

# 1 Probability Theory

## 1.1 Elementary Probability

**Definition 1.1.1** (Cardano's Principle). A be a random outcome of an experiment that may proceed in various ways. Assume each of these ways is **equally likely**, then, probability  $P[A]$  of outcome A is

$$P[A] = \frac{\text{number of ways leading to outcome } A}{\text{number of ways the experiment can be proceeded}} \quad (1)$$

### 1.1.1 Basic principles of Counting

- Permutation:

$$A_n^k = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \quad (2)$$

- Combination:

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!} \quad (3)$$

- Permutation of k **Indistinguishable** Objects:

$$\frac{n!}{n_1!n_2!n_3!\dots n_k!} = \binom{n}{n_1} \cdot \binom{n-n_1}{n_2} \dots \binom{n-(n_1+n_2+\dots+n_{k-1})}{n_k} \quad (4)$$

*Remark:*

In permutation of  $k$  indistinguishable objects, the elements has no order within a group but are different from each other; the groups either has order or are different from each other.

*Example:*

Consider 10 balls, 5 red, 3 green and 2 blue. How many ways can they be arranged on a line?

$$\frac{10!}{5! \cdot 3! \cdot 2!} = 2520 \quad (5)$$

### 1.1.2 Sample Points, Sample Space and $\sigma$ -Field

**Definition 1.1.2** (Sample Points). Mathematical objects are called sample points.

**Definition 1.1.3** (Sample Space). The sample space  $S$  is large enough to accommodate all the sample points.

**Definition 1.1.4** (Event). An outcome in the sense of Cardano's principle is interpreted as a subset  $A$  of a sample space  $S$  and called an event.

**Definition 1.1.5** (Mutually exclusive). Two events  $A_1, A_2$  are called mutually exclusive if  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$