

Revision answers: Statistics and probability (Topic 5)

Coursebook chapters: 21–24

1. Use the midpoint to create a frequency table:

Midpoint	Frequency
9	26
14.5	18
19.5	45

From GDC: mean=15.4, S.D. = 4.54

[4 marks]

2. $X \sim \text{Po}(18)$, $P(X > 20) = 1 - P(X \leq 20) = 0.269$

[4 marks]

3. (a) $\int_k^{k+2} x \left(\frac{x-k}{2} \right) dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{6} - \frac{kx^2}{4} \right]_k^{k+2} = 3$, solving the equation gives $k = \frac{5}{3}$.

$$(b) \text{Var}(X) = \int_{\frac{5}{3}}^{\frac{11}{3}} \frac{x^2 \left(x - \frac{5}{3} \right)}{2} dx - 3^2 = \frac{2}{9}$$

[6 marks]

4. (a) $P(\text{walk}) = 1 - P(\text{rain or late}) = 1 - (P(\text{rain}) + P(\text{late}) - P(\text{rain and late}))$

As they are independent, $P(\text{rain and late}) = 0.3 \times 0.6 = 0.18$, so $P(\text{walk}) = 0.28$

$$(b) P(\text{rain}|\text{bus}) = \frac{P(\text{rain and bus})}{P(\text{bus})} = \frac{P(\text{rain})}{P(\text{bus})} = \frac{0.3}{0.72} = 0.417$$

[6 marks]

5. $X \sim N(0.3, 0.04^2)$

$$(a) P(X > 0.36) \times P(X > 0.36) = 0.00446$$

$$(b) 2 \times P(X < 0.4) \times P(X > 0.4) = 0.0123$$

[6 marks]

6. $\int_a^{2a} 5 - 2x \, dx = 1 \Rightarrow 3a^2 - 5a + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0.232 \text{ or } 1.43$

But $5 - 2x \geq 0$ for $a \leq x \leq 2a$, so $a = 0.232$.

[5 marks]

7. (a) $X \sim B(4, p)$, $P(X = 3 \text{ or } 4) = 4p^3(1 - p) + p^4 = 4p^3 - 3p^4$

(b) $4p^3 - 3p^4 = 0.05$ when $p = 0.248$ (using GDC)

[5 marks]

8. (a) $E(X) = 0 \times \frac{1}{2} + 1 \times \frac{1}{3} + 2 \times \frac{1}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$

(b) The possible ways of scoring three points out of four hands are (CHECK THE TABLE!):

Distribution of points	Combinations	Probability
2, 1, 0, 0	$4 \times 3 = 12$	$1/72$
1, 1, 1, 0	4	$1/54$

Out of those, only the ones in the first row contain a two-point hand, so:

$$p = \frac{12 \times \frac{1}{72}}{12 \times \frac{1}{72} + 4 \times \frac{1}{54}} = \frac{9}{13} \text{ or } 0.69$$

[7 marks]

9. $X \sim N(252, \sigma^2)$, $P(X \geq 250) = 0.99$ so $P(X < 250) = 0.01$

Standardising: $P\left(Z < \frac{250 - 252}{\sigma}\right) = 0.01 \Rightarrow -\frac{2}{\sigma} = -2.32 \Rightarrow \sigma = 0.860 \text{ g}$

[5 marks]

10. $V \sim \text{Po}(3)$, $P(V \geq 5) = 1 - P(V \leq 4) = 0.185$

$S \sim B(10, 0.7)$, $P(S \geq 8) = 1 - P(S \leq 7) = 0.383$

$P(\text{exactly one won}) = 0.185 \times (1 - 0.383) + 0.383 \times (1 - 0.185) = 0.426$

$P(\text{Vesna won}) = \frac{0.185 \times (1 - 0.383)}{0.426} = 0.268$

[7 marks]

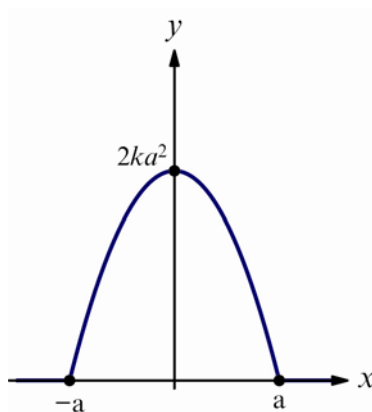
11. $X \sim N(50, 4)$, $P(\text{double-yolked}) = 0.1 \times P(X > 60) = 0.000210$

$Y \sim B(12, 0.000210)$, $P(Y = 1) = 0.00740$

[5 marks]

12. (a) There are two possibilities: $|x^2 - a^2| = x^2 - a^2$ (when $x^2 \geq a^2$) or $|x^2 - a^2| = a^2 - x^2$ (when $x^2 < a^2$). So:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{when } x^2 \geq a^2 \\ 2k(a^2 - x^2) & \text{when } x^2 < a^2 \end{cases}$$



Note that you could sketch the graph on the GDC by using a particular value of a .

- (b) $[-a, a]$ (accept $-a, a[$ as equally valid)

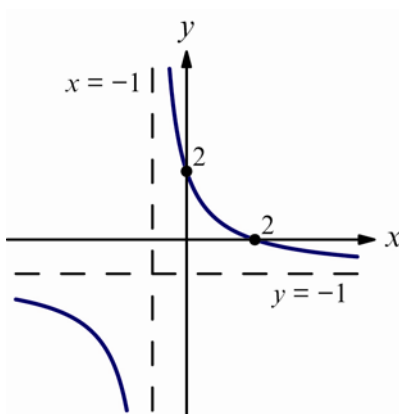
(c) $k \int_{-a}^a 2(a^2 - x^2) dx = 1 \Rightarrow k = \frac{3}{8a^3}$

[8 marks]

13. $E(a^x) = \sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} a^x = \sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x} (ap)^x (1-p)^{n-x} = (ap + 1 - p)^n$

[5 marks]

14. (a)



(b) $-1 < a < b \leq 2$, as pdf must be positive.

(c) $\int_a^{a+1.8} \left(\frac{2-x}{x+1} \right) dx = 1 \Rightarrow 3 \ln \left(\frac{a+2.8}{a+1} \right) - 1.8 = 1$ (or use GDC to sketch the integral with variable limits).

Solving gives $a = 0.167$, $b = 1.967$

[8 marks]