

1. Answer: $E[X] \approx 1.41, \text{Var}(X) \approx 2.92$

Explanation:

Because we're given the probabilities and outcomes of X_i , we can plug these into the formula for the expected value of X and solve.

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= -3(0.026) - 2(0.138) + 1(0.155) + 2(0.482) + 3(0.249) \\ &= -\frac{39}{500} - \frac{64}{250} + \frac{31}{200} + \frac{108}{125} + \frac{747}{1000} \\ &= \frac{353}{250} \\ &\approx 1.412 \end{aligned}$$

To find the variance, we'll want to know $E[X^2]$ which we find first by squaring the values X_i can have and summing their products as usual. Then, we plug in that result to the variance formula and solve.

$$\begin{aligned} E[X^2] &= -2(0.026)^2 - 2(0.138)^2 + 1(0.155)^2 + 2(0.482)^2 + 3(0.249)^2 \\ &= 9(0.026) + 4(0.138) + 1(0.155) + 4(0.482) + 9(0.249) \\ &= \frac{491}{100} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= E[(X-\mu)^2] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 \\ &= \frac{491}{100} - \left(\frac{353}{250}\right)^2 \\ &\approx 2.916256 \end{aligned}$$

2. Answer: $E[Y] \approx 7.06$, $\text{Var}(Y) \approx 7.29 \times 10^1$

Explanation:

Because Y is the result of 5 independent deals, we can use linearity to express their sum as a multiple of 5.

$$\begin{aligned}E[Y] &= E[X] + E[X] + E[X] + E[X] + E[X] \\&= (5)E[X] \\&= 5\left(\frac{353}{250}\right) \\&= 7.06\end{aligned}$$

We substitute in for $\text{Var}(Y)$. Because X_i is independent we can pull out n and \sum and solve.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(Y) &= E\left[n \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i)\right] \\&= n \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) \\&= 5 \cdot (2.916256) \\&\approx 14.58128\end{aligned}$$

3. Answer: $E[\bar{z}] \approx 1.41$, $\text{Var}(\bar{z}) \approx 5.85 \times 10^{-1}$

Explanation:

We know that \bar{z} is the average of x_i over n runs. We can pull out $\frac{1}{n}$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n$. We simplify and solve.

$$\begin{aligned} E[\bar{z}] &= E\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[x_i] \\ &= \left(\frac{n}{n}\right) E[x] \\ &= \left(\frac{353}{250}\right) \\ &\approx 1.412 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we substitute for Var . We pull out $\frac{1}{n}$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n$ because x_i is independent and solve.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\bar{z}) &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(x_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \text{Var}(x) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)(2.916256) \\ &\approx 0.5832512 \end{aligned}$$

4.

a. Answer: $E[X] = \frac{1}{6}$

Explanation:

We know the probabilities of each of the outcomes and their points, so we plug these into the formula for expected value and solve.

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= -2\left(\frac{2}{6}\right) + 1\left(\frac{3}{6}\right) + 2\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \\ &= -\frac{4}{6} + \frac{3}{6} + \frac{2}{6} \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

b. Answer: $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{18}$

Explanation:

We first find the expected value of X^2 which is simply the sum of the squares of the points times their probabilities. i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^2) &= -2\left(\frac{2}{6}\right)^2 + 1\left(\frac{3}{6}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 \\ &= -2\left(\frac{4}{36}\right) + \left(\frac{9}{36}\right) + 2\left(\frac{1}{36}\right) \\ &= \frac{-8}{36} + \frac{9}{36} + \frac{2}{36} \\ &= \frac{3}{36} \\ &= \frac{1}{12} \end{aligned}$$

Then we can plug that result into the variance formula and solve.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{12} - \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{18} \end{aligned}$$

c. Answer: $\text{Std}(X) \approx 2.36 \times 10^{-1}$

Explanation:

We know that the standard deviation of X is simply the square root of the variance that we found in part b.

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &= \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{18}} \\ &\approx 0.235702 \end{aligned}$$

5. Answer: $E[X] = 0, \text{Var}(X) = 1$

Explanation:

We are given Y so we plug that in to the expected value formula. We know separate the parts of the division and use linearity to pull $\frac{1}{\sigma}$ and $\frac{\mu}{\sigma}$ out of the formula. We substitute μ for $E[X]$ and solve.

$$\begin{aligned}E[Y] &= E\left[\left(\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma}\right)\right] \\&= E\left[\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma}\right] \\&= \frac{1}{\sigma}E[X] - \frac{\mu}{\sigma} \\&= \frac{1}{\sigma}(\mu) - \frac{\mu}{\sigma} \\&= 0\end{aligned}$$

Finding the variance of X is similar. Substitute for Y , pull out $\frac{1}{\sigma^2}$ using the variance theorem, and solve.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(Y) &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma}\right) \\&= \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{\sigma}X - \frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right) \\&= \frac{1}{\sigma^2}\text{Var}(X) \\&= \frac{1}{\sigma^2}\text{Var}(X) \\&= \frac{1}{\sigma^2}\sigma^2 \\&= 1\end{aligned}$$

6. Answer: $E[\bar{X}] = \mu$

Explanation:

We substitute for \bar{X} , by linearity extract $\frac{1}{n}$ from $E[\bar{X}]$, and we extract $\sum_{i=1}^n$ from $E[X_i]$. Then, we substitute for $E[X_i]$ and solve.

$$\begin{aligned}E[\bar{X}] &= E\left[\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right)\right] \\&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i] \\&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mu) \\&= \frac{1}{n}(n)\mu \\&= \mu\end{aligned}$$

7. Answer: $\boxed{\text{Var}(M) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}}$

Explanation:

We substitute for M, and extract $\frac{1}{n}$ which becomes $\frac{1}{n^2}$ and \sum from Var(). Then we substitute for Var(x_i) and solve.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(M) &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(x_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\sigma^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2}(n) \sigma^2 \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\end{aligned}$$