

GREEN SHEET

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AP Statistics – 6.1	Name: <b>KEY</b>
Goal: Understanding Discrete and Continuous Random Variables	Date:

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$E(X) = \sum x_i p_i$	0	.154	.456	.687	.692	.470	.246	.105	.032	.009

**ALWAYS DEFINE RV** →  $X = \text{number of goals scored by a randomly selected team in a randomly selected game}$

(b) Make a histogram of the probability distribution. Describe the distribution in context.

CALC COMMANDS

$L1 = x_i$ 's  
 $L2 = p_i$ 's

STAT PLOT  
XLIST: L1  
FREQ: L2

WINDOW: XMIN=-1 YMIN=-.1  
XMAX=10 YMAX=.3  
XSC1=1 YSC1=.1

You must clearly label axes + scales!



Remember CUSS AND BS

- THE DISTRIBUTION OF GOALS SCORED IS SKEWED RIGHT MEANING THE NUMBER OF GOALS SCORED IS RELATIVELY SMALL.
- THE CENTER APPEARS TO BE 2 TO 3 GOALS. WITH THE SPREAD OF GOALS IS 0 TO 9 GOALS WITH THE MAJORITY OF GOALS BETWEEN 1-4 SCORED.

(c) What is the probability that the number of goals scored by a randomly selected team in a randomly selected game is at least 6?

$$P(X \geq 6) = P(X=6) + P(X=7) + P(X=8) + P(X=9) = .041 + .015 + .004 + .001 = \boxed{.061}$$

You must Give Probability stat

NOTE FOR DISCRETE RV'S

$$P(\geq 6) = P(X \geq 5)$$

same

CONTEXT THE PROBABILITY THAT A RANDOMLY SELECTED TEAM IN A RANDOMLY SELECTED GAME WILL SCORE 6 OR MORE GOALS IS ABOUT 6%.

(d) Compute the mean of the random variable X by hand, clearly show work, and interpret this value in context.

$$E(X) = \mu_X = \sum x_i p_i = 0(.061) + \dots + 9(.001) = \boxed{\mu_X = 2.851}$$

must show this work!!  
(above in the table are #'s)

CONTEXT: THE MEAN NUMBER OF GOALS FOR A RANDOMLY SELECTED TEAM IN A RANDOMLY SELECTED GAME IS 2.851. [THAT IS...

IF YOU WERE TO REPEAT THE RANDOM SAMPLING PROCESS OVER AND OVER AGAIN, THE MEAN # OF GOALS SCORED WOULD BE

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$(x_i - \mu_x)^2 \cdot p_i$	.496	.528	.165	.005	.228	.434	.407	.258	.106	.038

ALWAYS DEFINE RV →  $X$  = number of goals scored by a randomly selected team in a randomly selected game

- (e) Compute the standard deviation of the random variable  $X$  by hand, clearly show work, and interpret this value in context.

$$VAR(X) = \sigma_x^2 = \sum (x_i - \mu_x)^2 \cdot p_i = (0 - 2.851)^2 \cdot (.061) + \dots + (9 - 2.851)^2 \cdot (.001)$$

$$VAR(X) = \sigma_x^2 = 2.66 \quad \leftarrow \text{The variance}$$

$$SD(X) = \sigma_x = \sqrt{2.66} = 1.63$$

must show this work  
(the above table has the numbers)

### CONTEXT:

ON AVERAGE, A RANDOMLY SELECTED TEAM'S NUMBER OF GOALS IN A RANDOMLY SELECTED GAME WILL DIFFER FROM THE MEAN (2.851) BY ABOUT 1.63 GOALS.

USE CALC FOR Mean + S.D of RV's

STAT CALC 1 VAR STAT

LIST: L1  $x_i$ 's

FREQ LIST: L2  $p_i$ 's

RV's are population NOT sample

$\bar{x} \leftarrow$  Never say  $\bar{x}$ !

$\sum x = 8.128 \leftarrow E(X)$

$s_x = \sqrt{\quad}$  NOT a sample stat

$\sigma_x = 1.437 \leftarrow SD(X)$

## III. Technology Corner (page 348)

Example: "Apgar Scores (example on page 343)"

- a) Define the Random Variable →  $X$  = THE APGAR SCORE OF A RANDOMLY SELECTED BABY.

- b) Explain that the probability distribution for  $X$  is legitimate.

- Fill in table and place data in calculator lists (L1-L2)
- Using 1-VarStats to determine if probability distribution for  $X$  is legitimate.

EXPLAIN:

$X$  is a legitimate probability distribution because

- all the individual probabilities are between 0 and 1.

- the sum of the probabilities is 1.

See pg 343 →

$x_i$	$p_i$
0	.001
1	.006
2	.007
3	.008
4	.012
5	.020
6	.038
7	.099
8	.319
9	.437
10	.053
Totals	1.00

STAT CALC

1 Var stat

LIST: L2

$\sum x = 1$



(continued) III. Technology Corner: "Apgar Scores" Example

- c) (step 2 from the "Technology Corner") Make a histogram of the probability distribution.

CALC  
Commands

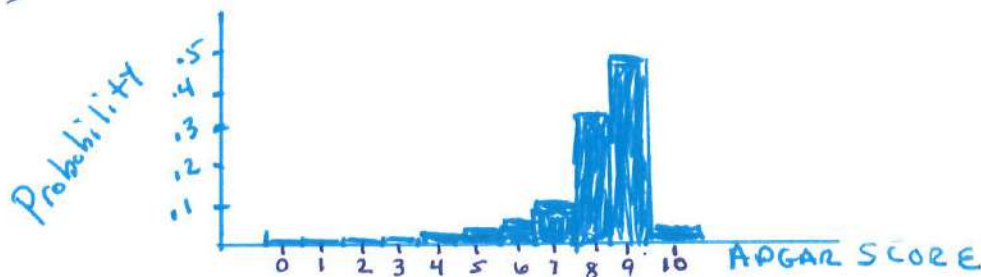
L1 = x's  
L2 = p's

STAT  
2ND  
7  
ENTER

XLIST = L1  
FREQ = L2

SET  
WINDOW

XMIN = -1 YMIN = -1  
XMAX = 11 YMAX = .5  
XSC = 1 YSC = .1



Describe the distribution in context.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF APGAR SCORES IS HEAVILY SKEWED TO THE LEFT WITH AN EXPECTED SCORE AROUND 9 FOR A NORMAL BABY WITH MOST SCORES FALLING BETWEEN 7 and 9.

- d) (step 3 from the "Technology Corner") Compute the mean of the random variable X, clearly show work, and interpret this value in context.

$$E(x) = 0(.001) + \dots + 10(.053) = 8.128$$

See  
Pg 348 for  
CALC commands

This is  
the work  
you must  
show!

CONTEXT:

THE MEAN APGAR SCORE OF A RANDOMLY SELECTED NEWBORN IS 8.128. THIS IS THE LONG-RUN AVERAGE APGAR SCORE OF MANY, MANY, MANY randomly chosen babies.

- e) (step 3 from the "Technology Corner") Compute the standard deviation of the random variable X, clearly show work, and interpret this value in context.

$$VAR(x) = (0 - 8.128)^2(.001) + \dots + (10 - 8.128)^2(.053) =$$

$$SD(x) = \sqrt{VAR(x)} = 1.437$$

This is the  
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CONTEXT:

ON AVERAGE, A RANDOMLY SELECTED BABY'S APGAR SCORE WILL DIFFER FROM THE MEAN(8.128) BY ABOUT 1.4 UNITS.

**IV "DISCRETE Random Variable" VOCABULARY** You need to understand these definitions for this chapter. See my web site for these definitions. Here is space for you to take your own notes:

- **Random Variable** (p313) **TAKES NUMERICAL VALUES THAT DESCRIBE THE OUTCOMES OF SOME CHANCE PROCESS.**  
\* RV'S ARE DENOTED WITH CAPITAL LETTERS (X)
- **Probability Distribution** OF A RANDOM VARIABLE GIVES ITS POSSIBLE VALUES AND THEIR PROBABILITIES. THIS IS A DISTRIBUTION LIKE IN EARLIER CHAPTER. Remember to graph and DESCRIBE WITH "CUSS and BS".

- **Discrete Random Variable and Their Probability Distribution** (p313)

DISCRETE RV'S (X) takes a fixed set of possible values.

\* GAPS MAY OCCUR

\* PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION:

X	all possible outcomes
Value	$x_1$ to $x_i$
Probabilities	$p_1$ to $p_i$

- The probabilities must satisfy 2 requirements

1)  $p_i$ 's are between 0 and 1

2) The sum of probabilities is 1  $\sum p_i = 1$

To find the probability of an EVENT, add the  $p_i$ 's for the  $x_i$ 's IN THE EVENT.

- **Expected Value of a Discrete Random Variable** (p345)

The EXPECTED VALUE is the mean of a RV.

$$\mu_x = E(x) = \sum x_i p_i$$

CONTEXT: IF YOU WERE TO REPEAT THIS RANDOM SAMPLING PROCESS OVER AND OVER AGAIN, THE MEAN VALUE WOULD be about \_\_\_\_\_ in the long run. (random variable have population means. NEVER use  $\bar{x}$ . No!!)

- **Standard Deviation of a Discrete Random Variable** (p347)

To find the SD(x), you must first find the variance:

$$\sigma_x^2 = \text{VAR}(x) = \sum (x_i - \mu_x)^2 \cdot p_i$$

CONTEXT OF SD

ON AVERAGE, A RANDOMLY SELECTED PROCESS WILL DIFFER FROM THE MEAN BY ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_.

\* The formulas are on YOUR AP GREEN SHEET

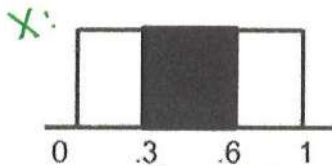


## V. Continuous Random Variables

### A. VOCABULARY (IMPORTANT)-- "CONTINUOUS Random Variable"

- **Continuous Probability Distribution:** described by the area under a density curve
- A CONTINUOUS probability distribution differs from a DISCRETE probability distribution in several ways:
  1. The probability that a continuous random variable will assume an exact value is **zero**.
  2. As a result, a continuous probability distribution cannot be expressed in tabular form.
  3. Instead, an equation or formula is used to describe a continuous probability distribution.
  4. We assign probabilities to **intervals** of outcomes rather than to individual outcomes.

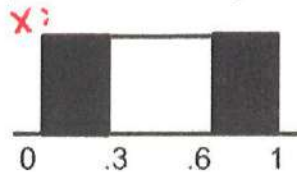
**EXAMPLE:** Find the areas (shaded region) for the following density curves (uniform distribution).



$$P(.3 \leq X \leq .6) = (.3)$$

area =  $l \cdot w =$

$1 \cdot .3 = .3$



$$1 - P(.3 \leq X \leq .6) =$$

$$1 - .3 = (.70)$$

**Your Notes:** Continuous Random Variables (p350) SEE ABOVE NOTES.

IN MANY CASES ... DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLES ARISE FROM COUNTING something

CONTINUOUS RV'S ARISE FROM MEASURING SOMETHING

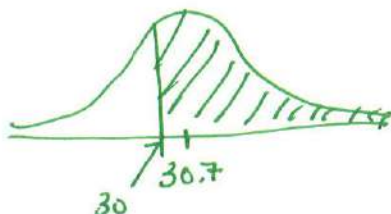
**NOTE:**  $P(-1 \leq X \leq 2)$  is really the same as  $P(-1 < X < 2)$

SINCE THERE IS NO AREA DIRECTLY ABOVE -1 OR 2.

#### **Example:** "Weights of Three-Year-Old Females"

The weights of three-year-old females closely follow a Normal distribution with a mean of  $\mu = 30.7$  pounds and a standard deviation of 3.6 pounds. Randomly choose one three-year-old female and call her weight  $X$ . Find the probability that the randomly selected three-year-old female weighs at least 30 pounds.

- ① DEFINE RV:  $X =$  THE WEIGHT OF A RANDOMLY CHOSEN 3 YEAR OLD FEMALE
- ② STATE DISTRIBUTION:  $N(30.7, 3.6)$
- ③ STATE PROBABILITY OF INTEREST:  $P(X \geq 30)$
- ④ DRAW A PICTURE AND STANDARDIZE THE WEIGHT TO FIND PROBABILITY



$$Z = \frac{30 - 30.7}{3.6} = -.1944$$

$$P(Z \geq -.1944) = (.5770)$$

normal cdf (-.1944, 999, 0, 1)  
DO NOT NEED TO GIVE THIS.

- ⑤ **CONCLUDE:**  
THERE IS ABOUT A 58% CHANCE THAT THE RANDOMLY SELECTED 3 YEAR OLD FEMALE WILL AT LEAST 30 pounds