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Advanced Computer Programming and Statistics

Week #2: Introduction to Statistics and the Law of
Large Numbers

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Week 02.

Introduction to Statistics and the Law of Large Numbers

Introduction to Statistics in Engineering

Basic Statistical Concept

- Mean, Median, Mode, Variance and Standard Deviation

Statistical Distributions

Normal, Binomial and Poisson Distribution

Law of Large Numbers

Applications in Engineering

C# Programming for Statistical Simulations

Real-World Engineering Data Sets

Data Visualization Techniques

Q&A

Closing Take away

Part 1:

Introduction to Statistics in Engineering

Learning Objectives

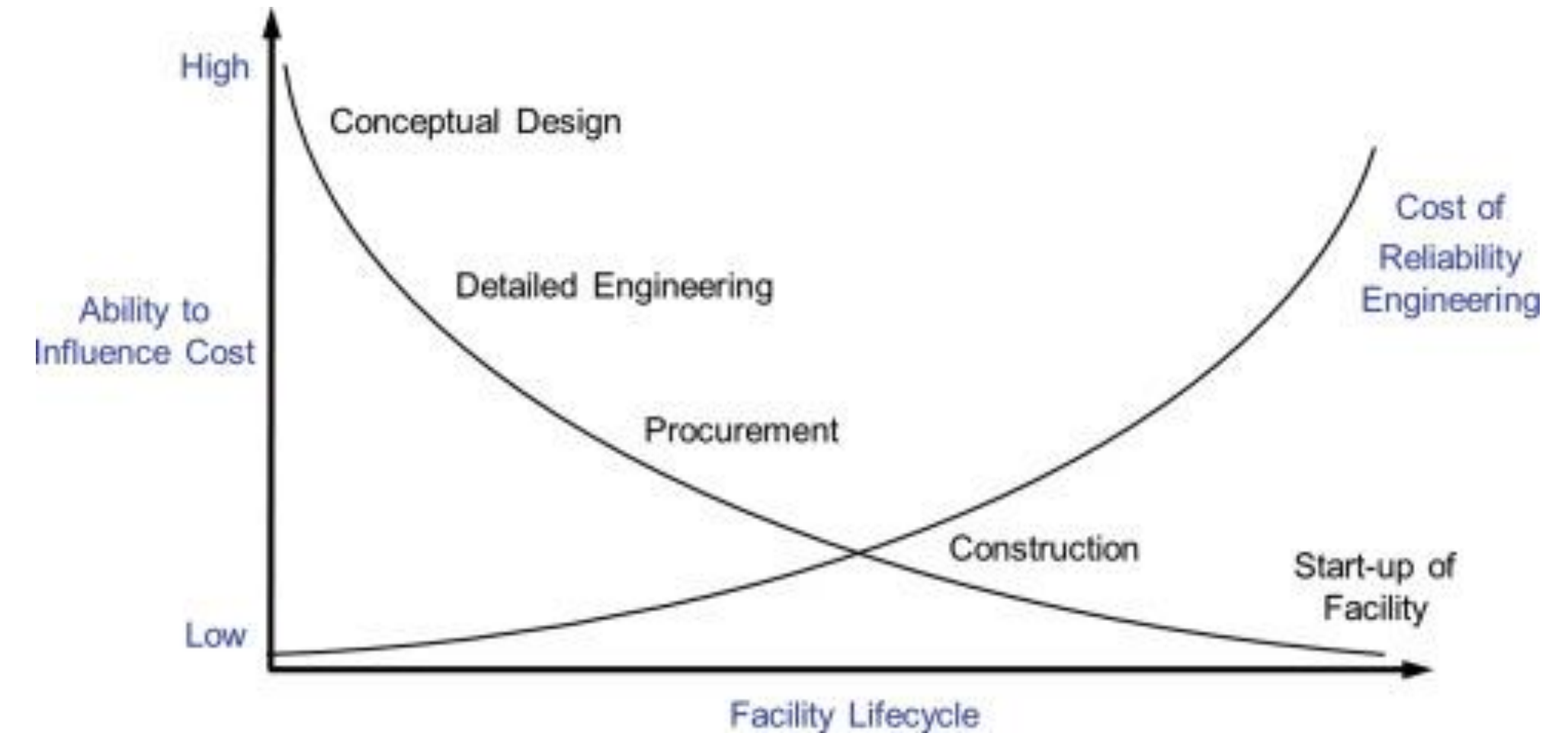
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- ❖ **Understand** basic statistical concepts relevant to engineering
- ❖ **Identify** different types of statistical distributions
- ❖ **Apply** the Law of Large Numbers in experiments and simulations
- ❖ **Utilize** C# for statistical simulations and data visualization.

Importance of Statistics in Engineering

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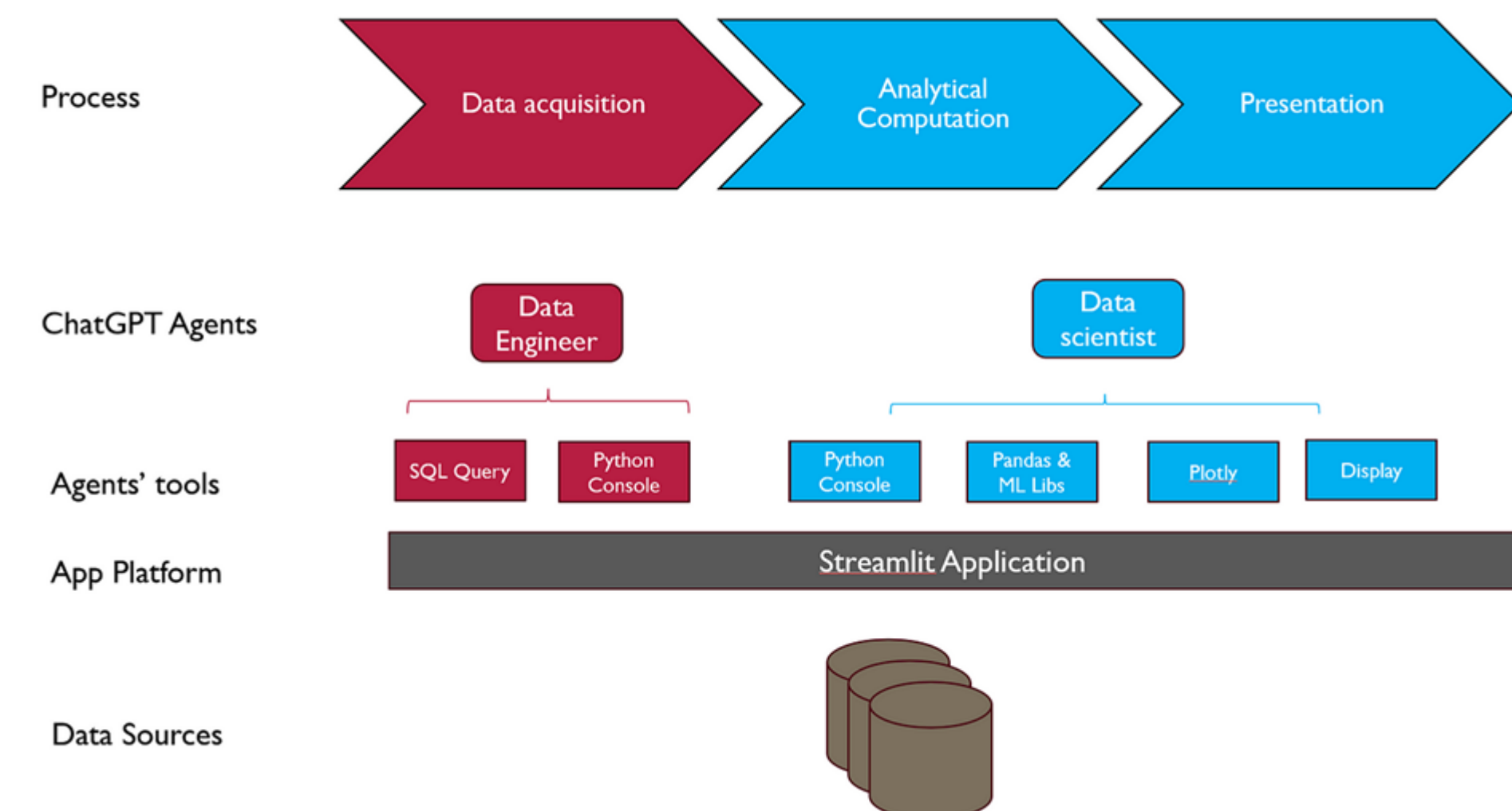
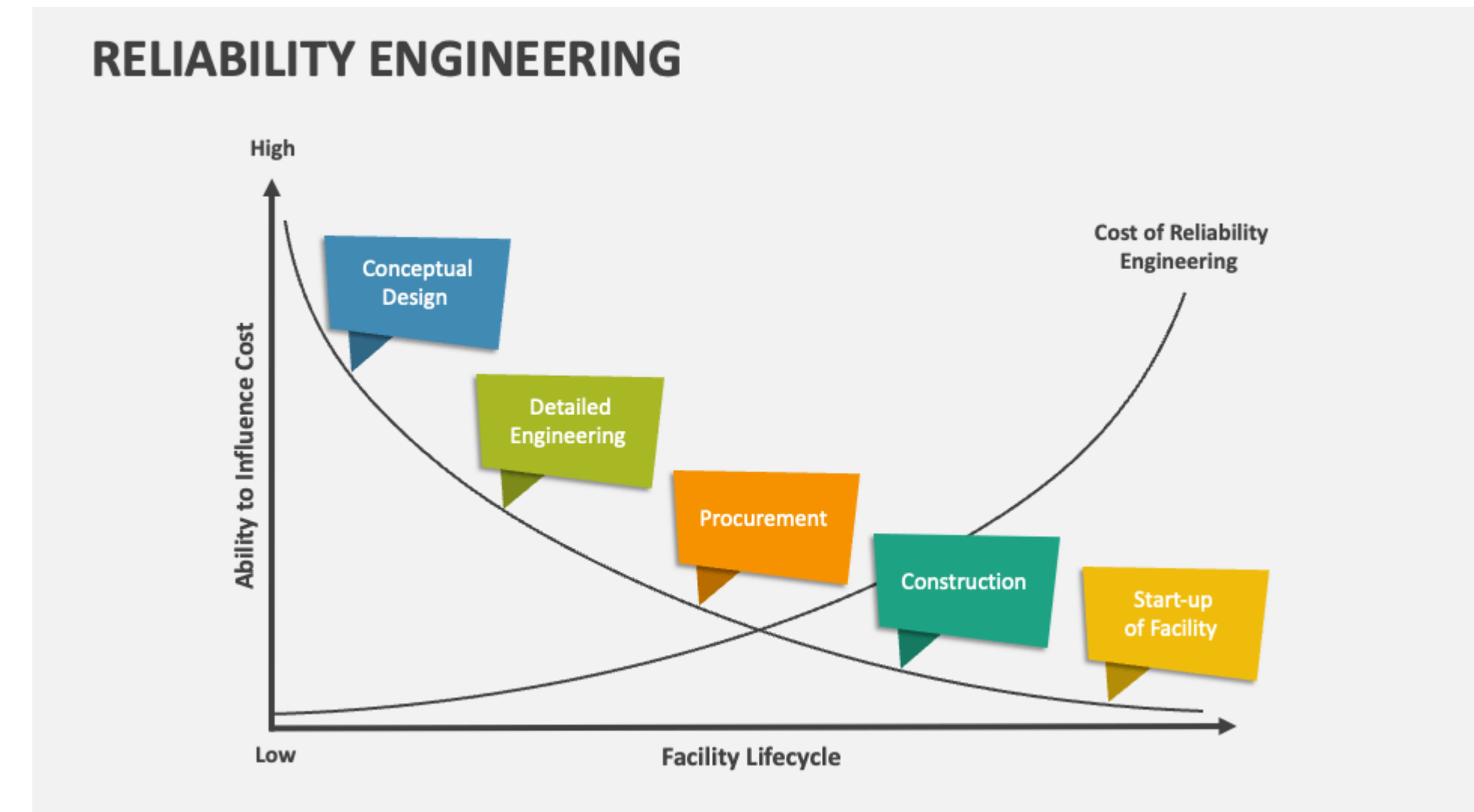
- ❖ **Data Analysis:** Critical for interpreting experimental results.
- ❖ **Quality Control:** Ensures products meet specified standards.
- ❖ **Reliability Engineering:** Predicts product lifespan and failure rates.
- ❖ **Decision Making:** Informed choices based on data-driven insights



Applications of Statistics in Engineering

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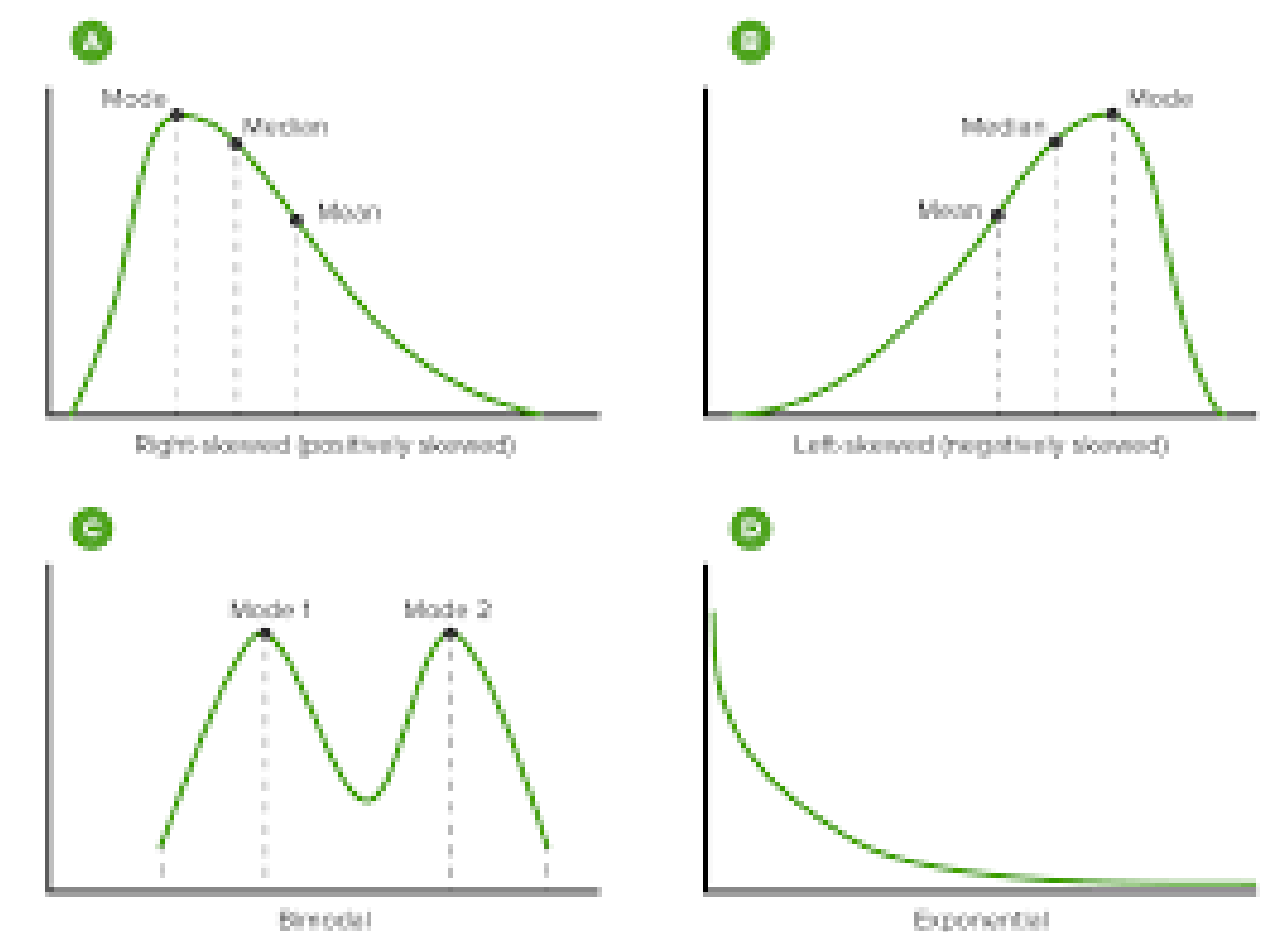
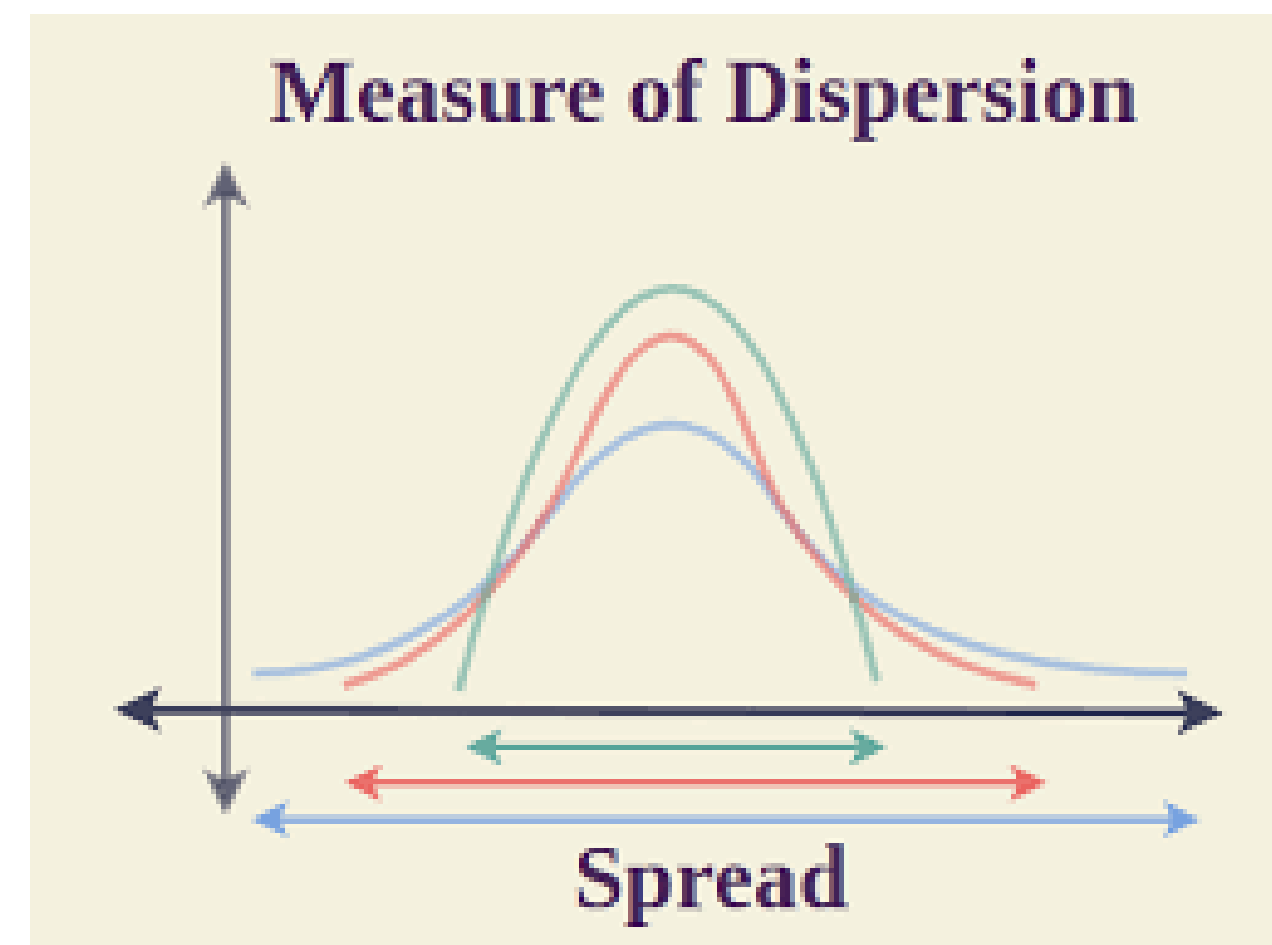
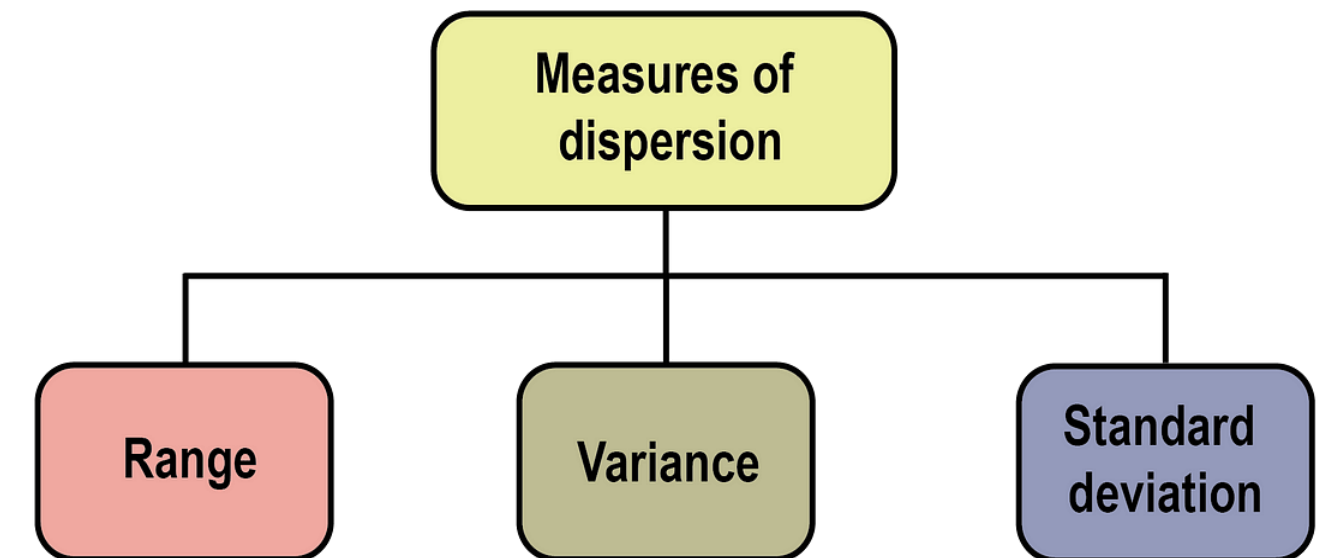
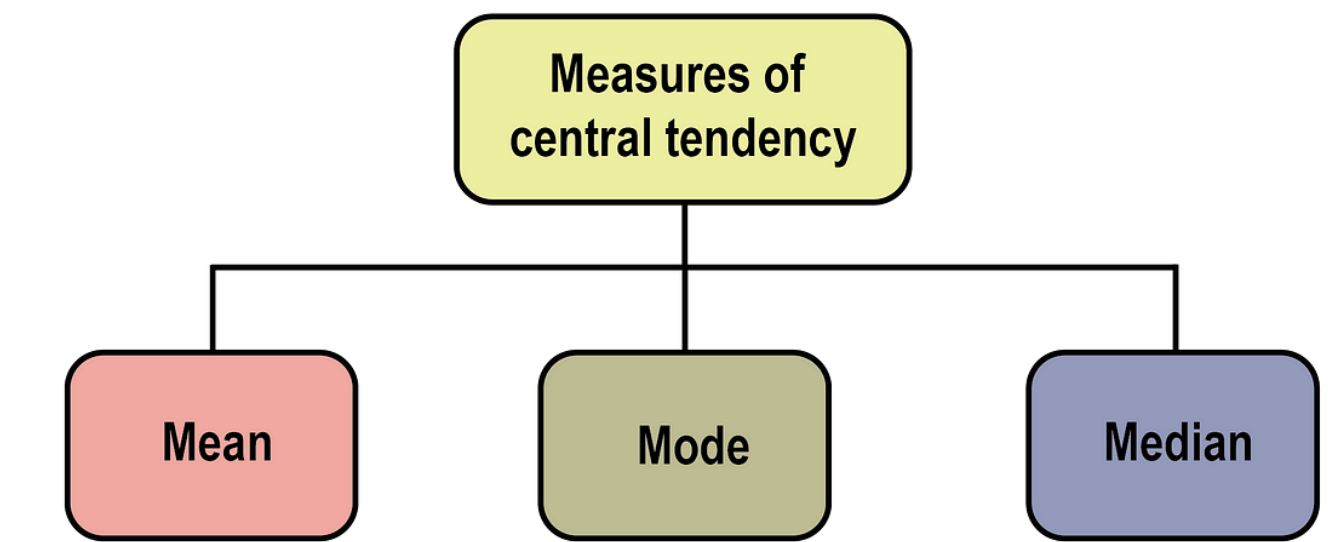
- ❖ **Design Optimization:** Enhancing performance and efficiency.
- ❖ **Risk Assessment:** Identifying and mitigating potential failures.
- ❖ **Process Improvement:** Streamlining manufacturing and operational processes.
- ❖ **Simulation Modeling:** Predicting system behaviors under various conditions



Basic Statistical Concepts?

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- ❖ **Central Tendency:** Mean, Median, Mode
- ❖ **Dispersion:** Variance, Standard Deviation
- ❖ **Probability:** Fundamental for understanding distributions
- ❖ **Correlation and Regression:** Relationships between variables

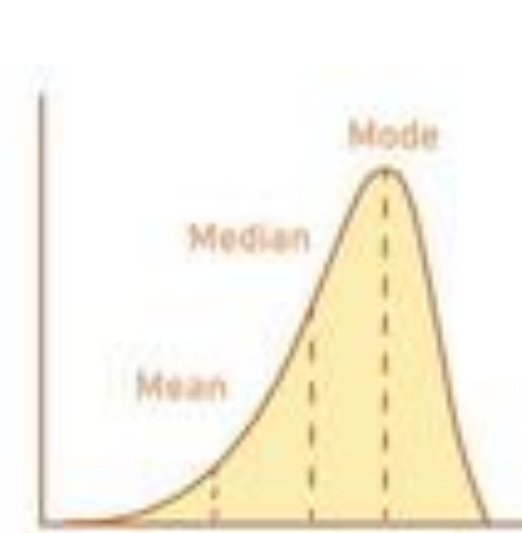


Mean, Median, and Mode

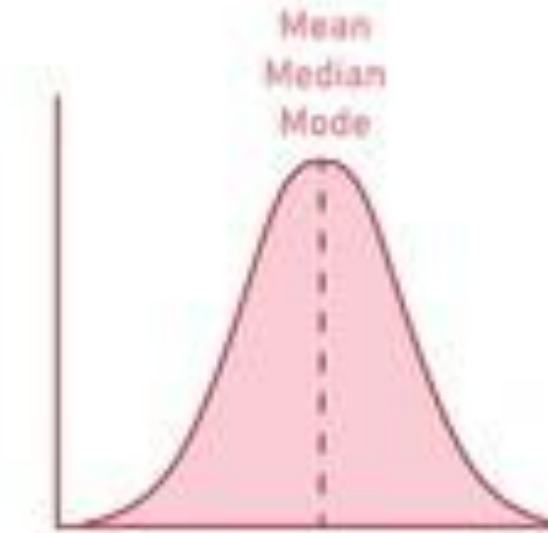
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- ❖ **Mean:** Average value of a dataset.
- ❖ **Median:** Middle value when data is ordered.
- ❖ **Mode:** Most frequently occurring value.
- ❖ **Illustration:** Example dataset showing mean, median, and mode

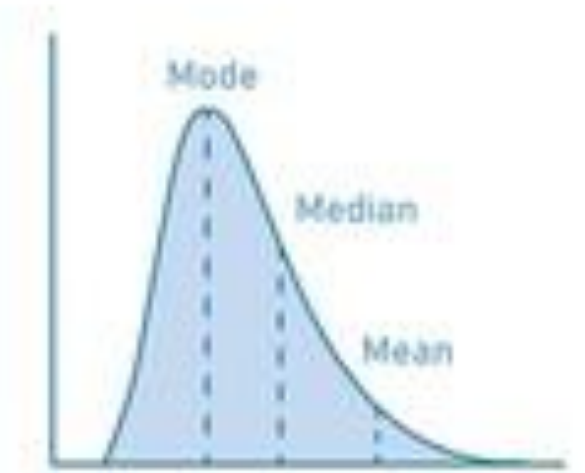
Mean, Median and Mode



Left skew



Normal distribution



Right skew

Variance and Standard Deviation

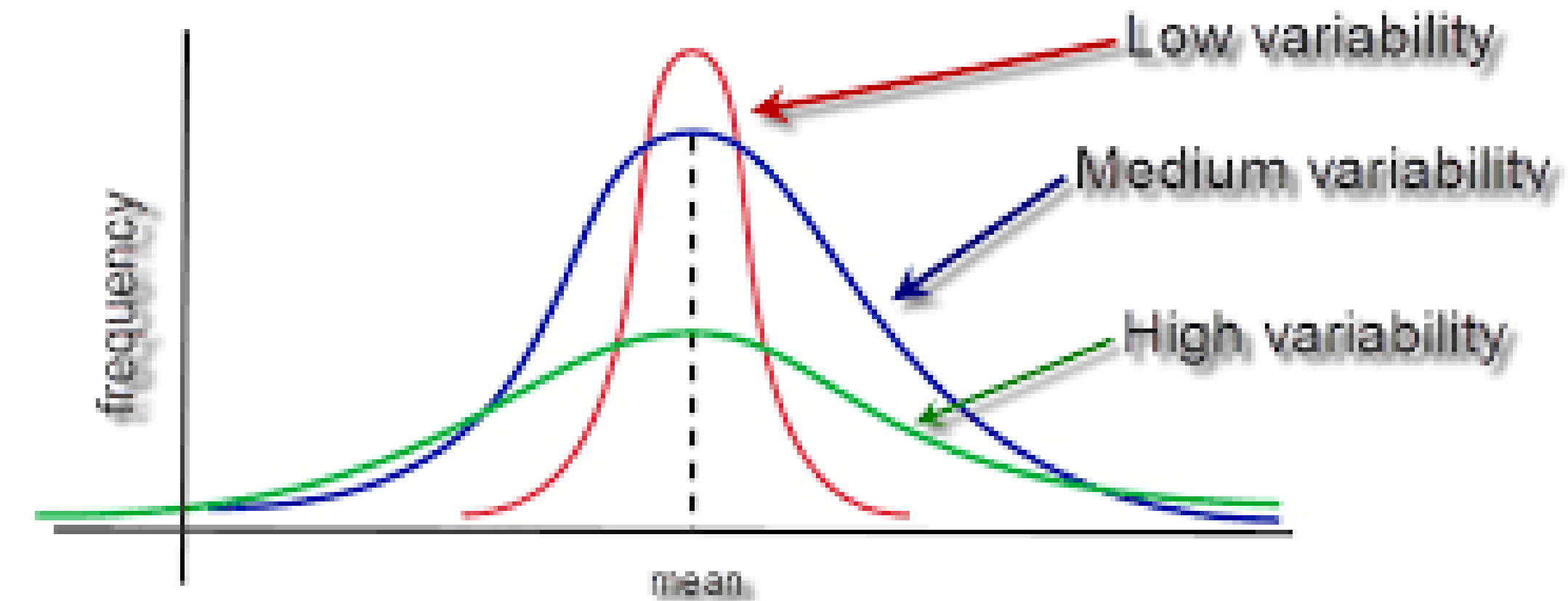
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- ❖ **Variance (σ^2 -sigma^2):** Measure of data dispersion.
- ❖ **Standard Deviation (σ -sigma):** Square root of variance.

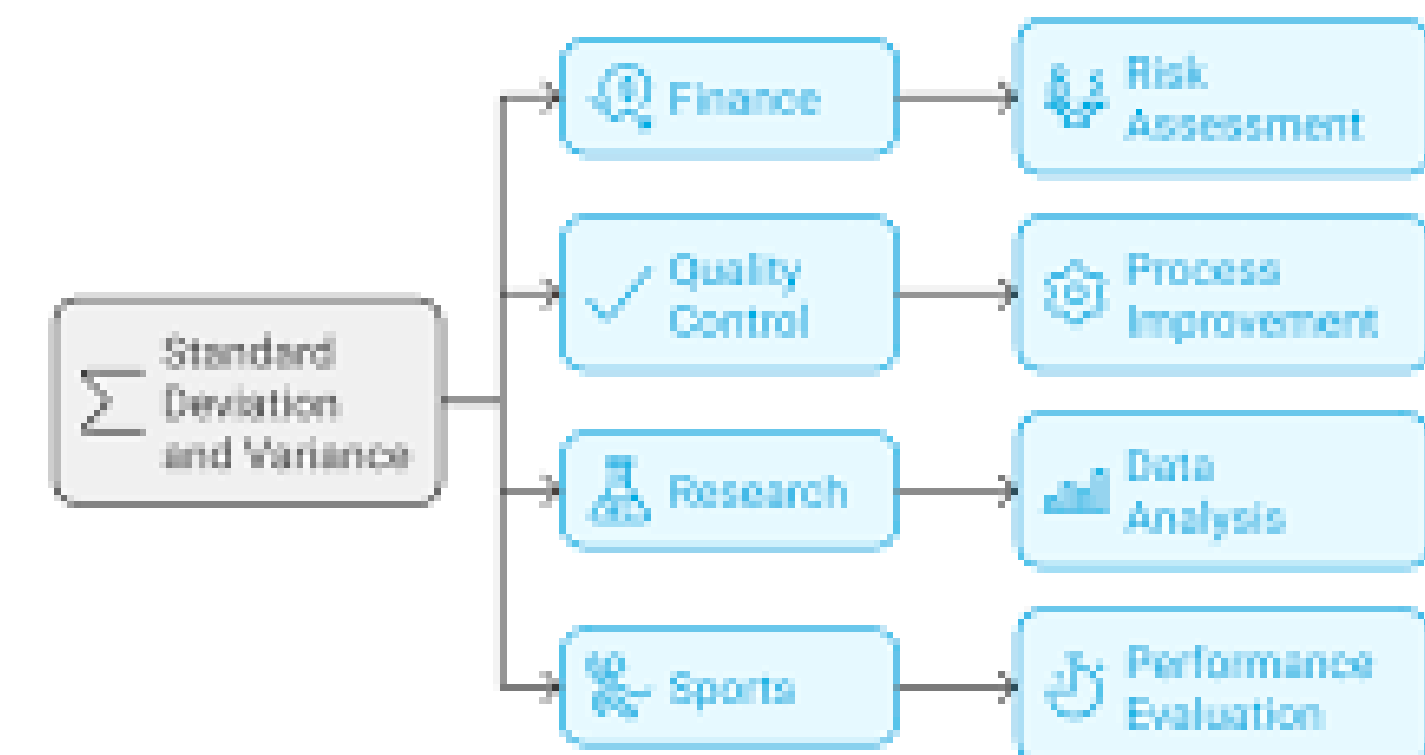
- ❖ **Formula:**

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

- ❖ **Interpretation:** Higher values indicate more spread-out data.



Applications of Standard Deviation and Variance



Part 2:

Statistical Distributions

Normal Distribution

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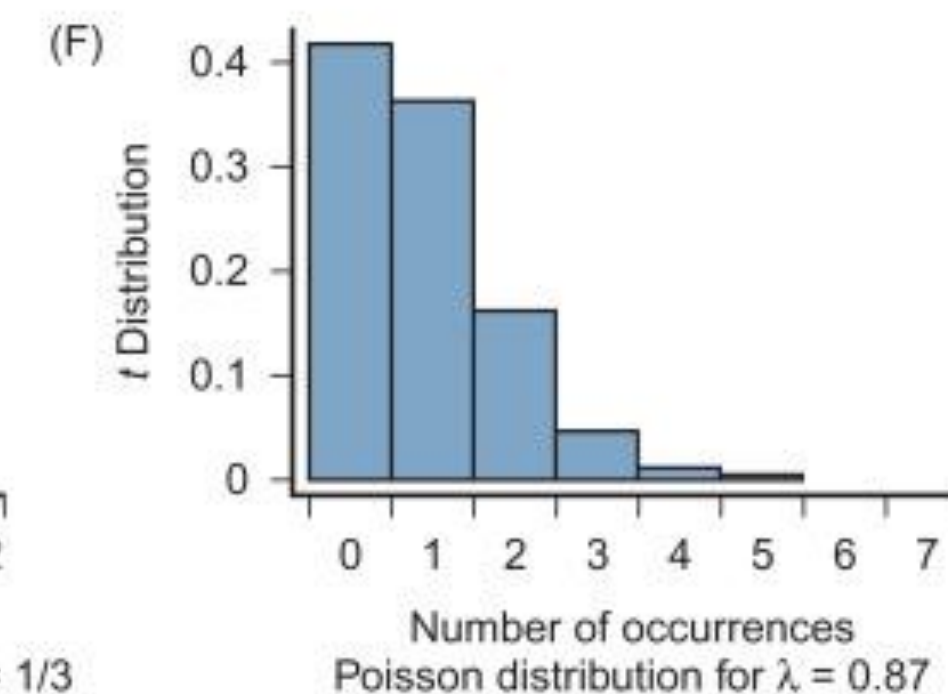
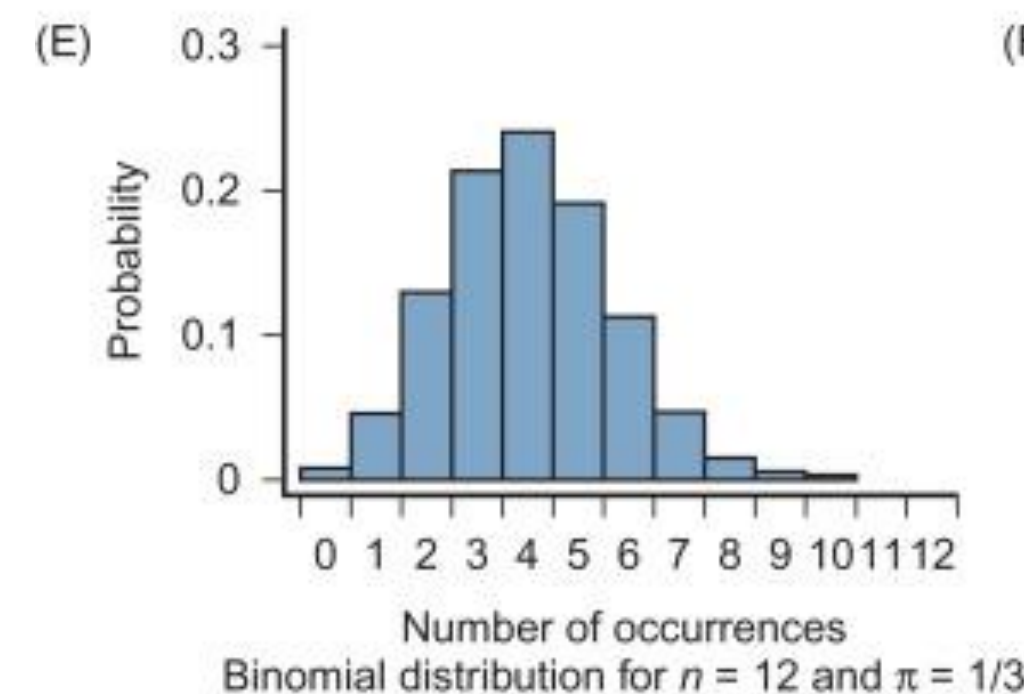
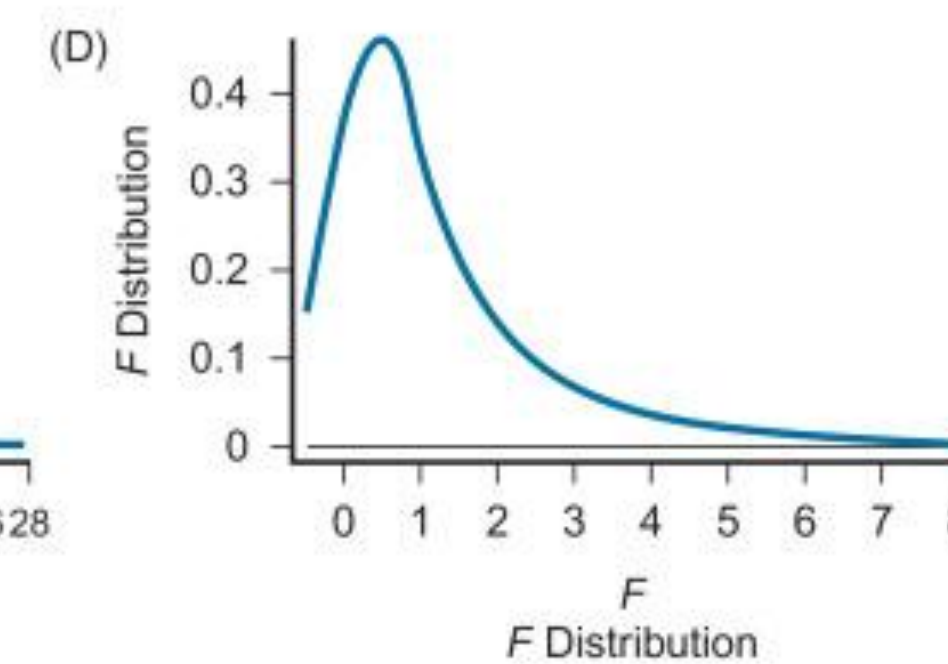
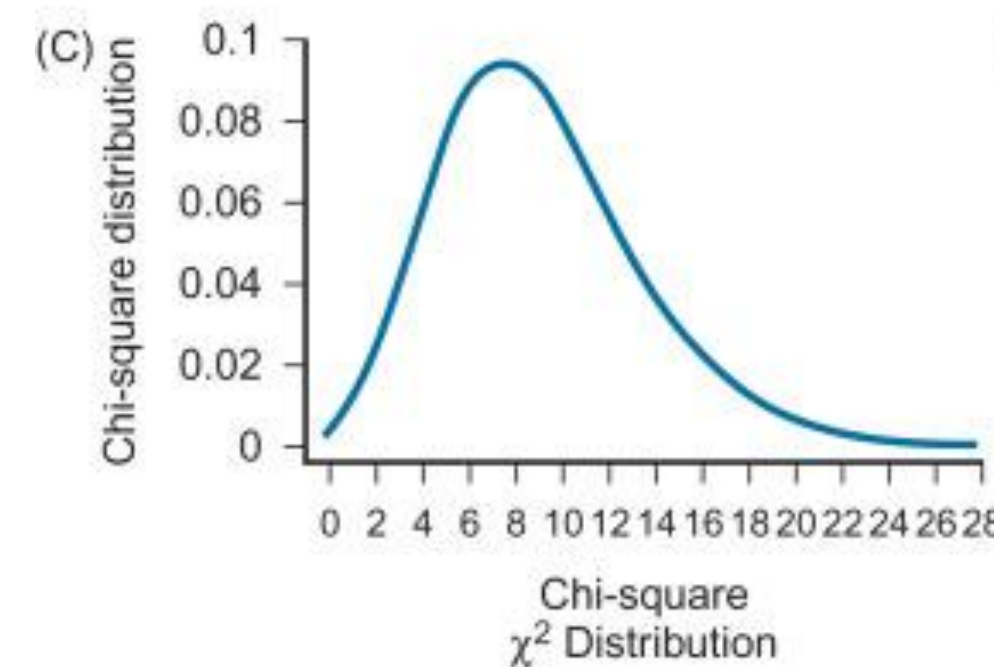
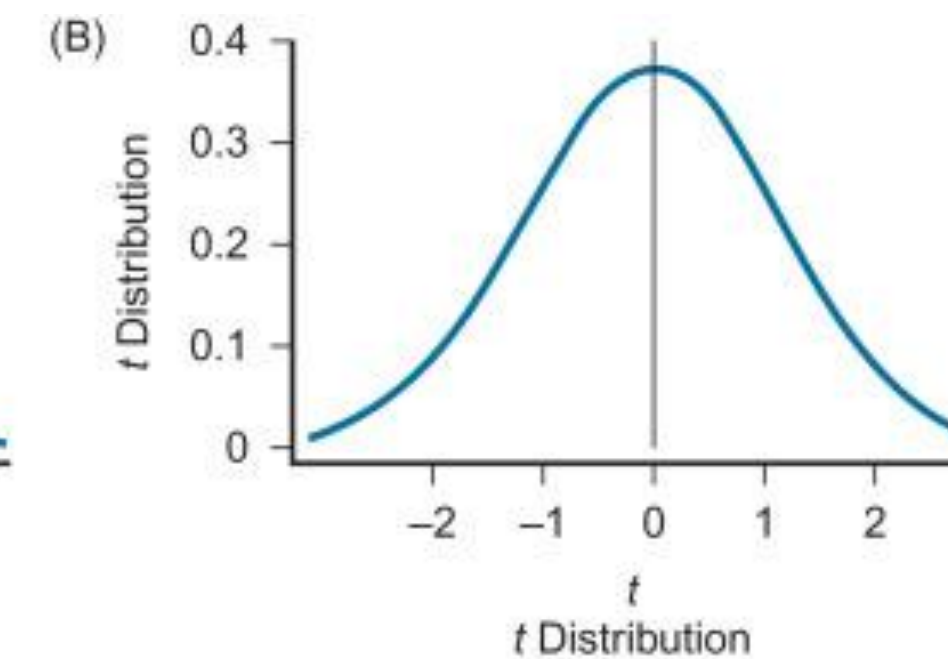
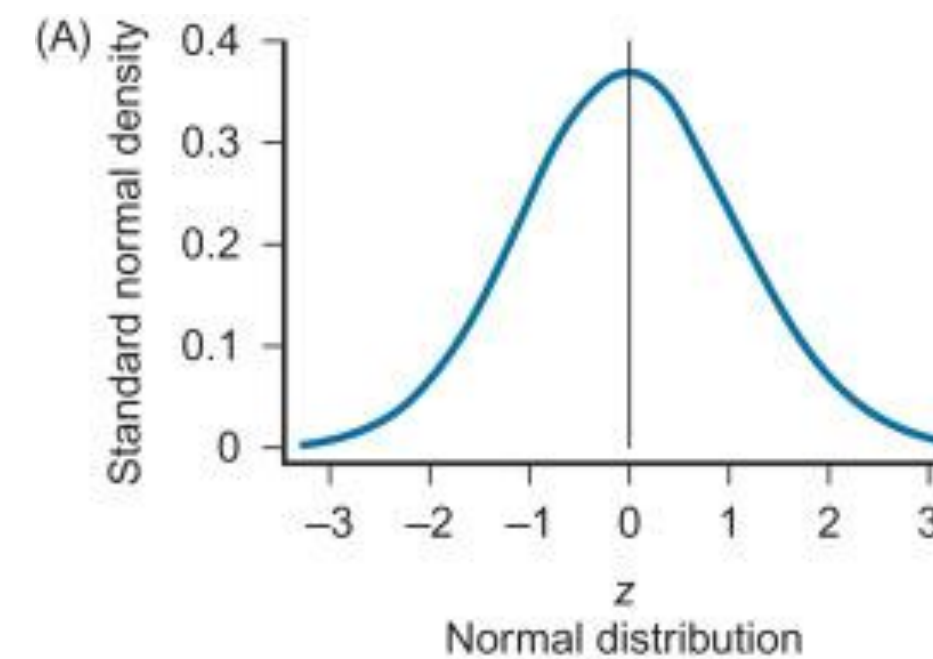
❖ Characteristics:

- Bell-shaped curve
- Symmetrical around the mean
- Defined by mean (μ) and standard deviation (σ)

❖ Probability Density Function (PDF):

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

- ## ❖ Applications:
- Measurement errors, natural phenomena.



Binomial Distribution

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Examples of six distributions used in statistical inference

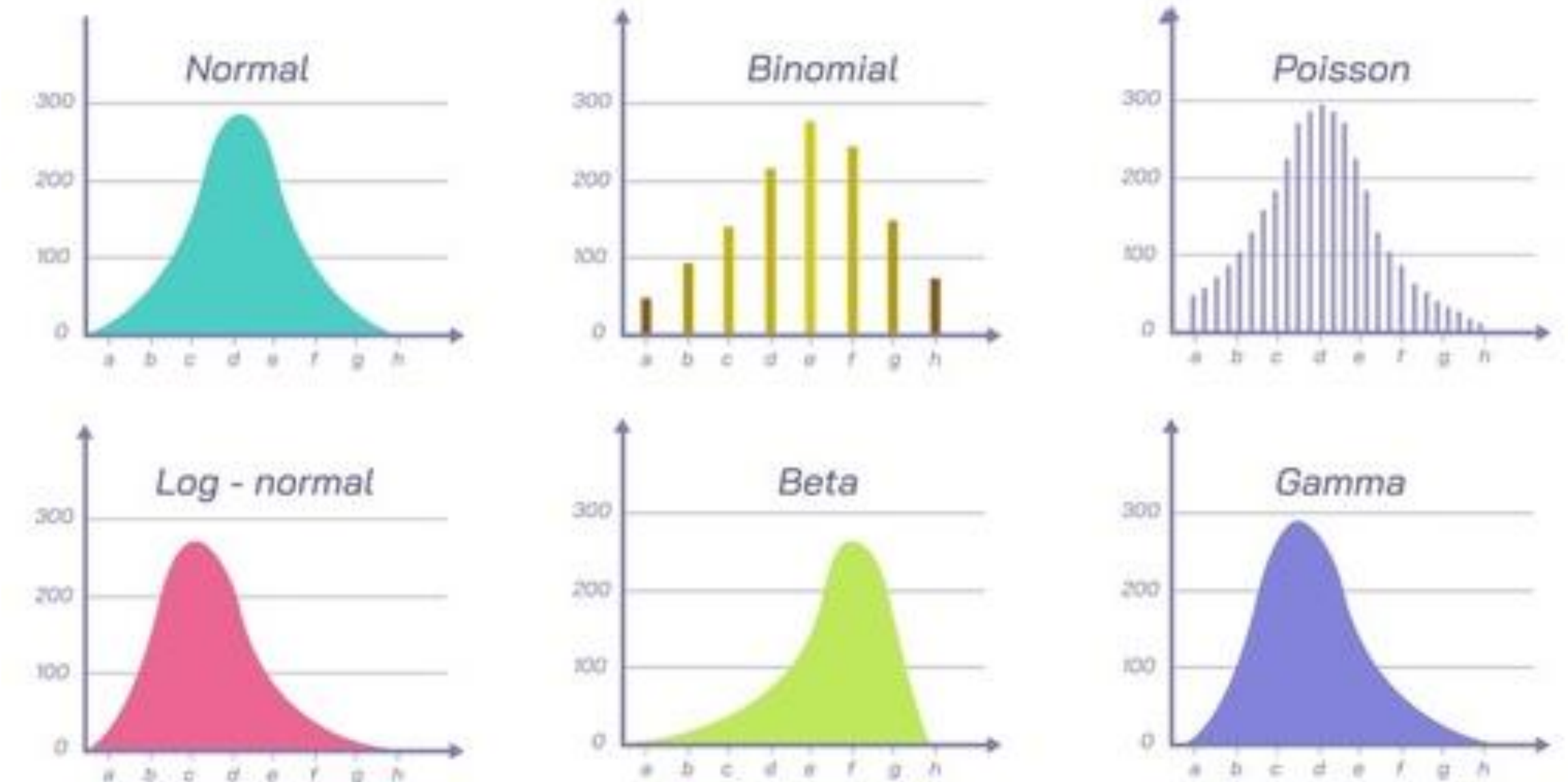
❖ **Characteristics:**

- Discrete distribution
- Number of successes in fixed trials
- Parameters: n (trials), p (success probability)

❖ **Probability Mass Function (PMF):**

$$P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

❖ **Applications:** Quality control, reliability testing



Poisson Distribution

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❖ Characteristics:

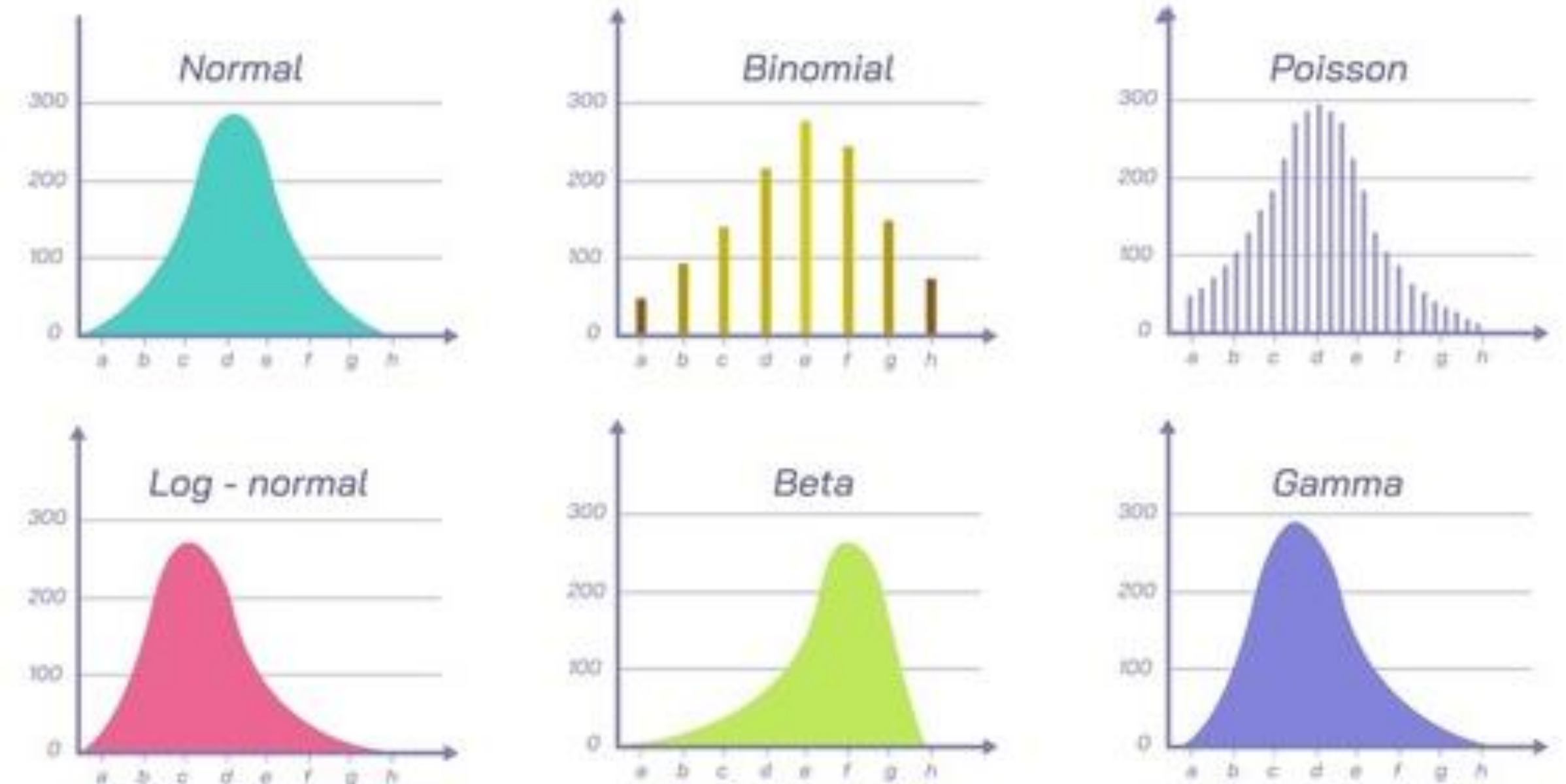
- Discrete distribution
- Number of events in a fixed interval
- Parameter: λ (rate)

❖ Probability Mass Function (PMF):

$$P(X = k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$$

- ## ❖ Applications:
- Modeling rare events, traffic flow analysis.

Examples of six distributions used in statistical inference



Part 3:

Law of Large Numbers

Law of Large Numbers (LLN)

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❖ **Definition:** As sample size increases, sample mean approaches population mean.

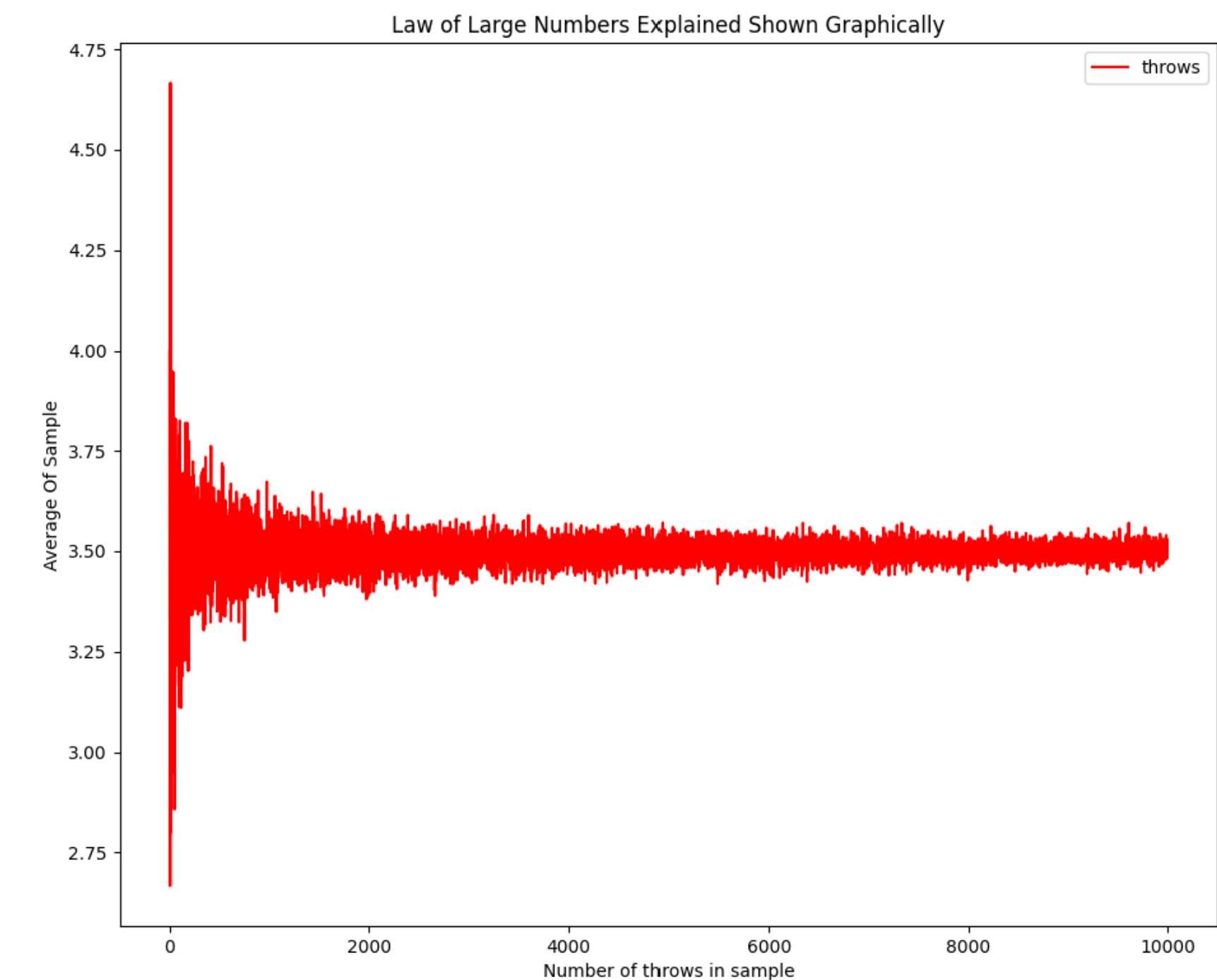
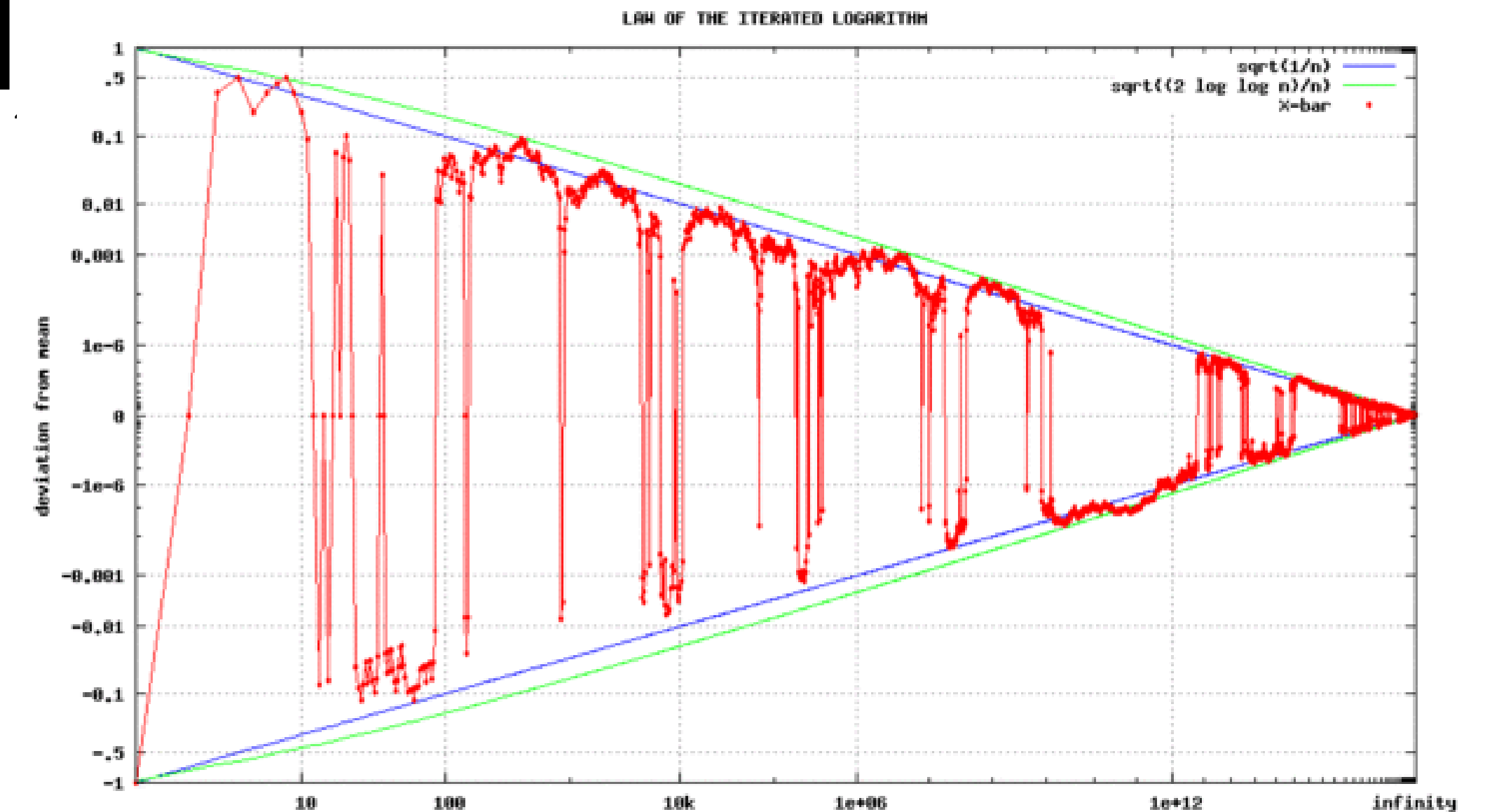
❖ **Formal Statement:**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{X}_n = \mu$$

❖ **Types:**

- Weak Law: Convergence in probability.
- Strong Law: Almost sure convergence.

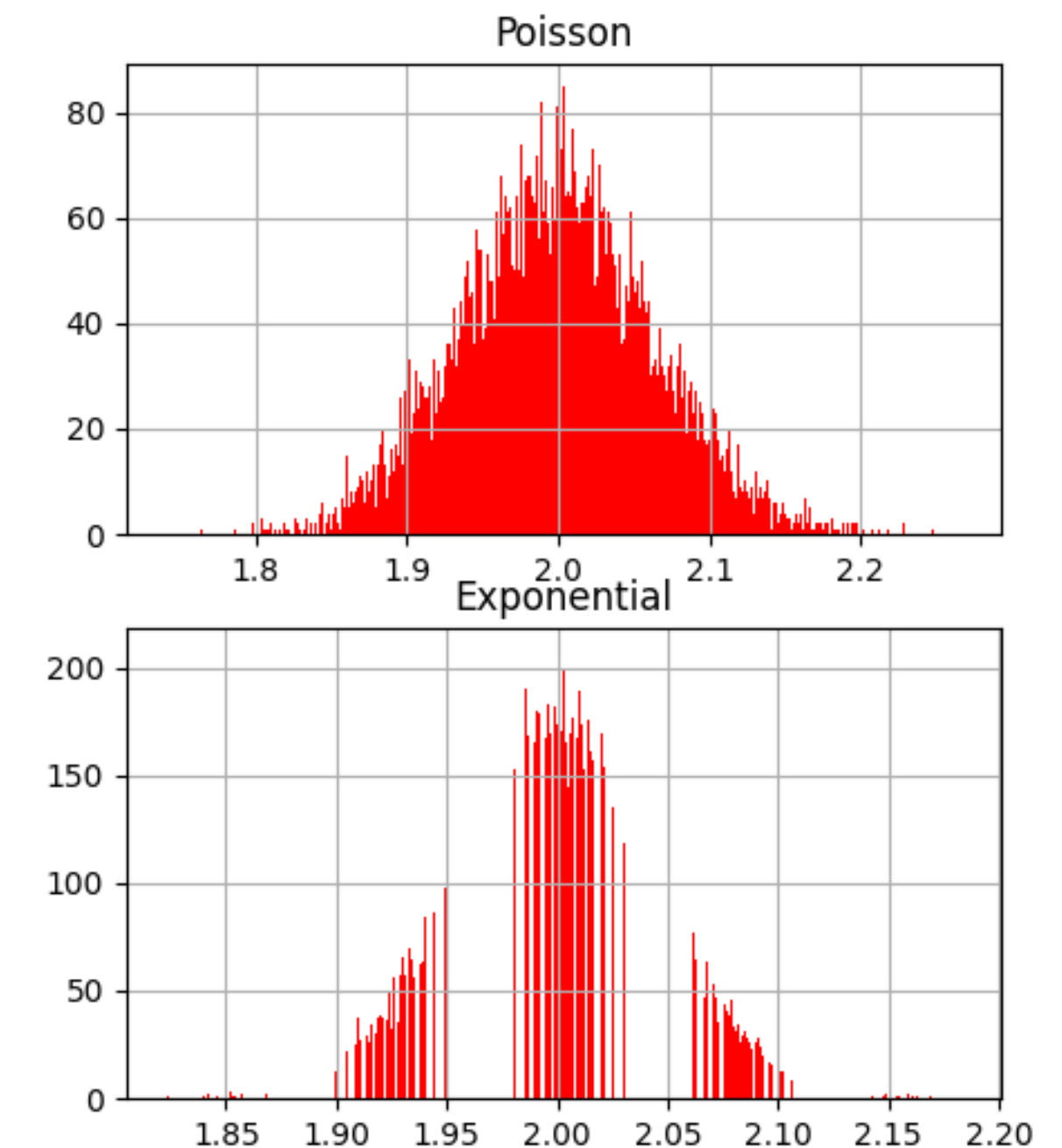
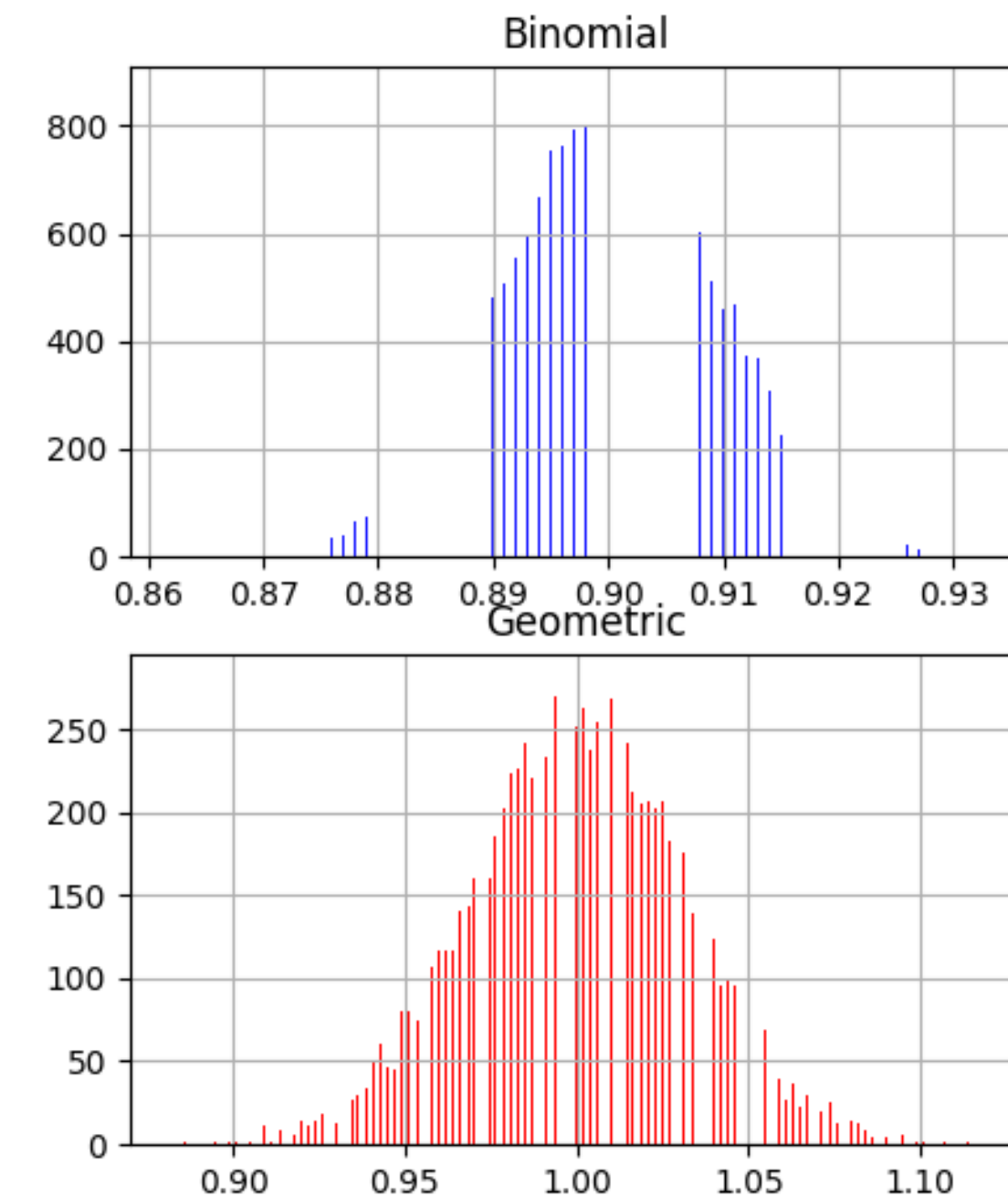
❖ **Importance:** Justifies use of sample averages in experiments.



Applications of LLN in Engineering

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- ❖ **Experimental Design:** Ensuring accurate estimations.
- ❖ **Simulation Reliability:** Predicting system behaviors.
- ❖ **Quality Assurance:** Consistent product quality over large batches.
- ❖ **Predictive Modeling:** Enhancing forecast accuracy.



Part 4:

C# Programming for Statistical Simulations

Introduction to C# for Statistical Simulations

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❖ Why C#?

- Object-oriented programming for modularity.
- Robust libraries for data handling and visualization.
- Integration with engineering tools.

❖ Key Libraries:

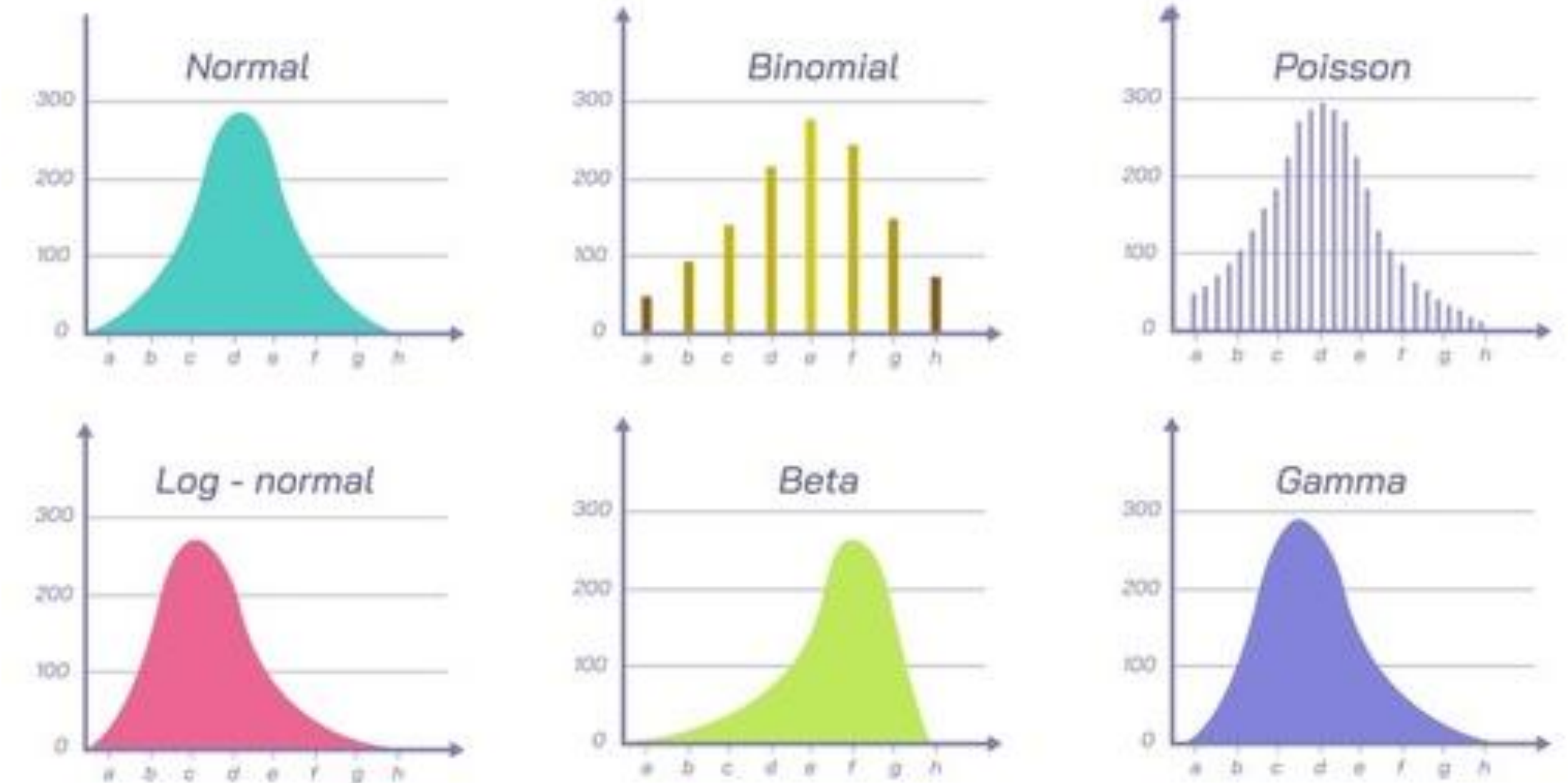
- OxyPlot for visualization
- LINQ for data manipulation

Simulating Statistical Distributions in C#

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- ❖ **Normal Distribution:** Box-Muller Transform
- ❖ **Binomial Distribution:** Bernoulli Trials
- ❖ **Poisson Distribution:** Event Counting
- ❖ **LLN Demonstration:** Sample mean convergence

Examples of six distributions used in statistical inference



Example Slide 1 – Normal Distribution Simulation

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❖ **Normal Distribution:** Box-Muller Transform

Example Slide 2 – Binomial Distribution Simulation

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❖ **Binomial Distribution:**

Example Slide 3 – Poisson Distribution Simulation

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❖ **Poisson Distribution:**

Example Slide 4 – Law of Large Numbers Demonstration

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❖ **Law of Large Numbers :**

Example Slide 5 – Data Visualization with OxyPlot

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❖ **Data Visualization :**

Real-World Engineering Data Sets

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❖ Sources:

- UCI Machine Learning Repository
- Kaggle Datasets
- NASA Open Data
- Industry Collaborations
- Laboratory Experiments

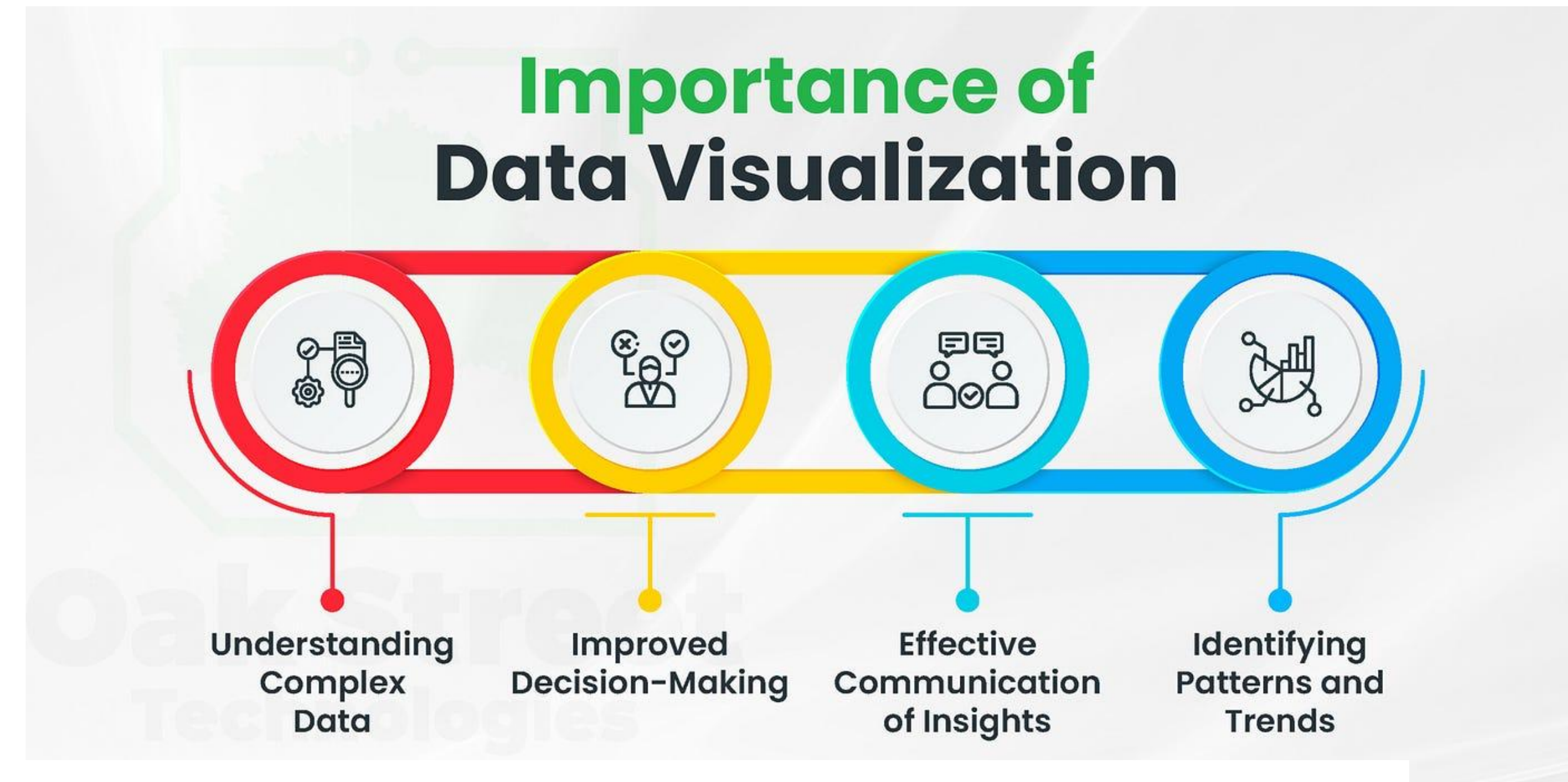
Examples:

- Structural load measurements
- Signal processing data
- Manufacturing process data

Importance of Data Visualization

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- ❖ **Understanding Data Distribution:** Identifying patterns and anomalies.
- ❖ **Communication:** Conveying findings effectively to stakeholders.
- ❖ **Decision Making:** Facilitating informed choices based on visual insights.
- ❖ **Tools:** OxyPlot, LiveCharts, MATLAB, Excel

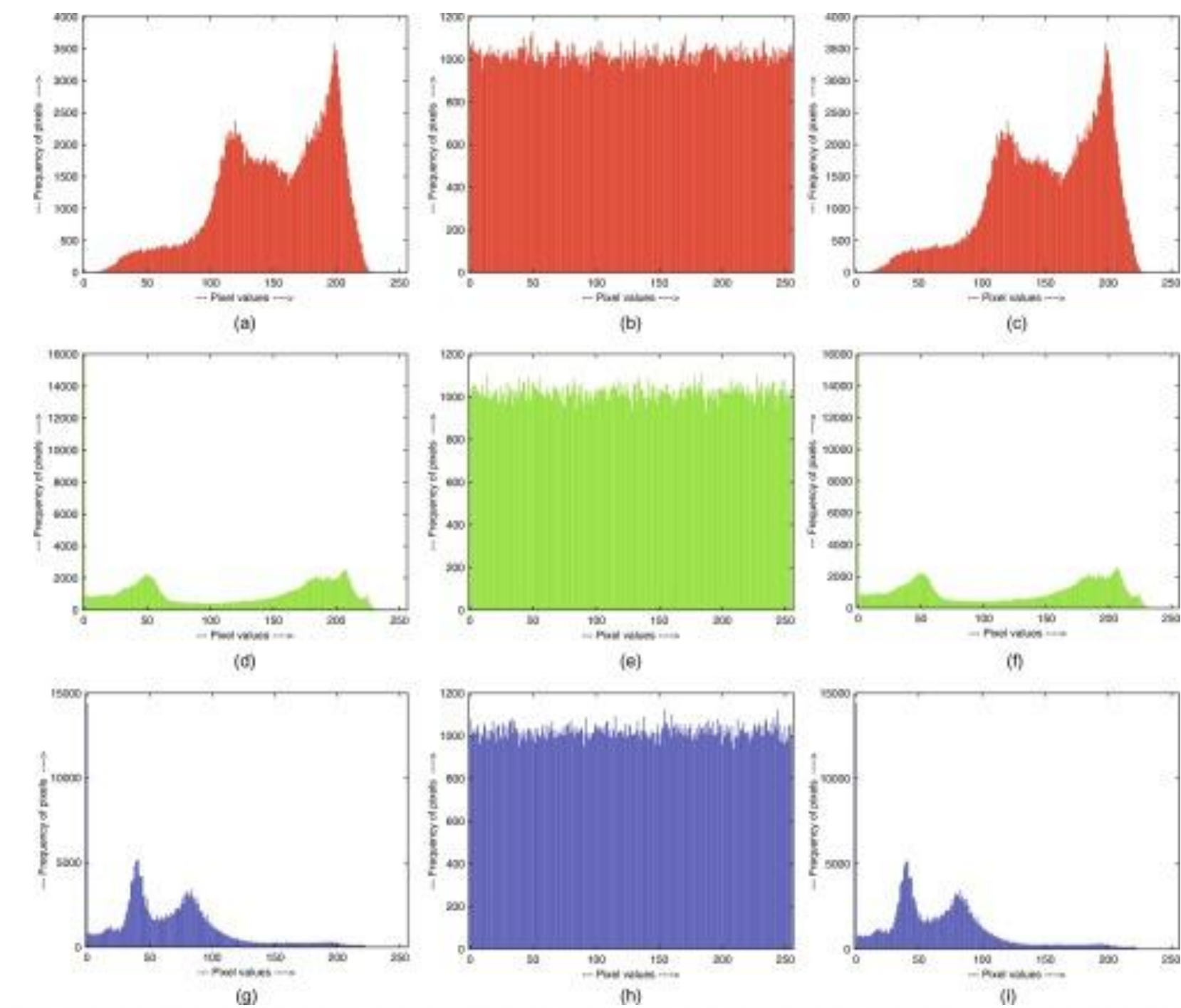


Data Visualization: From Numbers to Narratives in Minutes

Histograms in Data Analysis

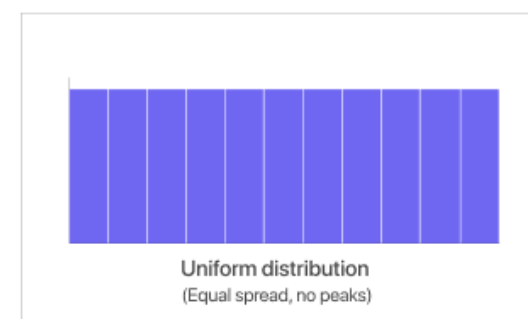
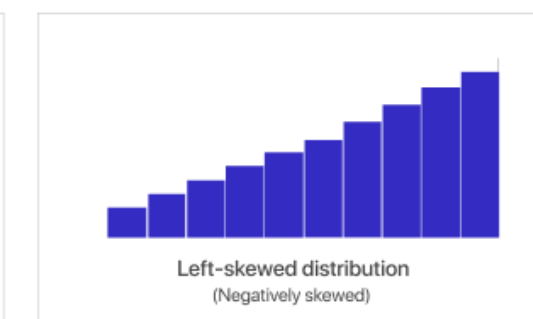
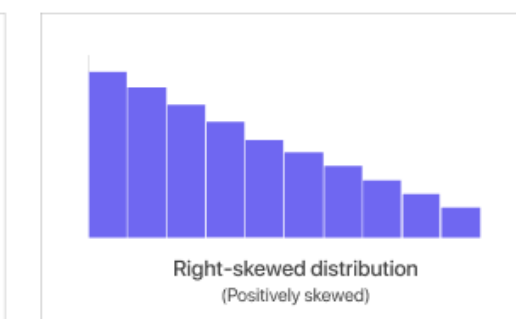
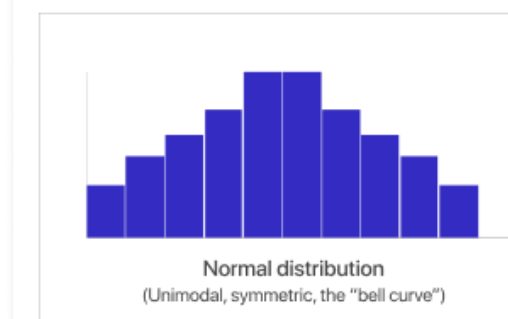
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- ❖ **Purpose:** Visual representation of data distribution.
- ❖ **Construction:**
 - Divide data into bins.
 - Count observations in each bin.
- ❖ **Interpretation:** Shape, spread, central tendency.
- ❖ **C# Implementation:** Using OxyPlot or LiveCharts.

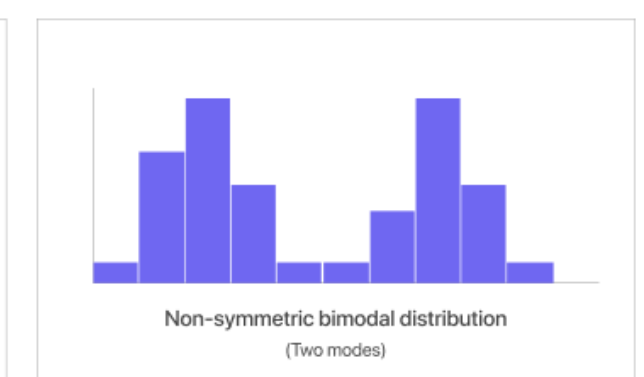
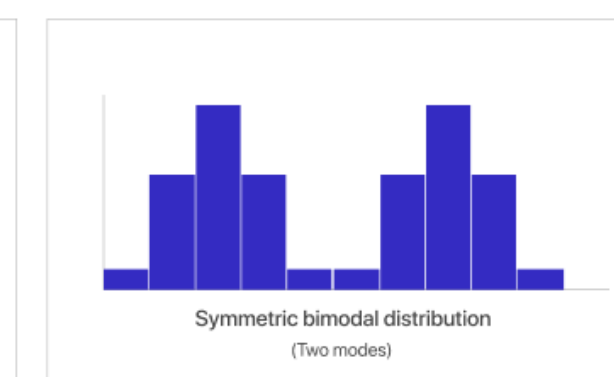
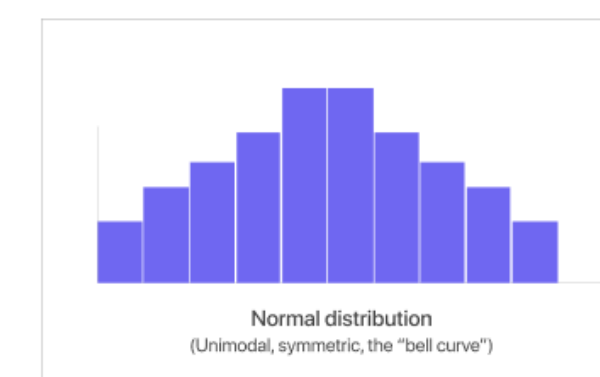


Types of Histograms

Symmetric (normal) vs Skewed and Uniform Distributions



Unimodal vs Bimodal Distributions



Probability Density Functions (PDFs)

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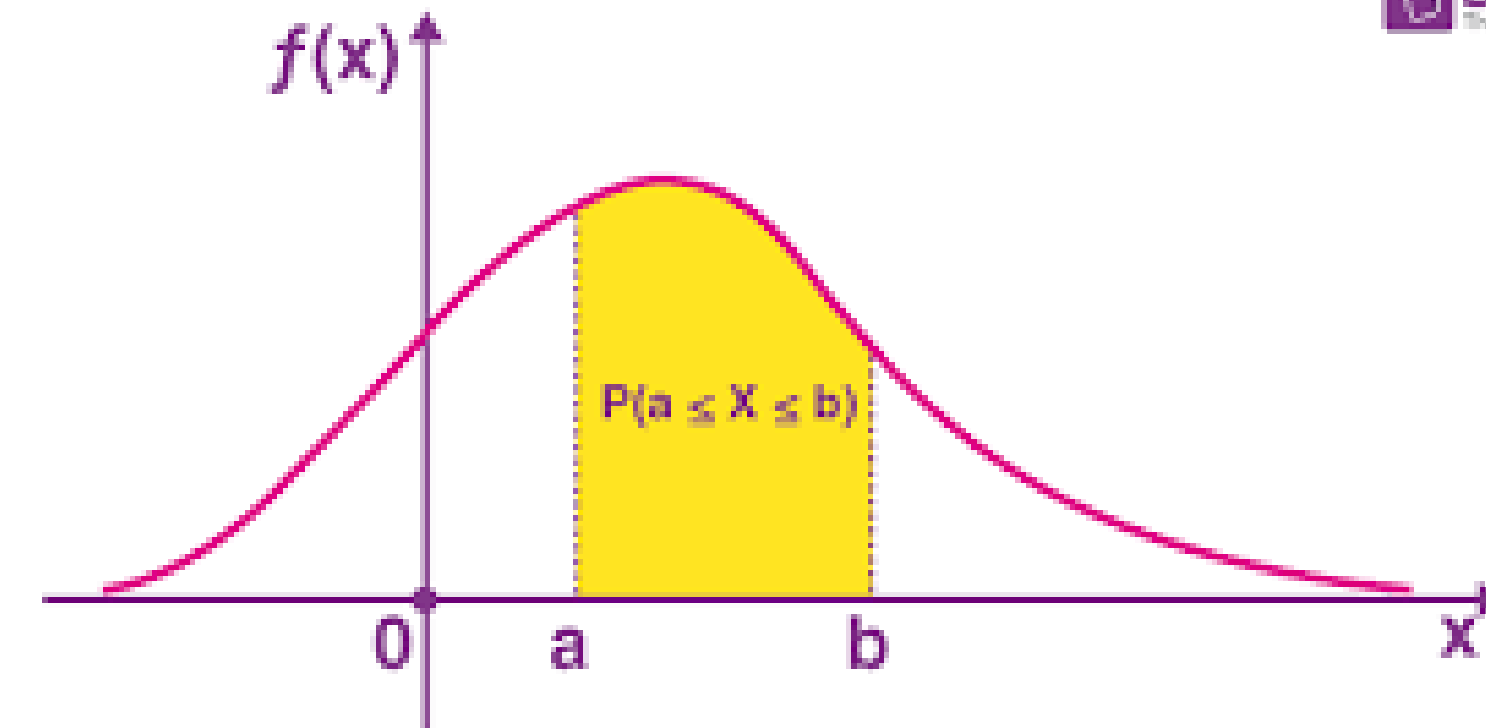
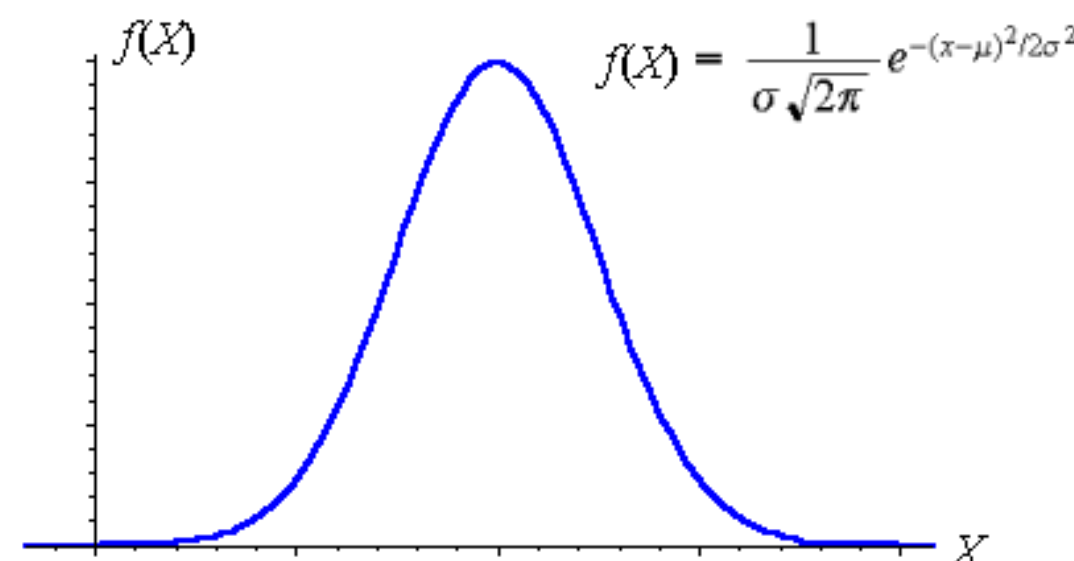
❖ **Purpose:** Represents the likelihood of a continuous random variable.

❖ **Characteristics:**

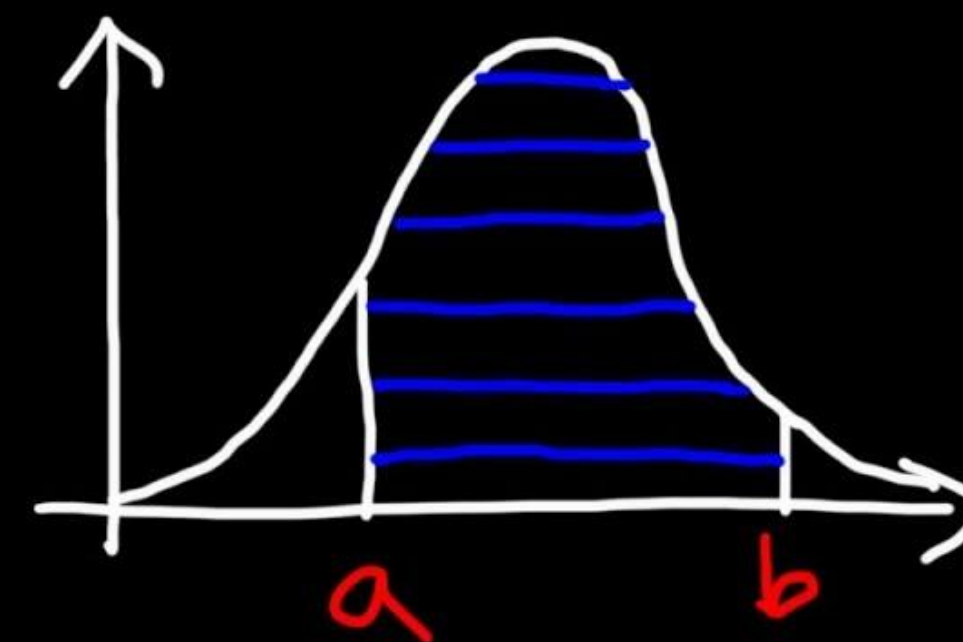
- Area under the curve equals 1.
- Shows distribution shape.

❖ **Implementation in C#:**

- Calculate PDF values.
- Plot using visualization libraries.



Probability Density Functions



$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ \frac{1}{\mu} e^{-t/\mu} & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$P(a \leq x \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

$$f(x) \geq 0$$

Interactive Learning Activities

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- ❖ **Data Simulation Exercise:** Write C# programs to simulate statistical distributions.
- ❖ **LLN Demonstration:** Implement and observe sample mean convergence.
- ❖ **Data Visualization Project:** Create histograms and PDFs using engineering data sets.
- ❖ **Group Discussion:** Real-world applications of statistical analysis in engineering.

Summary of Key Concepts

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- ❖ **Statistical Measures:** Mean, median, mode, variance, standard deviation.
- ❖ **Distributions:** Normal, binomial, Poisson.
- ❖ **Law of Large Numbers:** Importance in sample mean convergence.
- ❖ **C# Programming:** Tools for simulation and visualization.
- ❖ **Data Visualization:** Enhancing understanding through visual aids.

Importance of C# in Statistical Analysis

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- ❖ **Versatility:** Suitable for a wide range of engineering applications.
- ❖ **Libraries:** Access to powerful tools for data handling and visualization.
- ❖ **Integration:** Seamless integration with other engineering software.
- ❖ **Efficiency:** Capable of handling large datasets and complex computations.

Q&A Session

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- ❖ **Open Floor:** Address any questions or clarifications.

- ❖ **Discussion Points:**
 - Challenges faced during simulations.
 - Real-world applications of today's topics.
 - Further exploration of statistical methods.

Homework Assignment

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❖ Programming Task:

- Implement C# classes for Normal, Binomial, and Poisson distributions.
- Generate 5 samples for each dataset and calculate sample means and variances

❖ LLN Exploration:

- Modify LawOfLargeNumbersDemo to plot sample mean vs. sample size.
- Submit plots demonstrating convergence to expected value.

❖ Data Analysis:

- Select a real-world engineering data set.
- Perform statistical analysis to determine its distribution.
- Create visualizations (histogram and PDF) to support findings.

Closing Remark

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- ❖ **Mastering Statistics:** Essential for engineering problem-solving.
- ❖ **Programming Skills:** Enhances ability to model and analyze data.
- ❖ **Real-World Applications:** Apply concepts to drive engineering innovations.
- ❖ **Support:** Utilize lecture hours and resources for assistance.
- ❖ **Encouragement:** Stay curious and continue exploring statistical methods

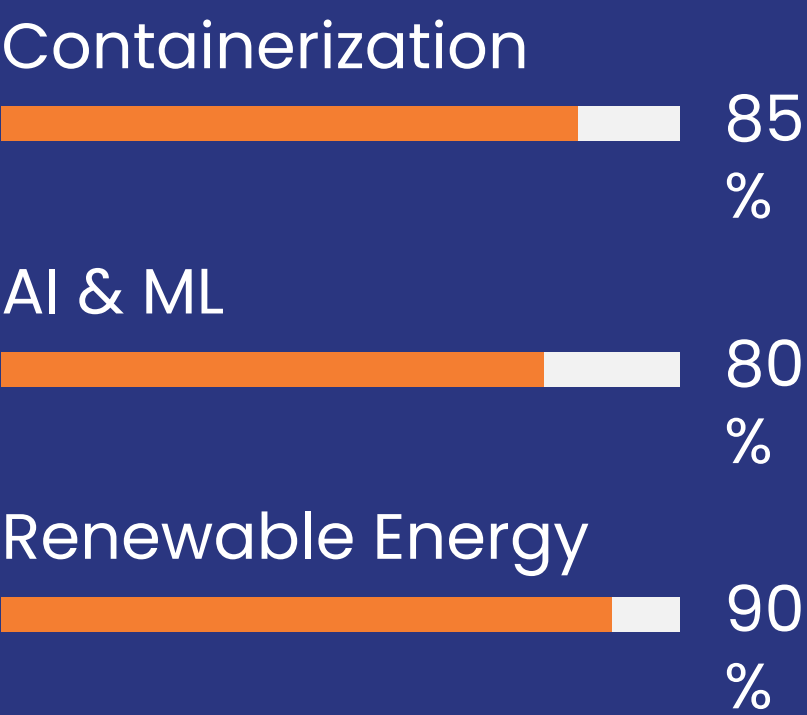
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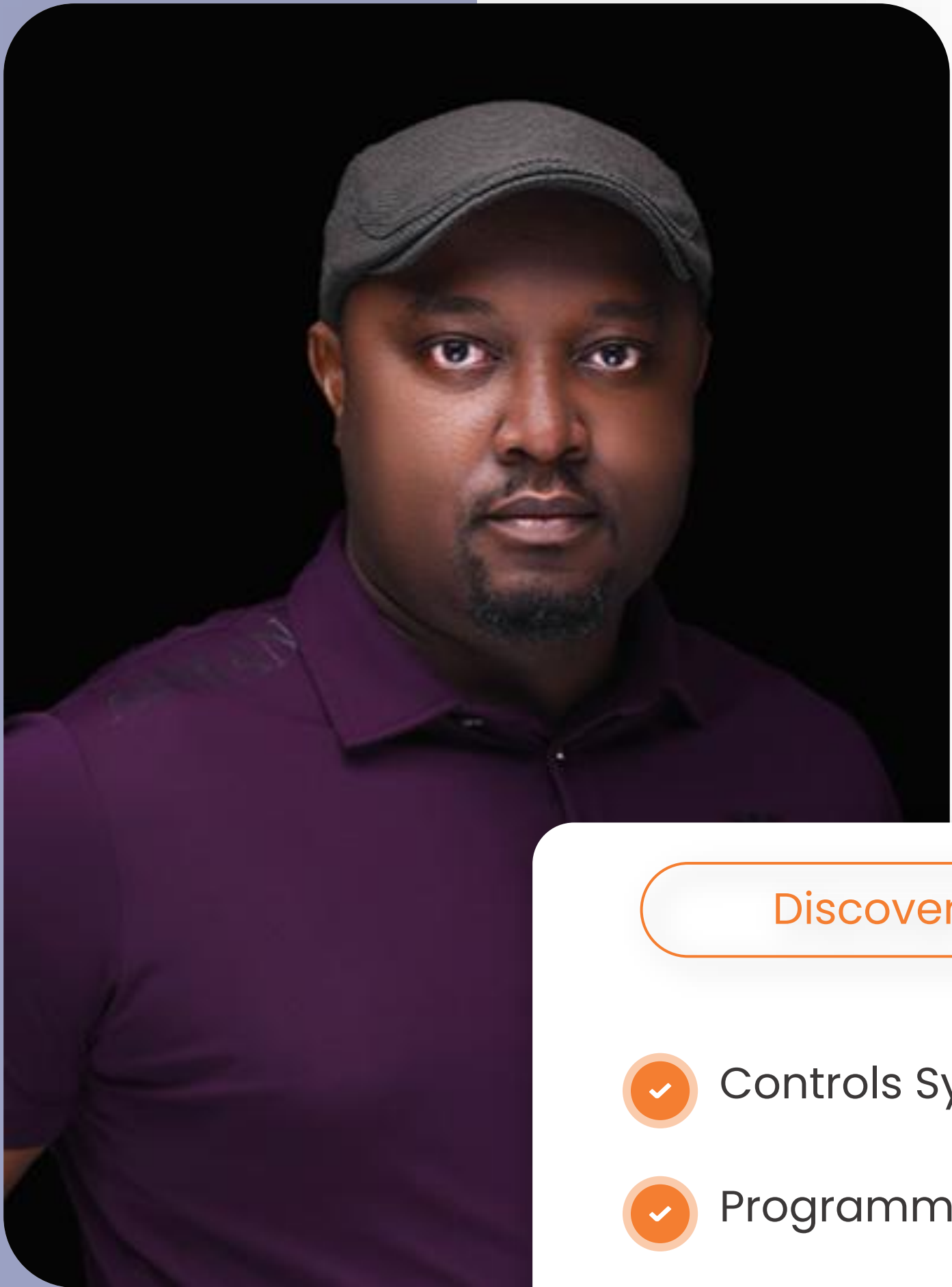
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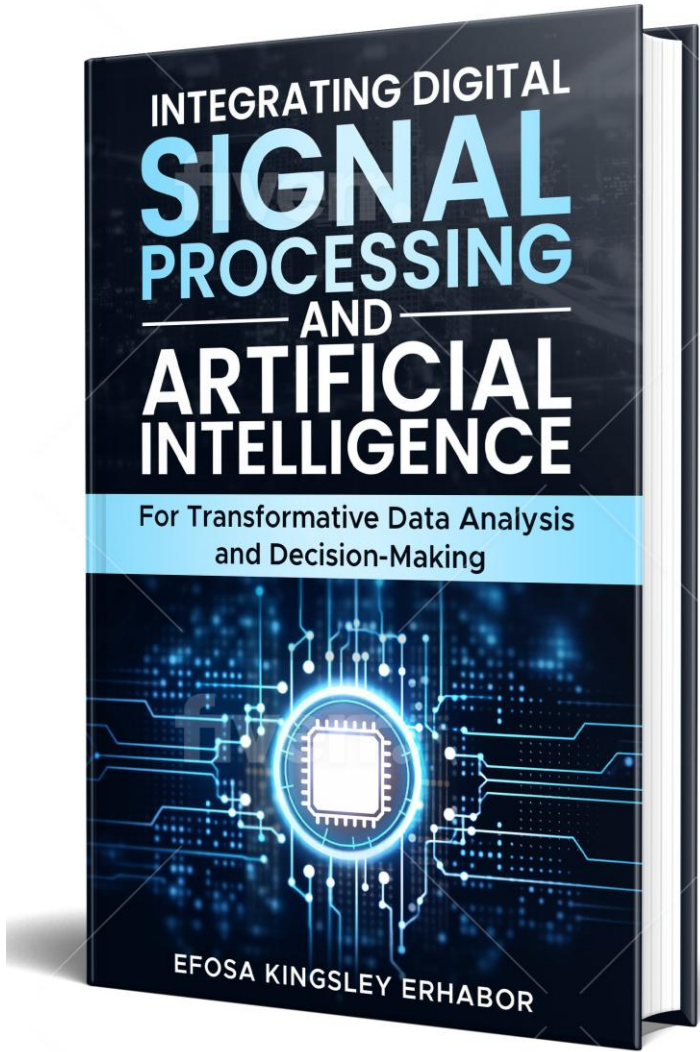
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