

# Assignment 1

## AI1110: Probability and Random Variables

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**11.16.3.4:** 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 card is an ace of spades.
- (c) Calculate the probability that the card is (i) an ace and (ii) black card.

**Solution:**

$S$  is a sample space of given cards ,

Let the random variables  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  denote colour, type and value of the card choosen, where  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  are uniformly distributed r.v's.

$X, Y$  and  $Z$  are independent random variables.

TABLE 3  
RANDOM VARIABLE AND PROBABILITY TABLE

Random variable	value of R.V	Probability
$X$	$x=1,2$	$1/2$
$Y$	$y=1,2,3,4$	$1/4$
$Z$	$z= 1 \text{ to } 13$	$1/13$

- (a) Since no.of cards in the pack is 52 ,

$$n(S) = 52. \quad (1)$$

- (b) The probability when the card choosen is an ace( $Z = 1$ ) of spades( $Y = 1$ ) ,

$$\Pr((Y = 1)(Z = 1)) = \Pr(Y = 1)\Pr(Z = 1) \quad (2)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)\left(\frac{1}{13}\right) \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{52}. \quad (4)$$

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

- (a) an ace( $Z = 1$ )

$$\Pr(Z = 1) = \frac{1}{13}. \quad (5)$$

- (b) black card( $X = 1$ )

$$\Pr(X = 1) = \frac{1}{2}. \quad (6)$$