



Random Variables

SCORE

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Chapter: Probability · Level ★★ · Time: 30 min

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

AFTER THIS WORKSHEET YOU CAN

- ✓ List the possible values of a random variable.
- ✓ Find $P(X = k)$.
- ✓ Compute the expected value $E(X)$.
- ✓ Distinguish discrete from continuous variables.



Section A · Concept Check

• BEGINNER

 $4 \times 1 = 4$ _____

- 1 A coin is flipped 3 times; X = number of heads. The possible values are:
☐ A. 0, 1, 2, 3 ☐ B. 1, 2, 3 ☐ C. 0, 1, 2 ☐ D. H, T
- 2 For that experiment, $P(X = 2) =$:
☐ A. $3/8$ ☐ B. $1/8$ ☐ C. $1/2$ ☐ D. $2/8$
- 3 For that experiment, $P(X = 0) =$:
☐ A. $1/8$ ☐ B. $3/8$ ☐ C. 0 ☐ D. $1/2$
- 4 Using probabilities $1/8, 3/8, 3/8, 1/8$ for $X=0,1,2,3$, $E(X) =$:
☐ A. 1.5 ☐ B. 2 ☐ C. 3 ☐ D. 0



Section B · Problem Solving

• INTERMEDIATE

 $2 + 3 \times 3 = 11$ _____

- 5 $E(X) = \sum x \cdot$ _____
- 6 For 3 coins, the possible values of X (heads) are _____
- 7 A coin is flipped 3 times; X = number of heads. List the possible values of X .

- 8 Find $P(X = 2)$ for the experiment above.

- 9 Find $P(X = 0)$ for the experiment above.



Section C · Challenge

• CHALLENGE

5 _____

- 10 Using $1/8, 3/8, 3/8, 1/8$ for $X=0,1,2,3$, find $E(X)$.

Reflection — the most useful thing I learned: _____

A ___/4 B ___/11 C ___/5 Total ___/20

Teacher's Signature

Parent's Signature

ANSWER KEY — FOLD OR CUT BEFORE HANDING OUT

1-A 2-A 3-A 4-A | 5 $P(X = x)$ 6 0, 1, 2, 3 7 = 0, 1, 2, 3 8 = $3/8$ 9 = $1/8$ | 10 = 1.5