

Discrete Probability Spaces

Ω : Countable (finite or countably infinite)

* There are the easiest and nicest kind of Probabilities to work with.

* we can afford to take set of all possible subsets of sample space.

* so, in fact we will be assigning Probabilities to all subsets of sample space.

* All subsets of Ω are events

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$$\mathcal{F} = 2^{\Omega}$$

Ω = countable

$$\Rightarrow \Omega = \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n\}$$

$$\Omega = \overset{\text{or}}{\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n, \dots, \omega_{\infty}\}}$$

The probability of each $A \subseteq \Omega$, is defined in terms of the probability of $IP(\{\omega\})$ of the singleton subsets

$$IP(A) = \sum_{\omega \in A} IP(\{\omega\})$$

and

$$\sum_{\omega \in \Omega} IP(\{\omega\}) = 1$$

* Probabilities are always assigned to elements of \mathcal{F} , not elements of Ω .

* But in discrete space it looks like we are assigning to each one of the elementary outcomes. But that's not correct view,