

- 1 At a college, the students choose exactly one of tennis, hockey or netball to play. The table shows the numbers of students in Year 1 and Year 2 at the college playing each of these sports.

	Tennis	Hockey	Netball
Year 1	16	22	12
Year 2	24	18	28

One student is chosen at random from the 120 students. Events X and N are defined as follows:

X : the student is in Year 1

N : the student plays netball.

$$P(X|N) = P(X)$$

$$\frac{P(X \cap N)}{P(N)} = P(X)$$

- (a) Find $P(X|N)$.

[1]

$$\frac{P(X \text{ and } N)}{P(N)} = \frac{12/120}{40/120} = \frac{12}{40}$$

- (b) Find $P(N|X)$.

[1]

$$\frac{12}{50}$$

- (c) Determine whether or not X and N are independent events.

[1]

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow P(X \text{ and } N) &= P(X) \cdot P(N) \quad \rightarrow \text{for independent events} \\ \rightarrow 12/120 &\neq \frac{50}{120} \cdot \frac{40}{120} \quad \Rightarrow \text{Dependent events.} \end{aligned}$$

One of the students who plays netball takes 8 shots at goal. On each shot, the probability that she will succeed is 0.15, independently of all other shots.

- (d) Find the probability that she succeeds on fewer than 3 of these shots.

[3]

$$\rightarrow X: \text{No. of shots taken at goal}$$

$$\rightarrow X \sim B(8, 0.15)$$

$$\rightarrow P(X < 3) = P(X = 0, 1, 2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \binom{8}{0} (0.15)^0 (0.85)^8 + \binom{8}{1} (0.15)^1 (0.85)^7 + \binom{8}{2} (0.15)^2 (0.85)^6 \\ &= 0.895 \end{aligned}$$



- 3 A fair coin and an ordinary fair six-sided dice are thrown at the same time. The random variable X is defined as follows.

- If the coin shows a tail, X is twice the score on the dice.
- If the coin shows a head, X is the score on the dice if the score is even and X is 0 otherwise.

(a) Draw up the probability distribution table for X .

[3]

	1	2	3	4	5	6
H	0	2	0	4	0	6
T	2	4	6	8	10	12

x	0	2	4	6	8	10	12
$P(X=x)$	$\frac{3}{12}$	$\frac{2}{12}$	$\frac{2}{12}$	$\frac{2}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$

(b) Find $\text{Var}(X)$.

[3]

$$\rightarrow E(X) = 4/12 + 8/12 + 12/12 + 8/12 + 10/12 + \frac{12}{12} = \frac{9}{2}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Var}(X) = 8/12 + 32/12 + 72/12 + 64/12 + 100/12 + 144/12 - \left(\frac{9}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\therefore \text{Var}(X) = 14.75$$





- 4 The heights, in metres, of white pine trees are normally distributed with mean 19.8 and standard deviation 2.4.

In a certain forest there are 450 white pine trees.

- (a) How many of these trees would you expect to have height less than 18.2 metres? [4]

X : "Height of randomly chosen white pine trees"
 $X \sim N(19.8, 2.4^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow P(X < 18.2) &= P(Z < -0.667) \\ &= 1 - P(Z < 0.667) \\ &= 1 - 0.7477 \\ &= 0.252 \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow E(X) = 450 \times 0.252$$

The heights, in metres, of red pine trees are normally distributed with mean 23.4 and standard deviation σ . It is known that 26% of red pine trees have height greater than 25.5 metres.

- (b) Find the value of σ . [3]

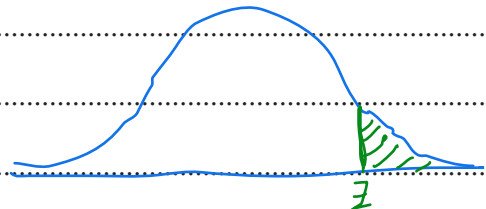
R : "Height of randomly chosen red pine tree"
 $R \sim N(23.4, \sigma^2)$

$$\rightarrow P(R > 25.5) = 0.26$$

$$\rightarrow Z = 0.6432$$

$$\rightarrow 0.6432 = \frac{25.5 - 23.4}{\sigma}$$

$$\therefore \sigma = \underline{\underline{3.26}}$$



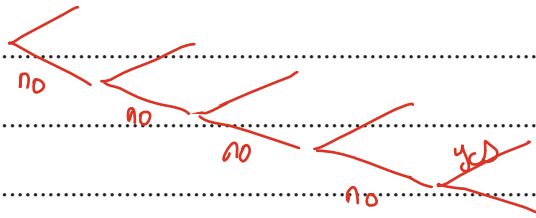


- 7 In a game, players attempt to score a goal by kicking a ball into a net. The probability that Leno scores a goal is 0.4 on any attempt, independently of all other attempts. The random variable X denotes the number of attempts that it takes Leno to score a goal.

(a) Find $P(X = 5)$.

[1]

→ $(0.6)^4(0.4)$



(b) Find $P(3 \leq X \leq 7)$.

[2]



(c) Find the probability that Leno scores his second goal on or before his 5th attempt.

[3]



Leno has 75 attempts to score a goal.

- (d) Use a suitable approximation to find the probability that Leno scores more than 28 goals but fewer than 35 goals. [5]

$$\rightarrow n = 75, p = 0.4, q = 0.6$$

$\rightarrow np$ and $nq \geq 5 \rightarrow$ Approx as N.D.

$$\rightarrow X \sim N(30, 18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow P(28 < X < 35) &= P(28.5 < X < 34.5) \\ &= P(X < 34.5) - P(X < 28.5) \\ &= P(Z < 1.06) - P(Z < -0.053) \\ &= P(Z < 1.06) - [1 - P(Z < 0.053)] \\ &= 0.8554 - 1 + 0.6379 \\ &= 0.493 \end{aligned}$$

