

Math 16B: Short Calculus II
Winter 2018, Section 3
Homework Sheet 8
Due: Friday, March 16, 2018

Submit your solutions to the following problems in lecture on the due date above. Present your work in a clean and organized fashion, either on a printed copy of this document (preferred) or a separate sheet of paper. As stated in the syllabus, late submissions will not be accepted.

1. Suppose you have a 4-sided die with side labels 1, 2, 2, and 4. Consider the (discrete) random variable x that counts the number of even values that occur when rolling it twice.

(a) Identify all possible outcomes in the sample space, and find the probability of each.

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 p(11) = \frac{1}{16} & p(21) = \frac{1}{16} & p(41) = \frac{1}{16} \\
 p(12) = \frac{2}{16} & p(22) = \frac{4}{16} & p(42) = \frac{2}{16} \\
 p(14) = \frac{1}{16} & p(24) = \frac{2}{16} & p(44) = \frac{1}{16}
 \end{array}$$

(b) Find the expected value (i.e. mean), variance, and standard deviation of x .

Mean:
$$\mu = (0) \left(\frac{1}{16}\right) + (1) \left(\frac{6}{16}\right) + (2) \left(\frac{9}{16}\right) = \frac{24}{16} = 1.5$$

Variance:
$$V = (0 - 1.5)^2 \left(\frac{1}{16}\right) + (1 - 1.5)^2 \left(\frac{6}{16}\right) + (2 - 1.5)^2 \left(\frac{9}{16}\right) = 0.375$$

Standard deviation:
$$\sigma = \sqrt{V} \approx 0.612$$

2. Let x be a continuous random variable with probability density function

$$f(x) = k \sin(x)$$

for $0 \leq x \leq \pi$.

(a) Find a value of k so that f is a probability density function.

$$\int_0^{\pi} k \sin(x) dx = -k \cos(x) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=\pi} = (-k(-1)) - (-k(1)) = 2k = 1$$

$$k = \frac{1}{2} \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(x)$$

(b) Find the expected value (i.e. mean) and median of f .

mean:
$$\mu = \int_0^{\pi} x \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin(x)\right) dx = -\frac{1}{2} x \cos(x) - \int_0^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} \cos(x) dx = -\frac{1}{2} x \cos(x) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(x) \Big|_0^{\pi}$$

median: Find M so
$$\int_0^M \frac{1}{2} \sin(x) dx = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\int_0^M \frac{1}{2} \sin(x) dx = -\frac{1}{2} \cos(x) \Big|_0^M = \left[-\frac{1}{2} \cos(M)\right] - \left[-\frac{1}{2} \cos(0)\right] = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \cos(M) + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cos(M) = 0 \quad M = \frac{\pi}{2}$$