Question 10.13.2.6
Probability and Random Processes

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A game consists of spinning an arrow which comes to rest pointing at one of the regions (1, 2 or 3) (Fig. 13.1). Are the outcomes 1, 2 and 3 equally likely to occur? Give reasons.

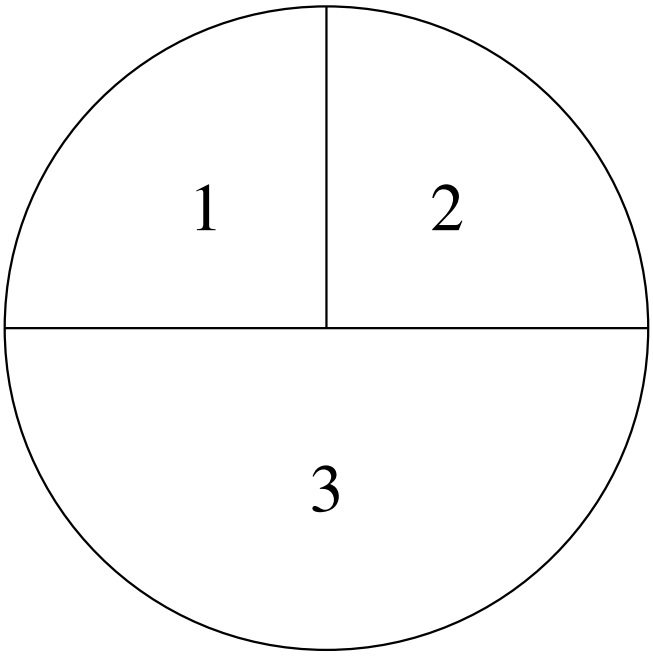

Fig. 0. Fig.13.1

Solution:

$$X \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$

From the figure given,

$$\therefore p_X(1) = \frac{90^\circ}{360^\circ} = \frac{1}{4} \tag{1}$$
$$= 0.25 \tag{2}$$
$$p_X(2) = \frac{90^\circ}{360^\circ} = \frac{1}{4} \tag{3}$$
$$= 0.25 \tag{4}$$
$$p_X(3) = \frac{180^\circ}{360^\circ} = \frac{1}{2} \tag{5}$$
$$= 0.5 \tag{6}$$
$$\therefore p_X(k) = \begin{cases} 0.25 & k = 1 \\ 0.25 & k = 2 \\ 0.5 & k = 3 \end{cases} \tag{7}$$

$p_X(k)$ are not equal for all k. Therefore, the events are not equally likely.