

Test Prep 2

Additional questions

Question 1

“A shipment of 12 smartphones arrives at a warehouse. A quality-control inspector randomly selects 5 of them to test for defects. Each tested phone is either defective or non-defective. Let X be the number of defective phones among the 5 selected. List all the values that the random variable X can assume.”

Answer

$x = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$

Question 2

Determine whether each of the following random variables are discrete or continuous.

1. Number of library books
2. Height of a sunflower
3. Goals scored in a match
4. Time to run a mile
5. Stephenville temperature

Answer

- 1) Discrete
- 2) Continuous
- 3) Discrete
- 4) Continuous
- 5) Continuous

Question 3

Determine the value of the missing probability that will make the table below represent a valid probability distribution

x	0	1	2	3	4
$p(X=x)$	0.14	0.05	0.26	?	0.20

Answer

0.35

Question 4

Find which distribution probability table is correct

x	1	2	3	4
$p(X=x)$	0.47	0.63	0.22	0.08

x	1	2	3	4
$p(X=x)$	0.43	-0.23	0.52	0.28

x	1	2	3	4
$p(X=x)$	0.23	0.58	0.03	0.16

Answer

The third one

Question 5

Consider the probability distribution table for the random variable x shown below:

x	0	1	2	3	4
$p(x)$	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1

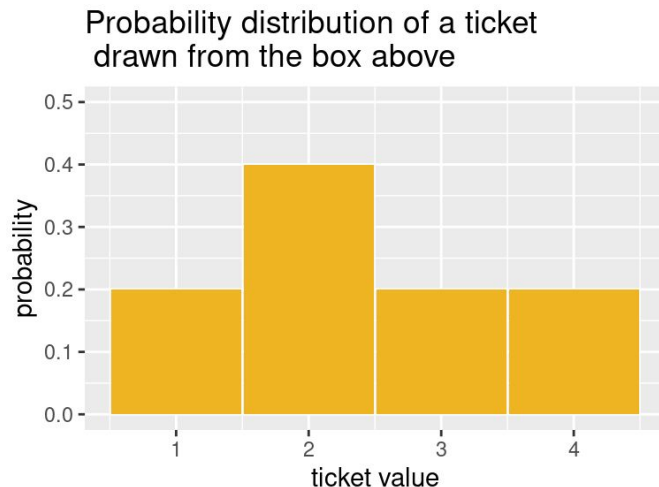
- a) Find the expected value(aka mean) (by hand)
- b) Find the variance
- c) Find the standard deviation

Answers

- a) 2.1
- b) 1.29
- c) 1.136

Question 6

Use the probability distribution for the random variable x shown below to answer the following question. Report your answers as decimals without rounding or as fractions.



- a) What is the probability that x is two or more?
- b) What is the probability that x is at most two?
- c) Determine the mean (expected value) of the random variable x . (do it by hand and check it using the calculator)

Answer

a) 0.8

b) 0.6

c) 2.4

Question 7

Suppose that the probability of a customer making a purchase at a store is 0.40. Five customers enter the store independently. Let x be the number of customers who make a purchase.

1. Find the probability that x is equal to 2.
2. Find the probability that x is at most 1

Answer

$$p(x=2) = 0.3456$$

$$p(x<2) = .33696$$

Question 9

Find the mean and standard deviation of the binomial distribution given that $n = 150$ and $p = 0.42$.

Answer

Mean = 63

Standard Deviation = 6.05




Question 11

A basketball player has a 20% chance of making a free throw. She keeps shooting until she makes her first successful shot. Let X be the number of shots taken until the first successful free throw.

Does this scenario represent a binomial distribution random variable?

Answer

NO, because

-  The trials are independent.
-  The probability of success (20%) stays constant.
-  **The number of trials is *not fixed***

Question 12

A witch is preparing for the Grand Conjuraton Tournament. She practices by casting 10 spells, each with a 10% chance of success. Let X be the number of successful spells she casts during this practice session.

Does this scenario represent a binomial distribution random variable?

Answer

- YES, because:
- There is a **fixed number of trials** (10 spells). Each trial is **independent**.
- Each trial has the **same probability of success** (10%).
- The random variable X counts the **number of successes**.

Question 13

A battery manufacturer reports that the mean lifespan of its AA batteries is 1,200 hours with a standard deviation of 80 hours. Assume the distribution of battery lifespans is approximately mound-shaped and symmetric.

1. Use the Empirical Rule to determine an interval that contains approximately 95% of all battery lifespans.
2. Use the Empirical Rule to estimate the proportion of batteries that last shorter than 1,360 hours.

Answer

1) 1040, 1360

2) 97.5

Question 15

In a game of chance, two fair **six-sided dice** are rolled and their **sum** is observed. The table below shows each possible outcome in this scenario.

1. What is the probability that the sum equals **7**?
2. What is the probability that the sum is **greater than 9**?
3. What is the probability that the sum is **an even number**?

		Dice 1					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Dice 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Answer

- 1) 6
- 2) 6
- 3) 18

Question 16

When applying for graduate school, students in the US may take the GRE exam. Suppose the GRE has the following summary statistics:

- $\mu = 150$
- $\sigma = 8$

1. Compute the **z-score** for a student who made **162** on the GRE.
2. What score, xxx, did a student make on the GRE if they had a **z-score of 1.75**?

Answer

a) 1.5

b) 164