

# An induced space of chance-driven outcomes

Sum of face values	Aggregate pairs	Probability
2	(1,1)	1/36
3	(2,1), (1,2)	2/36
4	(3,1), (2,2), (1,3)	3/36
5	(4,1), (3,2), (2,3), (1,4)	4/36
6	(5,1), (4,2), (3,3), (2,4), (1,5)	5/36
7	(6,1), (5,2), (4,3), (3,4), (2,5), (1,6)	6/36
8	(6,2), (5,3), (4,4), (3,5), (2,6)	5/36
9	(6,3), (5,4), (4,5), (3,6)	4/36
10	(6,4), (5,5), (4,6)	3/36
11	(6,5), (5,6)	2/36
12	(6,6)	1/36

Event	Aggregate outcomes
Win	{7, 11}
Lose	{2, 3, 12}
Continue	{4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10}

**The hugely important principle of additivity:**  
possibilities add when they are mutually exclusive.

**Probabilities:**

$$\mathbf{P\{Win\} = P\{7\} + P\{11\} = \frac{6}{36} + \frac{2}{36} = \frac{2}{9}}$$

$$\mathbf{P\{Lose\} = P\{2\} + P\{3\} + P\{12\} = \frac{1}{36} + \frac{2}{36} + \frac{1}{36} = \frac{1}{9}}$$

$$\mathbf{P\{Continue\} = 2\left(\frac{3}{36} + \frac{4}{36} + \frac{5}{36}\right) = \frac{2}{3}}$$



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Geometric series

$$\text{Recall: } 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots = \frac{1}{1 - x} \quad \text{if } -1 < x < 1.$$