

**8.1 Distributions of Random Variables**

*To graph a histogram:*

STAT and choose 1: Edit

Enter the values of  $X$  in L1 and the probabilities in L2.

2<sup>nd</sup> STAT PLOT and choose 1:Plot1

Press Enter to select On.

For Type, choose the last icon on the first row, Xlist: L1 and Freq: L2.

Set your window. For example:

Xmin = -0.5 (include the entire first rectangle of width 1, centered at 0)

Xmax = 5

Xscl = 1

Ymin = 0

Ymax = 1 (heights are probabilities so 1 is plenty)

Yscl = 0.1

Press Graph.

(Hint: You may turn the StatPlot on and off at the top of the Y = screen once you have it set up.)

**8.2 Expected Value****8.3 Variance and Standard Deviation**

*To calculate the mean, median, and standard deviation for a single list of data:*

STAT and choose 1: Edit

Enter the data in a list.

STAT then right arrow to CALC and choose 1: 1-Var Stats

2<sup>nd</sup> and choose the appropriate list (above 1, 2, 3, ...).

On your homescreen: 1-Var Stats L1

Press Enter.

*To calculate the mean, median, and standard deviation when given the probabilities or frequencies:*

STAT and choose 1: Edit

Put the data in L1 and either the probabilities or the frequencies in L2

STAT then right arrow to CALC and choose 1: 1-Var Stats

2<sup>nd</sup> and choose the appropriate lists (above 1, 2, 3, ...).

On your homescreen: 1-Var Stats L1, L2

Press Enter.

*To calculate the variance:*

Follow the appropriate steps above to calculate the 1-Var Stats.

VARS and choose 5: Statistics... and then 4:  $\sigma x$  which represents standard deviation.

Press  $x^2$

On your homescreen:  $\sigma x^2$

Press Enter.