

8B – Compound Events

❖ Vocabulary, Formulas, Theories:

- **Compound Event:** an event that is made up of two or more events.
- **Intersection:** a compound event when $P(A)$ and $P(B)$ will happen. It's written like this: $P(A \text{ and } B)$. If A and B are independent, the following formula is used:

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

- **Mutually Exclusive Events (disjoint):** events that cannot happen at the same time. For example, you cannot roll a 2 and a 5 on a standard number cube at the same time. These events are mutually exclusive. The probability of both happening is zero. If events A and B are mutually exclusive, then

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = 0$$

- **Union:** a compound event when $P(A)$ or $P(B)$ will happen. It's written like this: $P(A \text{ or } B)$. If the events are mutually exclusive, the following formula can be used:

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B)$$

- **Overlapping Events (non-disjoint):** events that have outcomes in common. For example, when rolling a standard number cube, the events of an even number and a multiple of 3 overlap because the number 6 meets both conditions. If events A and B are overlapping, they follow this formula:

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$$

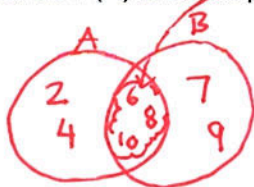
❑ Video #1 - "Probability - Intersection and Union - Example" - Don't Memorise (4:12)

EX1) Jack has a bag of numbers 1 through 10 and he is going to select a number from the bag. The probability of him pulling an even number will be $P(A)$ and the probability of him pulling a number greater than 5 will be $P(B)$.

- a) Find $P(A \text{ and } B)$
b) Find $P(A \text{ or } B)$

A : even $\rightarrow \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$

B : $\# > 5 \rightarrow \{6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$



$$P(A \text{ and } B) = \frac{3}{10}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \text{ or } B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B) \\ &= \frac{5}{10} + \frac{5}{10} - \frac{3}{10} \\ &= \frac{5+5-3}{10} = \frac{7}{10} \end{aligned}$$

❑ Video #2 - "Multiplication Rules Probability Independent Events" - Daniel Schaben (8:58)

EX2) Frankie flips a coin and rolls a six-sided number cube. What is the probability that he flips heads and rolls a 5?

A : rolls 5

B : flips heads

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \text{ and } B) &= P(A) \cdot P(B) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{12} \end{aligned}$$

Sample Space of cube =
 $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

Sample space of coin = $\{H, T\}$

EX3) Given a standard deck of 52 cards, Maria has to randomly pick one card, put it back, and pick a second card. What are the chances of picking a diamond her first pick and a king on her second pick? What about if she didn't replace the card after her first pick?

A : picks \diamond

B : picks king

$$\begin{aligned} P(\diamond \text{ and } K) &= P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B) \\ &= \frac{13}{52} \cdot \frac{4}{52} \\ &= \frac{1}{52} \end{aligned}$$

WITHOUT REPLACEMENT

$$\frac{13}{52} \cdot \frac{4}{51} = \frac{1}{51}$$

EX4) John needs to pick two marbles out of a bag of 3 red marbles and 2 black marbles. If he picks a marble, puts it back and picks another marble, find the following probabilities:

Total = 3 + 2 = 5 marbles

- two red marbles
- two black marbles
- red and a black

a. P(2 red marbles)

= P(pick red AND pick red again)

= P(red) · P(red)

$$= \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{5}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{9}{25}}$$

b. P(2 black)

= P(black) · P(black)

$$= \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{5}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{4}{25}}$$

c. P(red and a black)

= P(red) · P(black)

$$= \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{5}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{6}{25}}$$

Video #3 - "Addition Rules for Probability" - Daniel Schaben (14:49)

EX5) Given a standard deck of 52 cards, find the following probabilities using the given events.

A = picking an ace

B = picking a king

C = picking a club

E = picking a red

F = picking a black

Notice no intersection

* See sample space diagram

a. P(A or B)

b. P(A or C)

c. P(A or E)

a. P(A or B)

= P(A) + P(B)

$$= \frac{4}{52} + \frac{4}{52}$$

$$= \frac{8}{52} = \boxed{\frac{2}{13}}$$

b. P(A or C)

= P(A) + P(C) - P(A and C)

$$= \frac{4}{52} + \frac{13}{52} - \frac{1}{52}$$

$$= \frac{16}{52} = \boxed{\frac{4}{13}}$$

c. P(A or E)

= P(A) + P(E) - P(A and E)

$$= \frac{4}{52} + \frac{26}{52} - \frac{2}{52}$$

$$= \frac{28}{52} = \boxed{\frac{7}{13}}$$

EX6) Given that two six sided dice were rolled, find the following probabilities using the given events.

A = sum of 7

B = both are even

C = rolling at least one 3

a. P(A or B)

b. P(A or C)

a. P(A or B)

= P(A) + P(B)

$$= \frac{6}{36} + \frac{9}{36}$$

$$= \frac{15}{36} = \boxed{\frac{5}{12}}$$

b. P(A or C)

= P(A) + P(C) - P(A and C)

$$= \frac{6}{36} + \frac{11}{36} - \frac{2}{36}$$

$$= \frac{15}{36} = \boxed{\frac{5}{12}}$$

❖ Extra Resources:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1CB9eA2XvE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOooyE6liLY>

Example 6

a.

		Second throw					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
First throw	1	(1,1)	(1,2)	(1,3)	(1,4)	(1,5)	(1,6)
	2	(2,1)	(2,2)	(2,3)	(2,4)	(2,5)	(2,6)
	3	(3,1)	(3,2)	(3,3)	(3,4)	(3,5)	(3,6)
	4	(4,1)	(4,2)	(4,3)	(4,4)	(4,5)	(4,6)
	5	(5,1)	(5,2)	(5,3)	(5,4)	(5,5)	(5,6)
	6	(6,1)	(6,2)	(6,3)	(6,4)	(6,5)	(6,6)

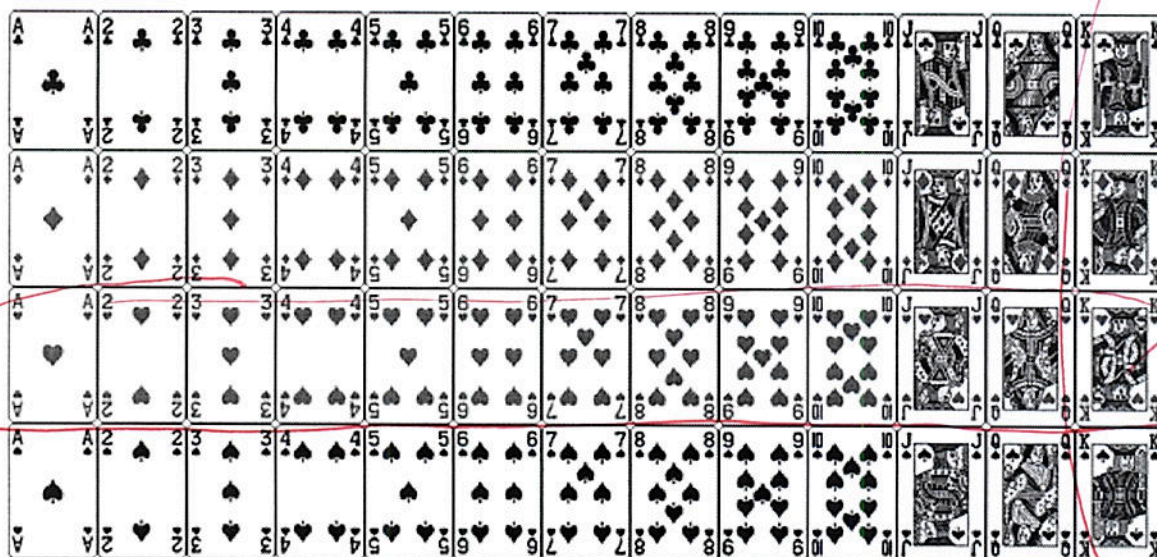
Sum of 7

b.

		Second throw					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
First throw	1	(1,1)	(1,2)	(1,3)	(1,4)	(1,5)	(1,6)
	2	(2,1)	(2,2)	(2,3)	(2,4)	(2,5)	(2,6)
	3	(3,1)	(3,2)	(3,3)	(3,4)	(3,5)	(3,6)
	4	(4,1)	(4,2)	(4,3)	(4,4)	(4,5)	(4,6)
	5	(5,1)	(5,2)	(5,3)	(5,4)	(5,5)	(5,6)
	6	(6,1)	(6,2)	(6,3)	(6,4)	(6,5)	(6,6)

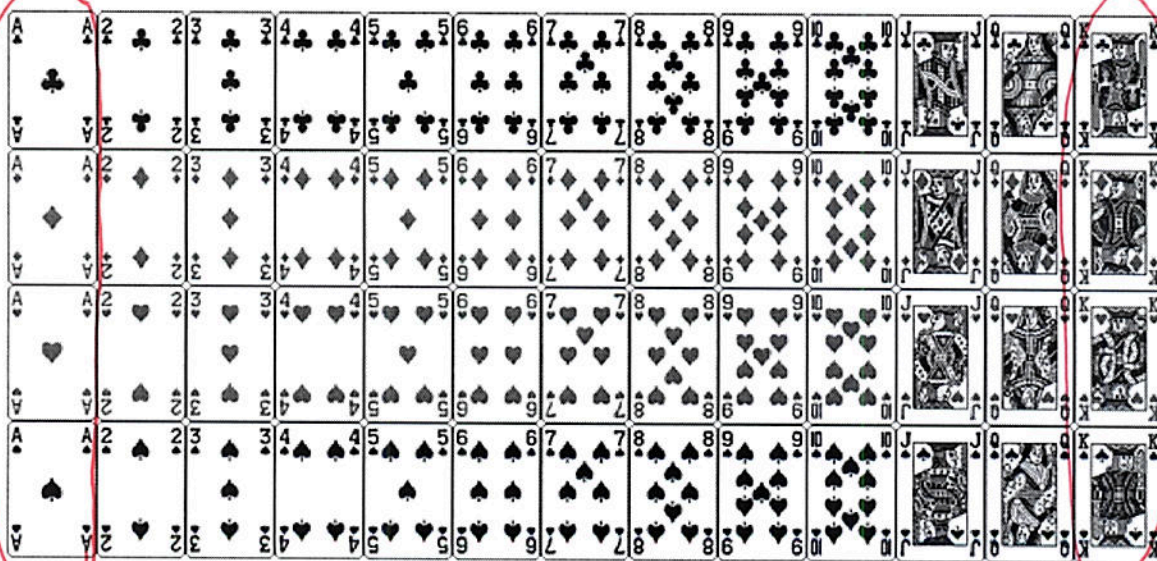
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	6	(6,1)	(6,2)	(6,3)	(6,4)	(6,5)	(6,6)

checkpoint 8B #6



Example 5

a)



b)

Intersection

