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Exercise 28

- (a) Because this is a single husk (not a sample), we must use the uniform distribution. The height of the graph is $\frac{1}{8}$, so the probability that the husk is longer than 13 inches is $\frac{1}{8}(16-13) = \frac{3}{8} = 0.375$.
- (b) The sample mean of 50 husks has a normal distribution with mean 12 and standard deviation $\frac{2.3}{\sqrt{50}} = 0.3253$. So the probability that the average husk length is greater than 13 inches is normalcdf(13,E99,12,0.3252) = 0.001056. You might use normalcdf(13,16,12,0.3252) instead, because the husks cannot be more than 16 inches long, but the answer will be the same.
- (c) No. Although the answer will be fairly close to correct, it will not be correct because the sample size is too small.