Solution 11.16.3.4

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Question 4 A card is selected from a pack of 52 cards

- (a) How many points are there in the sample space?
- (b) Calculate the probability that the cards is an ace of spades.
- (c) Calculate the probability that the card is (i) an ace (ii)black card.

Solution: S is a sample space of given cards,

Let the random variables (r,v), where X,Y and Z are uniformly distributed r,v's.

TABLE 3
RANDOM VARIABLE AND PROBABILITY TABLE

| Random independent variable | value of R.V |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| X(denotes colour) | 1,2 |
| Y(denotes type of card) | 1,2,3,4 |
| Z(denotes value of card chosen) | $1 \le Z \le 13$ |

PMF for
$$Z$$
 is: (1)

Similarly the PMF for Y and X are: (3)

$$P_Y(m) = \frac{1}{4}$$
 $m = 1, 2, 3$ (4)

(6)

- (a) The number of sample space points is 52
- (b)

$$P_{ZY}(1,1) = P_Z(1)P_Y(1)$$
 as $ZY = 0$ (7)

$$= \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \left(\frac{1}{13}\right) \tag{8}$$

$$=\frac{1}{52}\tag{9}$$

- (c) The probability when the card choosen is,
 - (i) an ace

$$P_Z(1) = \frac{1}{13}. (10)$$

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(ii) black card

$$P_X(1) = \frac{1}{2}. (11)$$