

13.1 Experimental and Theoretical Probability

Learning Targets for today

- ① To be able to calculate experimental probability.
- ① To be able to calculate theoretical probability.
- ① To be able to understand the definition of probability

Vocabulary!

Probability – A number from 0 to 1 that indicates the likelihood an event will occur.

$$P(\text{event}) = \frac{\text{number of favorable outcomes}}{\text{number of total possible outcomes}}$$

Ex: *There are 10 animals total in my house and 3 of them are dogs. The probability that I choose to pet one animal and it is a dog is 3/10.*

* **Probability can be written a ratio, decimal, or percent.**

$\frac{1}{2}$.5 50%

Experimental Probability – the likelihood that the event occurs based on the actual results of an experiment

$$P(\text{event}) = \frac{\text{number of times the event occurs}}{\text{number of times the experiment is done}}$$

Using Experimental Probability

Example for you...

Find the experimental probability of the situation below.

1. There are 84 teachers in GHHS and 52 of them are male. What is the experimental probability that the person chosen at random for the staff of the month is a male?

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{male}) &= \frac{52}{84} = \frac{\text{fav.}}{\text{TOTAL}} \\ &= .61904 \\ &= .62 = \boxed{62\%} \end{aligned}$$

Your turn to try...

Find the experimental probability of the situation below.

1. Derek Jeter got a hit 240 times out of the last 550 at bats. What is the experimental probability that he will get a hit the next time he is up to bat?

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Hit}) &= \frac{240}{550} = .4363 \\ &= .44 \\ &= \boxed{44\%} \end{aligned}$$

Vocabulary!

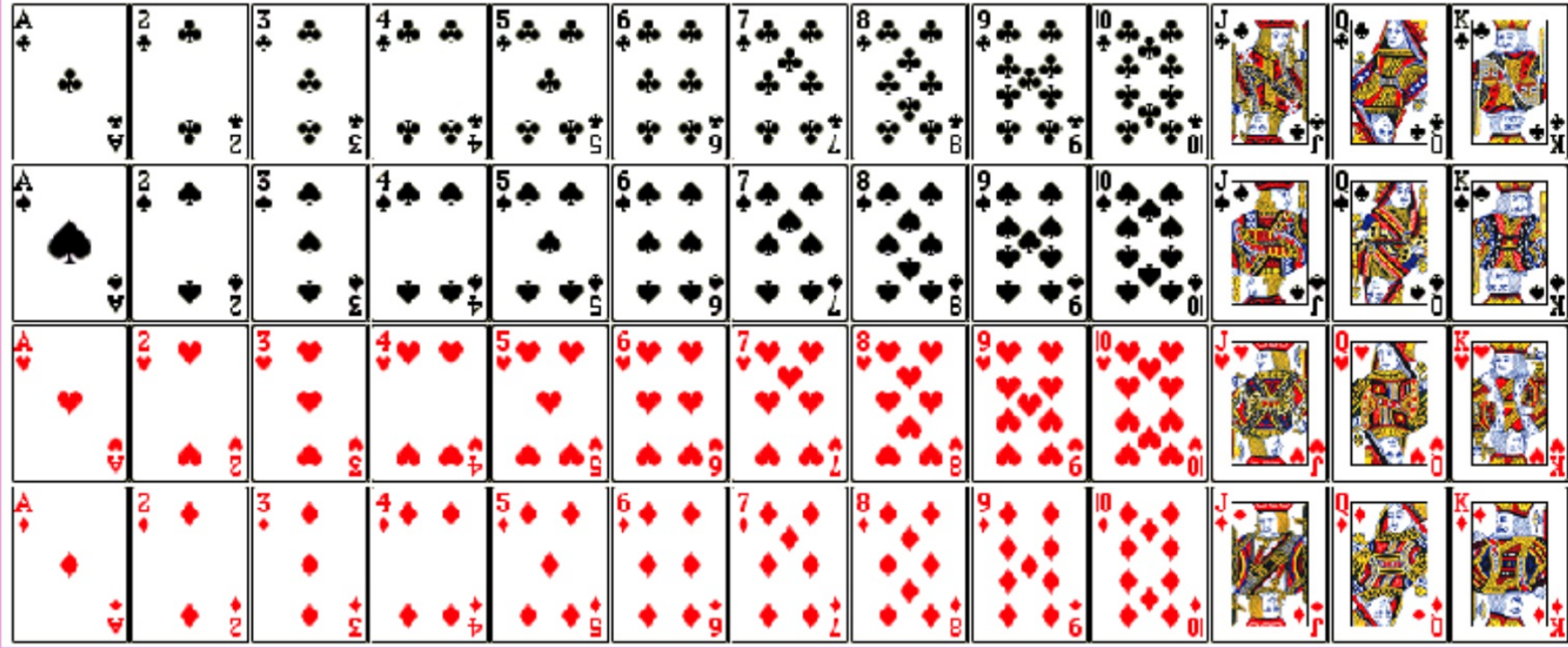
Theoretical Probability - the likelihood of an event occurring based on mathematical reasoning.

$$P(A) = \frac{\text{number of outcomes in Event A (m)}}{\text{total number of outcomes (n)}}$$

Theoretical!

Using ~~Experimental~~ Probability

Example for you...	Your turn to try...
<p>Find the theoretical probability of the situation below.</p> <p>1. You roll a 3 on a standard numbered dice. $P(3) = \frac{1}{6} = .1\bar{6} = .17$ $= 17\%$</p> <p>2. When picking a number between 1 and 50 you choose a perfect square. 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49 $P(\text{perfect square}) = \frac{7}{50} = .14$ $= 14\%$ (TOTAL)</p>	<p>Find the theoretical probability of the situation below.</p> <p>1. You draw a 10 from a standard deck of cards. $P(10) = \frac{4}{52} = .076$ $= .08 = 8\%$</p> <p>2. When picking a number between 1 and 50 you choose an even number. $P(\text{EVEN}) = \frac{25}{50} = \frac{1}{2} = .5 = 50\%$</p>



Probability of a Complement

Calculating the sum of the probability of an event and the probability of its complement is equal to 1.

$$P(\text{event}) + P(\text{not event}) = 1 \quad \text{OR} \quad P(\text{not event}) = 1 - P(\text{event})$$

Using Probabilities of Events and their Complements

Example for you...

1. A jar contains 10 red marbles, 12 green marbles, and 15 blue marbles. Find the probability that a marble chosen at random is NOT blue.

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{NOT BLUE}) &= 1 - P(\text{BLUE}) \\ &= 1 - \left(\frac{15}{37}\right) \\ &= .5945 = .59 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 59\%$$

Your turn to try...

1. You get to draw a card from a standard deck of cards. What is the probability that you do NOT draw a King?

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{NOT KING}) &= 1 - \left(\frac{4}{52}\right) \\ &= .923 \\ &= .92 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 92\%$$

$$P(\text{NOT BLUE}) = \frac{22}{37} = 59\%$$