Fall 2009

Math 403

Homework 3

Due Wednesday, September 16

WMMY: Ch 3 # 1,3,7*,9*,17*,19*,25,27*,29*,31*,71

* For these problems, sketch the PDF and CDF (if you found it), and shade any areas under the PDF which correspond to probabilities you're supposed to calculate.

- Problem A: Consider an experiment where you roll two dice, and subtract the smaller value from the larger value (or get 0 in case of a tie) to get a random variable *X*.
 - a. What is the probability of getting **o**?
 - b. What is the probability of getting 4?
 - c. Draw the probability distribution function for *X*.
- Problem B: In an experiment where you roll two dice, let *X* be the random variable which is the product of the two dice.
 - a. Make a table with possible values of *X* and their probabilities.
 - b. Draw the CDF for X.
- Problem C: Recall that an ideal spinner has a uniform, continuous probability distribution as shown on the left. If you spin twice and add the two results, you get the continuous distribution shown on the right.



- a. What is the probability that one spin is between .8 and 1?
- b. What is the probability that one spin is not between .4 and .6?
- c. What is the probability that the sum of two spins is less than 1?
- d. What is the probability that the sum of two spins is more than 1.5?
- e. What is the probability that the sum of two spins is between .5 and 1.5?