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Foundation for your future

But its not always intuitive

# But Its not Always Intuitive

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A patient has a  
positive Zika test.

*What is the probability they have zika?*

- 
- *0.8% of people have zika*
  - *Test has 90% positive rate for people with zika*
  - *Test has 7% positive rate for people without zika*

The right answer is 9%



Probability = Important + Needs Study

*Delayed gratification*

# CS109 View of Probability

Teach you how to write programs  
that most people are not able to write.

# CS109 View of Probability

Teach you the theory you need to do the math that most people are not able to do.

# CS109

AI

Uncertainty Theory

Single Random  
Variables

Probabilistic Models

Counting

Probability Fundamentals

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Lets dive in...



2 min pedagogic pause.

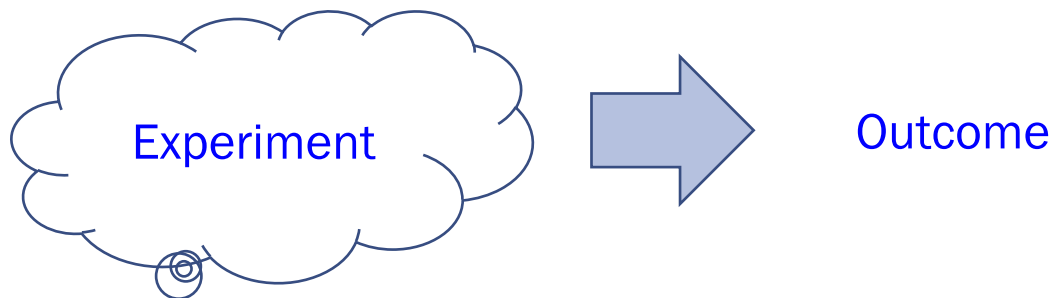


# Counting I

# What is Counting?

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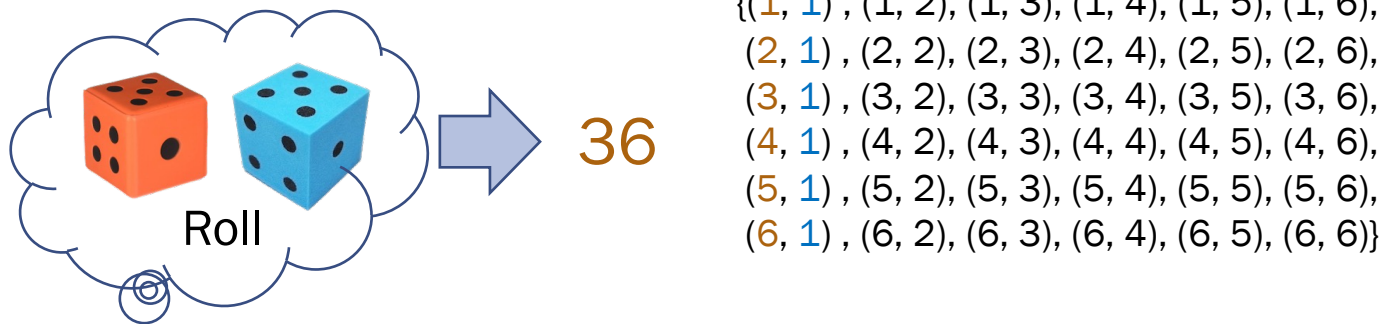
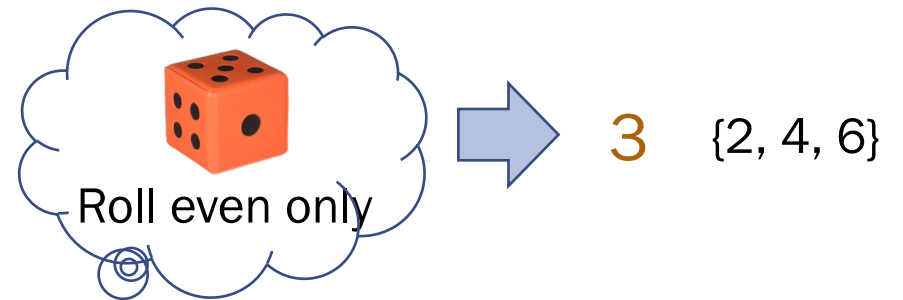
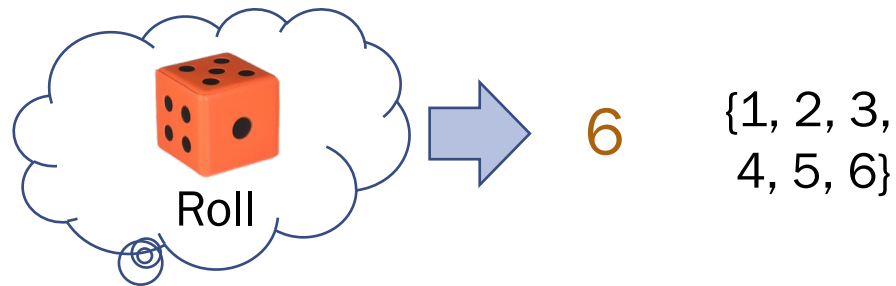
An experiment  
in probability:



Counting:

How many possible **outcomes** satisfy some **event**?

# What is Counting?



# Step Rule of Counting (aka Product Rule of Counting)

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If an experiment has two steps, where

The first step's outcomes are from Set  $A$ , where  $|A| = m$ ,  
and the second step's outcomes are from Set  $B$ , where  $|B| = n$ ,  
and  $|B|$  is unaffected by outcome of first step.

Then the number of outcomes of the experiment is

$$|A||B| = mn.$$

Two-step experiment



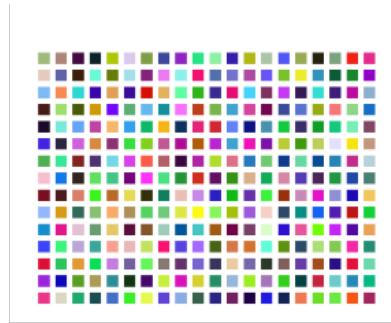
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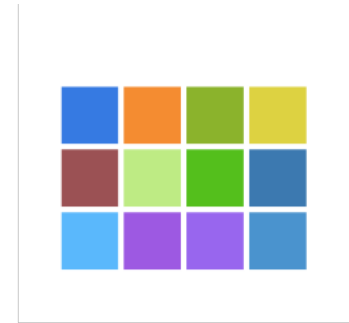
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(a) 12 million pixels



(b) 300 pixels



(c) 12 pixels

$(17 \text{ million})^n$



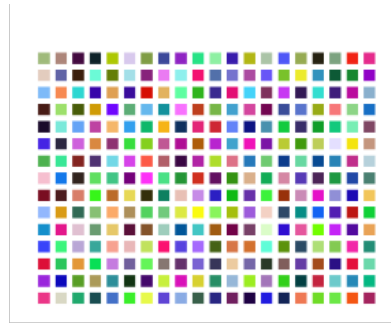
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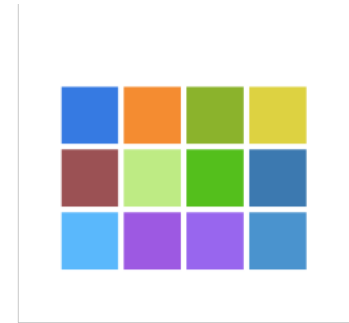
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(a) 12 million pixels  
 $\approx 10^{86696638}$



(b) 300 pixels  
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(c) 12 pixels  
 $\approx 10^{86}$



# Sum Rule of Counting

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If the outcome of an experiment can be either from

Set  $A$ , where  $|A| = m$ ,

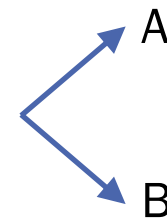
or Set  $B$ , where  $|B| = n$ ,

where  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ,

Then the number of outcomes of the experiment is

$$|A| + |B| = m + n.$$

One experiment



# How many toys?

**Question:** All of Freya's toys are either Balls **OR** Plush Animals. She has 2 Balls and 3 Plush Animals. How many toys does she have?



**Answer:**  $20 + 10$





# How Many Bit Strings?

**Problem:** A 6-bit string is sent over a network. The valid set of strings recognized by the receiver must either start with "01" or end with "10". How many such strings are there?

**Answer**

$2^4$  start with 01

010000  
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011011  
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Set A

$2^4$  end with 10

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Set B

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$$\begin{aligned} N &= |A| + |B| - |A \text{ and } B| \\ &= 16 + 16 - 4 \\ &= 28 \end{aligned}$$

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Set B

## Or Rule of Counting (aka Inclusion/ Exclusion )

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If the outcome of an experiment can be either from

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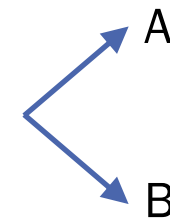
or Set  $B$ , where  $|B| = n$ ,

where  $A \cap B$  *may not be empty*,

Then the number of outcomes of the experiment is

$$N = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|.$$

One experiment





# Core Counting

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## Counting with steps

**Definition:** Step Rule of Counting (aka Product Rule of Counting)

If an experiment has two parts, where the first part can result in one of  $m$  outcomes and the second part can result in one of  $n$  outcomes regardless of the outcome of the first part, then the total number of outcomes for the experiment is  $m \cdot n$ .

## Counting with “or”

**Definition:** Inclusion Exclusion Counting

If the outcome of an experiment can either be drawn from set  $A$  or set  $B$ , and sets  $A$  and  $B$  may potentially overlap (i.e., it is not the case that  $A$  and  $B$  are mutually exclusive), then the number of outcomes of the experiment is  $|A \text{ or } B| = |A| + |B| - |A \text{ and } B|$ .

# Challenge Problem

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## 1. Strings

- How many *different* orderings of letters are possible for the string BOBA?

BOBA, ABOB, OBBA...



Incredible time and school at  
which to study probability!  
Exciting.