

## Exercise 1

**Step 1.1:** Write (and execute) a statement that will generate a list of values associated with a standard deck of playing cards. You do not need to differentiate between suits (i.e., diamonds, hearts, clubs, spades), as they have no relevance for this particular game. The "deck" should have four 1's, four 2's, ..., four 11's (Jacks), and so on.

**Step 1.2:** Report the total value associated with a full deck of cards, which represents the maximum total for a game.

## Exercise 2

**Step 2.1:** Define a function **deal** that will shuffle (randomize) and distribute the 52 playing cards evenly to two players (26 each) and return a tuple of each player's hand (as a list of values). The function does not need to take in any arguments, and should create the deck of values internally (i.e., you should not need to input the deck of values into the function; you may reuse the statement you developed for part a). You may assume that you are always playing with a standard deck (52 cards). You may make use of any NumPy functionality to perform the shuffle operation.

**Step 2.2:** Deal a hand to two players and display (print) each player's hand. Print each player's number of cards and the total value of the hand.

## Exercise 3

Simulate a game of **Addition War** between two players.

**Step 3.1:** In a markdown cell, write out the steps of what should occur in a game of Addition War. This will provide an outline for your code to follow. I have written the first and last two steps for you below. Be sure to include what happens in the case of a tie and what happens if the deck is exhausted in the middle of a tie. What is the maximum number of rounds that could be played in the game (occurs when there are no ties)?

1. Shuffle deck
2. Deal half of deck to each player
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XX. Game terminates after a maximum of `__?` rounds (occurs when there are no ties) and the deck is exhausted.

XX. The player with the highest total card points (in their discard pile) wins the game.

**Step 3.2:** Define a function **play** that will simulate a single game of Addition War between two players. This function will have no arguments. As written above, note that you will need to account for rounds in which a given player wins outright (i.e., after the initial play of two cards) and for rounds in which one or more ties occur. You will also need to terminate the game appropriately (i.e., after each player has played all of their cards once).

**Step 3.3:** From your play function, return the winner of the game and the card totals for the winner and loser. Print the result.

## Exercise 4

Given your implemented game, let's perform some analysis of the gameplay. For brevity in your notebook, you may want to create a copy of your play function that does not include any (active) print statements to use for this part of the assignment.

**Set Up:** Simulate  $n = 20$  games of Addition War, and provide the following results and analysis (1 point each):

**Step 4.1:** Extract the final scores for the winning and losing players, and produce descriptive statistics for each scenario, specifically the minimum, mean, and maximum totals after each game. What do you observe about the winning and losing totals?

**Step 4.2:** What proportion of games resulted in a winner that had a lower initial total than their opponent? What was the lowest initial total to win a game (or conversely, the highest initial total to lose a game)?

**Step 4.3:** Calculate the (linear) correlation between the initial and final totals for winners vs. losers? What do you observe about the respective correlations, and what do these correlations tell you about the relationship between the initial and final totals?