

Concepts and Formulas to Remember

— Lecture 1.

* Random Experiment.

- It can be carried out any number of times under identical condition.
- In these experiments, the possible set of outcomes is known.

* But the outcome of any individual trial is unknown till it is executed.

* Infinite Sample Space:

- Toss a coin repeatedly until we get H. Count the number of tosses required to get the first H.

H	TH	TTH	TTTH	-----	T...TH.
1	2	3	4		n-1 tails.
					(n).

$\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\} \rightarrow$ infinite.

* Uncountable Sample Space:-

- We pick a point from the interval $(0, 1)$. Number of possible ways of selection is infinite.
- More importantly, it is not countable.

Note: An infinite set Ω is said to be countable if there is a 1 to 1 mapping between the elements of Ω and the set of natural numbers.

if such mapping does not exist, then it is uncountable.

* In general, if there are n identical balls to be put in k boxes such that none of the box is empty, then the number of possible ways = $n-1 \binom{n-1}{k-1}$.