

Distribution Assignment Answers

Q1. Simulate 30 rolls with =RANDBETWEEN(1,6). What is the probability of rolling a 3 exactly 5 times? (Hint: Use BINOM.DIST)

SOLUTION :-

Probability of rolling a 3 exactly 5 times in 30 rolls.

Formula: =BINOM.DIST(5, 30, 1/6, FALSE)

Result: ~19.21%

~0.1921

Q2. Generate 100 values in Excel using the continuous uniform distribution RAND() and plot a histogram. Describe the shape of the distribution.

SOLUTION :-

Using =RAND() IN Cell T1:T100

Shape : The distribution is rectangular/flat. Every value between 0 and 1 has an equal probability of occurring.

Q3. A dataset has a mean of 50 and a standard deviation of 5. What percentage of values lie between 45 and 55 if the data follows a normal distribution?

SOLUTION :-

Mean=50, SD=5. Values between 45 and 55.

FOR : X = 45 $Z = 45 - 50/5 = -1$

FOR : X = 55 $Z = 55 - 50/5 = +1$

Formula : =NORM.DIST(55,50,5,TRUE)-NORM.DIST(45,50,5,TRUE)

RESULT: ~68.27% (Empirical Rule).

~0.68269

Q4. What is the concept of standardization (z-score), and why is it important in data analysis? Explain the formula and how standardization transforms a dataset.

SOLUTION :-

Standardization (z-score) is the process of putting different variables on the same scale.

FORMULA : $z = (x - \mu)/\sigma$

Transformation : It shifts the mean to 0 and the standard deviation to 1.

Q5. What is Kurtosis and their type?

SOLUTION :-

Kurtosis measures the "tailedness" of a distribution (how much data is in the peaks vs tails).

TYPES :-

Leptokurtic: Sharp peak, heavy tails (more outliers).

Platykurtic: Flat peak, thin tails (fewer outliers).

Mesokurtic: Normal distribution (Kurtosis ≈ 0).

Q6. Explain why the uniform distribution is a good model for the outcome of rolling a fair die.

SOLUTION :-

A fair die is a perfect example of a Discrete Uniform Distribution because every outcome {1,2,3,4,5,6} has exactly the same probability (1/6).

Q7. Use Excel to compute the probability of getting at least 8 successes in 15 trials with success probability 0.5.

SOLUTION :-

Probability of at least 8 successes in 15 trials (p=0.5 assumed for "success" unless specified).

FORMULA : =1 - BINOM.DIST(7, 15, 0.5, TRUE)

RESULT : ~50.00% 0.5

Q8. How does log transformation help in stabilizing variance and making data more normally distributed?

SOLUTION :-

It compresses high values and spreads out low values.

It stabilizes variance by making the standard deviation proportional to the mean, which helps "pull in" right-skewed data to look more like a Bell Curve.

FORMULA : $y' = \text{LOG}(y)$.