

Quiz Tues March 26 Section 6.3

Test 4

Wed April 3

5.2-5.4, 6.1-6.4, 8.1-8.3

(8 Questions)

Practice Problems on website

Formula Sheet will be provided

Bring calculator

Test Review

Thurs March 28

8.2 Classical Probability Cont'd

Algebra Review

$$\frac{8+7}{5} = \frac{(8+7)}{5} = 3$$

Ex: Find the mean of the population:  
17, 29, 11

$$\begin{aligned}\mu &= \frac{17+29+11}{3} \\ &= \frac{(17+29+11)}{3} \\ &= 19\end{aligned}$$

Ex: Three people (call them A, B, C) stand in a row. Find the probability that:

a) C is on the left

All possible outcomes:

ABC, ACB, BAC, BCA, CAB, CBA

$$P(\text{C is on the left}) = \frac{2}{6}$$

b) A is not on the right

$$\frac{4}{6}$$

Ex: Students are surveyed:

	Like Coffee	Dislike Coffee
Like Spicy Food	13	5
Dislike Spicy Food	2	4

Find the probability that a random student:

a) likes coffee

$$\text{Total \# of outcomes} = 13 + 5 + 2 + 4 = 24$$

$$P(\text{likes coffee}) = \frac{13+2}{24} \\ = \frac{15}{24}$$

b) dislikes spicy food

$$\frac{6}{24}$$

c) likes spicy and dislikes coffee

$$\frac{5}{24}$$

d) likes spicy or likes coffee

$$\frac{13+5+2}{24} = \frac{20}{24}$$

Ex: In a class of 45 students, 26 have jobs and 17 have cars. Of those who don't

have a car, to have jobs.

a) Fill in the table:

	J	$\bar{J}$
C		
$\bar{C}$	10	

	J	$\bar{J}$
C	16	
$\bar{C}$	10	

$26 - 10$

←

	J	$\bar{J}$
C	16	1
$\bar{C}$	10	

$17 - 16$

←

	J	$\bar{J}$
C	16	1
$\bar{C}$	10	18

←  $45 - 16 - 1 - 10$

b)  $P(\text{car but not a job})?$

and

$$\frac{1}{45}$$

c)  $P(\text{car or job})?$

$$\frac{16 + 1 + 10}{45} = \frac{27}{45}$$

Ex: A fair 20-sided die is rolled. Find the probability that the roll

is odd and greater than 12.

Possible outcomes: 1, 2, ..., 20

Desired outcomes = 13, 15, 17, 19

$$\frac{4}{20}$$

8.2 #3

3. An individual is presented with three different glasses of soft drink, labeled A, B, and C. He is asked to taste all three and then list them in order of preference. Suppose that the same soft drink has actually been put into all three glasses.

- How many outcomes are there in this experiment? What probability would you assign to each one?
- What is the probability that A is ranked first?
- What is the probability that either B or C is ranked first?
- What is the probability that A is ranked first and B is ranked last?

a) Possible outcomes:

ABC, ACB, BAC, BCA, CAB, CBA

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Each outcome has probability  $\frac{1}{6}$ .

# 8.2 #9

9. StatsCan surveyed one hundred Canadians and found that 60 of them exercise regularly, 75 of them eat healthy diets, and 45 of them do both. Complete the following contingency table using the above information

	exercise regularly	don't exercise regularly	total
healthy diet			
unhealthy diet			
total			

(a) If one of these Canadians is selected randomly, what is the probability that this person exercises regularly but does not eat a

	E	$\bar{E}$
H	45 → 30	
$\bar{H}$	↓ 15	

	E	$\bar{E}$
H	45	30
$\bar{H}$	15	10



## 8.2 Exercises

healthy diet?

(b) If one of these Canadians is selected randomly, what is the probability that this person exercises regularly or eats a healthy diet?

## 8.3 Discrete Random Variables

Random variable: Assigns a #  
to each outcome of an experiment.

e.g.  $X = \#$  of heads that  
appear in 3 coin tosses.

Probability Distribution: A table  
that lists the values of  $X$   
and their probabilities.

Ex:  $X = \#$  of heads that appear  
in 3 coin tosses.

HHH  
THH  
HTH  
HHT  
TTH  
THT  
HTT  
TTT

$X$	$P(X)$
0	0.125
1	0.375
2	0.375
3	0.125

probability  
distribution



Ex: An unfair die has a  $\frac{1}{9}$  chance of rolling a 1, a  $\frac{2}{9}$  chance of rolling a 6, and a  $\frac{1}{6}$  chance of rolling any other #.

Let  $X =$  the number rolled.

Find the probability distribution.

table

$X$	$P(X)$
1	$\frac{1}{9}$
2	$\frac{1}{6}$
3	$\frac{1}{6}$
4	$\frac{1}{6}$
5	$\frac{1}{6}$
6	$\frac{2}{9}$

FACT

In a probability distribution, the probabilities sum to 1.

(100%)

Ex: Is it a probability distribution?

X	P(X)
1	0.3
2	0.4
3	0.15
4	0.1

$$0.3 + 0.4 + 0.15 + 0.1 = 1?$$

No

Ex: Find k so that it is a probability distribution:

X	P(X)
0	0.36
1	k
2	0.29

$$0.36 + k + 0.29 = 1$$

$$k + 0.65 = 1$$

$$k = 0.35$$

Countable  
number of  
values

## Probability for Discrete Variables

If all outcomes  
are equally  
likely

List all possible  
outcomes

OR

	Car	No Car
Job	#	#
No Job	#	#

(Section 8.2)

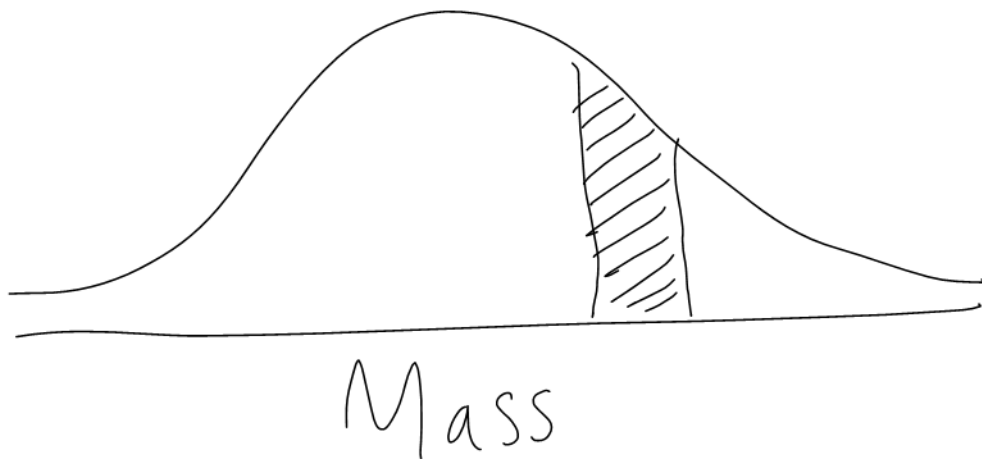
If all outcomes  
are not  
equally  
likely

Probability  
Distribution  
(Section 8.3)

# Probability for Continuous Variables (Ch 9)

infinitely-many  
decimal places

Probability is area  
under a curve.



We'll use a web-based  
calculator to compute  
probabilities.

Ex: Is the variable  
discrete or continuous?

a) the mass of a  
textbook (kg)

CONTINUOUS

Could be 3.5186... kg

b) the cost of a  
textbook (\$)

DISCRETE

Gaps between possible values.

c) the number of eggs  
a hen lays

DISCRETE

d) the amount of milk  
a cow produces (L)

CONTINUOUS