

# Assignment 1

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Five cards—the ten, jack, queen, king and ace of diamonds, are well-shuffled with their face downwards. One card is then picked up at random. (i) What is the probability that the card is the queen? (ii) If the queen is drawn and put aside, what is the probability that the second card picked up is (a) an ace? (b) a queen?

**Solution:** Let  $E$  be any event. Let  $Q$  be the event of the card being picked be Queen.

i. Total number of cards = 5

Number of cards that are queen = 1

$$\Pr(E) = \frac{\text{Number of Favourable outcomes}}{\text{Total number of Cards}} \quad (1)$$

$$\Pr(Q) = \frac{\text{Number of cards that are Queen}}{\text{Total number of Cards}} \quad (2)$$

$$\therefore \Pr(Q) = \frac{1}{5} \quad (3)$$

(4)

ii. [a.]

Total number of cards = 4

Number of cards that are Ace = 1

$$\Pr(E) = \frac{\text{Number of Favourable outcomes}}{\text{Total number of Cards}} \quad (5)$$

$$\Pr(Q) = \frac{\text{Number of cards that are Queen}}{\text{Total number of Cards}} \quad (6)$$

$$\therefore \Pr(Q) = \frac{1}{4} \quad (7)$$

(8)

ii. [b.]

Total number of cards = 4

Number of cards that are Queen = 0

$$\Pr(Q) = \frac{\text{Number of cards that are Queen}}{\text{Total number of cards}} \quad (9)$$

$$\Pr(Q) = \frac{0}{4} = 0 \quad (10)$$

$$\therefore \Pr(Q) = 0 \quad (11)$$