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# **PRACTICAL - 01**

- **Plotting and fitting of Binomial distribution and graphical representation of probabilities.**

## **Binomial Distribution:**

The binomial distribution is a discrete probability distribution. It describes the outcome of binary scenarios, e.g. toss of a coin.

## **Binomial Distribution Formula :**

The binomial distribution formula is for any random variable X, given by:

$$P(x:n,p) = {}_nC_x p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$

Or

$$P(x:n,p) = {}_nC_x p^x (q)^{n-x}$$

Where,

n = the number of experiments

x = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, ...

p = Probability of Success in a single experiment

q = Probability of Failure in a single experiment = 1 – p

The binomial distribution formula can also be written in the form of n-Bernoulli trials, where  ${}_nC_x = n!/(x!(n-x)!)$ . Hence,

$$P(x:n,p) = n!/[x!(n-x)!] \cdot p^x \cdot (q)^{n-x}$$

## **Binomial Distribution Mean and Variance :**

For a binomial distribution, the mean, variance and standard deviation for the given number of success are represented using the formulas:

**Mean,  $\mu = np$**

**Variance,  $\sigma^2 = npq$**

**Standard Deviation  $\sigma = \sqrt{npq}$**

Where p is the probability of success, q is the probability of failure, where  $q = 1-p$

## Implementation in Excel:

=BINOM.DIST(number\_s, trials, probability\_s, cumulative)

Where:

**number\_s**: number of successes.

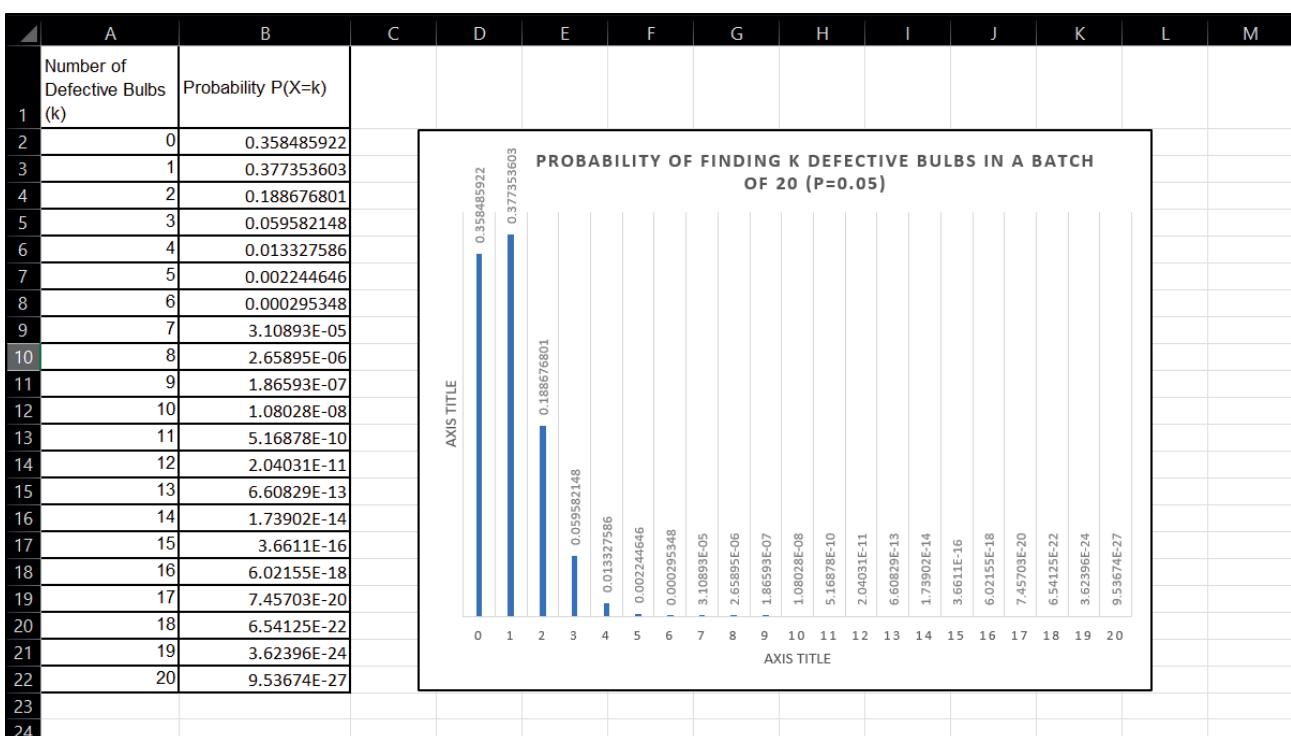
**trials**: total number of trials.

**probability\_s**: probability of success on each trial.

**cumulative**: TRUE returns the cumulative probability; FALSE returns the exact probability

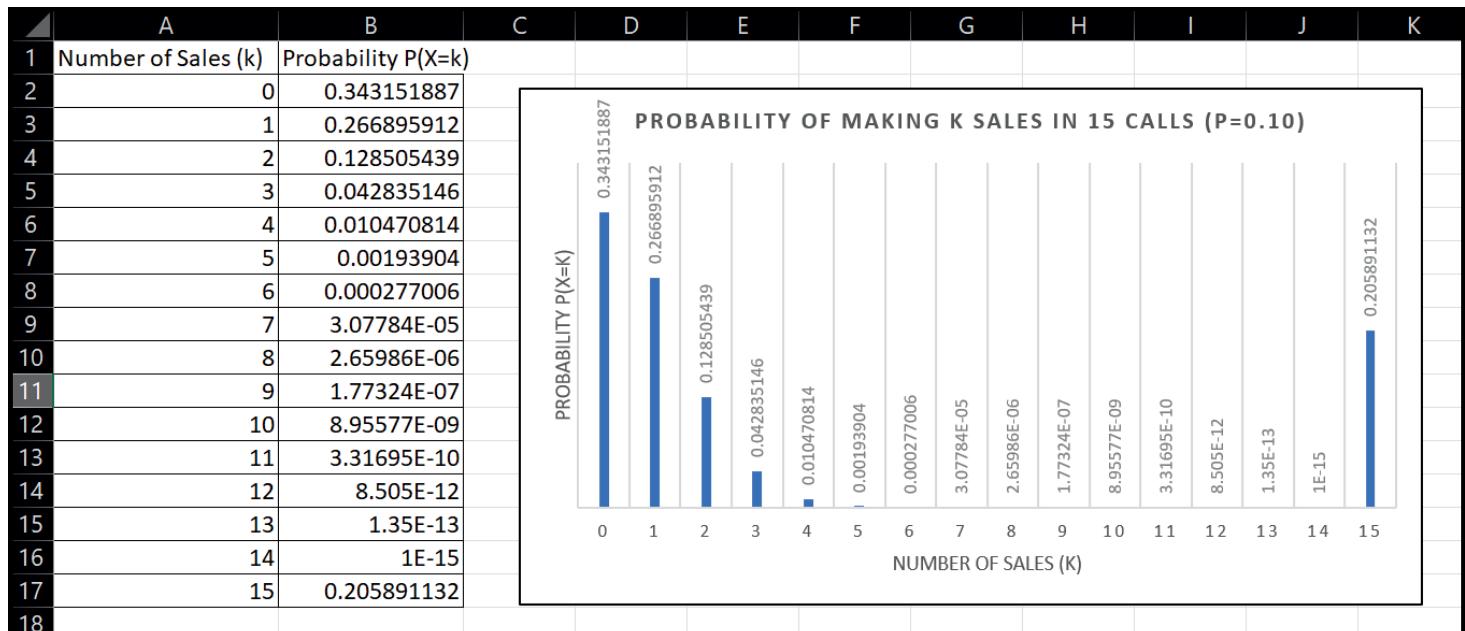
### Scenario 1: Quality Control in Light Bulb Manufacturing

- **Situation:** A factory produces light bulbs. Historically, 5% of the bulbs are defective. A quality inspector randomly selects a batch of 20 bulbs. We want to know the probability of finding a specific number of defective bulbs in this batch.
- **Parameters:**
  - Number of trials (bulbs selected), **n = 20**
  - Probability of success (a bulb being defective), **p = 0.05**
  - Number of successes (defective bulbs), **k** (ranges from 0 to 20)



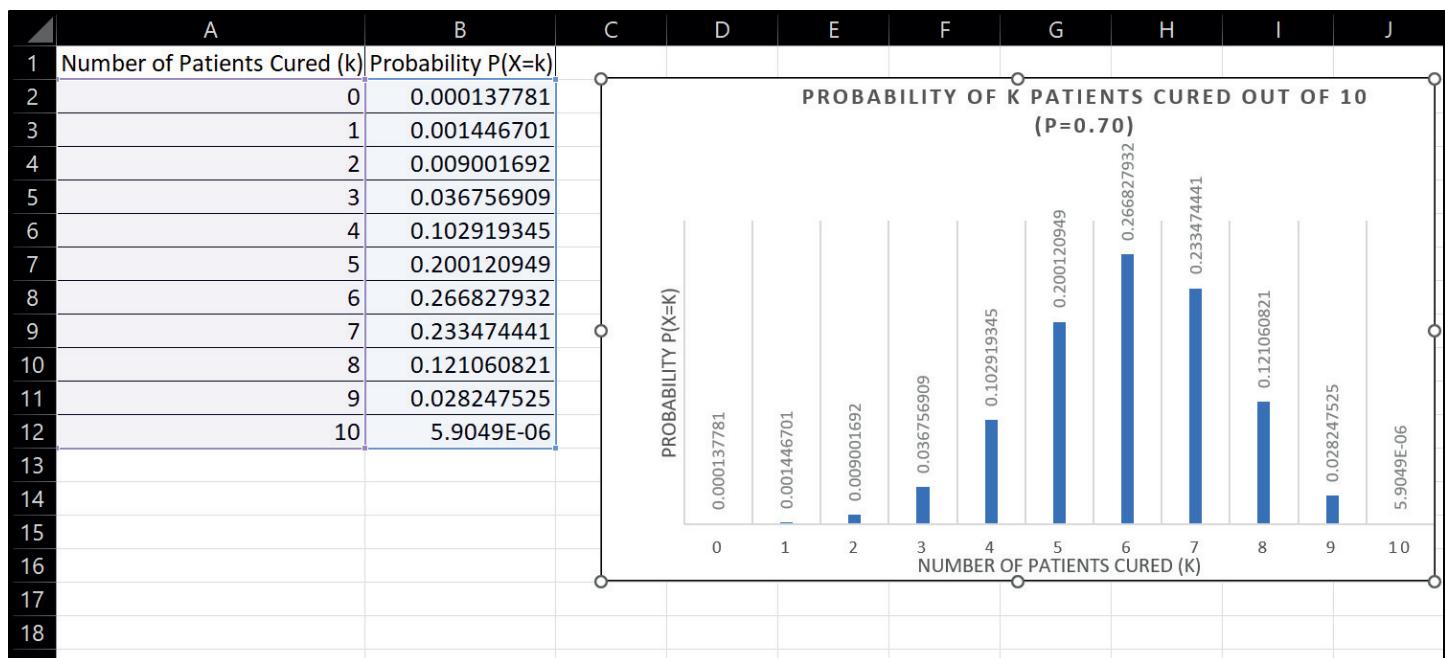
## Scenario 2: Telemarketing Success Rate

- **Situation:** A telemarketer makes 15 calls per shift. The probability of making a sale on any single call is 10%. We want to find the probability of making a certain number of sales during a shift.
- **Parameters:**
  - Number of trials (calls made),  $n = 15$
  - Probability of success (making a sale),  $p = 0.10$
  - Number of successes (sales made),  $k$  (ranges from 0 to 15)



## Scenario 3: Drug Effectiveness

- **Situation:** A new drug is claimed to be effective in curing a certain condition in 70% of patients. It is administered to 10 patients. What is the probability that a specific number of these patients are cured?
- **Parameters:**
  - Number of trials (patients treated),  $n = 10$
  - Probability of success (patient is cured),  $p = 0.70$
  - Number of successes (patients cured),  $k$  (ranges from 0 to 10)



# PRACTICAL - 02

- Plotting and fitting of Multinomial distribution and graphical representation of probabilities.

## Multinomial Distribution:

In probability theory, the multinomial distribution is a generalization of the binomial distribution. For example, it models the probability of counts for each side of a k-sided die rolled n times. For n independent trials each of which leads to a success for exactly one of k categories, with each category having a given fixed success probability, the multinomial distribution gives the probability of any particular combination of numbers of successes for the various categories.

$$p(X = x) = p(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_k = x_k) = \frac{n!}{x_1!x_2!\dots x_k!} p_1^{x_1} \dots p_k^{x_k}$$

## Implementation in Excel:

**Multinomial**= **MULTINOMIAL(x1, x2, x3)**

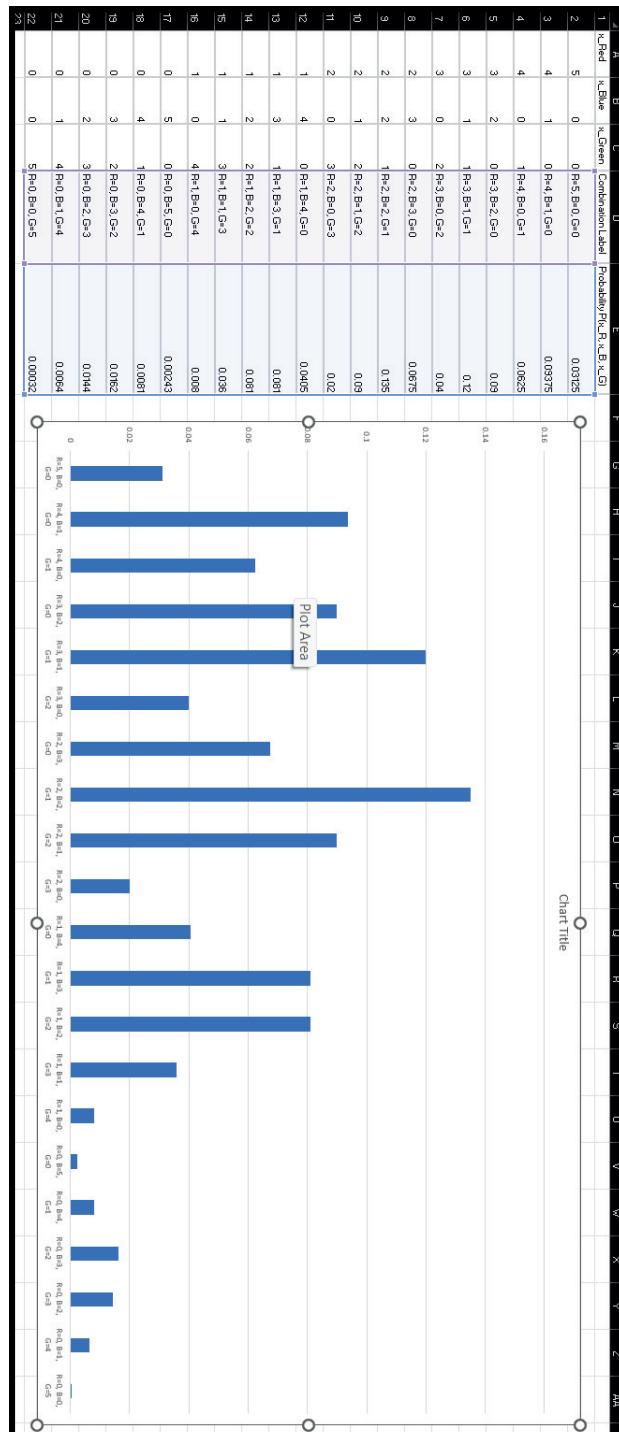
**Probability** = **MULTINOMIAL\*PRODUCT(p1^x1, p2^x2, p3^x3)**

## Scenario: Marble Colors

- **Situation:** Imagine a large bag filled with marbles where 50% are Red (R), 30% are Blue (B), and 20% are Green (G). You randomly draw 5 marbles, putting each one back before drawing the next (drawing with replacement). We want to calculate the probability of drawing each specific combination of colors (e.g., 2 Red, 2 Blue, 1 Green).

## Parameters:

- Number of trials (marbles drawn),  $n = 5$
- Number of outcomes (colors),  $k = 3$
- Probabilities:  $p_{\text{Red}} = 0.50$ ,  $p_{\text{Blue}} = 0.30$ ,  $p_{\text{Green}} = 0.20$  (Note:  $0.5 + 0.3 + 0.2 = 1.0$ )
- Outcome counts:  $x_{\text{Red}}$ ,  $x_{\text{Blue}}$ ,  $x_{\text{Green}}$ , such that  $x_{\text{Red}} + x_{\text{Blue}} + x_{\text{Green}} = 5$ .



# **PRACTICAL - 03**

- **Plotting and fitting of Poisson distribution and graphical representation of probabilities.**

## **Poisson Distribution Definition :**

The Poisson distribution is a discrete probability function that means the variable can only take specific values in a given list of numbers, probably infinite. A Poisson distribution measures how many times an event is likely to occur within “x” period of time. In other words, we can define it as the probability distribution that results from the Poisson experiment. A Poisson experiment is a statistical experiment that classifies the experiment into two categories, such as success or failure. Poisson distribution is a limiting process of the binomial distribution.

A Poisson random variable “x” defines the number of successes in the experiment. This distribution occurs when there are events that do not occur as the outcomes of a definite number of outcomes. Poisson distribution is used under certain conditions.

They are:

- The number of trials “n” tends to infinity
- Probability of success “p” tends to zero
- $np = 1$  is finite

## **Poisson Distribution Formula**

The formula for the Poisson distribution function is given by:

$$f(x) = (e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x)/x!$$

Where,

e is the base of the logarithm

x is a Poisson random variable

$\lambda$  is an average rate of value

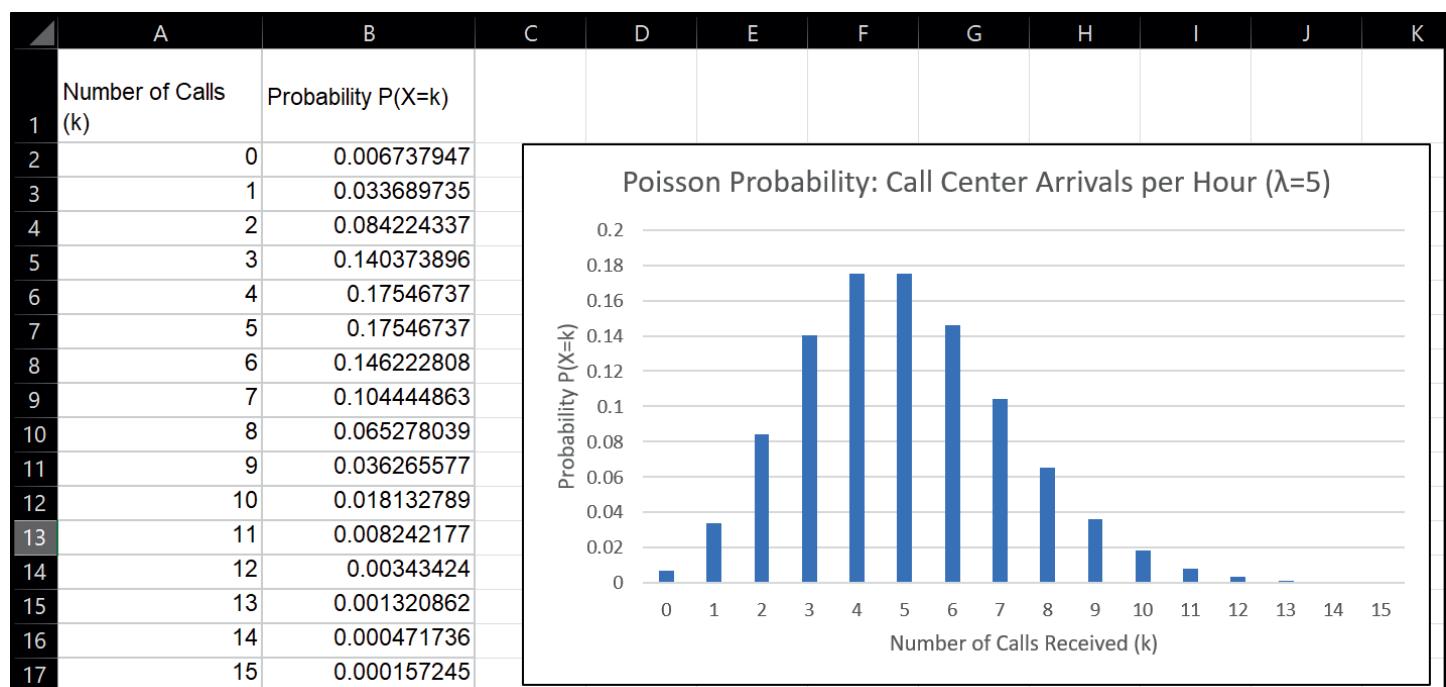
## Implementation in Excel:

**POISSON.DIST(number\_s, average, cumulative)**

**POISSON.DIST(k,  $\lambda$  , FALSE)**

### Scenario: Call Center Arrivals

- Situation: A small customer service call center receives calls at an average rate of 5 calls per hour. We want to know the probability of receiving a specific number of calls (k) in any given hour.
- Parameters:
  - Average rate (mean),  $\lambda = 5$  calls per hour.
  - Number of events (calls received), k (can theoretically be any non-negative integer 0, 1, 2, ...)



# PRACTICAL - 04

- Plotting and fitting of Geometric distribution and graphical representation of probabilities

## Geometric distribution :

Geometric distribution is a probability distribution that defines the number of trials required to get the first success in a series of independent and identically distributed Bernoulli trials, where each trial has two possible outcomes: success or failure. The trials are conducted until the first success is observed, and the probability of success in each trial is constant.

The geometric distribution is commonly used in various real-life circumstances. In the financial industry, it is used to estimate the financial rewards of making a given decision in a cost-benefit analysis.

Geometric distributions are probability distributions that are based on three key assumptions.

- Trials are independent
- Each trial has one of two outcomes: success or failure
- For each trial, the probability of success,  $p$ , is constant across trials.

### Geometric Distribution Formulas

#### PMF:

$$P(X = x) = (1 - p)^{x-1} \cdot (p)$$

#### CDF:

$$P(x \leq x) = 1 - (1 - p)^x$$

**Mean:**  $E(X) = \frac{1}{p}$

**Variance:**  $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{(1-p)}{p^2}$

**Standard Deviation:**  $\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1-p}{p}}$

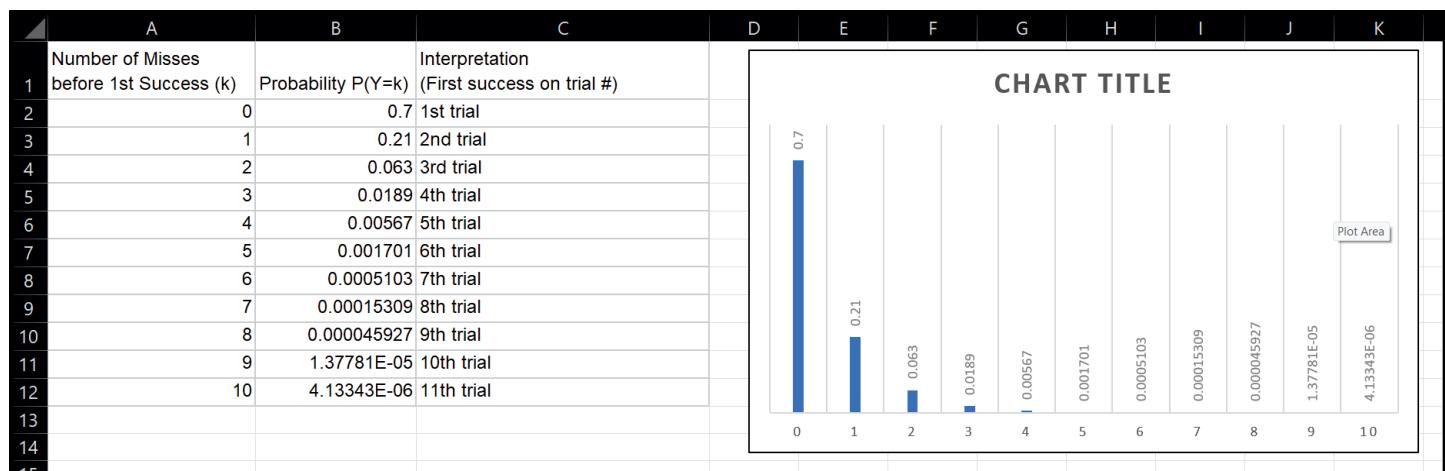
## Implementation in Excel:

**POISSON.DIST(number\_s, average, cumulative)**

**POISSON.DIST(k,  $\lambda$  , FALSE)**

**Scenario:** Basketball Free Throws

- **Situation:** A basketball player has a 70% chance of making any single free throw (this is their success probability). We want to know the probability that their first successful shot occurs immediately (0 failures), or after 1 miss, or after 2 misses, and so on.
- **Parameters:**
  - Probability of success (making the shot),  $p = 0.70$ .
  - Number of failures (missed shots) before the first success,  $k$  (can be 0, 1, 2, ...).



# PRACTICAL - 05

- Plotting and fitting of Uniform distribution and graphical representation of probabilities.

## Uniform Distribution :

A Uniform Distribution is a type of probability distribution in which every outcome in a given range is equally likely to occur. That means there is no bias—no outcome is more likely than another within the specified set.

- It is also known as rectangular distribution (continuous uniform distribution).
- It has two parameters a and b: a = minimum and b = maximum. The distribution is written as U (a, b).

### **Uniform Distribution Formula**

A random variable X is said to be uniformly distributed over the interval  $-\infty < a < b < \infty$ . Formulae for uniform distribution:

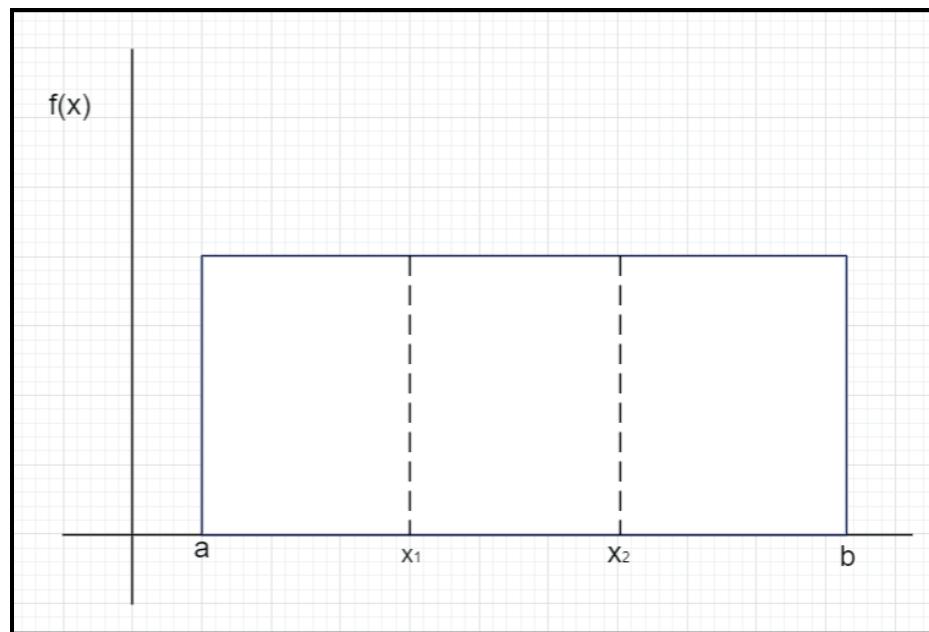
Probability density function(pdf)	$f(x) = 1/(b - a), a \leq x \leq b$
Mean( $\mu$ )	$\int_a^b x.f(x) dx = \frac{1}{b-a} [\frac{x^2}{2}]_a^b$ $= (a + b)/2$
Variance ( $\sigma^2$ )	$\int_a^b x.f(x) dx = \frac{1}{b-a} [\frac{x^2}{2}]_a^b$ $= \mu^2 - \mu^2 = \int_a^b x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{b-a} dx - (\frac{a+b}{2})^2$ $= (b - a)^2 / 12$
Standard Deviation ( $\sigma$ )	$= \sqrt{\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}}$
Cumulative Distribution function (CDF)	$= (x - a)/(b - a)$ for $x \in [a, b]$
Median	$= (a + b)/2$
For the conditional probability = $P( c < x < d )$	$= (d - c) \times f(x)$ $= (d - c)/(b - a)$

For calculating probability, we need:

- a: minimum value in the distribution
- b: maximum value in the distribution
- $x_1$ : the minimum value you're interested in
- $x_2$ : the maximum value you're interested in

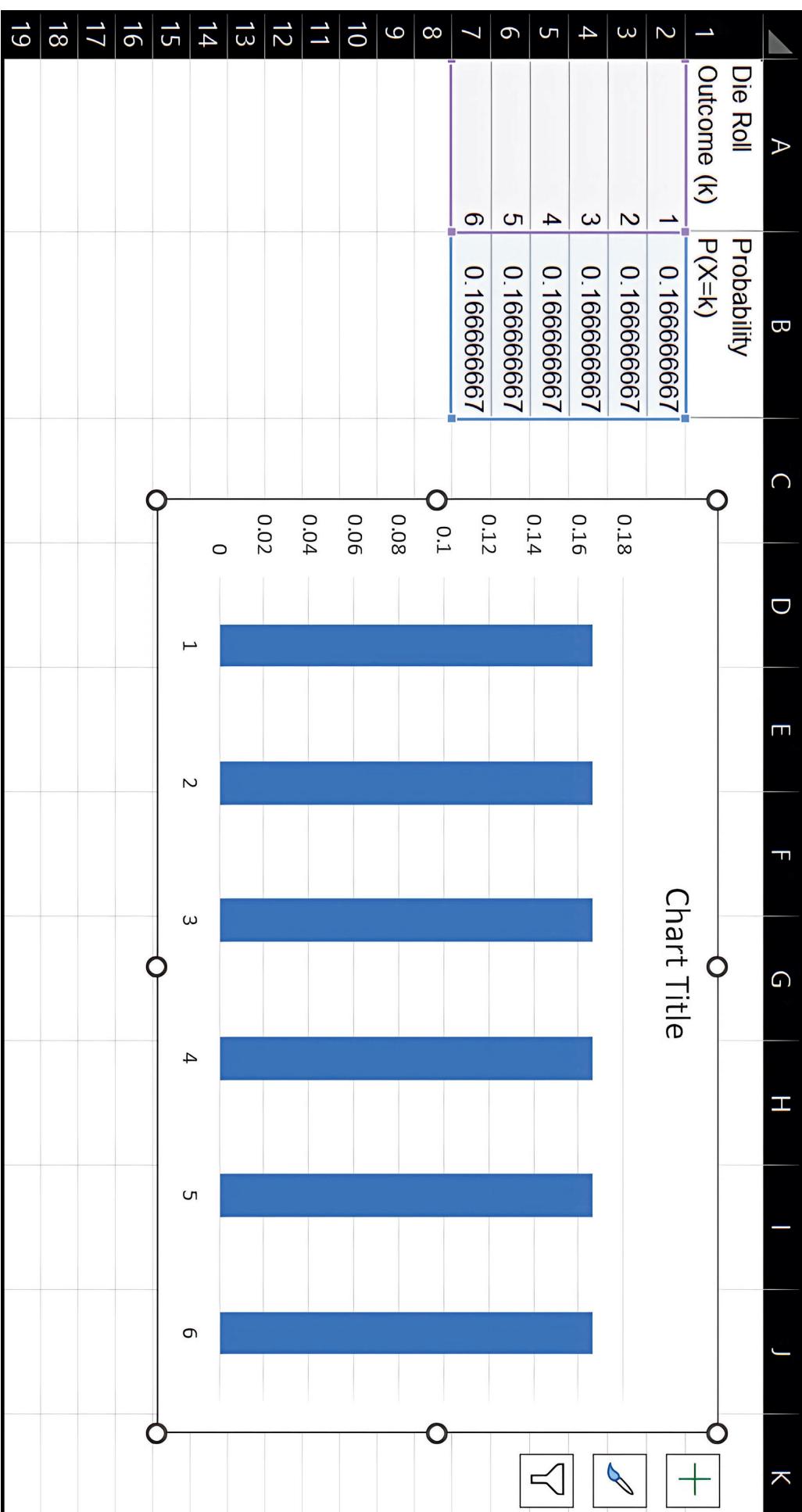
$$P = (x_2 - x_1) / (b - a)$$

Example graph



**Scenario:** Rolling a Fair Six-Sided Die

- Situation: You roll a standard, fair, six-sided die. Each number from 1 to 6 has an equal chance of appearing on the top face.
- **Parameters:**
  - Possible Outcomes: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}
  - Number of possible outcomes, N = 6
  - Probability of each outcome: Since each outcome is equally likely, the probability is  $P(X=k) = 1 / N = 1 / 6$ .



# PRACTICAL - 06

- Plotting and fitting of Exponential distribution and graphical representation of probabilities.

## **What is Exponential Distribution?**

In Probability theory and statistics, the exponential distribution is a continuous probability distribution that often concerns the amount of time until some specific event happens. It is a process in which events happen continuously and independently at a constant average rate. The exponential distribution has the key property of being memoryless. The exponential random variable can be either more small values or fewer larger variables. For example, the amount of money spent by the customer on one trip to the supermarket follows an exponential distribution.

### **Exponential Distribution Formula**

The continuous random variable, say X is said to have an exponential distribution, if it has the following probability density function:

$$f_X(x|\lambda) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & \text{for } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Where

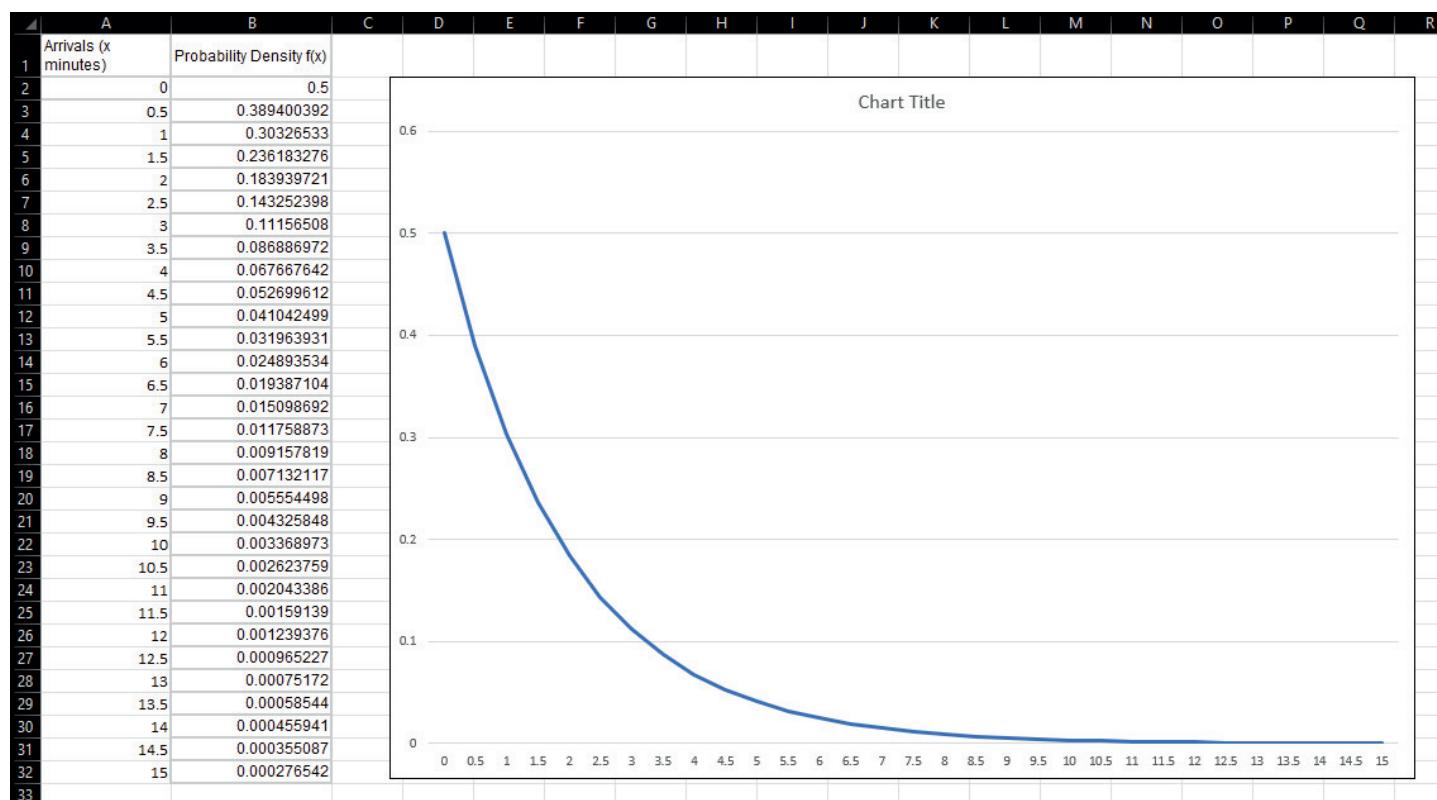
$\lambda$  is called the distribution rate.

## Implementation in Excel:

### **EXPON.DIST(X, lambda, FALSE)**

#### **Scenario: Time Between Customer Arrivals**

- Situation: Customers arrive at a checkout counter independently and at a constant average rate. The average time between customer arrivals is 2 minutes. We want to visualize the probability density of this waiting time between customers.
- Parameters:
  - Average time between arrivals, Mean =  $1/\lambda=2$  minutes.
  - Rate parameter,  $\lambda=1/\text{Mean}=1/2=0.5$  arrivals per minute.
  - Time between arrivals,  $x$  (measured in minutes,  $x \geq 0$ ).



# PRACTICAL - 07

- Plotting and fitting of Normal distribution and graphical representation of probabilities.

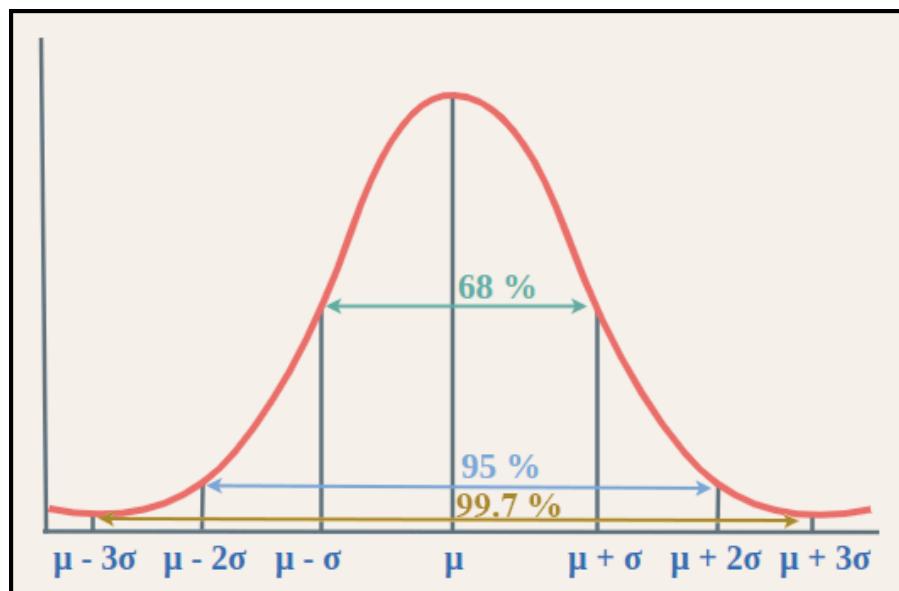
## What is Normal Distribution?

Normal distribution, also known as the Gaussian distribution, is a continuous probability distribution that is symmetric about the mean, depicting that data near the mean are more frequent in occurrence than data far from the mean.

We define Normal Distribution as the probability density function of any continuous random variable for any given system. Now for defining Normal Distribution suppose we take  $f(x)$  as the probability density function for any random variable  $X$ .

Also, the function is integrated between the interval,  $(x, \{x + dx\})$  then,  $f(x) \geq 0 \quad x \in (-\infty, +\infty), \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) = 1$

We observe that the curve traced by the upper values of the Normal Distribution is in the shape of a Bell, hence Normal Distribution is also called the “**Bell Curve**”.

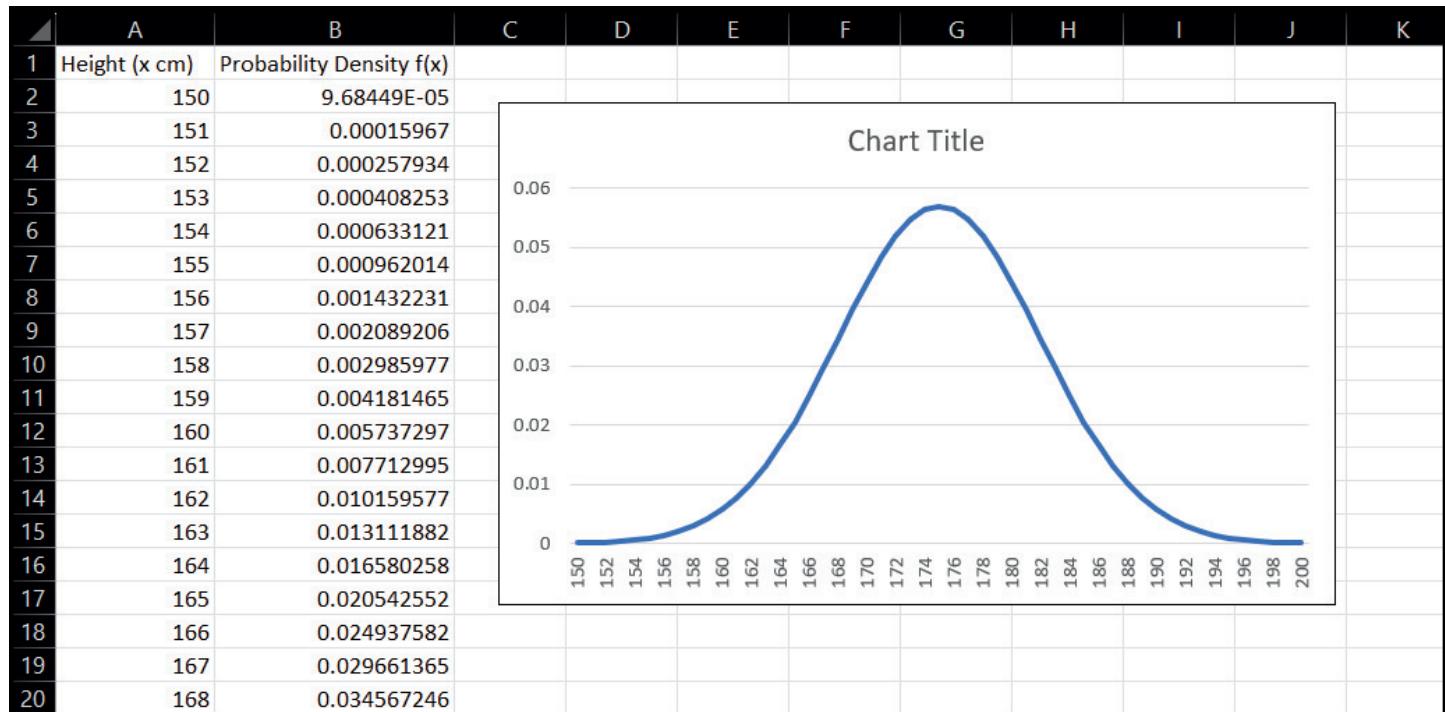


## Implementation in Excel:

=NORMDIST(x, mean, standard\_dev, cumulative)

### **Scenario:** Heights of Adult Males

- Situation: Let's assume the heights of adult males in a particular population follow an approximately Normal distribution. The average height (mean) is 175 cm, and the standard deviation is 7 cm. We want to visualize the distribution of these heights.
- **Parameters:**
  - Mean,  $\mu = 175$  cm
  - Standard Deviation,  $\sigma = 7$  cm
  - Height,  $x$  (measured in cm)



# PRACTICAL - 08

- Calculation of cumulative distribution functions for Exponential and Normal distribution.

Employee	Incentive	Normal Distribution			Exponential Distribution		
		Normal Distribution	No Of Days	Exponential Distribution	No Of Days	Exponential Distribution	No Of Days
EMP1	1000	0.572137292	300	0.527633447	400	0.550671036	500
EMP2	2000	0.641935216	mean 5500	320	400	480	560
EMP3	3000	0.707279533	Standard Deviation 3027.650354	350	0.58313798	0.653120559	0.723108238
EMP4	4000	0.76640549		400	420	450	480
EMP5	5000	0.81834893				0.650062251	0.713495203
EMP6	6000	0.86253557				0.675345533	0.772468207
EMP7	7000	0.898442582				500	550
EMP8	8000	0.92770243				550	600
EMP9	9000	0.94918248				0.747160404	0.77686984
EMP10	10000	0.965481826					

# PRACTICAL - 09

- Given data from two distributions, find the distance between the distributions.

## Euclidean distance

Euclidean distance is the distance between two real distinct value .It is calculated by the square root of the sum of the squared difference elements in two vectors.

$$\text{Euclidean Distance} = |X - Y| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} (x_i - y_i)^2}$$

X: Array or vector X

Y: Array or vector Y

$x_i$ : Values of horizontal axis in the coordinate plane

$y_i$ : Values of vertical axis in the coordinate plane

n: Number of observations

## Implementation in Excel:

= SORT(SUM X MYZ(array\_X,array\_Y))

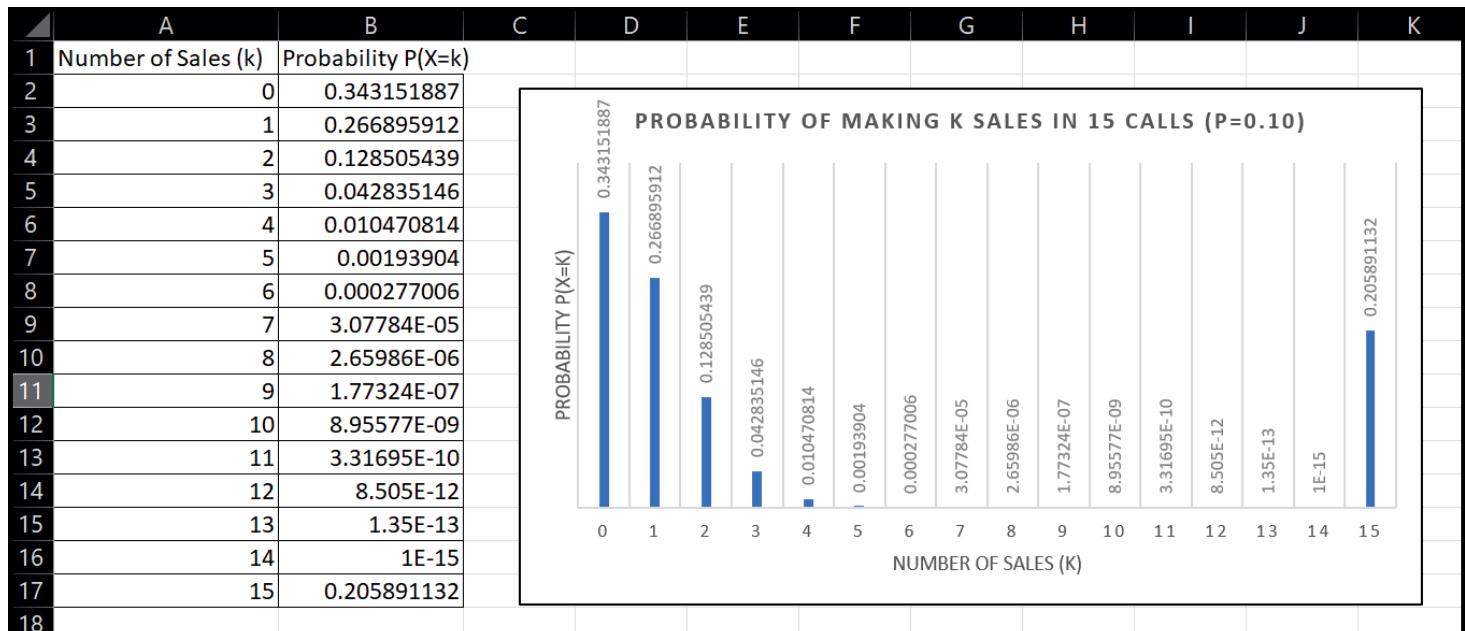
Trials	Binomial Distribution	Poisson Distribution	distance	n	0.4
1	0.08957952	0.268128018	0.178548	k	8
2	0.20901888	0.053625604	0.155393		
3	0.27869184	0.00715008	0.271542		
4	0.2322432	0.000715008	0.231528		
5	0.12386304	5.72006E-05	0.123806		
6	0.04128768	3.81338E-06	0.041284		
7	0.00786432	2.17907E-07	0.007864		
8	0.00065536	1.08954E-08	0.000655		

# PRACTICAL - 10

## ● Application problems based on the Binomial distribution.

### Scenario 2: Telemarketing Success Rate

- **Situation:** A telemarketer makes 15 calls per shift. The probability of making a sale on any single call is 10%. We want to find the probability of making a certain number of sales during a shift.
- **Parameters:**
  - Number of trials (calls made),  $n = 15$
  - Probability of success (making a sale),  $p = 0.10$
  - Number of successes (sales made),  $k$  (ranges from 0 to 15)

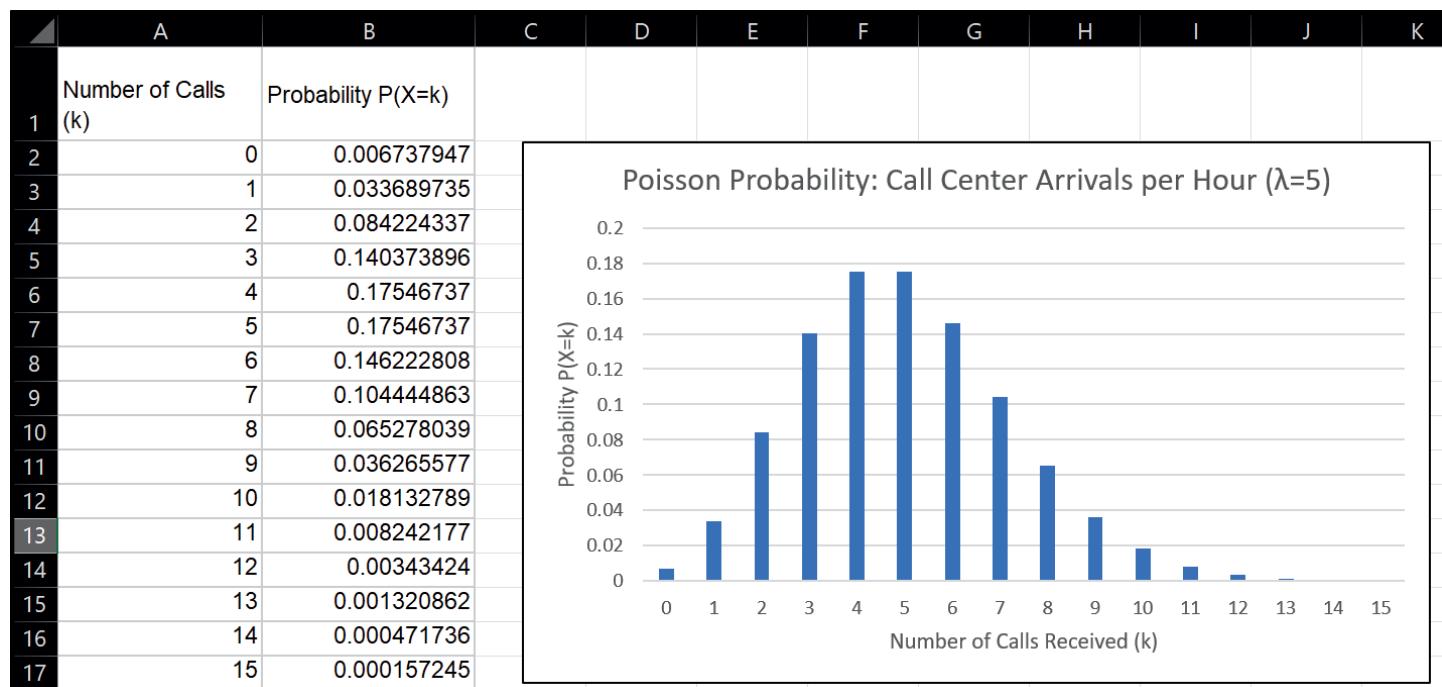


# PRACTICAL - 11

## ● Application problems based on the Poisson distribution.

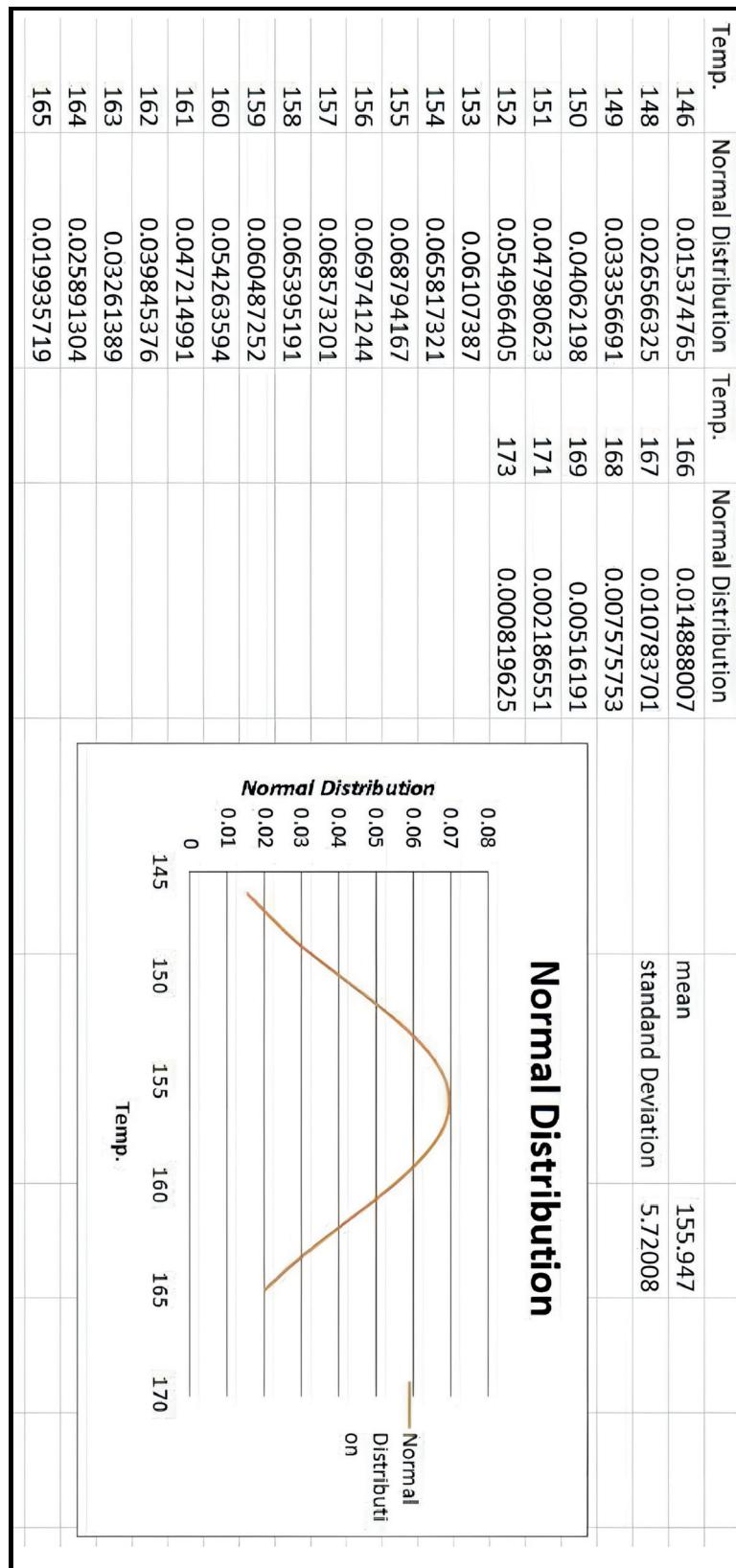
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- Situation: A small customer service call center receives calls at an average rate of 5 calls per hour. We want to know the probability of receiving a specific number of calls ( $k$ ) in any given hour.
- Parameters:
  - Average rate (mean),  $\lambda = 5$  calls per hour.
  - Number of events (calls received),  $k$  (can theoretically be any non-negative integer 0, 1, 2, ...)



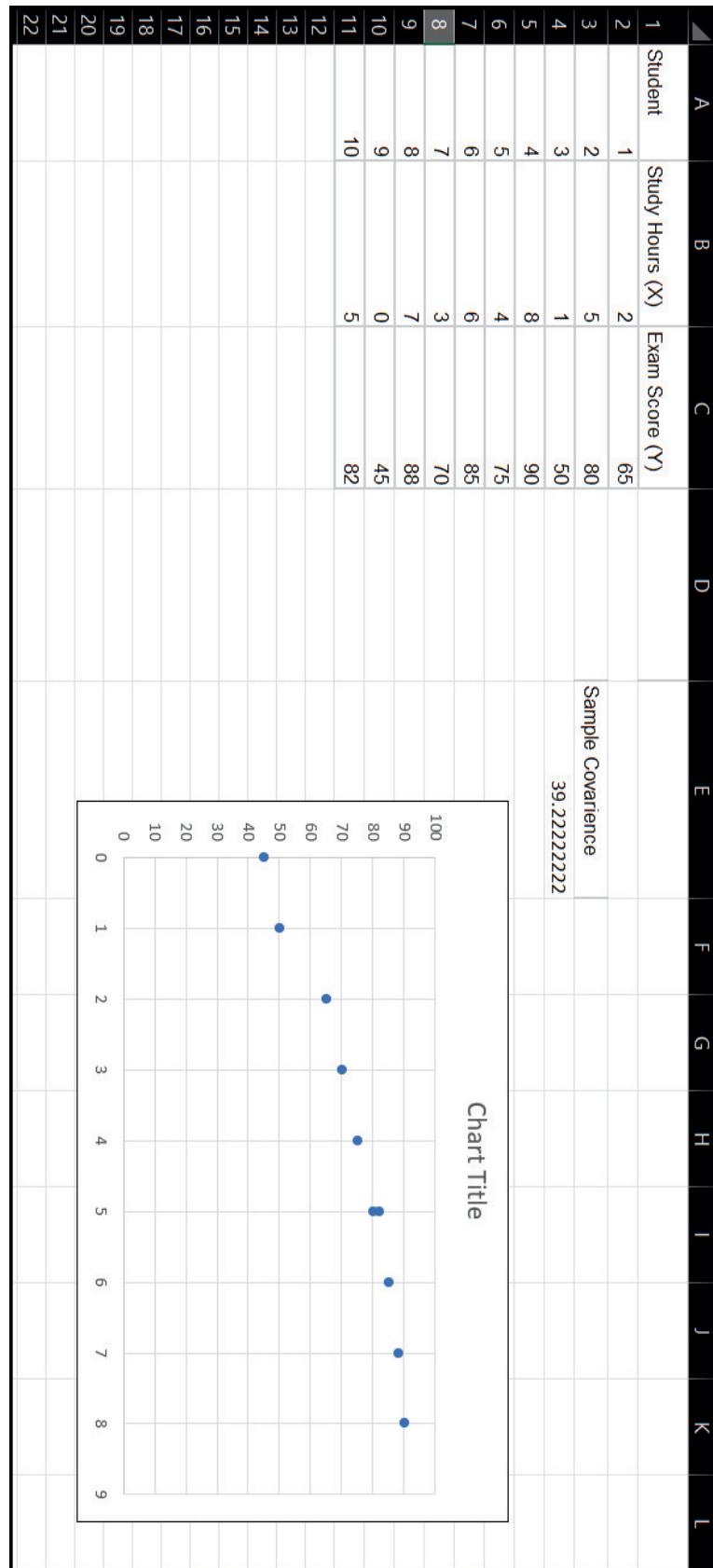
# PRACTICAL - 12

- Application problems based on the Normal distribution.



# PRACTICAL - 13

- Presentation of bivariate data through scatter-plot diagrams and calculations of covariance.



# PRACTICAL - 14

- Calculation of Karl Pearson's correlation coefficients.

X	Y1	Y2	Y3
2	38	63	10
3	56	59	35
8	74	68	15
11	33	79	24
10	40	85	12

Karl pearson's correlation	XY1	-0.14493936
	XY2	0.889803569
	XY3	-0.140953713

# PRACTICAL - 15

- To find the correlation coefficient for a bivariate frequency distribution.

Marks	16_18	18_20	20-22	22_24	total
10_20	5	1	1	0	7
20_30	2	0	4	2	8
30_40	1	3	5	3	12
40_50	2	2	2	1	7
50_60	3	0	3	1	7
60_70	0	1	0	5	6
total	13	7	15	12	

marks	total
15	7
25	8
34	12
33	7
53	7
42	6

age in years	total
18	13
12	7
11	15
14	12

# PRACTICAL - 16

- Generating Random numbers from discrete (Bernoulli, Binomial, Poisson) distributions.

Implementation in Excel:

= BINOM.INV (1,P, RAND())

- Random 1 or 0 generated :

A1		B	C	D	E	F
1	1					
2	1					
3	1					
4	1					
5	0					
6	1					
7	1					
8	1					
9	0					
10	1					
11						

# PRACTICAL - 17

## ● Generating Random numbers from continuous (Uniform, Normal) distributions.

### 1. Generating Random Numbers from a Continuous Uniform Distribution

This distribution means any value within a defined range is equally likely.

- Basic Tool: Excel's RAND() function. By itself, =RAND() gives you a random decimal number between 0 and 1 (exclusive of 1, so the range is [0, 1) ).
- Generating within a Specific Range [a, b]: To get a random number uniformly distributed between a lower bound a and an upper bound b, you can scale the output of RAND(). The formula is:

$$= a + (b - a) * \text{RAND()}$$

<b>Generating Random Numbers from a Continuous Uniform Distribution</b>
77.77653786
86.7902862
63.25755433
93.94880212
73.76844481
79.28125132
80.46067926
51.22600428
81.25465432
95.39432653

## 2. Generating Random Numbers from a Normal Distribution

This distribution follows the classic "bell curve," defined by a mean (average) and a standard deviation (spread). Values near the mean are more probable.

- Tool: We combine RAND() with the NORM.INV function. NORM.INV(probability, mean, standard\_dev) finds the value on the normal curve such that the cumulative probability up to that value is equal to probability.
- Generating Random Normal Numbers: By feeding a random probability (generated by RAND()) into NORM.INV, we get a random value sampled from the desired normal distribution. The formula is:  
**= NORM.INV(RAND(), mean, standard\_dev)**

**Example:** Let's generate random heights assuming they follow a normal distribution with a mean ( $\mu$ ) of 175 cm and a standard deviation ( $\sigma$ ) of 7 cm.

- mean = 175
- standard\_dev = 7
- The formula in Excel would be: = NORM.INV(RAND(), 175, 7)

<b>Generating Random Numbers from a Normal Distribution</b>
171.0679188
167.4402332
165.3302835
172.2057014
169.7931832
180.4641115
185.2195172
179.9859472
161.1703432
192.8604768

# PRACTICAL - 18

- Find the entropy from the given data set.

## What is entropy of random variables?

The entropy of a random variable quantifies the average level of uncertainty or information associated with the variable's potential states or possible outcomes. This measures the expected amount of information needed to describe the state of the variable, considering the distribution of probabilities across all potential states. Given a discrete random variable  $X$ , which may be any member  $x$  within the set  $X$  and is distributed according to  $p:X \rightarrow [0,1]$ , the entropy is

$$H(X) := - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \log p(x)$$

