

Mathematics 1550H – Probability I: Introduction to Probability

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Quiz #8

Recognition

Due just before midnight on Tuesday, 18 July.*

Instructions: Do all of the following problems. Please show all your work.

All of the questions relate, in one way or another, to the following process, which uses a standard 52-card deck:

- Step 1.* Shuffle the deck thoroughly.
- Step 2.* Draw a card from the deck.
- Step 3.* Record which card was drawn.
- Step 4.* Replace the card in the deck.
- Step 5.* Go to step 1.

Yes, the process never ends ... :-)

1. The random variable H counts the number of \heartsuit s that turn up in the first 12 iterations of the process. What are $P(H = 4)$, $E(H)$, and $V(H)$? [1]
2. The random variable Z returns a number for the card drawn on the forty-first iteration of the process: 0 if it is a \heartsuit , 1 if it is a \diamondsuit , 3 if it is a \clubsuit , and 4 if it is a \spadesuit . What are $P(1 \leq Z \leq 3)$, $E(Z)$, and $V(Z)$? [1]
3. The random variable W counts the number of iterations of the process required to have an ace (*i.e.* $A\heartsuit$, $A\diamondsuit$, $A\clubsuit$, or $A\spadesuit$) turn up for the first time. What are $P(W = 4)$, $E(W)$, and $V(W)$? [1]
4. The random variable D counts the number of iterations of the process required to have a \diamondsuit turn up for the fourth time. What are $P(D = 4)$, $E(D)$, and $V(D)$? [1]
5. The random variable X_k , where $k \geq 1$, counts the number times a \clubsuit or \spadesuit turns up in in the $100(k - 1) + 1$ st through the $100k$ th iterations of the process. The random variable Y returns n if $X_n > 50$, but $X_k \leq 50$ for all k with $1 \leq k < n$. What are $P(Y = 3)$, $E(Y)$, and $V(Y)$? [1]

* You should submit your solutions via Blackboard's Assignments module, preferably as a single pdf. If this fails, you may submit your work to the instructor on paper or by email to sbilaniuk@trentu.ca.