

- (1) Check whether or not each of  $p_1(x)$ ,  $p_2(x)$  is a legitimate probability mass function.

$x$	$p_1(x)$
0	0.3
1	0.3
2	0.5
3	-0.1

$x$	$p_2(x)$
0	0.1
1	0.4
2	0.4
3	0.1

- (2) Consider the experiment of tossing a coin twice.
- a. List the experimental outcomes.
  - b. Define a random variable that represents the number of heads occurring on the two tosses.
  - c. Show what value the random variable would assume for each of the experimental outcomes.
  - d. Is this random variable discrete or continuous?
- (3) Let  $X$  represent the difference between the number of heads and the number of tails obtained when a coin is tossed  $n$  times. What are the possible values of  $X$ ?  
If the coin is assumed fair, for  $n = 3$ , what are the probabilities associated with the values that  $X$  can take on?
- (4) A metal fabricating plant currently has five major pieces under contract each with a deadline for completion. Let  $X$  be the number of pieces completed by their deadlines, and suppose its p.m.f.  $p(x)$  is given by

$x$	$p(x)$
0	0.05
1	0.10
2	0.15
3	0.25
4	0.35
5	0.10

- a. Find and plot the c.d.f. of  $X$ .
  - b. Use the c.d.f. to find the probability that between one and four pieces, inclusive, are completed by their deadline.
- (5) Consider the experiment of a worker assembling a product.
- a. Define a random variable that represents the time in minutes required to assemble the product.
  - b. What values may the random variable assume?
  - c. Is the random variable discrete or continuous?
- (6) The probability distribution for the random variable  $x$  follows.
- a. Is this probability distribution valid? Explain.
  - b. What is the probability that  $x = 30$ ?
  - c. What is the probability that  $x$  is less than or equal to 25?
  - d. What is the probability that  $x$  is greater than 30?

x	p(x)
20	.20
25	.15
30	.25
35	.40

(7) The distribution function of the random variable X is given

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \frac{x}{2} & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ \frac{2}{3} & 1 \leq x < 2 \\ \frac{11}{12} & 2 \leq x < 3 \\ 1 & 3 \leq x \end{cases}$$

- (a) Plot this distribution function.
  - (b) What is  $P(X > \frac{1}{2})$ ?
  - (c) What is  $P(2 < X \leq 4)$ ?
  - (d) What is  $P(X < 3)$ ?
  - (e) What is  $P(X = 3)$ ?
- (8) A technician services mailing machines at companies in the Reno area. Depending on the type of malfunction, the service call can take 1, 2, 3, or 4 hours. The different types of malfunctions occur at about the same frequency.
- a. Develop a probability distribution for the duration of a service call.
  - b. Draw a graph of the probability distribution.
  - c. Show that your probability distribution satisfies the conditions required for a discrete probability function.
  - d. What is the probability a service call will take 3 hours?
  - e. A service call has just come in, but the type of malfunction is unknown. It is 3:00 p.m. and service technicians usually get off at 5:00 p.m. What is the probability the service technician will have to work overtime to fix the machine today?
- (9) A simple random sample of size  $n = 3$  is drawn from a batch of ten product items. If three of the 10 items are defective, find the p.m.f. and the c.d.f. of the random variable  $X = \{\text{number of defective items in the sample}\}$ .
- (10) In NBA Final, the winner is the first team to get four victories. Suppose Boston Celtic will play with Team C for the final. For each game, Boston has 60% winning chance.
- (a) What is the probability that Boston wins the championship within 5 games?
  - (b) What is the probability that Boston wins the championship using 7 games? (Win 3 of the first 6 games and win the 7th game)
- (11) There are 100 marbles in a box: 60 red, 40 other colors.
- (a) Choose 5 with replacement, find  $P(\text{two red})$ .
  - (b) Choose 5 without replacement, find  $P(\text{two red})$ .
- (12) Toss 10 fair 6-sided dice. What is the probability that at least two 6's appeared?