

$$\mu = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x p (1-p)^{x-1} \quad (1)$$

Where  $\mu$  is mean number of trial. According to the rule of geometric progression in series,

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} y^m = \frac{1}{1-y} \quad , \quad |y| < 1$$

Treat  $y$  as variable and  $m$  as constant. By differentiating both sides of the equation with respect  $y$ .

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m y^{m-1} = \frac{1}{(1-y)^2} \quad , \quad |y| < 1 \quad (2)$$

**Equation (1)** is analogous to **Equation (2)**. Rewrite **Equation (a)**

$$\mu = p \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x (1-p)^{x-1} = \frac{p}{(1-(1-p))^2} = \frac{1}{p}$$

Eventually

$$\mu = \frac{1}{p}$$