Time Frame: 50 minutes

Subject Matter: Discrete Probability Distribution TELL ME

Objective: TSWBAT Find the mean, variance and standard deviation for a discrete random variable.

Standards: DA – 5.11

Materials: Transparencies and Worksheets

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Presentation of Information:

The teacher will discuss the following:

1. Comparison between the mean, variance, and standard deviation of probability distribution and sample.
2. How to compute the mean, variance, and standard deviation of probability distribution.

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| Mean for a Discrete Random Variable | Mean of a Sample |
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| Variance and Standard Deviation for a Discrete Random Variable | Variance and SD of a Sample |
| Variance  Standard deviation | Variance  Standard Deviation |

Example 1

Find the mean, variance, and standard deviation of the number of spots that appear when a die is tossed.

Solution

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| Mean | Variance | Standard Deviation |
| In the toss of a die, the mean can be computed thus.  Outcome X 1 2 3 4\_\_ 5 6\_  Probability P(X) |  |  |

Example 2

In a family with two children, find the mean of the number of children who will be girls.

Solution

Sample Space: BB, BG, GB, GG

The probability distribution is as follows.

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| Mean | Variance | Standard Deviation |
| Number of Girls X 0 1 2\_\_  Probability P(X)  Hence, the mean is |  |  |

Example 3

The probability distribution shown represents the number of trips of 5 nights or more that American adults take per year. (That is, 6% do not take any trips lasting 5 nights or more. 70% take one trip lasting 5 nights or more per year, etc.) Find the mean.

Number of trips X 0 1 2 3 4\_\_\_

Probability P(X) 0.06 0.70 0.20 0.03 0.01

Solution

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Homework

1. From past experience, a company has found that in carton of transistors, 92% contain no defective transistors, 3% contain one defective transistor, 3% contain two defective transistors, and 2% contain three defective transistors. Find the mean, variance, and standard deviation for the defective transistors.

Classwork

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Probability P(X) 0.2 0.2 0.3 0.2 0.1

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