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$$(1) \quad 2112.$$

$$(2) \quad 9 \times 10 \times 1 \times 1 = 90$$

$$1001 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 6 \quad 7 \quad 9$$

$$1111 \quad 1000 \rightarrow 1000 \rightarrow 1$$

$$13 \quad 100 \rightarrow 1$$

$$14 \quad 1000 \rightarrow 1$$

$$15 \quad 1000 \rightarrow 1$$

$$17 \quad 1000 - 1000 = 8999 = 8991$$

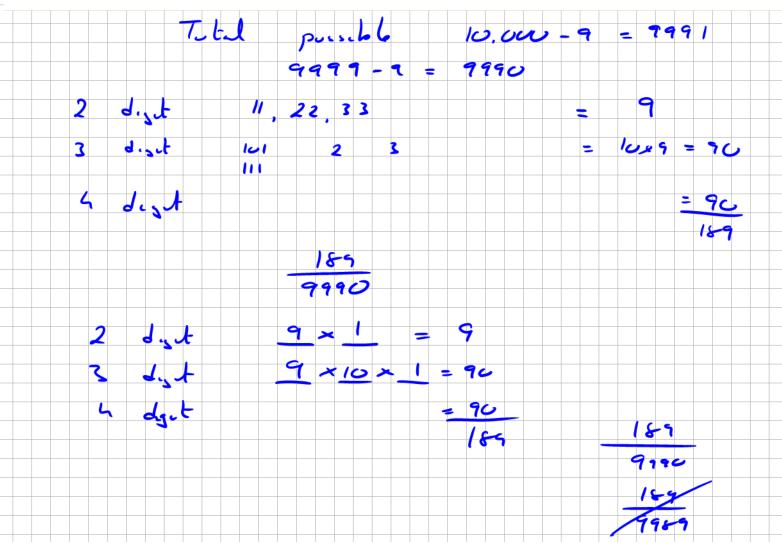
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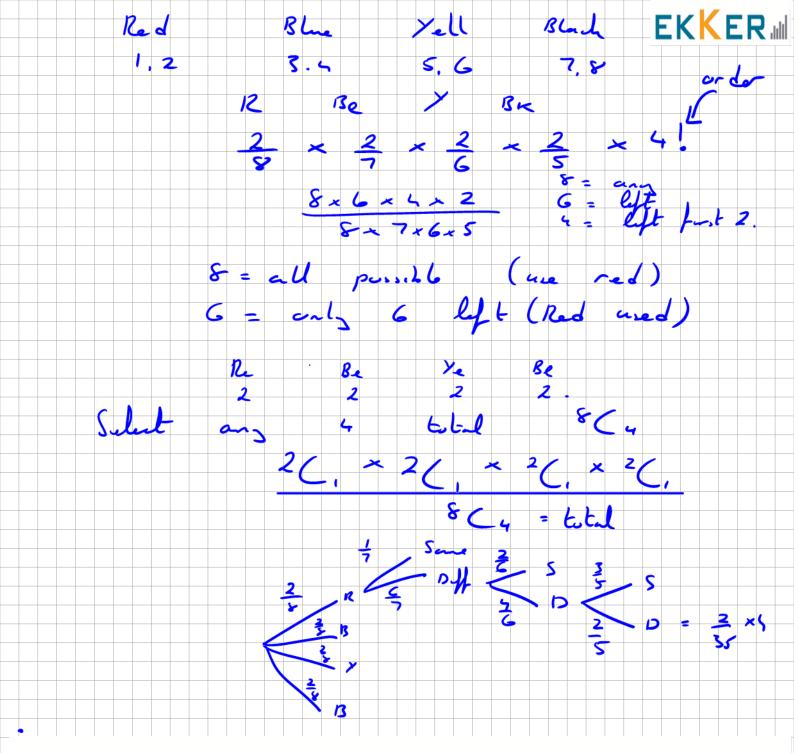


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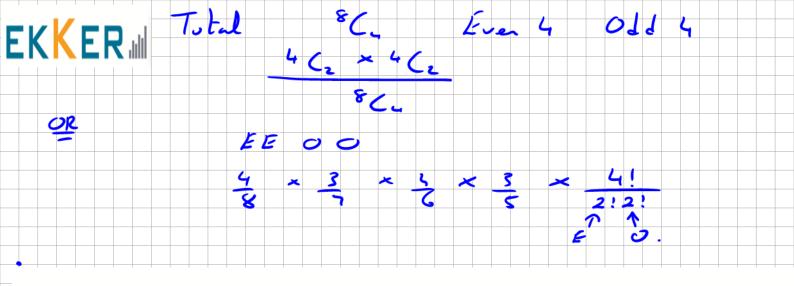


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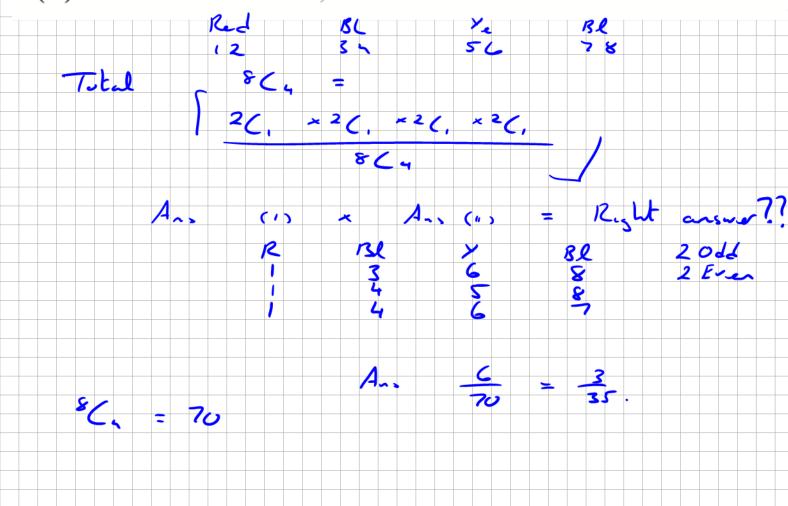


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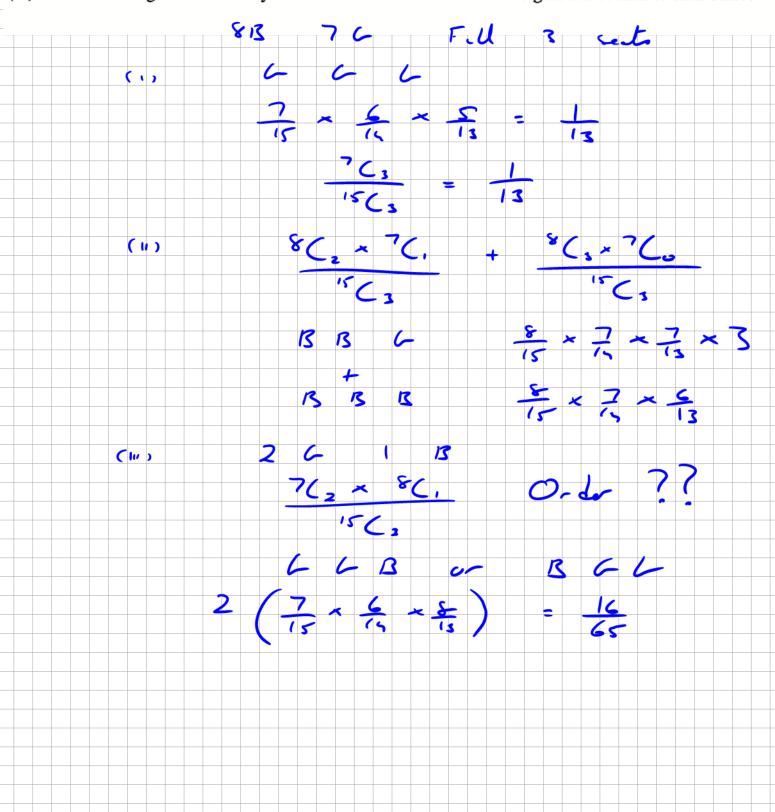
A classroom contains 15 desks which are arranged in rows.

The front row contains 3 desks.

15 students are seated at random in the classroom, 8 of whom are boys and 7 of whom are girls. Each desk seats only one student.

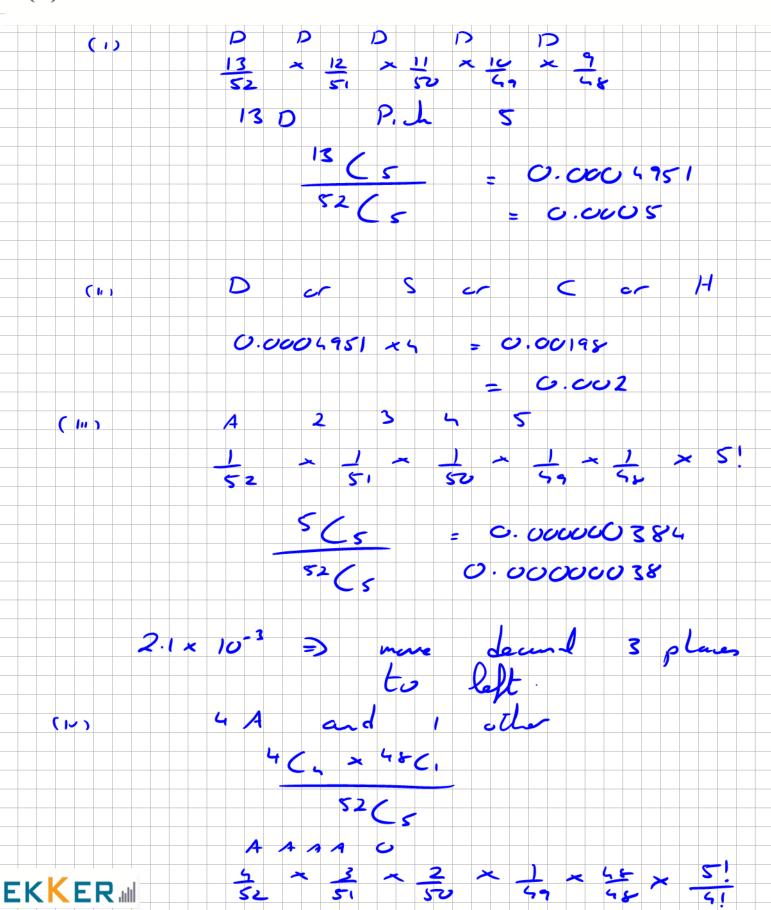
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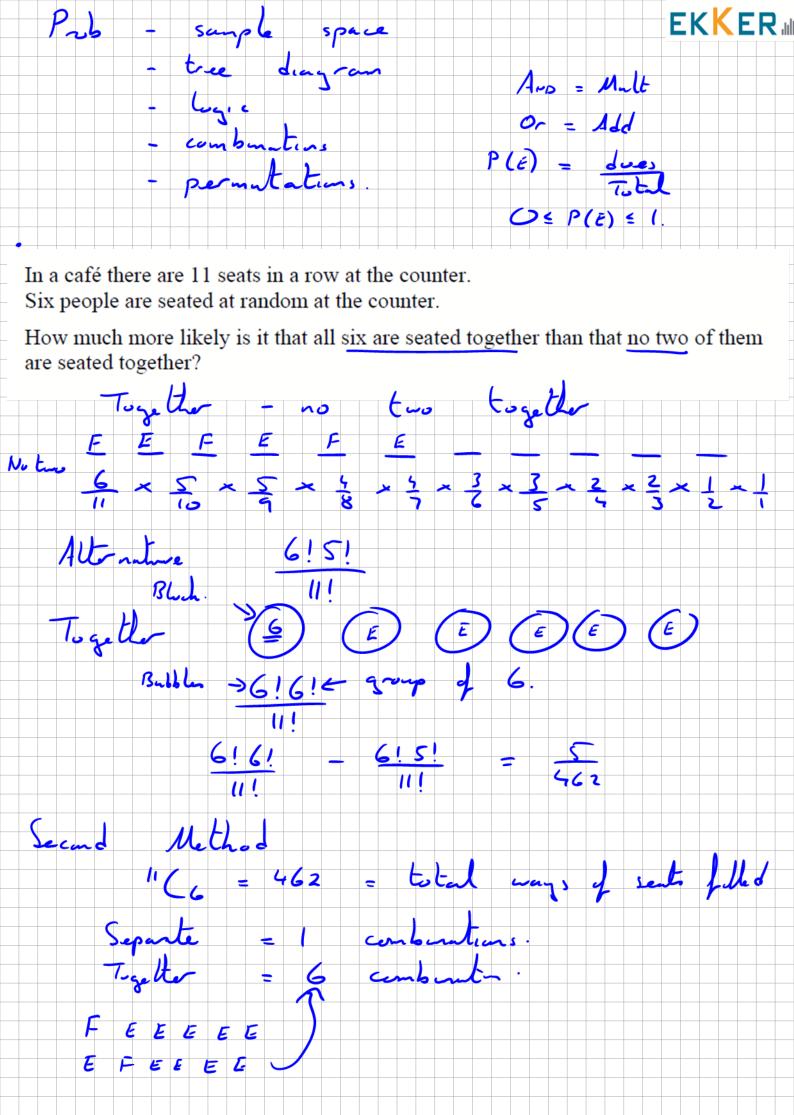
- (i) three girls occupy the front row of desks?
- (ii) there are more boys than girls seated in the front row?
- (iii) there are two girls and one boy seated in the front row with the two girls seated next to each other?



Five cards are drawn together at random from a standard pack of 52 playing cards. Find, in decimal form, correct to two significant figures, the probability that:

- (i) all five cards are diamonds
- (ii) all five cards are of the same suit
- (iii) the five cards are the ace, two, three, four and five of diamonds
- (iv) the five cards include the four aces.





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A bag contains discs of three different colours. There are 5 red discs, 1 white disc and x black discs. Three discs are picked together at random.

- (i) Write down an expression in x for the probability that the three discs are all different in colour.
- (ii) If the probability that the three discs are all different in colour is equal to the probability that they are all black, find x.

