

12-3 Probability

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What is probability?

$$\frac{\text{favorable outcomes}}{\text{total \# of outcomes}}$$

1 Roll 1 die. What is the probability that you roll a number that is less than or equal to 4?

$$\frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

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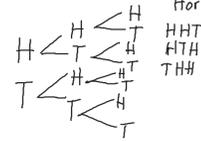
2 Roll 2 dice. What is the probability that the sum is 6 or 7?

Sample Space  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1,5 \quad 3,3 \quad 6,1 \quad 3,4 \\ 5,1 \quad \quad 1,6 \quad 4,3 \\ 2,4 \quad \quad 2,5 \\ 4,2 \quad \quad 5,2 \end{array} \right.$

$$\frac{11}{36} = \frac{6}{1st} \times \frac{6}{2nd}$$

3 Flip 3 coins. What is the probability that 2 heads and 1 tail will be face up?

HHT }  $\frac{3}{8}$   
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$2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$  outcomes

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Five boys and 3 girls are applying for a summer job. Three applicants will be selected.

Find the probability that:

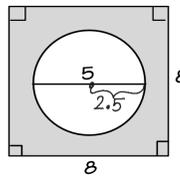
a) all 3 are boys      b) 2 are girls and 1 is a boy

$$\frac{{}^3C_3}{{}^8C_3} = \frac{1}{8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 / (3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1)} = \frac{1}{56}$$

$$\frac{{}^3C_2 \times {}^5C_1}{{}^8C_3} = \frac{3 \times 5}{56} = \frac{15}{56}$$

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Find the probability that a dart thrown at the target shown hits in the colored area.



$$\frac{8^2 - \pi(2.5)^2}{8^2} = \frac{64 - \pi(2.5)^2}{64} \approx .69$$