

Probability Distribution – 2021 AS

1. June/2021/Paper_9709/51/No.7

Sharma knows that she has 3 tins of carrots, 2 tins of peas and 2 tins of sweetcorn in her cupboard. All the tins are the same shape and size, but the labels have all been removed, so Sharma does not know what each tin contains.

Sharma wants carrots for her meal, and she starts opening the tins one at a time, chosen randomly, until she opens a tin of carrots. The random variable X is the number of tins that she needs to open.

(a) Show that $P(X = 3) = \frac{6}{35}$. [2]

(b) Draw up the probability distribution table for X . [4]

(c) Find $\text{Var}(X)$. [3]

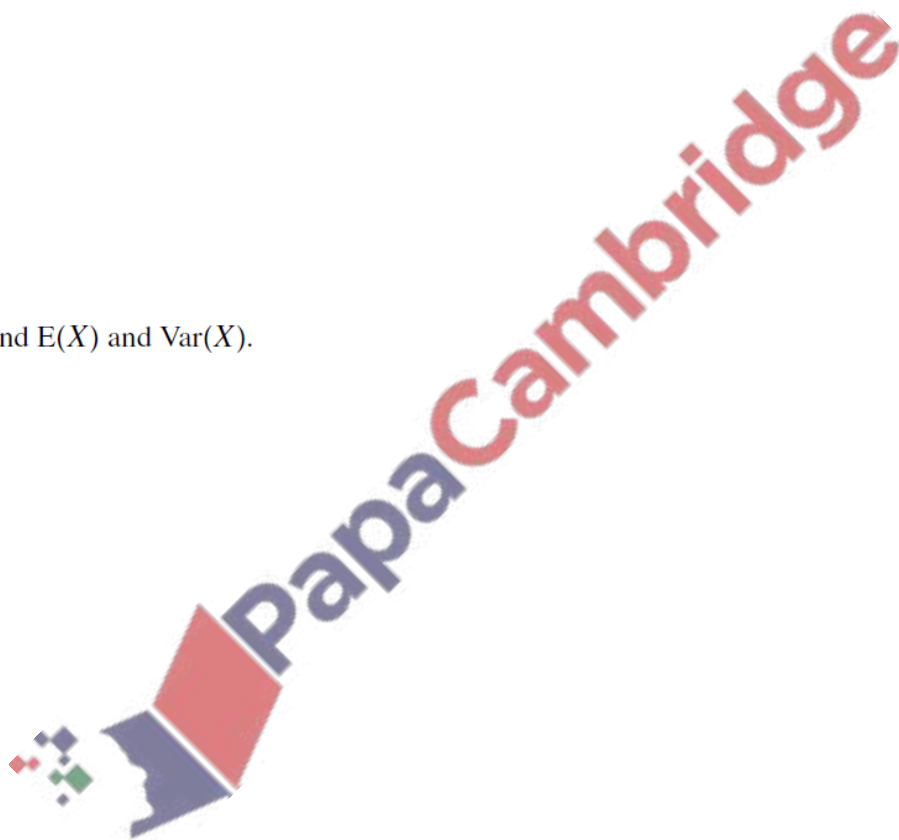


2. June/2021/Paper_9709/52/No.4

A fair spinner has sides numbered 1, 2, 2. Another fair spinner has sides numbered -2 , 0, 1. Each spinner is spun. The number on the side on which a spinner comes to rest is noted. The random variable X is the sum of the numbers for the two spinners.

(a) Draw up the probability distribution table for X . [3]

(b) Find $E(X)$ and $\text{Var}(X)$. [3]



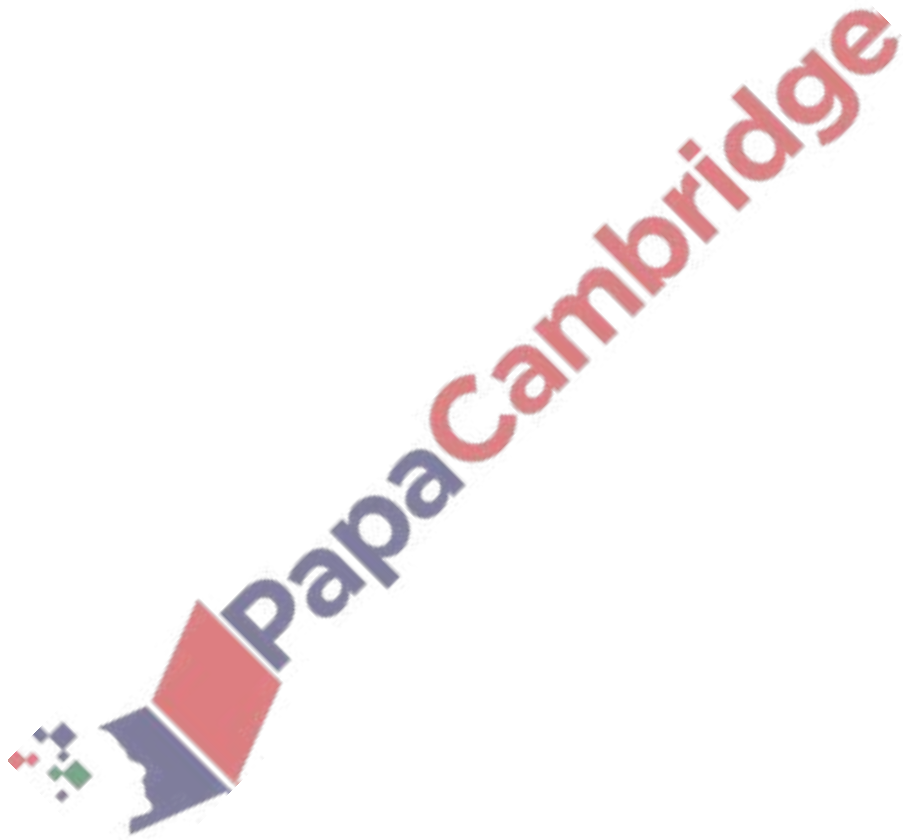
3. June/2021/Paper_9709/53/No.2

The random variable X can take only the values $-2, -1, 0, 1, 2$. The probability distribution of X is given in the following table.

x	-2	-1	0	1	2
$P(X = x)$	p	p	0.1	q	q

Given that $P(X \geq 0) = 3P(X < 0)$, find the values of p and q .

[4]



4. March/2021/Paper_9709/52/No.4

The random variable X takes the values 1, 2, 3, 4 only. The probability that X takes the value x is $kx(5 - x)$, where k is a constant.

(a) Draw up the probability distribution table for X , in terms of k . [2]

(b) Show that $\text{Var}(X) = 1.05$. [4]

