

BNAD 276  
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Extra Practice Questions for Test 2  
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1.

We have a discrete random variable  $X$ .

The possible values that  $X$  can take are  $-2, -1, 0, 1$ , and  $2$ . The probability function for  $X$  is given as follows.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{4} & \text{for } x = -1, 1 \\ \frac{1}{6} & \text{for } x = -2, 0, 2. \end{cases}$$

a. Is this probability function valid? Explain.

b. What is the probability that  $X$  is less than or equal to 0?

c. What is the mean and variance of  $X$ ?

- c. Calculate  $E(2 + 3X)$ ,  $Var(4 + 5X)$ , and standard deviation of  $4 + 5X$ .

2.

Military radar and missile detection systems are designed to warn a country of an enemy attack. A reliability question is whether a detection system will be able to identify an attack and issue a warning. Assume that a detection system has a .70 probability of detecting a missile attack. The ministry is considering to install more systems. Assume the systems will be working identically and independently.

- a. If two detection systems are installed in the same area and operate independently, what is the probability that at least one of the systems will detect the attack?

- b. If three systems are installed, what is the probability that at least one of the systems will detect the attack?

3.

Suppose that a random variable  $X$  has the following probability density function.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{20} & \text{for } L \leq x \leq 140 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

That is,  $X$  follows the uniform distribution and its relevant range is from  $L$  to 140, where  $L < 140$ .

a. Draw the above probability density function.

b. What is the appropriate value for  $L$ ? Explain how you found it.

4.

Suppose that a random variable  $X$  follows the uniform distribution and its support is from 100 to 130.

a. Draw the above probability density function.

b. Calculate the probability that  $X$  is less than 120?

c. What is the probability that  $X$  is greater than 110 but less than 120?



6.

Suppose that a random variable  $X$  has the following probability density function.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{50\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{(x-365)^2}{50^2}\right)}$$

a. What is the name of the above distribution? What is the mean and the variance of  $X$ ?

b. Calculate  $P(X \leq 350)$ .

c. Calculate  $P(X \geq 330)$ .

d. Calculate  $P(340 < X < 400)$ .

e. Calculate  $P(X < 360 \text{ OR } X > 410)$ .

f. Find the value  $V$  which makes  $P(X \geq V)$  be equal to 0.025.