

Question 1

Worked Solution

$$P(X = r) = \frac{k}{r(r-1)} \text{ for } r = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.$$

Part (i): Show $k = 1.2$ and display the distribution

Since probabilities must sum to 1:

$$\sum_{r=2}^6 \frac{k}{r(r-1)} = 1$$

$$k \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{30} \right) = 1$$

Finding a common denominator (60):

$$k \times \frac{30 + 10 + 5 + 3 + 2}{60} = k \times \frac{50}{60} = 1 \implies k = \frac{60}{50} = 1.2 \quad \checkmark$$

Using $k = 1.2$, the probability distribution is:

r	2	3	4	5	6
$P(X = r)$	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.06	0.04

$k = 1.2 \checkmark$ Distribution as in the table above.

Question 2

Worked Solution

$P(X = r) = k + 0.01r^2$ for $r = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$.

Part (i): Show $k = 0.09$ and display the distribution

Sum of probabilities = 1:

$$\sum_{r=1}^5 (k + 0.01r^2) = 1$$

$$5k + 0.01(1 + 4 + 9 + 16 + 25) = 1$$

$$5k + 0.01 \times 55 = 1 \implies 5k + 0.55 = 1 \implies 5k = 0.45 \implies k = 0.09 \quad \checkmark$$

Probability distribution:

r	1	2	3	4	5
$P(X = r)$	0.10	0.13	0.18	0.25	0.34

$k = 0.09 \checkmark$ Distribution as in the table above.

Question 3

Worked Solution

$P(X = r) = k(r^2 - 1)$ for $r = 2, 3, 4, 5$.

Part (i): Display distribution and find k

Sum of probabilities = 1:

$$k(2^2 - 1) + k(3^2 - 1) + k(4^2 - 1) + k(5^2 - 1) = 1$$

$$k(3 + 8 + 15 + 24) = 1 \implies 50k = 1 \implies k = \frac{1}{50} = 0.02$$

Probability distribution:

r	2	3	4	5
$P(X = r)$	0.06	0.16	0.30	0.48

$k = 0.02$ (or $\frac{1}{50}$). Distribution as in the table above.

Question 4

Worked Solution

$P(X = r) = kr(r + 1)$ for $r = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$.

Part (i): Show $k = \frac{1}{70}$

Sum of probabilities = 1:

$$k(1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 4 + 4 \cdot 5 + 5 \cdot 6) = 1$$

$$k(2 + 6 + 12 + 20 + 30) = 1 \implies 70k = 1 \implies k = \frac{1}{70} \quad \checkmark$$

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Question 5

Worked Solution

$$P(X = x) = \frac{2x - 1}{36} \text{ for } x = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.$$

Part (a): Probability distribution table

Substitute each value of x :

x	1	2	3	4	5	6
$P(X = x)$	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{7}{36}$	$\frac{9}{36}$	$\frac{11}{36}$

Check: $1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + 9 + 11 = 36$, so probabilities sum to 1. ✓

Distribution as in the table above.

Part (b): $P(2 < X \leq 5)$

This includes $X = 3, 4, 5$:

$$P(2 < X \leq 5) = \frac{5}{36} + \frac{7}{36} + \frac{9}{36} = \frac{21}{36} = \frac{7}{12}$$

$$P(2 < X \leq 5) = \frac{21}{36} = \frac{7}{12} \approx 0.583$$

Question 6

Worked Solution

Two fair tetrahedral dice, faces 0, 1, 2, 3. R = score on red die, B = score on blue die. $T = R \times B$.

Part (a): $P(R = 3 \text{ and } B = 0)$

Since R and B are independent, each equally likely to show 0, 1, 2, or 3:

$$P(R = 3 \text{ and } B = 0) = \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{16}$$

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Part (b): Sample space for $T = R \times B$

$B \setminus R$	0	1	2	3
3	0	3	6	9
2	0	2	4	6
1	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0

Sample space as in the table above. (All 16 equally likely outcomes.)

Part (c): Find values of a , b , c , d

From the sample space, count occurrences of each value of T (each out of 16 equally likely outcomes):

- $T = 0$: occurs when $R = 0$ (4 times) or $B = 0$ (4 times) — but $(0, 0)$ counted once, so $4 + 4 - 1 = 7$ times. $P(T = 0) = \frac{7}{16}$
- $T = 1$: $(R = 1, B = 1)$ only — 1 time. $P(T = 1) = \frac{1}{16}$
- $T = 2$: $(R = 2, B = 1)$ and $(R = 1, B = 2)$ — 2 times. $P(T = 2) = \frac{2}{16} = \frac{1}{8}$
- $T = 3$: $(R = 3, B = 1)$ and $(R = 1, B = 3)$ — 2 times. $P(T = 3) = \frac{2}{16} = \frac{1}{8}$
- $T = 4$: $(R = 2, B = 2)$ — 1 time. $P(T = 4) = \frac{1}{16}$
- $T = 6$: $(R = 3, B = 2)$ and $(R = 2, B = 3)$ — 2 times. $P(T = 6) = \frac{2}{16} = \frac{1}{8}$
- $T = 9$: $(R = 3, B = 3)$ — 1 time. $P(T = 9) = \frac{1}{16}$

Matching to the given table (t : 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9 with a , b , $1/8$, $1/8$, c , $1/8$, d):

$$a = \frac{7}{16}, \quad b = \frac{1}{16}, \quad c = \frac{1}{16}, \quad d = \frac{1}{16}$$

Question 7

Worked Solution

X has distribution: $P(X = x) = kx$ for $x = 1, 2, 3, 4$.

Part (a): Show $k = 0.1$

$$k + 2k + 3k + 4k = 1 \implies 10k = 1 \implies k = 0.1 \quad \checkmark$$

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Part (e): Show $P(X_1 + X_2 = 4) = 0.1$

The pairs (X_1, X_2) that sum to 4 are: $(1, 3), (3, 1), (2, 2)$.

$$P(X_1 = 1, X_2 = 3) = 0.1 \times 0.3 = 0.03$$

$$P(X_1 = 3, X_2 = 1) = 0.3 \times 0.1 = 0.03$$

$$P(X_1 = 2, X_2 = 2) = 0.2 \times 0.2 = 0.04$$

$$P(X_1 + X_2 = 4) = 0.03 + 0.03 + 0.04 = 0.10 \quad \checkmark$$

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Part (f): Complete the probability distribution for $Y = X_1 + X_2$

The missing entries in the table are at $y = 5$ and $y = 8$.

$y = 5$: Pairs: $(1, 4), (4, 1), (2, 3), (3, 2)$:

$$= 0.1(0.4) + 0.4(0.1) + 0.2(0.3) + 0.3(0.2) = 0.04 + 0.04 + 0.06 + 0.06 = 0.20$$

$y = 8$: Only pair: $(4, 4)$:

$$= 0.4 \times 0.4 = 0.16$$

Check: $0.01 + 0.04 + 0.10 + 0.20 + 0.25 + 0.24 + 0.16 = 1.00 \quad \checkmark$

y	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$P(Y = y)$	0.01	0.04	0.10	0.20	0.25	0.24	0.16

$$P(Y = 5) = 0.20, \quad P(Y = 8) = 0.16$$

Part (g): $P(1.5 < X_1 + X_2 \leq 3.5)$

This requires $X_1 + X_2 = 2$ or $X_1 + X_2 = 3$ (the only integer values in $(1.5, 3.5]$):

$$P(1.5 < Y \leq 3.5) = P(Y = 2) + P(Y = 3) = 0.01 + 0.04 = 0.05$$

$$P(1.5 < X_1 + X_2 \leq 3.5) = 0.05$$

End of Worked Solutions