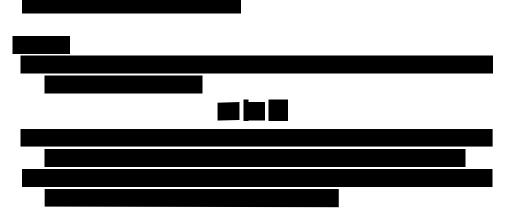


A sample space S is a set of all possible outcomes of an experiment. An element of the sample space is called a sample point. A subset of the sample space is called an event.

Example 1

Consider an experiment of tossing a fair coin.

a. Define the sample space.





The sample space S, which is the set of all outcomes, is analogous to the *universal set U*, which is the set of all elements under consideration. An event is analogous to a subset of the universal set.

The sample space can be illustrated by drawing either a Venn diagram or a tree diagram. A *Venn diagram* uses closed geometric figures, such as rectangles, circles, or squares that show outcomes of an experiment. A *tree diagram* uses branches to represent all possible outcomes of an experiment.



A *tree diagram* is a systematic way of enumerating all sample points of the sample space in such a way that each outcome is represented by a branch.

$Example\ 2$

Draw a Venn diagram and a tree diagram for the experiment of tossing a coin once.

