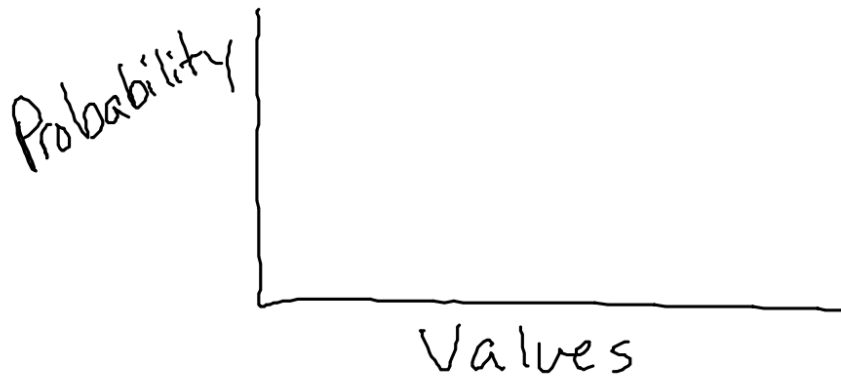



Sec 7.1

# Probability Distributions



# Types of Probability Distributions

- Normal Distribution (Ch 2) 
  - Prob Dist of Random Variables (Ch 7)
  - Binomial Distributions
  - Geometric Distributions
- Ch 8

# Random Variable (X)

A variable whose value is a probability of a random phenomena

Discrete

Continuous

Probability Distribution

Density Curves

X = the number of —

X = the amount of —

## Ex Discrete Random Variable

The probabilities that a BP customer selects 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 items are:

X	1	2	3	4	5	
P(X)	.32	.12	.23	.18	.15	= 1.00 ✓

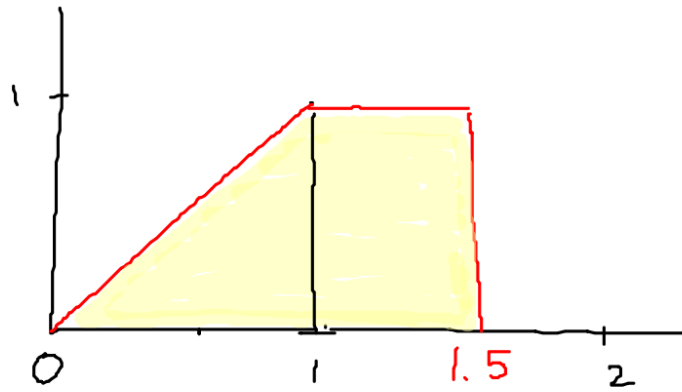
$$P(X > 3.5) = P(X = 4 \text{ or } 5) = .33$$

$$P(1.0 < X < 3.0) = P(X = 2) = .12$$

$$P(X < 5) = P(X \neq 5) = 1 - .15 = .85$$

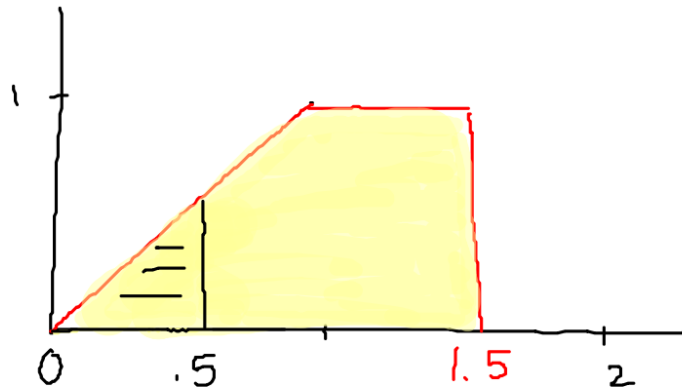
## Ex Continuous Random Variable

A probability density function is comprised of 2 line segments. The first segment begins at  $(0,0)$  and goes to  $(1,1)$ . The second segment goes from  $(1,1)$  to  $(1.5,1)$ .



i) Verify legitimate density curve ( $A=1$ )

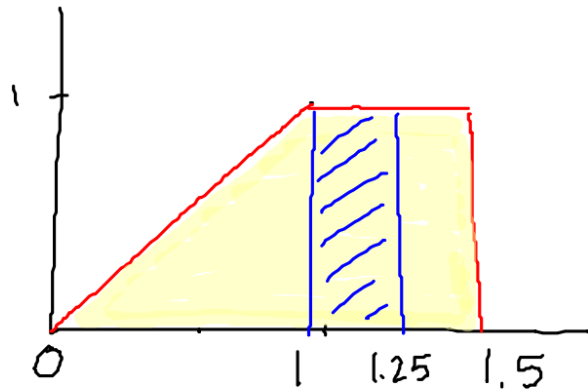
$$A = \left[ \text{triangle with base } 1 \text{ and height } 1 \right] + \left[ \text{rectangle with width } 0.5 \text{ and height } 1 \right] = 1 \checkmark$$



$$2) P(0 < X \leq .5)$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}bh = \frac{1}{2}(.5)(.5) = .125$$





$$3) P(1 < X < 1.25)$$

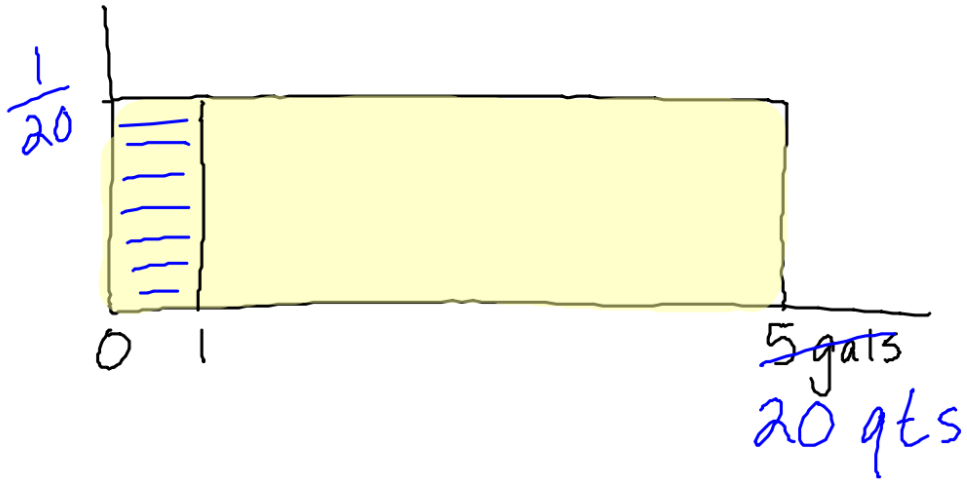
$$A = (.25)(1) = .25$$

$$4) P(X=1) = 0$$

} No Area Above  
A Point!

## Ex Continuous Random Variable

Assume the amount of ice cream in an open 5-gallon container is uniformly distributed. What is the probability that the sales person will have to open a new 5-gallon container when you order a quart of ice cream?

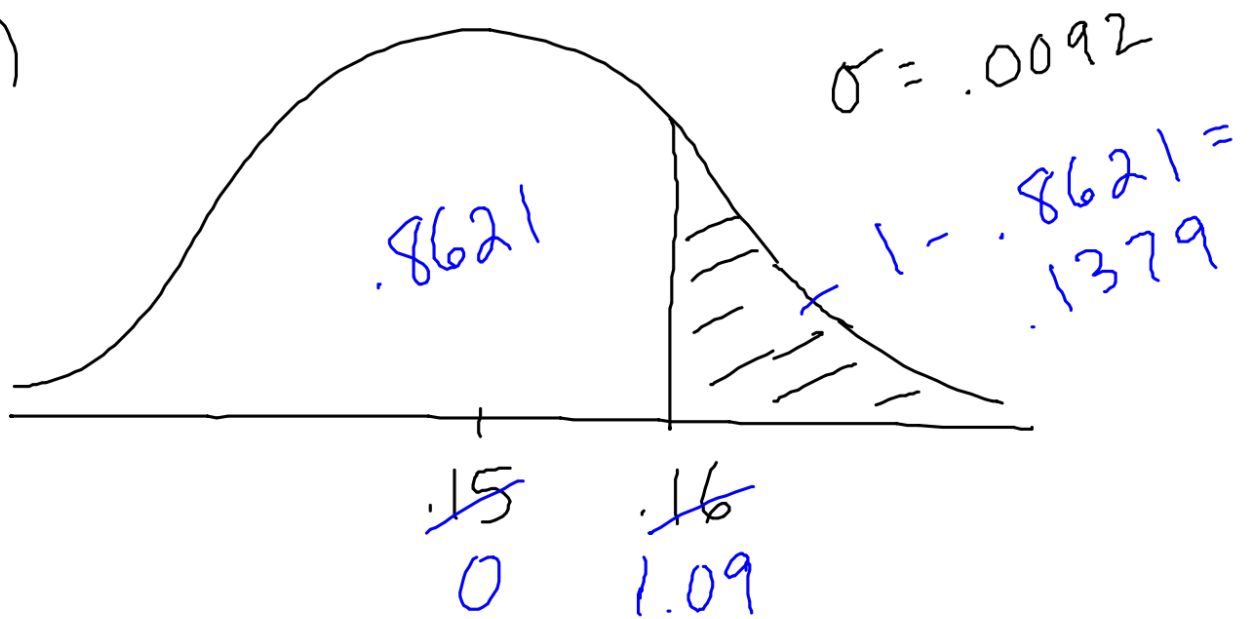


$$P(X < 1) = \frac{1}{20} = .05$$

## Notes

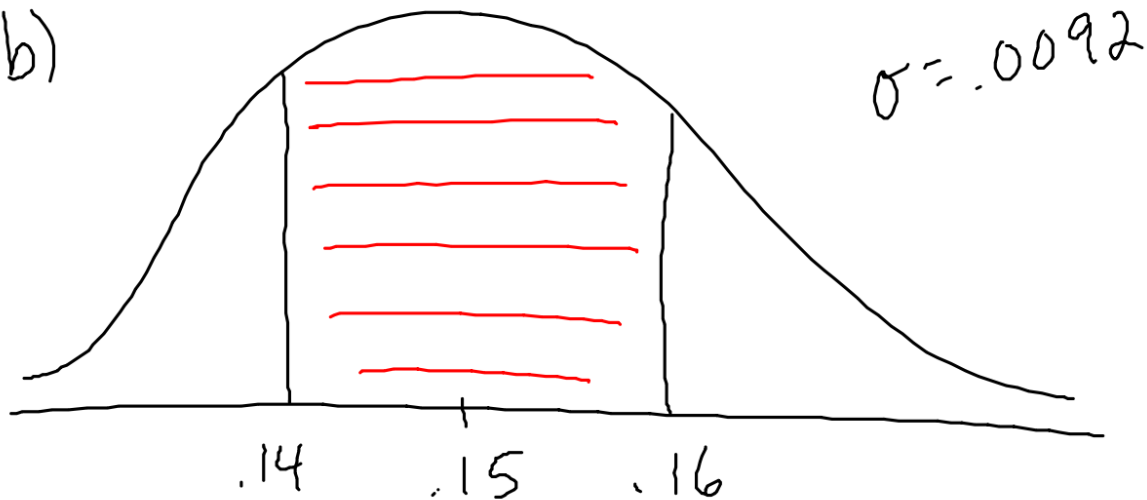
- Ignore  $<$  vs  $\leq$  ( $>$  vs  $\geq$ )  
for continuous random variables
- $X + X \neq 2X$

7.20a)



$$\text{normalcdf}(.16, 100, .15, .0092) \approx .1385$$

7.20b)



$$\text{normalcdf} (.14, .16, .15, .0092) = .7242$$

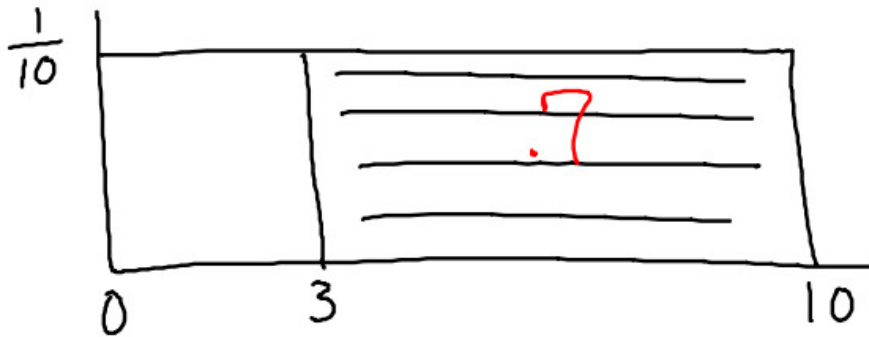
$$[.8621 - .1379 = .7242]$$

NOTES QUIZ  
(Section 7.1)

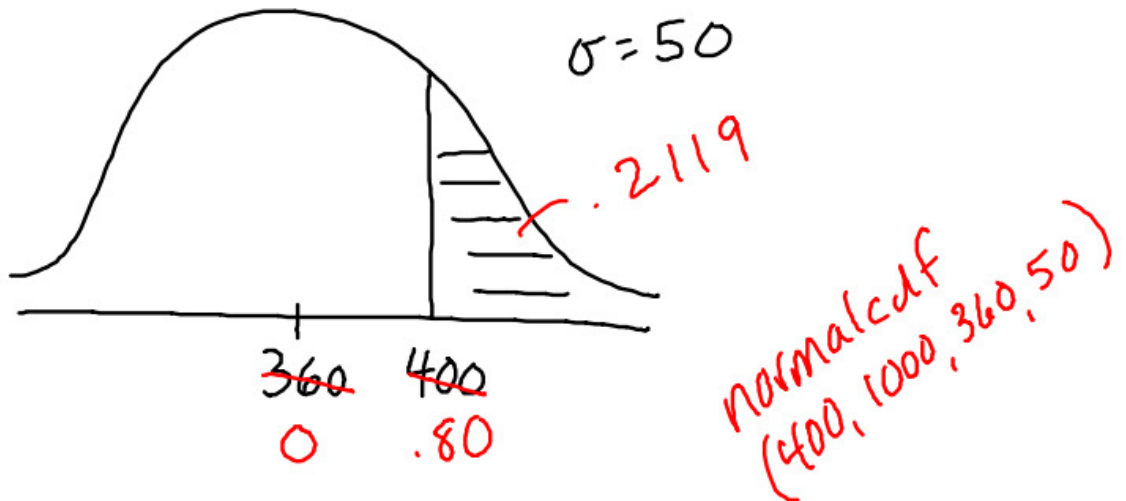
Name \_\_\_\_\_

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING; SHOW ALL WORK:

1. During rush hour, subway trains run every 10 minutes, If you arrive on the platform at a random time, what is the probability that you will have to wait more than 3 minutes for the next train?



2. Let the random variable  $X$  represent the profit made on a randomly selected day by a certain store. Assuming  $X$  is normal with a mean of \$360 and standard deviation of \$50, find  $P(X > \$400)$ :



Sec 7.2



## Mean of Random Variable ( $\mu_x$ )

Ex Size of Households (Ex 7.10)

# Inhabitants	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Probability	.25	.32	.17	.15	.07	.03	.01

$$\mu_x = 1(.25) + 2(.32) + 3(.17) + \dots + 7(.01) = 2.6$$

$$E(x) = \mu_x = \sum X_i p_i$$

Expected  
Value

## Ex Game of Chance

If a player rolls 2 dice and gets a sum of 2 or 12, s/he wins \$20. If s/he gets a sum of 7, the player wins \$5. The cost to play is \$3. Find the **expected payout** for the game.

$X = \text{the payout}$

$X$	\$0	\$5	\$20
$P(X)$	$\frac{28}{36}$	$\frac{6}{36}$	$\frac{2}{36}$

$$M_X = 0\left(\frac{28}{36}\right) + 5\left(\frac{6}{36}\right) + 20\left(\frac{2}{36}\right) = \$1.94$$

Is the game fair?

## Variance Review (Ch 1)

$$s^2 = \frac{(x_1 - \bar{x})^2 + (x_2 - \bar{x})^2 + \dots + (x_n - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}$$

## Standard Deviation

$$s = \sqrt{\text{Variance}}$$

## Variance of Random Variables

$$\sigma_x^2 = (x_1 - M_x)^2 p_1 + (x_2 - M_x)^2 p_2 + \dots + (x_n - M_x)^2 p_n$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = \sigma_x^2 = \sum (x_i - M_x)^2 p_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_x^2 &= (1 - 2.6)^2 (.25) + (2 - 2.6)^2 (.32) + (3 - 2.6)^2 (.17) \\ &\quad + (4 - 2.6)^2 (.15) + \dots + (7 - 2.6)^2 (.01) = 2.02 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{2.02} = 1.42$$

# Ch 1 Review

Data Set	$\bar{x}$	S
{ 2, 5, 8 }	5	3
+4 { 6, 9, 12 }	9 <sup>+4</sup>	3 <sup>NC</sup>
x2 { 4, 10, 16 }	10 <sup>x2</sup>	6 <sup>x2</sup>
x2 +4 { 8, 14, 20 }	14 <sup>x2 +4</sup>	6 <sup>x2</sup>

## Rules For Random Variables

$$1) Y = bX + a$$

$$M_Y = bM_X + a$$

$$\sigma_Y = b\sigma_X$$

$$[\sigma^2_Y = b^2 \sigma^2_X]$$

Ex Let  $\mu_X = 3$   $\sigma_X = 1.4$   
and  $Y = .9X - .2$

$$\mu_Y = .9(3) - .2 = 2.5$$

$$\sigma_Y = .9(1.4) = 1.26$$



Ex Assume  $\sigma_x = 20$

Find  $a$  and  $b$  such that  
 $Y = bX + a$  has a standard  
deviation of 1.

$$\sigma_y = 1$$

$$b\sigma_x = 1$$

$$20b = 1$$

$$b = \frac{1}{20} \rightarrow a = \{\text{reals}\}$$

$$2) M_{X+Y} = M_X + M_Y$$

$X = \text{SAT Math Score } (M_X = 625)$

$Y = \text{SAT Verbal Score } (M_Y = 590)$



$$M_{X+Y} = 625 + 590 = 1215$$

$$3) \sigma_{X+Y}^2 = \sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2$$

$$\text{BUT } \sigma_{X+Y} \neq \sigma_X + \sigma_Y$$

Ex  $\sigma_X = 10$ ,  $\sigma_Y = 8$ , find  $\sigma_{X+Y}$

$$\sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2 = 100 + 64 = 164$$

$$\sigma_{X+Y} = \sqrt{164} = 12.81$$

<u>Ex</u>	HS Relay Team	Mean (Mile)	Stand Dev
	Runner 1	4.9 min	.15
	2	4.7	.16
	3	4.5	.14
	4	4.8	.15

1) What is the team's mean time?

$$M_T = 4.9 + 4.7 + 4.5 + 4.8 = 18.9 \text{ min}$$

2) What is the team's standard deviation?

$$\sigma_T^2 = (.15)^2 + (.16)^2 + (.14)^2 + (.15)^2 = .0902$$

$$\sigma_T = \sqrt{.0902} = .3003$$