

Sample space: The set of all possible outcomes

↳ denoted by S

↳ List all the elements, e.g.: toss a coin $S = \{H, T\}$
 $= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : " " \}$

↳ Specify the elements, e.g.: $S = \{x : 0 \leq x \leq 3\}$

↳ Discrete sample space: S is countable

- Finite: $S_1 = \{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$

- Countably infinite: $S_2 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

↳ Continuous sample space: S is **not** countable

- Uncountably infinite: $S_3 = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$

Event: An event is a subset of the sample space S where the outcome satisfies a specific condition

↳ An event A corresponds to an experiment E , e.g:

- E : Select a ball from an ^{urn} containing balls numbered from 1 to 10

- A : An even-numbered ball is selected

$S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$ $A = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$

↳ Certain events: when $A = S$, i.e.: an event that always occurs

↳ Impossible or null event: when $A = \emptyset$

Event classes: A collection of events, i.e.: a set of sets

↳ If the class C consists of sets A_1, \dots, A_k , then $C = \{A_1, \dots, A_k\}$

Probability Models:

Probability as a frequency: Consider probability as a measure of the frequency of occurrence

↳ If we have a probability $P(k)$ that experiment will result in the outcome k , then after repeating this experiment a large number of times, the fraction of times that k occurs will approximate $P(k)$.

↳ Example: We can define the probability of observing "heads" in a coin flip by counting the number of heads

observed after n trials. As n approaches infinity, we have $P(H) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\# \text{ of heads}}{n}$

↳ Let $N_k(n)$ be the number of times in which outcome is equal to k after n trials. We must have that

$$0 \leq N_k(n) \leq n, \forall k \in S$$

↳ Dividing by n , and as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have $0 \leq P(k) \leq 1$

↳ The sum of the number of occurrences must sum up to $\sum_{k \in S} N_k(n) = n$

↳ As before, this leads to the conclusion $\sum_{k \in S} P(k) = 1$