

# Ch 9 Probability

## Fundamental Counting Principle

example: 3 sweatshirts, 4 pairs of jeans = 12 outfits

how many 729- \_ \_ \_ \_ phone numbers are possible?

10,000 ( $10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10$ )

how many Ohio license plates are possible that are

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Probability notation:  $P(\text{some event})$

$P(\text{hw}) = 1/2$

$P(\text{math test this quarter}) = 1$

if the event will happen for sure probability=1

$P(\text{Mr Kish will weigh 20 pounds by Feb}) = 0$

if the event will not happen the prob = 0.

**All probabilities are between 0 and 1.**

Toss a quarter and a number cube.

$$P(H, 3) = 1/2 \times 1/6 = 1/12$$

$$P(H, \text{even number}) = 1/2 \times 1/2 = 1/4$$

$$P(T, 8) = 0 \quad \text{cannot happen, no 8 on the cube}$$

$$P(H, \text{a number}) = 1/2 \times 1 = 1/2$$

When you toss a number cube, there are 6 possible outcomes. The sample space is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

When you toss a dime, what is the sample space?  
(H or T). You would give the same answer if I asked  
what are the possible outcomes.

## Factorials

$$4! = 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 24$$

$$3! + 5! = 6 + 120 = 126$$

$$\frac{10!}{8!} = \frac{10 \times 9 \times \cancel{8} \times \cancel{7} \times \cancel{6} \times \cancel{5} \times \cancel{4} \times \cancel{3} \times \cancel{2} \times \cancel{1}}{\cancel{8} \times \cancel{7} \times \cancel{6} \times \cancel{5} \times \cancel{4} \times \cancel{3} \times \cancel{2} \times \cancel{1}} = 90$$

$$\frac{6!}{6!} = 1$$