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Let $\{X(t) \mid t \in T\}$ be a stochastic process, where X(t) is a random variable on the probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{P})$. Writing X(t) as $X(t, \omega)$, where $t \in T$ and $\omega \in \Omega$, we see that if we fix the sample point ω , we have a function in t: $X_{\omega}(t)$: $t \mapsto X(t)$. This function $X_{\omega}(t)$ of t is called a *sample function*, or *sample path* of the stochastic process.