

## 13.1 Probability Theory

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### Objectives:

1. Calculate probabilities by counting outcomes in a sample space.
2. Use counting formulas to compute probabilities.
3. Perform computations using the relationship between probability and odds.
4. Use probability theory to investigate genetic diseases.

### Key Terms:

Experiment  
Outcomes  
Sample Space  
Event  
Probability  
Empirical Assignment  
Odds

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**SHORT ANSWER. Write the word or phrase that best completes each statement or answers the question.**

**List all equally likely outcomes in the sample space for the indicated experiment.**

- 1) A box contains 3 blue cards numbered 1 through 3, and 4 green cards numbered 1 through 4. List the sample space of picking a blue card followed by a green card.
- 2) The aces are separated from a deck of standard playing cards and shuffled. Two are randomly selected.

**Write the event as a set of outcomes.**

- 3) When we roll two dice, the total showing is eight.

**Solve the problem.**

- 4) Seven slips of paper marked with the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are placed in a box and mixed well. Two are drawn. What are the odds that the sum of the numbers on the two selected slips is not 5?
- 5) Seven slips of paper marked with the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are placed in a box and mixed well. Two are drawn. What are the odds that the sum of the numbers on the two selected slips is 8?
- 6) Seven slips of paper marked with the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are placed in a box and mixed well. Two are drawn. What are the odds that the sum of the numbers on the two selected slips is 7?
- 7)  

1	2	3	4	5
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What are the odds of drawing a number greater than 2 from these cards?
- 8) If two fair dice are rolled, what is the probability that a total of four shows?
- 9) If we toss four fair coins, what is the probability that we get exactly four tails?
- 10) The odds in favor of a horse winning a race are posted as 7 : 2. Find the probability that the horse will win the race.

- 11) The odds in favor of Carl beating his friend in a round of golf are 7 : 5 Find the probability that Carl will beat his friend.
- 12) The odds against Muffy beating her friend in a round of golf are 1 : 6. Find the probability that Muffy will lose.

**Answer the question.**

- 13) If  $P(A) = \frac{1}{7}$  then find the odds in favor of A happening.