Topic: Representation of data

Day 4 Question 1

The birth weights, in kg, of 1500 babies are summarised in the table below.

Weight (kg)	Midpoint, x kg	Frequency, f
0.0 – 1.0	0.50	1
1.0 – 2.0	1.50	6
2.0 – 2.5	2.25	60
2.5 – 3.0		280
3.0 – 3.5	3.25	820
3.5 – 4.0	3.75	320
4.0 – 5.0	4.50	10
5.0 – 6.0		3

[You may use $\sum fx = 4841$ and $\sum fx^2 = 15\,889.5$]

(*a*) Write down the missing midpoints in the table above.

(2)

(*b*) Calculate an estimate of the mean birth weight.

(2)

(*c*) Calculate an estimate of the standard deviation of the birth weight.

(3)

(*d*) Use interpolation to estimate the median birth weight.

(2)

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On a randomly chosen day, each of the 32 students in a class recorded the time, t minutes to the nearest minute, they spent on their homework. The data for the class is summarised in the following table.

Time, t	Number of students
10 – 19	2
20 – 29	4
30 – 39	8
40 – 49	11
50 – 69	5
70 – 79	2

(*a*) Use interpolation to estimate the value of the median.

(2)

Given that

$$\sum t = 1414 \qquad \text{and} \qquad \sum t^2 = 69\ 378,$$

(*b*) find the mean and the standard deviation of the times spent by the students on their homework.

(3)