$$

Answer:

- The total number of trials in the experiment is 365, since 365 days were recorded.
- The number of successful outcomes for the event "raining" is 146, as it rained on 146 days.



• Calculate the experimental probability:

$$P("raining") \approx \frac{\text{number of successful outcomes}}{\text{total number of trials}}$$

$$= \frac{146}{365}$$

$$= 146 \div 365$$

$$= 0.4$$

$$= 0.4 \times 100\%$$

$$= 40\%$$

# H.2 CONDUCTING EXPERIMENTS TO ESTIMATE PROBABILITIES

Ex 70: In a experiment, you are asked to toss a fair coin at least 30. Follow these steps:

- 1. Note the number of times the coin lands on heads.
- 2. Note the total number of trials (tosses).
- 3. Calculate the experimental probability that the coin lands on heads, and express the result in decimal form.

Answer: To demonstrate the process, let's assume a sample result from the experiment: I conducted these experiments and noted each result using tally marks.

- 3. Calculate the experimental probability that the coin lands on heads:

$$P("landing on heads") \approx \frac{\text{number of successful outcomes}}{\text{total number of trials}}$$

$$\approx \frac{18}{40}$$

$$\approx 18 \div 40$$

$$\approx 0.45$$

This is a sample result; your actual probability will depend on your experiment's outcomes.

Ex 71: In a classroom experiment, you are asked of your friends at least 10 to choose randomly a single number from 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5. Follow these steps:

- 1. Note the number of times the answer is 5.
- 2. Note the total number of trials (friends asked).
- 3. Calculate the experimental probability that a friend chooses the number 5, and express the result in decimal form.

Answer: To demonstrate the process, let's assume a sample result from the experiment: I conducted this survey by asking 40 friends, and I noted each result using tally marks.

1. Number of times the answer is 5 = |||||||||||||Number of times the answer is 5 = 12

- 2. Number of trials = 40
- 3. Calculate the experimental probability that a friend chooses the number 5:

$$P("\text{choosing the number 5"}) \approx \frac{\text{number of successful outcomes}}{\text{total number of trials}}$$
 
$$\approx \frac{12}{40}$$
 
$$\approx 12 \div 40$$
 
$$\approx 0.3$$

This is a sample result; your actual probability will depend on your experiment's outcomes.