

Lesson 3.1

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1.

When using random variable notation, big X denotes _____.



a random variable



Correct Response



- ☒ a conditional probability
 - ☐ distributed as
 - ☐ a realization of a random variable
 - ☐ the expectation of a random variable
 - ☐ approximately equal to
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2.

When using random variable notation, little x denotes _____.

- ☐ a random variable
- ☐ a conditional probability
- ☐ distributed as
- ☒ a realization of a random variable

Correct Response

It is a possible value the random variable can take

- ☐ the expectation of a random variable
- ☐ approximately equal to



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3.

When using random variable notation, $X \sim$ denotes _____.

- ☐ a random variable
- ☐ a conditional probability
- ☒ distributed as

Correct Response

- ☐ a realization of a random variable
- ☐ the expectation of a random variable
- ☐ approximately equal to



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4. What is the value of $f(x) = -5I_{\{x>2\}}(x) + xI_{\{x<-1\}}(x)$ when $x = 3$?

-5

Correct Response

Only the first term is evaluated as non-zero.



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5. What is the value of $f(x) = -5I_{\{x>2\}}(x) + xI_{\{x<-1\}}(x)$ when $x = 0$?

0

Correct Response

All indicator functions evaluate to zero.



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6.
Which of the following scenarios could we appropriately model using a Bernoulli random variable?



Predicting whether your hockey team wins its next game (tie counts as a loss)



Correct Response

Whether they win is a binary outcome which can only take on values $\{0, 1\}$.



Predicting the weight of a typical hockey player



Predicting the number of goals scored in a hockey match

- ☐ Predicting the number of wins in a series of three games against a single opponent (ties count as losses)
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7.

Calculate the expected value of the following random variable: X takes on values $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ with corresponding probabilities $\{0.5, 0.2, 0.2, 0.1\}$. Round your answer to one decimal place.

0.9

Correct Response

This is $0(.5) + 1(.2) + 2(.2) + 3(.1)$.



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8.

Which of the following scenarios could we appropriately model using a binomial random variable (with $n > 1$)?

- ☐ Predicting whether your hockey team wins its next game (tie counts as a loss)
- ☐ Predicting the weight of a typical hockey player
- ☐ Predicting the number of goals scored in a hockey match
- ☒ Predicting the number of wins in a series of three games against a single opponent (ties count as losses)

Correct Response

The binomial model assumes a fixed number of independent trials, each with the same probability of success.



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9. Suppose $X \sim \text{Binomial}(3, 0.2)$. Calculate $P(X = 0)$. Round your answer to two decimal places.

0.512

Correct Response

This is $P(X = 0) = \binom{3}{0} 0.2^0 0.8^3$.



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10. Suppose $X \sim \text{Binomial}(3, 0.2)$. Calculate $P(X \leq 2)$. Round your answer to two decimal places.

0.992

Correct Response

This is $P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2)$
$$= \binom{3}{0} 0.2^0 0.8^3 + \binom{3}{1} 0.2^1 0.8^2 + \binom{3}{2} 0.2^2 0.8^1$$
$$= 1 - P(X = 3)$$

