

# Probability Distribution Formulas

## Bernoulli Distribution

(1 event)

Distribution of binary random variable

$$\text{PMF} = \begin{cases} P^k (1-P)^{1-k} & k=0 \\ 1-P & k=1 \\ P & k=1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mean(Estimation)} \\ \sum kP(k) & k=\{0,1\} \\ & = P \end{aligned}$$

Median

$$\begin{cases} 0 & P < \frac{1}{2} \\ [0,1] & P = \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & P > \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

Variance/SD

$$\sigma^2 = qP$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{pq} = SD$$

Mode

$$P > q \Rightarrow P$$

$$P < q \Rightarrow q$$

$P = 0.5$  Both 1 & 0 are modes

## Binomial Distribution

$n \rightarrow$  event (yes or no)

Success =  $P$

fail =  $q$

eg: Toss coin 10 times

if  $n=1 \Rightarrow$  Bernoulli

$k \Rightarrow$  number of success  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$

$$\text{PMF} = n_{C_k} P^k (1-P)^{1-k}$$

$$SD = \sqrt{nqP}$$

$$\text{Mean} = np$$

$$\text{Variance} = npq$$

eg:  $n=5$   $P=0.5$  probability of 3 heads

$$\begin{aligned} k &= 3 \\ &= 5_{C_3} (0.5)^3 (1-0.5)^{5-3} \end{aligned}$$

## Normal gaussian distribution

$$\text{PDF} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$\text{mean} = \text{median} = \text{mode} = \mu$$

### Intuition

$(x-\mu)^2 \Rightarrow$  Symmetric around  $\mu$

Exponential  $\Rightarrow$  far value become extremely unlikely

$2\pi \rightarrow$  make total one (1)

Area under cover = probability

$$SD = \sigma = \sqrt{(x-\mu)^2/n}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \text{variance}$$

Perfect symmetry  
Highest exactly at  $\mu$

Zscore table gives  
area for 0 to Zscore point

## Standard normal Distribution

$$X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} \quad \mu = 3 \quad \sigma = 1.414$$

Now we apply Z score  $Z_{\text{score}} = \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}$

Say for ezy calculation we take  $\sigma = 1$   
or lets keep 1.414 only

$$\text{New } x = \{-1.414, -0.707, 0, 0.707, 1.414\}$$

Z tells how much SD away from mean

## Poisson Distribution

Events happens independently

Average rate is constant

Event occur 1 at time

We count event in a fixed interval of (time, area, length)

$$PMF = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mean} &= \lambda \\ \text{Variance} &= \lambda \\ SD &= \sqrt{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

$$e = 2.718$$

$\lambda$  = average rate

$k$  = chance of happening  $k$  events

Eg 3 patient coming to clinic every hour  
chance 2 patient coming in  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour

avg. Patient coming every half hour = 1.5

$$k=2$$

$$\lambda = 1.5$$

$$P = \frac{e^{-1.5} 1.5^2}{2!}$$

## Uniform Distribution

Discrete: finite outcome  
outcome  $k$ : probability equal

eg Fair dice  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

lottery number  $\{1 \text{ to } 100\}$

$$PMF = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\text{Mean}(U) = \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{n^2-1}{12}$$

Continuous:

$$PDF = \frac{1}{(b-a)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Proof } x(b-a) = 1$$

$a < x < b$

else 0

$$x = \frac{1}{b-a}$$

$$P(x)$$

area under curve

Continuous  $\Rightarrow CDF = x * (d-c)$

$$\begin{aligned} CDF &= \frac{d-c}{b-a} \\ \text{outside } c &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}}$$

$$\frac{(a+b)}{2} = U$$

