

4. A discrete random variable X has probability function

$$P(X = x) = \begin{cases} k(2 - x) & x = 0, 1 \\ k(3 - x) & x = 2, 3 \\ k(x + 1) & x = 4 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where k is a constant.

- (a) Show that $k = \frac{1}{9}$

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Find the exact value of

- (b) $P(1 \leq X < 4)$

(1)

- (c) $E(X)$

(2)

- (d) $E(X^2)$

(2)

- (e) $\text{Var}(3X + 1)$

(3)

2. The discrete random variable X has the following probability distribution.

x	-2	-1	0	1	3
$P(X = x)$	0.15	a	b	a	0.4

- (a) Find $E(X)$.

(2)

Given that $E(X^2) = 4.54$

- (b) find the value of a and the value of b .

(5)

The random variable $Y = 3 - 2X$

- (c) Find $\text{Var}(Y)$.

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5. Franca is the manager of an accountancy firm. She is investigating the relationship between the salary, £ x , and the length of commute, y minutes, for employees at the firm. She collected this information from 9 randomly selected employees.

The salary of each employee was then coded using $w = \frac{x - 20\,000}{1000}$

The table shows the values of w and y for the 9 employees.

w	6	8	8	-1	25	15	3	-2	19
y	45	50	35	65	25	40	50	75	20

(You may use $\sum w = 81$ $\sum y = 405$ $\sum wy = 2490$ $S_{ww} = 660$ $S_{yy} = 2500$)

- Calculate the salary of the employee with $w = -2$ (1)
- Show that, to 3 significant figures, the value of the product moment correlation coefficient between w and y is -0.899 (3)
- State, giving a reason, the value of the product moment correlation coefficient between x and y (1)

The least squares regression line of y on w is $y = 60.75 - 1.75w$

- Find the equation of the least squares regression line of y on x giving your answer in the form $y = a + bx$ (3)
- Estimate the length of commute for an employee with a salary of £21 000 (2)

Franca uses the regression line to estimate the length of commute for employees with salaries between £25 000 and £40 000

- State, giving a reason, whether or not these estimates are reliable. (2)

3. The discrete random variable X has probability distribution

$$P(X = x) = \frac{1}{5} \quad x = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$$

- (a) Write down the name given to this distribution.

(1)

Find

- (b) $P(X = 4)$

(1)

- (c) $F(3)$

(1)

- (d) $P(3X - 3 > X + 4)$

(2)

- (e) Write down $E(X)$

(1)

- (f) Find $E(X^2)$

(2)

- (g) Hence find $\text{Var}(X)$

(2)

Given that $E(aX - 3) = 11.4$

- (h) find $\text{Var}(aX - 3)$

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5. The discrete random variable X has the following probability distribution

x	-2	0	2	4
$P(X=x)$	a	b	a	c

where a , b and c are probabilities.

Given that $E(X) = 0.8$

- (a) find the value of c .

(2)

Given also that $E(X^2) = 5$ find

- (b) the value of a and the value of b ,

(4)

- (c) $\text{Var}(X)$

(2)

The random variable $Y = 5 - 3X$

Find

- (d) $E(Y)$

(1)

- (e) $\text{Var}(Y)$

(2)

- (f) $P(Y \geq 0)$

(4)

6. The random variable A represents the score when a spinner is spun. The probability distribution for A is given in the following table.

a	1	4	5	7
$P(A = a)$	0.40	0.20	0.25	0.15

- (a) Show that $E(A) = 3.5$ (2)

- (b) Find $\text{Var}(A)$ (3)

The random variable B represents the score on a 4-sided die. The probability distribution for B is given in the following table where k is a positive integer.

b	1	3	4	k
$P(B = b)$	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25

- (c) Write down the name of the probability distribution of B . (1)

- (d) Given that $E(B) = E(A)$ state, giving a reason, the value of k . (1)

The random variable $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

Sam and Tim are playing a game with the spinner and the die.

They each spin the spinner once to obtain their value of A and each roll the die once to obtain their value of B .

Their value of A is taken as their value of μ and their value of B is taken as their value of σ . The person with the larger value of $P(X > 3.5)$ is the winner.

- (e) Given that Sam obtained values of $a = 4$ and $b = 3$ and Tim obtained $b = 4$ find, giving a reason, the probability that Tim wins. (2)

- (f) Find the largest value of $P(X > 3.5)$ achievable in this game. (4)

- (g) Find the probability of achieving this value. (2)

6. A biased coin has probability 0.4 of showing a head. In an experiment, the coin is spun until a head appears. If a head has not appeared after 4 spins, the coin is not spun again. The random variable X represents the number of times the coin is spun.

For example, $X = 3$ if the first two spins do not show a head but the third spin does show a head. The coin would not then be spun a fourth time since the coin has already shown a head.

- (a) Show that $P(X = 3) = 0.144$ (1)

The table gives some values for the probability distribution of X

x	1	2	3	4
$P(X = x)$		0.24	0.144	

- (b) (i) Write down the value of $P(X = 1)$

- (ii) Find $P(X = 4)$ (3)

- (c) Find $E(X)$ (2)

- (d) Find $\text{Var}(X)$ (3)

The random variable H represents the number of heads obtained when the coin is spun in the experiment.

- (e) Explain why H can only take the values 0 and 1 and find the probability distribution of H . (2)

- (f) Write down the value of

- (i) $P(\{X = 3\} \cap \{H = 0\})$
(ii) $P(\{X = 4\} \cap \{H = 0\})$ (2)

The random variable $S = X + H$

- (g) Find the probability distribution of S (4)

7. The cumulative distribution of a discrete random variable X is given by

x	1	2	3	4
$F(x)$	$\frac{1}{13}$	$\frac{2k-1}{26}$	$\frac{3(k+1)}{26}$	$\frac{k+4}{8}$

where k is a positive constant.

- (a) Show that $k = 4$

(1)

- (b) Find the probability distribution of the discrete random variable X

(3)

- (c) Using your answer to part (b), write down the mode of X

(1)

- (d) Calculate $\text{Var}(13X - 6)$

(5)

4. A spinner can land on the numbers 10, 12, 14 and 16 only and the probability of the spinner landing on each number is the same.
The random variable X represents the number that the spinner lands on when it is spun once.

(a) State the name of the probability distribution of X .

(1)

(b) (i) Write down the value of $E(X)$

(1)

(ii) Find $\text{Var}(X)$

(2)

A second spinner can land on the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 only.
The random variable Y represents the number that this spinner lands on when it is spun once. The probability distribution of Y is given in the table below

y	1	2	3	4	5
$P(Y=y)$	$\frac{4}{30}$	$\frac{9}{30}$	$\frac{6}{30}$	$\frac{5}{30}$	$\frac{6}{30}$

(c) Find (i) $E(Y)$

(2)

(ii) $\text{Var}(Y)$

(3)

The random variable $W = aX + b$, where a and b are constants and $a > 0$
Given that $E(W) = E(Y)$ and $\text{Var}(W) = \text{Var}(Y)$

(d) find the value of a and the value of b .

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Each of the two spinners is spun once.

(e) Find $P(W = Y)$

(2)