# Probability distributions

Use corresponding distribution models if the parameters in the model are present

### Calculation workings

*All calculations are assumed to be “less than” in workings*

Principle for discrete distributions:

Principle for normal distribution:

## Normal distribution [Continuous]

### Important properties

* Symmetrical
* Total area = 1

### Standardizing normal distribution to Z

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| Binomial distribution [Discrete]Experiment conditions  1. Finite number of trials n 2. Independent outcomes 3. True of false results 4. Probability of success is constant  Values | Poisson distribution [Discrete]Experiment conditions Events occur:   1. Singly 2. Randomly 3. Independently  Adjusting mean number Scale with the ratio of the different time intervals |

## Approximations

The question will let you know when to use approximations.

### Continuity corrections

It corrects differences between a discrete and continuous distribution when approximating.

So if approximating B with Po then correction is not needed as both are discrete.

**To apply continuity corrections:**

1. Imagine a discrete and uniform distribution on each other
2. Each bar has a width of 1 and each integer point is at the middle of each bar
3. Think if each “chonky bar” has to be included in the inequality ()

**Examples**

### Choosing approximation workflow