

Extra Examples #2

**Conditional Probability**

**Example 1:** If six cards are selected at random (without replacement) from a standard deck of 52 cards, what is the probability there will be no pairs? (Two cards of the same denomination).

Solution:

Let  $E_i$  be the event that the first  $i$  cards have no pair among them. Then we want to compute  $P(E_6)$ , which is actually the same as  $P(E_1 \cdot E_2 \cdot \dots \cdot E_6) =$

$$P(E_1 \cdot E_2 \dots \dots E_n) = P(E_1) \cdot P(E_2/E_1) \cdot P(E_3/E_1 E_2) \dots P(E_n/E_1 E_2 \dots E_{n-1}).$$

$$= \frac{52}{52} \cdot \frac{48}{51} \cdot \frac{44}{50} \cdot \frac{40}{49} \cdot \frac{36}{48} \cdot \frac{32}{47} = \text{*****}$$

**Example 2:** The result of survey of group of 100 people who bought either a mobile phone or a tablet from any of two brands A and B is shown in the table below:

Brand	Mobile phone	Tablet	Total
A	20	10	30
B	30	40	70
Total	50	50	100

If a person is selected at random from the group, what is the probability that he:

1. Bought brand B?
2. Bought a mobile phone from brand B?
3. Bought a mobile phone given that he bought brand B?

Solution:

Let

Event  $M_p$ : bought a mobile phone

Event T: bought a tablet

Event A: bought brand B

Event B: bought brand B

1. A total of 70 people out of the total of 100 bought brand B, so that

$$P(B) = \frac{70}{100} = 0.7$$

2. A total of 30 people out of 100 bought a mobile from brand B, so that

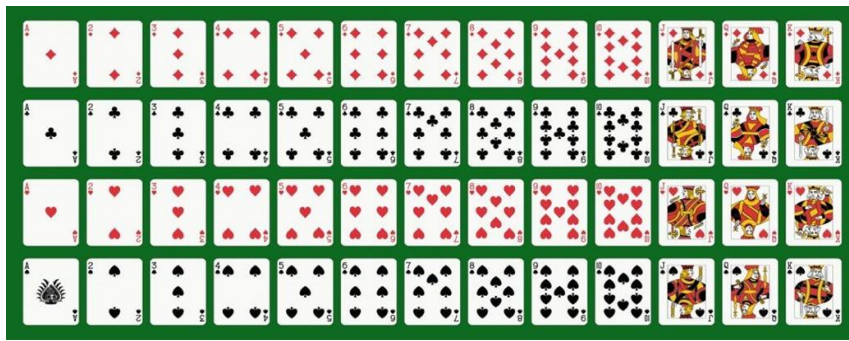
$$P(M_p \text{ and } B) = \frac{30}{100} = 0.3$$

$$3. P(M_p / B) = \frac{(M_p \cdot B)}{P(B)} = \frac{0.3}{0.7}$$

**Example 3:** A single card is drawn from a deck. A card is selected at random, find the probability of selecting a:

- King
- Red card
- King of red card
- King given that it is red card
- Red card given that it is red
- Queen given that it is a Heart

Solution:



**Note:** Outcomes are all equally likely to occur:

a) Out of the sample space of 52 cards, there 4 kings, so

$$P(\text{King}) = \frac{4}{52} = \frac{1}{13}$$

b) Out of the sample space of 52 cards, there are 26 red, so

$$P(\text{red}) = \frac{26}{52} = \frac{1}{2}$$

c) 2 cards are King of red out of the 52 cards, so

$$P(\text{King and red}) = \frac{2}{52} = \frac{1}{26}$$

d) Two methods to answer the question

1.  $P(\text{King given that it is a red card}) = P(\text{king /red}) = \frac{P(\text{king and red})}{P(\text{red})} =$   
 $= \frac{\frac{1}{26}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{13}$

2. Using the restricted sample Space

Out of the 26 red (card restricted sample space to the red only since this is the condition) there are 2 red, so

$$P(\text{King/red}) = \frac{2}{26} = \frac{1}{13} \quad \text{same as was found above using the definition}$$

e) Two methods to answer the question.

1. Using Definition of the conditional probability given above

$$P(\text{red card given that it is a King}) = P(\text{red/king}) = \frac{P(\text{red and king})}{P(\text{king})} =$$
$$= \frac{\frac{1}{26}}{\frac{1}{13}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

2. Using the restricted sample space

Out of the 4 Kings cards (restricted sample space to the Kings) there are 2 red, so

$$P(\text{red/King}) = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{same as was found above using the definition}$$

f) Two methods to answer the question.

1. Using Definition of the conditional probability given above

$$P(\text{Queen given that it is Heart}) = P(\text{Queen/heart}) = \frac{P(\text{Queen and Heart})}{P(\text{Heart})} =$$
$$= \frac{\frac{1}{52}}{\frac{13}{52}} = \frac{1}{13}$$

2. Using the restricted sample space

Out of the 13 hearts (restricted sample space to the hearts) there is 1 Queen, so

$$P(\text{Queen/heart}) = \frac{1}{13} \quad \text{same as was found above using the definition}$$