

PROBABILITY PROBLEMS ABOUT CARDS #1

If we select two cards from a well shuffled deck of cards, what is the probability that:

- a) Both are Hearts
- b) One is a Heart and the other is a Spade
- c) Both are Kings
- d) One is a King and the other is a Face card

a) $\frac{13}{52} \times \frac{12}{51} \leftarrow P(B|A) = \frac{1}{17}$

$P(A)$ A B

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = P(A|B) \cdot P(B)$$

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If the question had been: what is the probability that the second card is a Heart knowing that the first one was also a Heart? $\frac{12}{51}$

b) $\frac{13}{52} \times \frac{13}{51}$

Heart Spade

or

$\frac{13}{52}$ $\frac{13}{51}$

Spade Heart

$$\frac{13}{52} \times \frac{13}{51} + \frac{13}{52} \times \frac{13}{51} = 2 \times \frac{13}{52} \times \frac{13}{51} = \frac{13}{102}$$

c) $\frac{4}{52} \times \frac{3}{51} = \frac{1}{221}$
KING KING

d) $\frac{4}{52} \times \frac{11}{51} = \frac{11}{653}$
KING FACE

