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AMS 131: Quiz 1

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In (a) and (b) below, say whether the statement is true, false, or meaningless, and explain briefly in each case.

- (a) If something has probability -1 , it can't happen.

- (b) If something has probability 0.8 , it can be expected to happen about four times as often as its opposite.

- (c) Two cards will be dealt off the top of a well-shuffled standard deck of 52 playing cards (without replacing the first card). You have a choice:
 - (i) To win \$1 if the first card is an ace (there are four aces in a standard deck).
 - (ii) To win \$1 if the first card is an ace, and the second card is an ace.

Briefly explain which is better, intuitively and without calculating, and then work out both probabilities.

- (d) Two cards will be dealt off the top of a well-shuffled deck (without replacing the first card). You have a choice:
 - (i) To win \$1 if the first card is a club (there are 13 clubs in a standard deck).
 - (ii) To win \$1 if the first card is a club, or the second card is a diamond (there are 13 diamonds in a standard deck, and a card cannot be both a club and a diamond).

Briefly explain which is better, intuitively and without calculating, and then work out both probabilities.