

7.2 Relative Frequency

Ex Bag of 10 Skittles

S_1 S_2 S_3 . . . S_{10}

3 Red
5 Green
2 Purple

If I pick a Skittle at random
(so that each of the 10 Skittles
is equally likely to get picked)
what color is most likely to come up?

$$5 \left(\frac{1}{10} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{prob of getting green skittle}$$

↑
Green
Skittles

↑
Total #
Skittles

Ex Roll Fair 6-sided die

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prob. of rolling } \geq 5 &= \frac{2}{6} \leftarrow |\{5, 6\}| \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \leftarrow 6 \text{ possible rolls} \end{aligned}$$

Weighted die 6-sided die

↳ Equally likely to roll 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

↳ 3x as likely to roll 1 vs. 2..

a) What is Prob of rolling 1?

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 3x & + & x & + & x & + & x & + & x & + & x & = & 1 \\ \uparrow & & \underbrace{} & & \underbrace{} & & & & & & & & \\ \text{Pr } 1 & & \text{Pr } 2 & & \text{Pr } 3 & & & & & & & & \end{array}$$

$$8x = 1$$

$$x = \frac{1}{8} \text{ (Pr of rolling 2)}$$

Prob rolling 1 is: $\frac{3}{8}$

$$\text{Pr of rolling 2 or 3: } \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$$