



# DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLES




## A RANDOM VARIABLES

### A.1 DEFINITIONS



#### A.1.1 FINDING THE VALUE OF A RANDOM VARIABLE

**Ex 1:** Let  $X$  represent the number of heads obtained when tossing two fair coins: a red coin  and a blue coin . Determine the value of  $X$  for each of the following outcomes:



- $X(T, T) = \square$ ,
- $X(H, T) = \square$ ,
- $X(T, H) = \square$ ,
- $X(H, H) = \square$ .

**Ex 2:** Let  $X$  represent the number of heads obtained when tossing three fair coins: a red coin , a blue coin , and a green coin . Determine the value of  $X$  for each of the following outcomes:

- $X(T, T, T) = \square$ ,
- $X(H, T, T) = \square$ ,
- $X(T, H, T) = \square$ ,
- $X(T, T, H) = \square$ ,
- $X(H, H, T) = \square$ ,
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
**Ex 3:** Let  $X$  represent the sum of the numbers obtained when rolling two fair six-sided dice: a red die  and a blue die . Determine the value of  $X$  for each of the following outcomes:

- $X(1, 1) = \square$ ,
- $X(2, 3) = \square$ ,
- $X(3, 2) = \square$ ,
- $X(4, 5) = \square$ ,
- $X(5, 4) = \square$ ,
- $X(6, 6) = \square$ .



**Ex 4:** Let  $X$  represent the product of the numbers obtained when rolling two fair six-sided dice: a red die  and a blue die . Determine the value of  $X$  for each of the following outcomes:

- $X(1, 1) = \square$ ,

- $X(2, 3) = \square$ ,
- $X(3, 2) = \square$ ,
- $X(4, 5) = \square$ ,
- $X(5, 4) = \square$ ,
- $X(6, 6) = \square$ .



**Ex 5:** Let  $X$  represent the net gain (in dollars) from a game where you pay \$3 to play and roll one fair six-sided die . You receive a payout equal to the number of dollars shown on the die. Determine the value of  $X$  for each of the following outcomes:

- $X(1) = \square$ ,
- $X(2) = \square$ ,
- $X(3) = \square$ ,
- $X(4) = \square$ ,
- $X(5) = \square$ ,
- $X(6) = \square$ .

**Ex 6:** Let  $X$  represent the net gain (in dollars) from a game where you pay \$2 to play and toss two fair coins: a red coin  and a blue coin . You receive a payout of \$1 if no heads appear, \$3 if one head appears, and \$5 if two heads appear. Determine the value of  $X$  for each of the following outcomes:




- $X(T, T) = \square$ ,
- $X(H, T) = \square$ ,
- $X(T, H) = \square$ ,
- $X(H, H) = \square$ .

#### A.1.2 IDENTIFYING THE POSSIBLE VALUES

**MCQ 7:** Let  $X$  represent the number of heads obtained when tossing two fair coins: a red coin  and a blue coin . Identify the possible values of  $X$ .

Choose the one correct answer:


- {0},
- {0, 1},
- {0, 1, 2},
- {0, 1, 2, 3}.

**MCQ 8:** Let  $X$  represent the number of heads obtained when tossing three fair coins: a red coin , a blue coin , and a green coin . Identify the possible values of  $X$ .

Choose the one correct answer:



- {0},

- $\{0, 1\}$ ,
- $\{0, 1, 2\}$ ,
- $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ .

**MCQ 9:** Let  $X$  represent the net gain (in dollars) from a game where you pay \$4 to play and roll one fair six-sided die . You receive a payout equal to the number of dollars shown on the die. Identify the possible values of  $X$ .

Choose the one correct answer:

- $\{-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$ ,
- $\{-4\}$ ,
- $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ ,
- $\{-4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1\}$ .

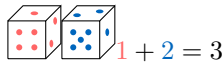
**MCQ 10:** Let  $S$  represent the sum of the numbers obtained when rolling two fair six-sided dice: a red die  and a blue die . Identify the possible values of  $S$ .

Choose the one correct answer:

- $\{1, 2\}$ ,
- $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ ,
- $\{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12\}$ ,
- $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12\}$ .

### A.1.3 DEFINING A RANDOM VARIABLE

**MCQ 11:** Two fair six-sided dice (one red and one blue) are rolled, and the sum of the numbers on their top faces is recorded, as shown in this example:



Define the random variable  $S$  to model this situation.

Choose the one correct answer:

- The random variable  $S$  represents the difference between the numbers on the two dice:  $S(i, j) = |i - j|$ ,
- The random variable  $S$  represents the product of the numbers on the two dice:  $S(i, j) = i \times j$ ,
- The random variable  $S$  represents the sum of the numbers on the two dice:  $S(i, j) = i + j$ .

**MCQ 12:** Two fair six-sided dice (one red and one blue) are rolled, and the product of the numbers on their top faces is recorded, as shown in this example:




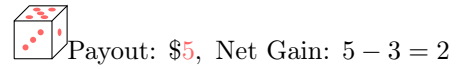
Define the random variable  $S$  to model this situation.

Choose the one correct answer:

- The random variable  $S$  represents the difference between the numbers on the two dice:  $S(i, j) = |i - j|$ ,

- The random variable  $S$  represents the sum of the numbers on the two dice:  $S(i, j) = i + j$ ,
- The random variable  $S$  represents the product of the numbers on the two dice:  $S(i, j) = i \times j$ .


**MCQ 13:** A fair six-sided die  is rolled in a game where you pay \$3 to play and receive a payout equal to the number of dollars shown on the die, as shown in this example:



The random variable  $X$  represents the net gain from the game.

Choose the one correct answer:

- $X(i) = 3 - i$ ,
- $X(i) = i - 3$ ,
- $X(i) = i + 3$ .

**MCQ 14:** A fair six-sided die  is rolled in a game where you pay \$3 to play and receive a payout (in dollars) equal to 2 times the number shown on the die, as shown in this example:





The random variable  $X$  represents the net gain from the game.

Choose the one correct answer:




- $X(i) = 2 \times i - 3$ ,
- $X(i) = 3 - 2 \times i$ ,
- $X(i) = 2 \times i$ .

### A.1.4 FINDING EVENTS INVOLVING A RANDOM VARIABLE

**MCQ 15:** Let  $X$  be the number of heads when tossing 2 coins:  and . List the outcomes for  $(X = 1)$ .



Choose the one correct answer:

- $\{(T, T)\}$ ,
- $\{(T, H)\}$ ,
- $\{(T, H), (H, T)\}$ ,
- $\{(H, H)\}$ .

**MCQ 16:** Let  $X$  be the number of heads when tossing 3 fair coins: a red coin , a blue coin , and a green coin . List the outcomes for  $(X = 2)$ .



Choose the one correct answer:

- $\{(H, H, H), (T, T, T)\}$  (all heads or all tails),
- $\{(H, H, T), (H, T, H), (T, H, H)\}$  (exactly two heads),
- $\{(T, T, H), (H, H, T)\}$  (green coin decides),
- $\{(H, H, H)\}$  (maximum heads).

**MCQ 17:** Let  $S$  be the sum of the numbers when rolling two fair six-sided dice: a red die  and a blue die . List the outcomes for ( $S = 4$ ).

Choose the one correct answer:

- $\{(1, 3), (2, 2), (3, 1)\}$ ,
- $\{(1, 3), (2, 2)\}$ ,
- $\{(1, 3), (2, 2), (3, 1), (4, 0)\}$ ,
- $\{(4, 4)\}$ .

**MCQ 18:** Let  $S$  be the sum of the numbers when rolling two fair six-sided dice: a red die  and a blue die . List the outcomes for ( $S \geq 10$ ).

Choose the one correct answer:

- $\{(4, 6), (5, 5), (6, 4)\}$ ,
- $\{(4, 6), (5, 5)\}$ ,
- $\{(4, 6), (5, 5), (5, 6), (6, 4), (6, 5), (6, 6)\}$ ,
- $\{(6, 6)\}$ .

### A.1.5 DEFINING A RANDOM VARIABLE TO MODEL A SITUATION

**MCQ 19:** In a quality control study, a manufacturing plant produces batches of 100 products each, and we count the number of defective products in each batch to assess the plant's reliability. Define the random variable  $X$  to model this situation.

Choose the one correct answer:

- The random variable  $X$  represents the total number of products in each batch, which is fixed at 100.
- The random variable  $X$  represents the plant's reliability, recorded as a binary outcome where 1 indicates a "reliable" batch (no defects) and 0 indicates an "unreliable" batch (at least one defect).
- The random variable  $X$  represents the number of defective products in a batch of 100.

**MCQ 20:** In a study of a new training program's impact, each employee's performance is assessed before and after, with improvement classified as 'Improved' or 'Not Improved'. Define the random variable  $Z_i$ , where  $i$  is the  $i$ -th employee, to model this study.

Choose the one correct answer:

- The random variable  $Z_i$  represents the number of employees in the training program.
- The random variable  $Z_i$  represents the improvement status of the  $i$ -th employee, where 1 = 'Improved' and 0 = 'Not Improved'.
- The random variable  $Z_i$  represents the duration of the training program.
- The random variable  $Z_i$  represents the performance score of the  $i$ -th employee.

**MCQ 21:** In a study of public transportation, a researcher records the time (in minutes) a passenger waits at a bus stop until the next bus arrives. Define the random variable  $T$  to model this situation.

Choose the one correct answer:

- The random variable  $T$  represents the waiting time (in minutes) until the next bus arrives.
- The random variable  $T$  represents the number of buses arriving per hour, which is fixed by the schedule.
- The random variable  $T$  represents whether a bus is late, recorded as 1 for "late" and 0 for "on time."


**MCQ 22:** During a soccer tournament analysis, a statistician tracks the number of goals scored by a team in a single match. Define the random variable  $G$  to model this situation.

Choose the one correct answer:

- The random variable  $G$  represents the duration of the match, fixed at 90 minutes.
- The random variable  $G$  represents the number of goals scored by the team in a match.
- The random variable  $G$  represents the match outcome, recorded as 1 for "win" and 0 for "loss or draw."

## A.2 PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION




### A.2.1 FINDING THE PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

**Ex 23:** Let  $X$  represent the number obtained when rolling one fair four-sided die  with faces numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4. Complete the table with the probabilities as decimal numbers (use a calculator).



$x$	1	2	3	4
$P(X = x)$				

**Ex 24:** Let  $X$  represent the number of girls in a family with two children, where each child is equally likely to be a boy or a girl. Complete the table with the probabilities as decimal numbers (use a calculator).

$x$	0	1	2
$P(X = x)$			

**Ex 25:** Let  $X$  represent the number of heads obtained when tossing three fair coins: a red coin , a blue coin , and a green coin . Complete the table with the probabilities as decimal numbers (use a calculator).

$x$	0	1	2	3
$P(X = x)$				

**MCQ 26:** Let  $S$  represent the sum of the numbers obtained when rolling two fair four-sided dice, each numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4:  . Identify the probability distribution of  $S$ .

Choose the one correct answer:

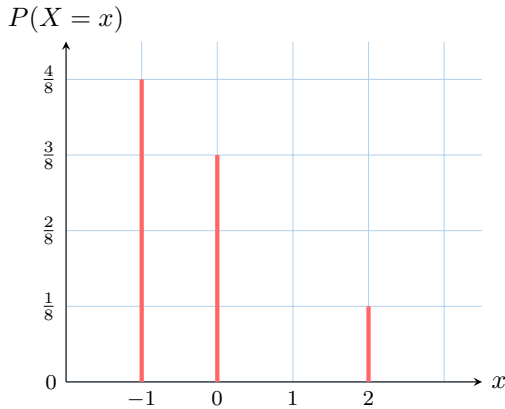
$s$	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$P(S = s)$	$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{1}{7}$

$s$	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$P(S = s)$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{2}{16}$	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{4}{16}$	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{2}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$

$s$	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$P(S = s)$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{2}{16}$	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{4}{16}$	$\frac{5}{16}$	$\frac{6}{16}$	$\frac{7}{16}$

### A.2.2 READING PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTIONS FROM GRAPHS

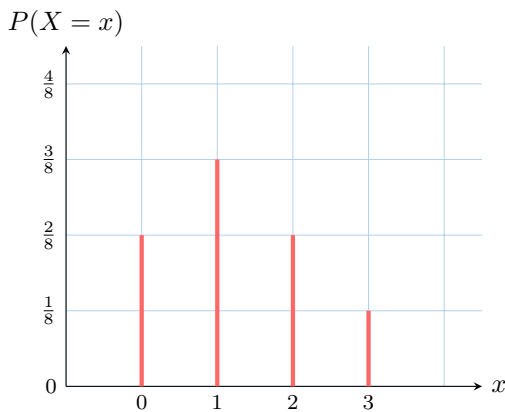
**Ex 27:** Consider the following probability distribution for a random variable  $X$ , represented by the graph below:



Determine the probability:

$$P(X = 2) = \square$$

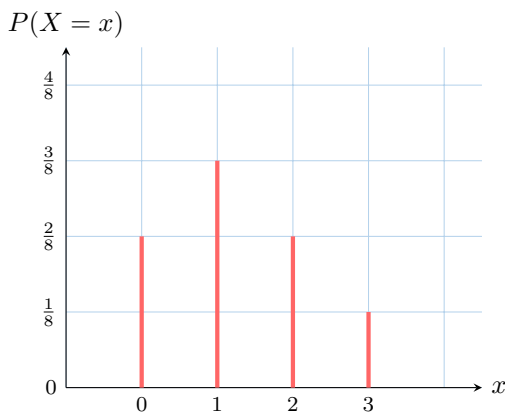
**Ex 28:** Consider the following probability distribution for a random variable  $X$ , represented by the graph below:



Determine the probability:

$$P(X = 1) = \square$$

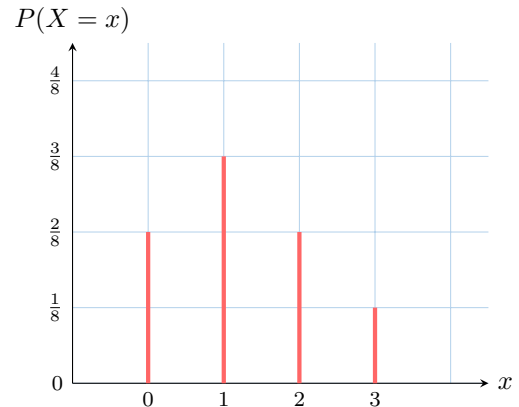
**Ex 29:** Consider the following probability distribution for a random variable  $X$ , represented by the graph below:



Determine the probability:

$$P(X \geq 1) = \square$$



**Ex 30:** Consider the following probability distribution for a random variable  $X$ , represented by the graph below:





Determine the probability:

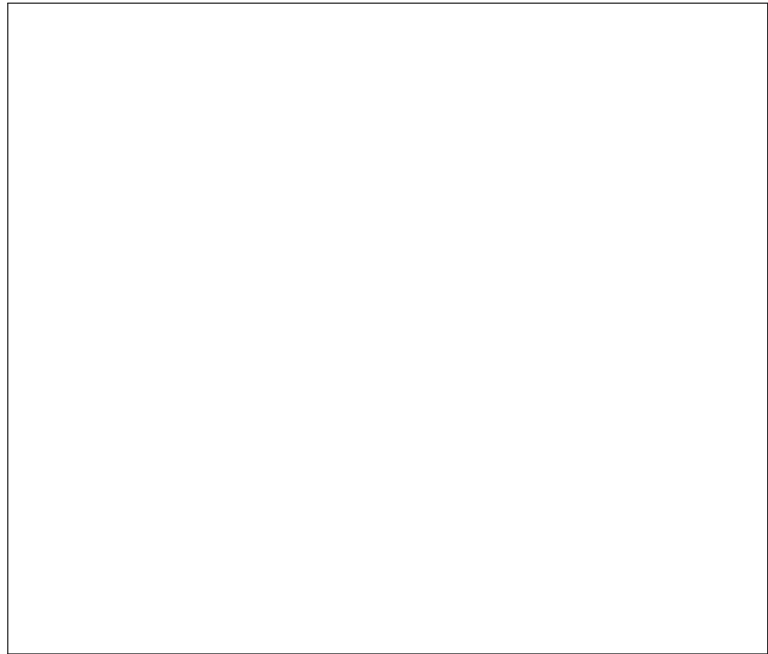
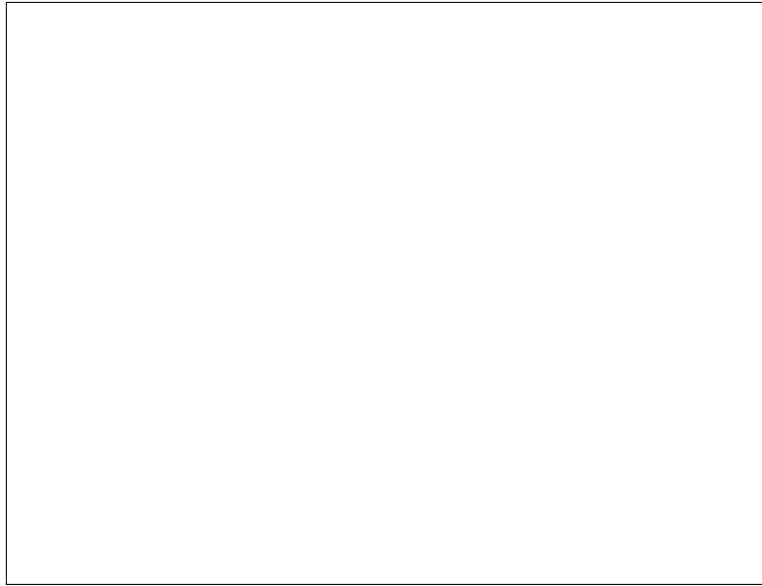
$$P(X \leq 1) = \square$$



### A.2.3 CONSTRUCTING A PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

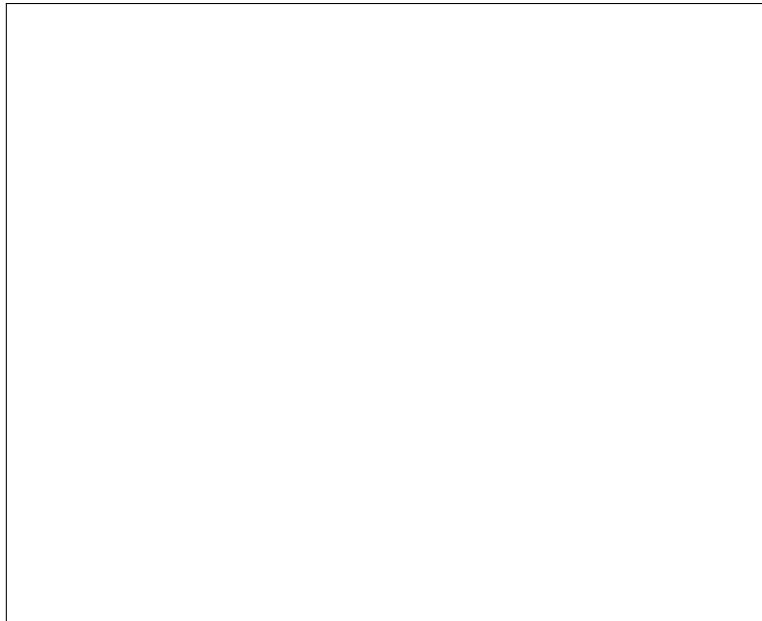
**Ex 31:** Let  $S$  represent the sum of the numbers obtained when rolling two fair six-sided dice: a red die  and a blue die . Construct the probability distribution table for  $S$ .



**Ex 32:** Let  $M$  represent the maximum of the numbers obtained when rolling two fair six-sided dice: a red die  and a blue die . Construct the probability distribution table for  $M$ .





**Ex 33:** Let  $D$  represent the absolute difference of the numbers obtained when rolling two fair six-sided dice: a red die  and a blue die . Construct the probability distribution table for  $D$ .



**Ex 34:** Let  $P$  represent the product of the numbers obtained when rolling two fair four-sided dice, each numbered 1, 2, 3, 4: a red die  and a blue die . Construct the probability distribution table for  $P$ .

### A.3 EXISTENCE OF A RANDOM VARIABLE WITH A GIVEN PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

#### A.3.1 VERIFYING PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION VALIDITY

**MCQ 35:** Determine whether the following table represents a valid probability distribution for a random variable  $X$ :

$x$	1	2	3
$P(X = x)$	0.3	0.4	0.3

Select the one correct answer:

- Valid probability distribution
- Not a valid probability distribution

**MCQ 36:** Determine whether the following table represents a valid probability distribution for a random variable  $X$ :

$x$	1	2	3
$P(X = x)$	0.2	0.5	0.4

Select the one correct answer:

- Valid probability distribution
- Not a valid probability distribution

**MCQ 37:** Determine whether the following table represents a valid probability distribution for a random variable  $X$ :

$x$	1	2	3
$P(X = x)$	0.5	-0.1	0.6

Select the one correct answer:

- Valid probability distribution
- Not a valid probability distribution

**MCQ 38:** Determine whether the following table represents a valid probability distribution for a random variable  $X$ :

$x$	0	1	2	3
$P(X = x)$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{4}$

Select the one correct answer:

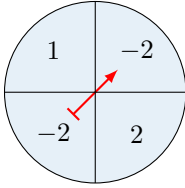
- Valid probability distribution
- Not a valid probability distribution

### A.3.2 DEFINING A RANDOM VARIABLE AND ITS PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

**Ex 39:** We survey a class of 30 students about their siblings and obtain these results: 6 students have 0 siblings, 15 have 1 sibling, 6 have 2 siblings, and 3 have 3 siblings. Let  $X$  represent the number of siblings of a student chosen at random from this class. Complete the table with the probabilities as decimal numbers.

$x$	0	1	2	3
$P(X = x)$				

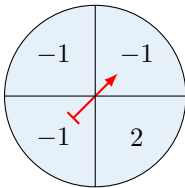
**Ex 40:** In a game of chance, a player spins a fair spinner divided into four equal sections, each labeled with a gain (in dollars) as shown below:



Let  $X$  represent the player's gain (in dollars) from the game. Complete the table with the probabilities as decimal numbers.

$x$	-2	1	2
$P(X = x)$			

**Ex 41:** In a game of chance, a player spins a fair spinner divided into four equal sections, with gains (in dollars) labeled as shown below:



Let  $X$  represent the player's gain (in dollars) from the game. Complete the table with the probabilities as decimal numbers.

$x$	-1	2
$P(X = x)$		

**Ex 42:** A bag contains 20 marbles: 4 red, 10 blue, 4 green, and 2 yellow. A marble is drawn at random, and points are awarded based on its color: 0 points for red, 1 point for blue, 2 points for green, and 3 points for yellow. Let  $X$  represent the number of points earned. Complete the table with the probabilities as decimal numbers.

$x$	0	1	2	3
$P(X = x)$				

### A.3.3 FINDING PROBABILITIES IN EVERYDAY SCENARIOS

**Ex 43:** The random variable  $X$  represents the number of goals scored by a soccer player in a match, with the probability distribution given below:

$x$	0	1	2	3
$P(X = x)$	0.35	0.3	0.25	0.1

Find the probability that the player scores exactly 2 goals in a match.

The probability is .

**Ex 44:** The random variable  $X$  represents the number of times a student visits the nurse's office in a day, with the probability distribution given below:

$x$	0	1	2	3
$P(X = x)$	0.35	0.3	0.25	0.1

Find the probability that a student visits the nurse's office at least twice in a day.

The probability is .

**Ex 45:** The random variable  $X$  represents the number of rainy days in a week, with the probability distribution given below:

$x$	0	1	2	3
$P(X = x)$	0.35	0.3	0.25	0.1

Find the probability that there is at least one rainy day in a week.

The probability is .

**Ex 46:** The random variable  $X$  represents the number of defective items in a batch of 7, with the probability distribution given below:

$x$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$P(X = x)$	0.4	0.25	0.15	0.1	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.01

Find the probability that there is at least one defective item in the batch.

The probability is .

## B EXPECTATION

### B.1 DEFINITION

#### B.1.1 CALCULATING EXPECTATIONS

**Ex 47:** The random variable  $X$  represents the number of goals scored by a soccer player in a match, with the probability distribution given below:

$x$	0	1	2	3
$P(X = x)$	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.1

Calculate the expected value  $E(X)$ , the average number of goals scored per match (use a calculator).

$E(X) =$

**Ex 48:** The random variable  $X$  represents the number of hours a student spends studying on a weekend, with the probability distribution given below:

$x$	0	1	2	3	4
$P(X = x)$	0.2	0.25	0.3	0.15	0.1

Calculate the expected value  $E(X)$ , the average number of hours spent studying per weekend (use a calculator).

$$E(X) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

**Ex 49:** The random variable  $X$  represents the number of customers served by a cashier in an hour, with the probability distribution given below:

$x$	0	1	2	3	4
$P(X = x)$	0.15	0.2	0.35	0.25	0.05

Calculate the expected value  $E(X)$ , the average number of customers served per hour (use a calculator).

$$E(X) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

**Ex 50:** The random variable  $X$  represents the number of emails received by an employee in an hour, with the probability distribution given below:

$x$	0	1	2	3	4
$P(X = x)$	0.3	0.25	0.2	0.15	0.1

Calculate the expected value  $E(X)$ , the average number of emails received per hour (use a calculator).

$$E(X) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

### B.1.2 EXPLORING EXPECTED VALUES

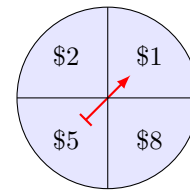
**Ex 51:** In a game of chance, a player rolls a standard six-sided die. The number rolled is the outcome of interest.

- Calculate the expected value  $E(X)$  of the roll (use a calculator).
- Interpret the result in terms of the player's average outcome per roll.

**Ex 52:** An insurance company offers you a contract for 150 dollars. There's a 5

- Calculate the expected profit  $E(X)$  of the insurance company (use a calculator).
- Explain what the result means in terms of the average expected profit for the company.

**Ex 53:** In a game of chance, a player spins a spinner:



The player wins the amount of money indicated by the arrow, but it costs \$5 to play each game. In gambling, the gain is defined as the payout minus the cost to play.

- Calculate the expected gain  $E(X)$  of the player (use a calculator).
- Interpret the result in terms of the player's average outcome per game.

**Ex 54:** In a game of chance, a player bets \$1 on a single number in a classical roulette wheel numbered from 0 to 36. If the chosen number comes up, the player wins 35 times their bet plus their bet back, receiving a total payout of \$36; otherwise, they lose their bet. In gambling, the gain is defined as the payout minus the cost to play.

- Calculate the expected gain  $E(X)$  of the player (use a calculator).
- Interpret the result in terms of the player's average outcome per game.

## C VARIANCE AND STANDARD DEVIATION

### C.1 DEFINITIONS

#### C.1.1 CALCULATING STANDARD DEVIATION

**Ex 55:** A soccer player's number of goals scored in a match is represented by the random variable  $X$ . The probability distribution for  $X$  is shown below:

$x$ (goals)	0	1	2	3
$P(X = x)$	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.3

Calculate the standard deviation  $\sigma(X)$ , which shows how much the number of goals typically varies from the average per match. (use a calculator and round at two decimal places).



$$\sigma(X) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

**Ex 56:** The random variable  $X$  represents the number of cups of coffee a teacher drinks in a day. The probability distribution for  $X$  is shown below:

$x$ (cups)	0	1	2	3
$P(X = x)$	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.2

Calculate the standard deviation  $\sigma(X)$ , which shows how much the number of cups typically varies from the average per day (use a calculator and round to two decimal places).

$$\sigma(X) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

**Ex 57:** The random variable  $X$  represents the number of siblings a student in a class has. The probability distribution for  $X$  is shown below:

$x$ (siblings)	0	1	2	3
$P(X = x)$	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.1

Calculate the standard deviation  $\sigma(X)$ , which shows how much the number of siblings typically varies from the average per student (use a calculator and round to two decimal places).

$$\sigma(X) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

**Ex 58:** The random variable  $X$  represents the number of car accidents a driver has in a year. The probability distribution for  $X$  is shown below:

$x$ (accidents)	0	1	2	3
$P(X = x)$	0.7	0.2	0.08	0.02

Calculate the standard deviation  $\sigma(X)$ , which shows how much the number of car accidents typically varies from the average per year (use a calculator and round to two decimal places).

$$\sigma(X) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

### C.1.2 CHOOSING BASED ON EXPECTED VALUES AND RISK

**Ex 59:** A customer is choosing between two financial options for a \$1000 investment over one year. The random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  represent the gain (in dollars) for Option A and Option B, respectively, with:

- Expected gain:  $E(X) = 67.5$  for Option A and  $E(Y) = 120$  for Option B
- Standard deviation:  $\sigma(X) = 16.01$  for Option A and  $\sigma(Y) = 95.39$  for Option B

The customer wants to minimize risk (safe placement). Which option should they choose, and why? Justify your answer based on the given expected gains and standard deviations.

**Ex 60:** A customer is choosing between two financial options for a \$1000 investment over one year. The random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  represent the gain (in dollars) for Option A and Option B, respectively, with:

- Expected gain:  $E(X) = 67.5$  for Option A and  $E(Y) = 120$  for Option B

- Standard deviation:  $\sigma(X) = 16.01$  for Option A and  $\sigma(Y) = 95.39$  for Option B

The customer wants to maximize profit regardless of the risk. Which option should they choose, and why? Justify your answer based on the given expected gains and standard deviations.

**Ex 61:** A person is choosing between two countries to live in based on the average annual temperature (in degrees Celsius). The random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  represent the temperature for Country A and Country B, respectively, with:

- Expected temperature:  $E(X) = 18.5$  for Country A and  $E(Y) = 25.0$  for Country B
- Standard deviation:  $\sigma(X) = 3.2$  for Country A and  $\sigma(Y) = 8.5$  for Country B

The person wants to maximize warmth regardless of temperature variability. Which country should they choose, and why? Justify your answer based on the given expected temperatures and standard deviations.

**Ex 62:** A student is choosing between two part-time jobs based on weekly earnings (in dollars). The random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  represent the earnings for Job A and Job B, respectively, with:

- Expected earnings:  $E(X) = 150$  for Job A and  $E(Y) = 175$  for Job B
- Standard deviation:  $\sigma(X) = 10.5$  for Job A and  $\sigma(Y) = 25.8$  for Job B

The student wants to minimize variability in their earnings (stable income). Which job should they choose, and why? Justify your answer based on the given expected earnings and standard deviations.

## D CLASSICAL DISTRIBUTIONS

### D.1 UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION

#### D.1.1 IDENTIFYING UNIFORM DISTRIBUTIONS

**MCQ 63:** When rolling a fair six-sided die, the random variable  $X$  represents the number that appears on the top face. Does the random variable  $X$  follow a uniform distribution?

Select the one correct answer:

- True
- False





**MCQ 64:** A standard deck of 52 playing cards is divided into 4 suits: hearts, diamonds, clubs, and spades, with each suit containing 13 cards. A card is drawn at random from the deck, and the random variable  $Z$  represents the suit of the card, assigned as follows: 1 for hearts, 2 for diamonds, 3 for clubs, and 4 for spades.

Does the random variable  $Z$  follow a uniform distribution?

Select the one correct answer:

- True
- False

**MCQ 65:** A bag contains 5 red, 4 blue, and 3 green marbles, making a total of 12 marbles. A marble is drawn at random, and the random variable  $Y$  represents the color of the marble, assigned as follows: 1 for red, 2 for blue, and 3 for green.

Does the random variable  $Y$  follow a uniform distribution?

Select the one correct answer:

- True
- False

**MCQ 66:** A telephone number is selected at random, and the random variable  $X$  represents its last digit, which can be any integer from 0 to 9.

Does the random variable  $X$  follow a uniform distribution?

Select the one correct answer:

- True
- False

## D.2 BERNOULLI DISTRIBUTION

### D.2.1 IDENTIFYING BERNOULLI DISTRIBUTIONS

**MCQ 67:** A fair coin is tossed once, and the random variable  $X$  represents the outcome, with values assigned as follows: 0 for tails and 1 for heads.

Does the random variable  $X$  follow a Bernoulli distribution?

Select the one correct answer:

- True
- False

**MCQ 68:** Two fair coins are tossed, and the random variable  $X$  represents the number of heads obtained, with possible values 0, 1, or 2.

Does the random variable  $X$  follow a Bernoulli distribution?

Select the one correct answer:

- True
- False

**MCQ 69:** Mia asks a boy, "Do you like me?" and he answers with either "Yes" or "No." The random variable  $X$  represents his response, with values assigned as follows: 1 for "Yes" and 0 for "No." Assume the boy's answer is a random guess with equal chances for each response.

Does the random variable  $X$  follow a Bernoulli distribution?

Select the one correct answer:

- True

- False

**MCQ 70:** A student is selected at random from a class containing 5 girls and 10 boys, making a total of 15 students. The random variable  $X$  represents the gender of the selected student, with values assigned as follows: 0 for boy and 1 for girl.

Does the random variable  $X$  follow a Bernoulli distribution?

Select the one correct answer:

- True
- False

### D.2.2 FINDING A PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS

**Ex 71:** A fair coin is tossed once, and the random variable  $X$  represents the outcome, with values assigned as follows: 0 for tails and 1 for heads.

Find the probability of success for the random variable  $X$ .

$$p = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

**Ex 72:** A student is selected at random from a class containing 5 girls and 10 boys, making a total of 15 students. The random variable  $X$  represents the gender of the selected student, with values assigned as follows: 0 for boy and 1 for girl.

Find the probability of success for the random variable  $X$ .

$$p = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

**Ex 73:** A basketball player has made 300 successful shots out of 400 attempts in practice. For a single shot, the random variable  $X$  represents the outcome, with values assigned as follows: 0 for a miss and 1 for a success.

Find the probability of success for the random variable  $X$ .

$$p = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

**Ex 74:** A student, Leo, guesses the answer to a true/false quiz question. He has a tendency to guess "True" 60% of the time and "False" 40% of the time. The random variable  $X$  represents the outcome of his guess, with values assigned as follows: 0 for "False" and 1 for "True."

Find the probability of success for the random variable  $X$ .

$$p = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

## D.3 BINOMIAL DISTRIBUTION

### D.3.1 IDENTIFYING BINOMIAL DISTRIBUTIONS

**MCQ 75:** A fair coin is tossed 100 times independently, and the random variable  $X$  represents the number of heads obtained, with possible values ranging from 0 to 100.

Does the random variable  $X$  follow a binomial distribution?

Select the one correct answer:

True

False

**MCQ 76:** An urn contains 3 red balls and 7 blue balls. A ball is drawn at random and replaced 50 times independently, and the random variable  $X$  represents the number of red balls drawn, with possible values ranging from 0 to 50.

Does the random variable  $X$  follow a binomial distribution?

Select the one correct answer:

True

False

**MCQ 77:** An urn contains 3 red balls and 7 blue balls, making a total of 10 balls. A ball is drawn at random without replacement 5 times, and the random variable  $X$  represents the number of red balls drawn, with possible values ranging from 0 to 3.

Does the random variable  $X$  follow a binomial distribution?

Select the one correct answer:

True

False

**MCQ 78:** In a group of 10 friends, a student invites 5 friends one by one to a party. Initially, each friend has a 40% chance of accepting, but for each friend who says "Yes," the next friend's probability of accepting increases by 5% due to excitement about the party. The random variable  $X$  represents the number of friends who accept, with possible values ranging from 0 to 5.

Does the random variable  $X$  follow a binomial distribution?

Select the one correct answer:

True

False

### D.3.2 FINDING PROBABILITIES IN EVERYDAY SCENARIOS

**Ex 79:** Of all electric light bulbs produced, 5% are defective at manufacture. Six bulbs are randomly selected and tested. Find the probability that exactly two are defective (use a calculator and round to three decimal places.)

$$P(\text{"2 defectives"}) \approx \boxed{\phantom{0.000}}$$

**Ex 80:** Weather forecasts indicate that on any given day in June, there is a 30% chance of rain. Over a week (7 days), the random variable  $X$  represents the number of rainy days. Find the probability that exactly 4 days are rainy (use a calculator and round to three decimal places.)

$$P(\text{"4 rainy days"}) \approx \boxed{\phantom{0.000}}$$

**Ex 81:** A student guesses on a 5-question true/false quiz, with a 50% chance of guessing each question correctly. The random variable  $X$  represents the number of correct answers. Find the probability that the student gets 1 or fewer questions correct (use a calculator and round to three decimal places.)

$$P(\text{"1 or fewer correct"}) \approx \boxed{\phantom{0.000}}$$

**Ex 82:** A student sends party invitations to 4 friends via text message, and each friend has a 70% chance of accepting, independently of the others. The random variable  $X$  represents the number of friends who accept. Find the probability that all 4 friends accept (use a calculator and round to three decimal places.)

$$P(\text{"only successes"}) \approx \boxed{\phantom{0.000}}$$

### D.3.3 CALCULATING AN EXPECTED VALUE

**Ex 83:** A student guesses randomly on a 10-question multiple-choice quiz, where each question has 4 options and only one is correct. Find the average number of correct guesses the student makes (use a calculator).

$$\text{Average correct guesses} = \boxed{\phantom{0.000}}$$

**Ex 84:** Weather forecasts indicate that on any given day in June, there is a 30% chance of rain. Find the average number of rainy days in a week (7 days) (use a calculator).

$$\text{Average rainy days} = \boxed{\phantom{0.000}}$$

**Ex 85:** A delivery service has a 60% chance of delivering a package on time each day. Over 8 days, the random variable  $X$  represents the number of on-time deliveries. Find the average number of on-time deliveries over these 8 days. (use a calculator).

$$\text{Average on-time deliveries} = \boxed{\phantom{0.000}}$$

**Ex 86:** A basketball player is practicing 3-point shots. The probability that he successfully scores each shot is  $\frac{4}{5}$ , and each successful shot is worth 3 points. He takes 100 shots independently. Find the average number of points he scores after taking all 100 shots (use a calculator).

$$\text{Average points} = \boxed{\phantom{0.000}}$$

