Experimental and Theoretical Probability – Dice Differences

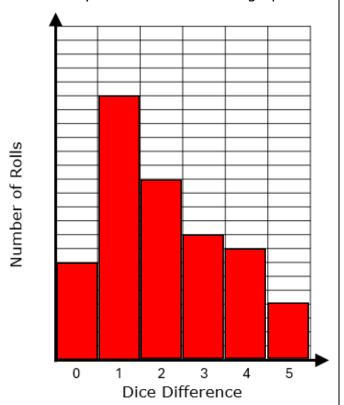
(a)

Roll two dice. Find the difference between the two numbers shown. Repeat the experiment 60 times, tallying and totalling the results. Example data:

Dice Difference	Tally	Total
0	ШШ	7
1	111111111111111111	19
2	111111111111	13
3	111111111	9
4	IIIIIII	8
5	IIII	4

(b)

Show your information as a graph.



(c)

Complete the sample space to show all possible dice differences.

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	0	1	2	3	4	5
2	1	0	1	2	3	4
3	2	1	0	1	2	3
4	3	2	1	0	1	2
5	4	3	2	1	0	1
6	5	4	3	2	1	0

(d)

Calculate the experimental and theoretical probabilities for different outcomes. Give your answers to 3 decimal places.

Outcome	Experimental Probability	Theoretical Probability
2	0.217	0.222
0	0.117	0.167
5	0.067	0.056
1	0.317	0.278
3 or 4	0.283	0.278
Less than 2	0.433	0.444

(e)

Compare the experimental and theoretical probabilities. What do you notice?

e.g. The experimental probabilities are very similar to the theoretical probabilities, but not exactly the same