

10 Common (PDF) Distributions with plotting and Brief Explanation

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Purpose & Outcome:

- Show Common Distributions and how to plot them using R
- Show their relative formulas and brief explanations

Suggested Book: Statistics: An Introduction using R, by Michael J. Crawley

If you want to see a specific topic let me know!

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In [124]: library(dplyr)
library(ggplot2)
library(tidyverse)
library(reshape2)
library(tidyr)
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In [8]: set.seed(65432)
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Binomial:

discrete

PDF

$$f(x) = \binom{n}{k} p^x (1 - x)^{(n-x)}, \text{ where } x=1,2,3,\dots n$$

- Discrete Probability Function : describes (n) independent trials.
 - Each trial has an outcome of (T/F), (success/failure)
- If you have (n) trials, with (p) as the successful trials then (x) will be probability of successful trials.

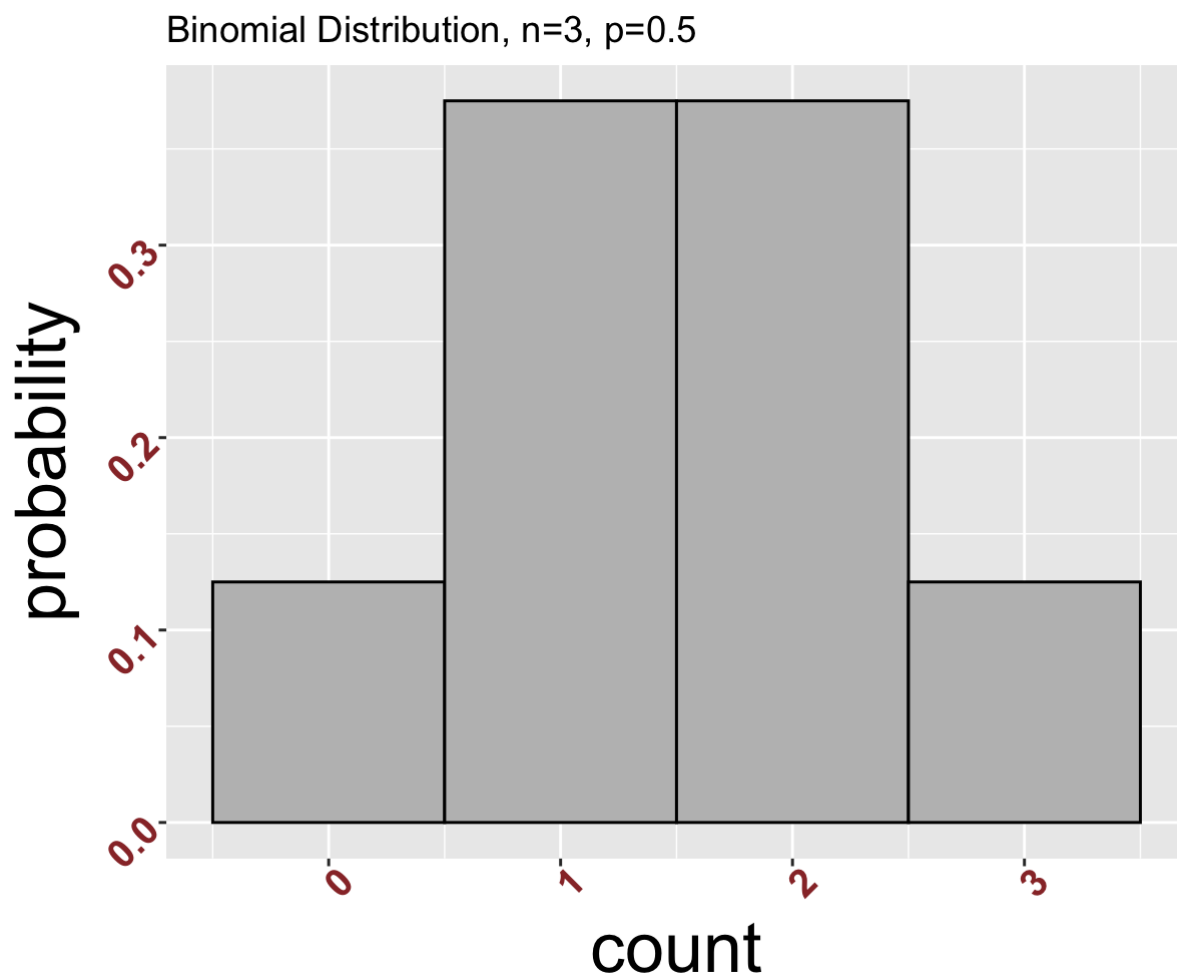
`Mean` np

`Standard Deviation` $\sqrt{np(1 - p)}$

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In [45]: dat<-data.frame(count=0:3,probability=dbinom(0:3,3,.5))
g<-ggplot(dat,aes(x=count,y=probability))+geom_col(width=1,fill="gray",c
olor="black")
g<-g+labs(title="Binomial Distribution, n=3, p=0.5")

g<-g + theme(axis.title.y = element_text(size = rel(2.3), angle = 90))
g<-g + theme(axis.title.x = element_text(size = rel(2.3), angle = 0))

g<-g + theme(axis.text.x = element_text(face="bold", color="#993333",
size=14, angle=45),
axis.text.y = element_text(face="bold", color="#993333",
size=14, angle=45))
g
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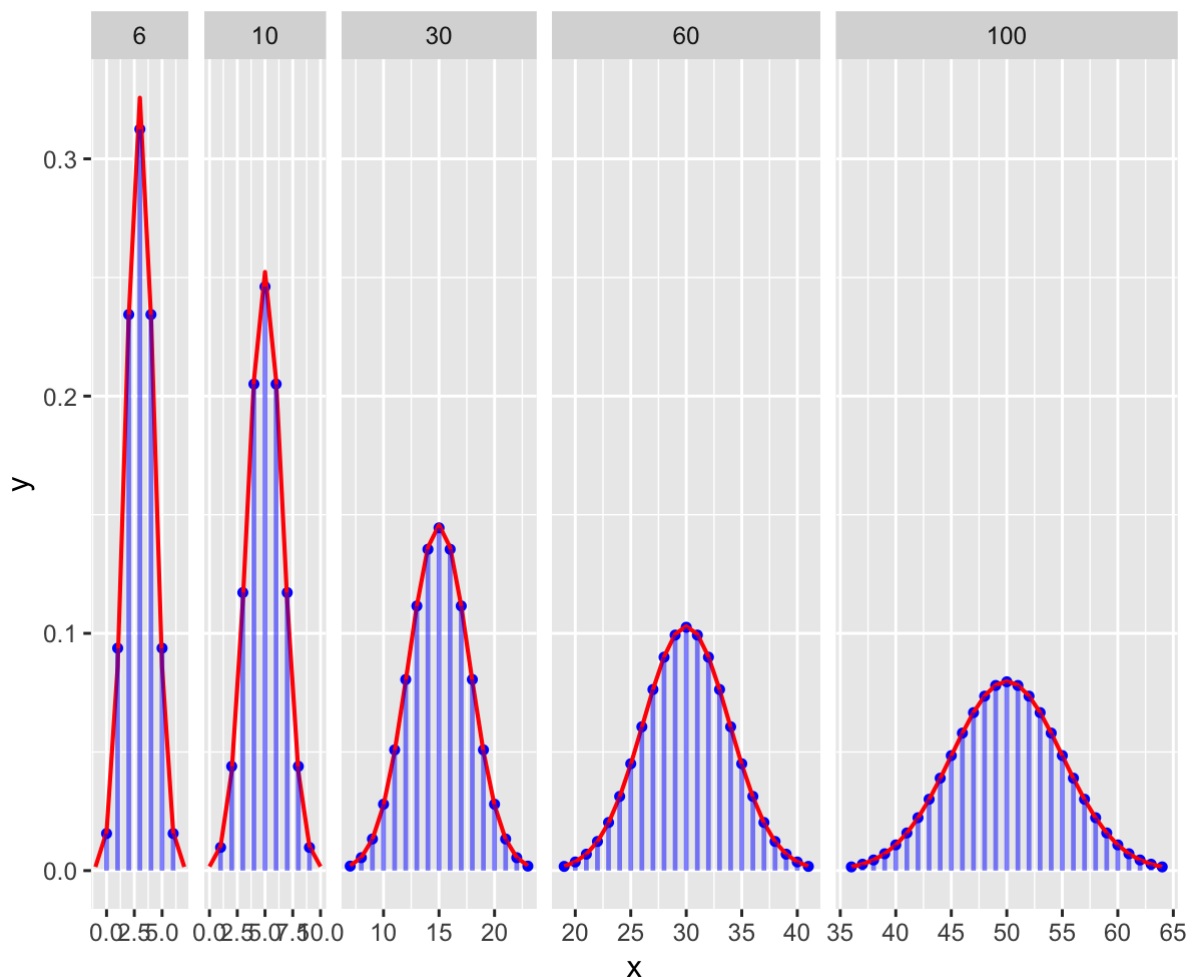


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In [52]: x <- -5:250
n = c(6,10,30,60,100)
p = 0.5
ymin = 1e-3
normal=data.frame(x=rep(x, length(n)),
                  y=dnorm(x, rep(n,each=length(x))*p,
                        (rep(n, each=length(x))*p*(1-p))^0.5),
                  n=rep(n, each=length(x)))
binom = data.frame(x=rep(x, length(n)),
                  y=dbinom(x, rep(n, each=length(x)), p),
                  n=rep(n, each=length(x)))

ggplot(binom %>% filter(y > ymin), aes(x, y)) +
  geom_point(size=1.2, colour="blue") +
  geom_line(data=normal %>% filter(y > ymin), lwd=0.7, colour="red") +
  geom_segment(aes(x=x, xend=x, y=0, yend=y), lwd=0.8, alpha=0.5, colour
="blue") +
  facet_grid(. ~ n, scales="free", space="free")

```



In []:

Poisson:

discrete distribution

PDF

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

- Probability Distribution : of independent events (**x**), for some expected number of events for a time interval (**λ**).

Examples of use cases: stock market changes, radioactive decay, transportation related to arrivals for example.

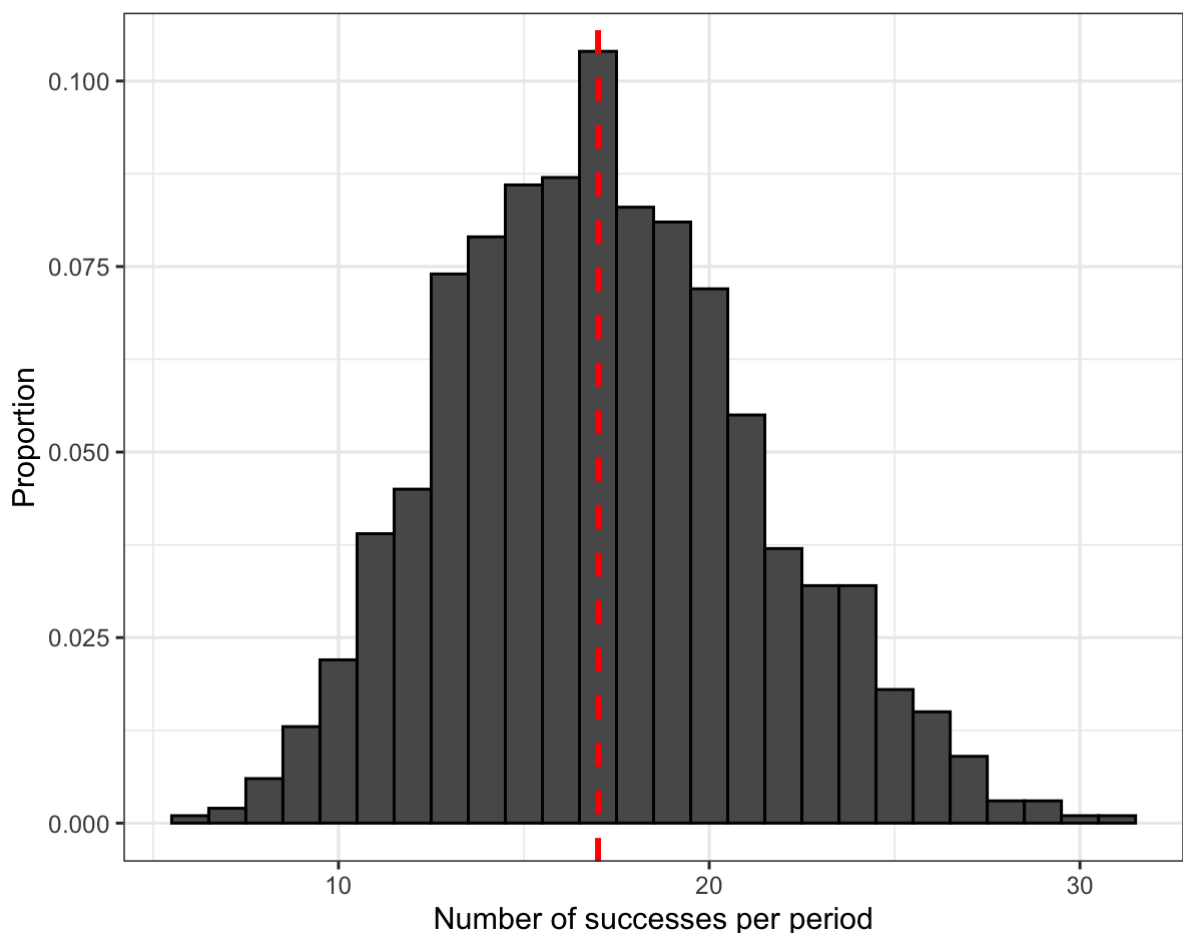
`Mean` λ

`Standard Deviation` $\sqrt{\lambda}$

```
In [88]: poisson_data <- data.frame('data' = rpois(1000, 17))

poisson_data %>% ggplot() +
  geom_histogram(aes(x = data,
                    y = stat(count / sum(count)),
                    color = 'black',
                    binwidth = 1) +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 17,
            size = 1,
            linetype = 'dashed',
            color = 'red') +
  theme_bw() +
  labs(x = 'Number of successes per period',
       y = 'Proportion',
       title = '1,000 samples of Poisson Distr. with (lambda = 17)')
```

1,000 samples of Poisson Distr. with (lambda = 17)



Notice the trend with λ :

this will be your μ and as you increase the number it will start going from a right skewed toward a normal distribution

```
In [183]: # Build Poisson distributions

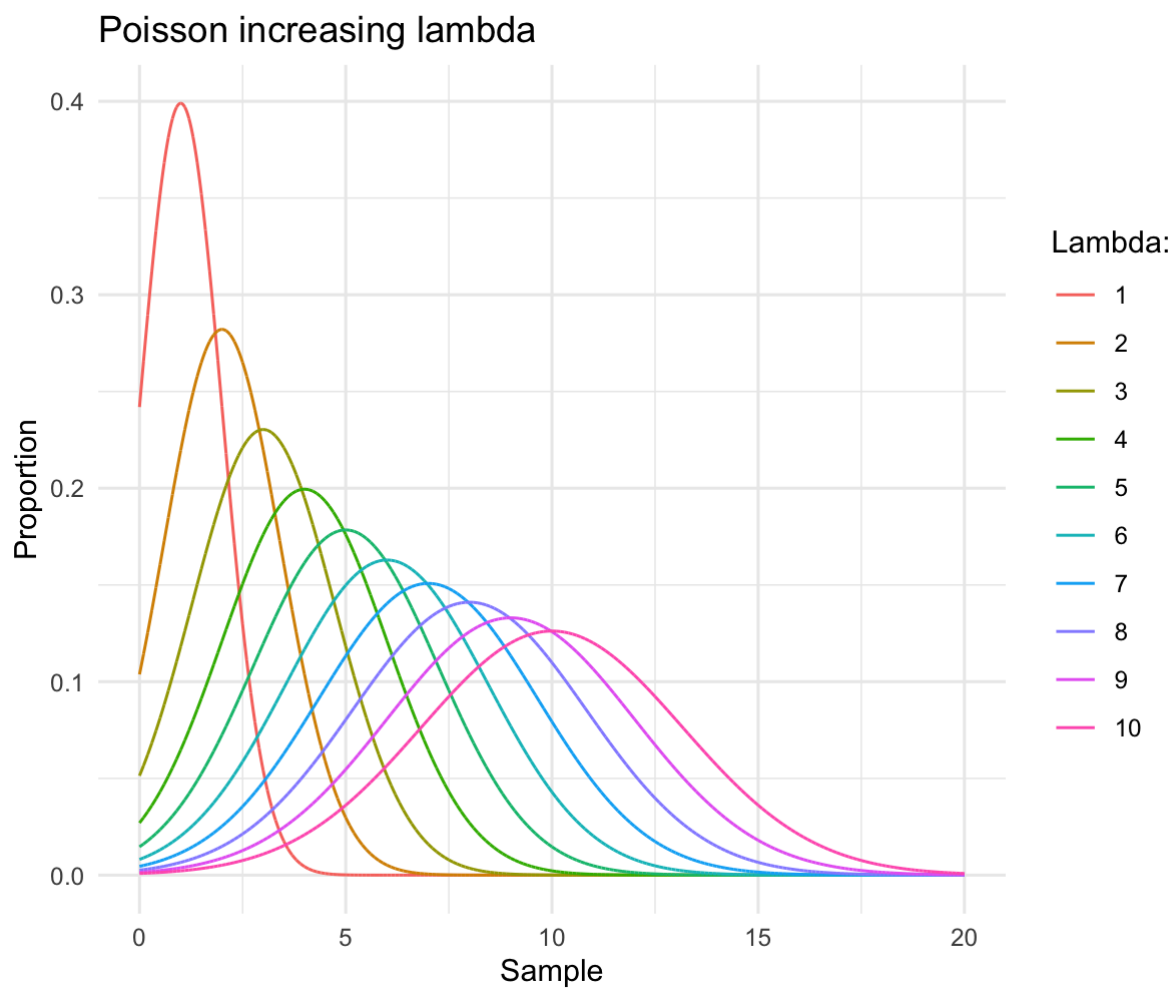
p_dat <- map_df(1:10, ~ tibble(
  l = paste(.),
  x = 0:20,
  y = dpois(0:20, .)
))

# Build Normal distributions

n_dat <- map_df(1:10, ~ tibble(
  l = paste(.),
  x = seq(0, 20, by = 0.001),
  y = dnorm(seq(0, 20, by = 0.001), ., sqrt(.))
))

# Use ggplot2 to plot

ggplot(n_dat, aes(x, y, color = factor(l, levels = 1:10))) +
  geom_line() +
  labs(color = "Lambda:", x = 'Sample',
       y = 'Proportion',
       title = 'Poisson increasing lambda') +
  theme_minimal()
# +labs(x = 'Sample',
#       y = 'Proportion',
#       title = 'Weibull varying scaling')
```



Weibull:

continuous

PDF

$$f(T) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \left(\frac{x}{\beta}\right)^{\alpha-1} e^{\left(-\frac{x}{\beta}\right)^{\alpha}}$$

- Think of using this when you want to find how likely something is going to fail, given that it has survived so far if used as the hazard function
 - You have a few distinct behaviors:
 - 1.) If you are expecting failure it will most likely occur at the start
 - 2.) Failure rates are fairly constant
 - 3.) As time goes on there is a bigger chance of failure

You have a shape parameter α , scaling parameter β , if T is some quantity of time for failure.

- If $\alpha > 1$: Then your failure rate will gain over time.
- $\alpha = 1$: Constant rate of failure:
 - suggesting that you may have external events causing failure.
- $\alpha < 1$: decrease over time known as (Lindy Effect), think of defective items for instance

- **Some real use cases would include:** Cancer, Stocks Crashes, Machine Failure, Divorce, Earthquakes, Medical, Engineering, Social Sciences

`Mean` $\beta\Gamma(1 + \alpha^{-1})$

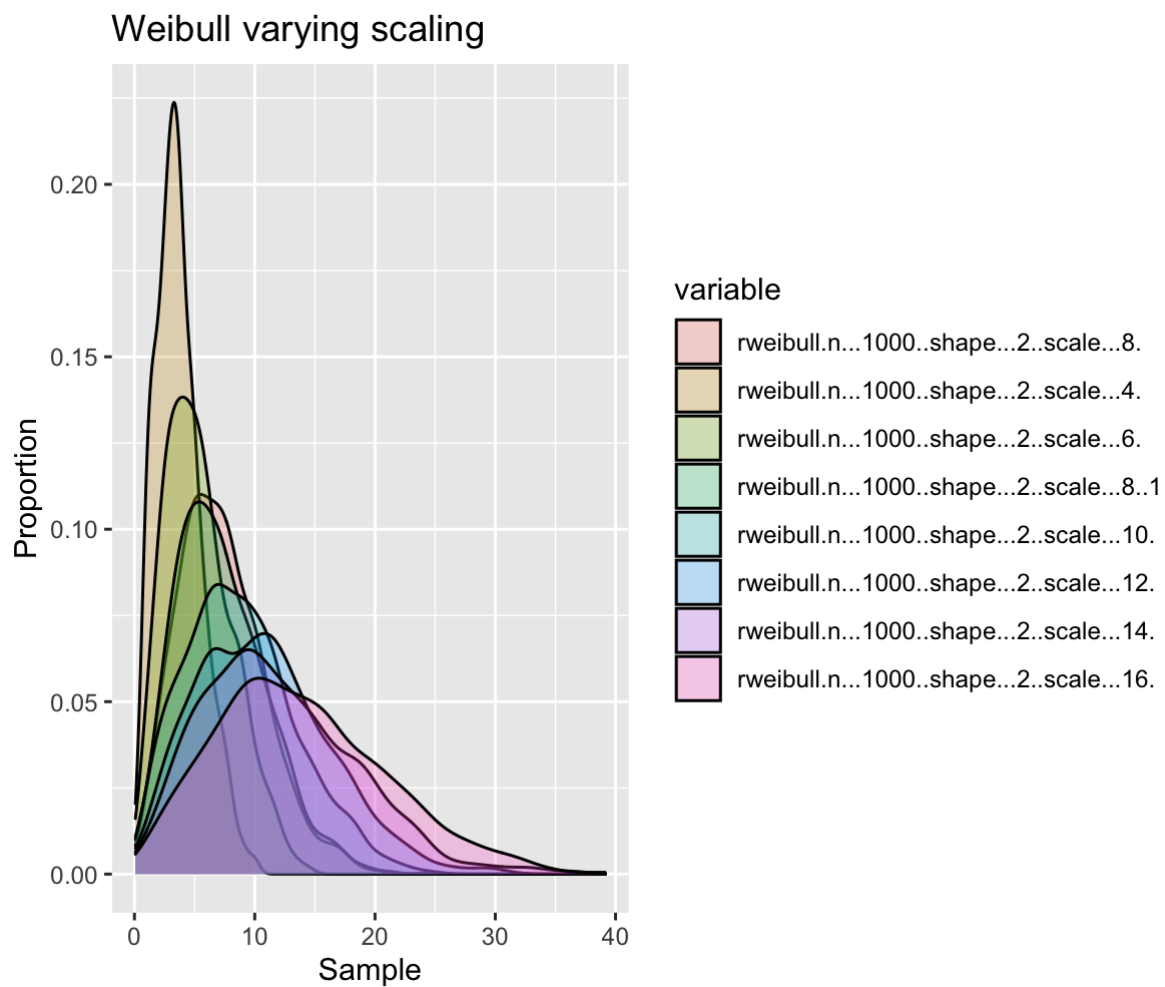
`Standard Deviation` $\beta^2[\Gamma(1 + 2\alpha^{-1}) - \Gamma^2(1 + \alpha^{-1})]$

```
In [179]: # curve(dweibull(x, shape=2, scale = 1), from=0, to=4)
# curve(dweibull(x, shape=2, scale = 2), from=0, to=4)
# curve(dweibull(x, shape=2, scale = 3), from=0, to=4)

x <- data.frame(std.normal=rnorm(1000, m=0, sd=1),
                 wide.normal=rnorm(1000, m=0, sd=2),
                 exponent=rexp(1000, rate=1),
                 uniform=runif(1000, min=-3, max=3)
                 )
nx<-data.frame(rweibull(n = 1000,shape=2,scale=8),
               rweibull(n=1000, shape=2, scale = 4),
               rweibull(n=1000, shape=2, scale = 6),
               rweibull(n=1000, shape=2, scale = 8),rweibull(n=1000, shape=2, scale = 1
0),
               rweibull(n=1000, shape=2, scale =12),rweibull(n=1000, shape=2, scale = 1
4),
               rweibull(n=1000, shape=2, scale = 16))

library(reshape2)
data<- melt(nx)
g_<-ggplot(data,aes(x=value, fill=variable)) + geom_density(alpha=0.25)
g_+labs(x = 'Sample',
        y = 'Proportion',
        title = 'Weibull varying scaling')
# ggplot(data,aes(x=value, fill=variable)) + geom_histogram(alpha=0.25)
# ggplot(data,aes(x=variable, y=value, fill=variable)) + geom_boxplot()
```

No id variables; using all as measure variables

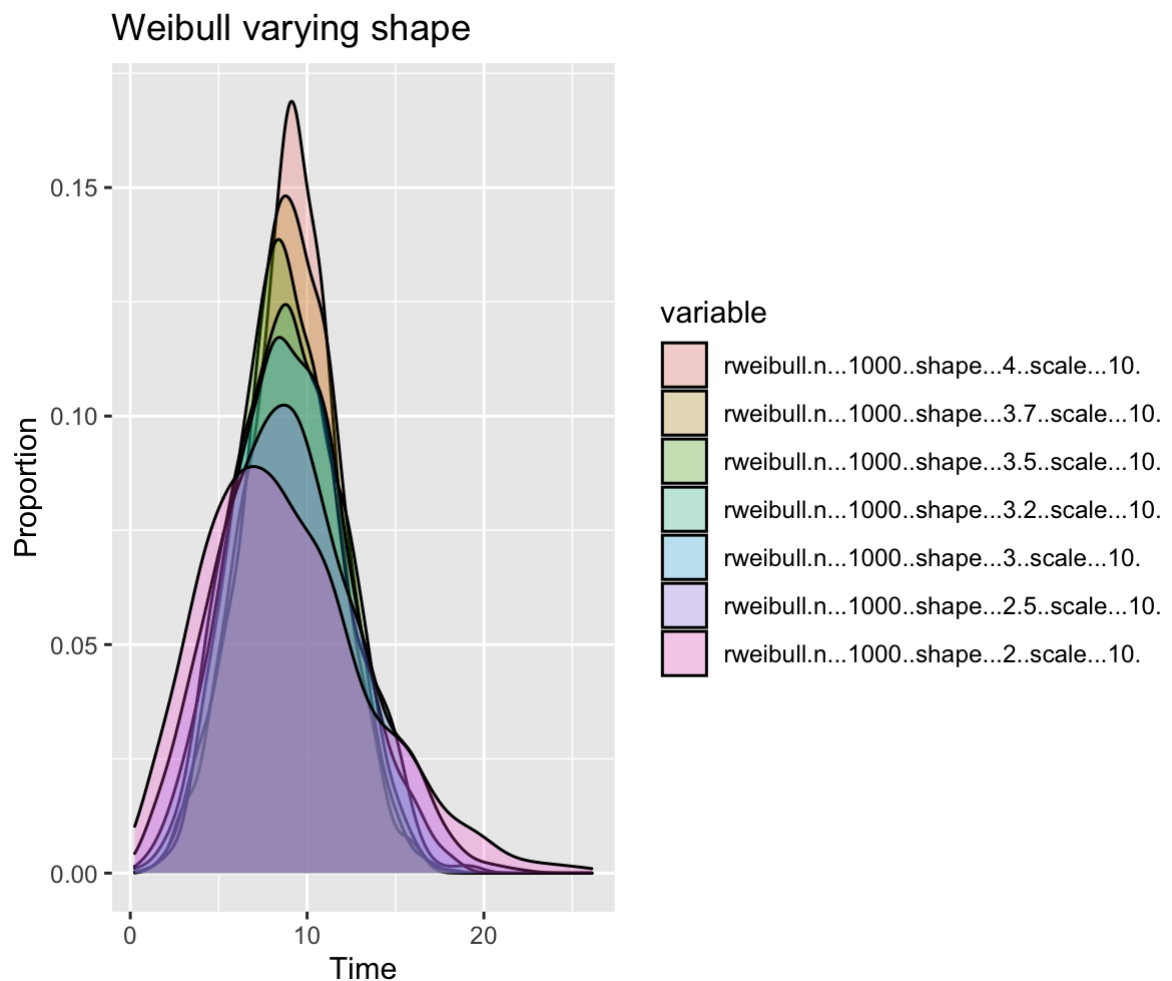


In []:

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In [202]: x <- data.frame(std.normal=rnorm(1000, m=0, sd=1),
                        wide.normal=rnorm(1000, m=0, sd=2),
                        exponent=rexp(1000, rate=1),
                        uniform=runif(1000, min=-3, max=3)
                        )
nx<-data.frame(rweibull(n = 1000,shape=4,scale=10),
               rweibull(n=1000, shape=3.7, scale = 10),
               rweibull(n=1000, shape=3.5, scale = 10),
               rweibull(n=1000, shape=3.2, scale = 10),rweibull(n=1000, shape=3, scale
               = 10),
               rweibull(n=1000, shape=2.5, scale =10),rweibull(n=1000, shape=2, scale =
               10))

library(reshape2)
data<- melt(nx)
ggplot(data,aes(x=value, fill=variable)) + geom_density(alpha=0.25)+
labs(x = 'Time',
     y = 'Proportion',
     title = 'Weibull varying shape')
```

No id variables; using all as measure variables



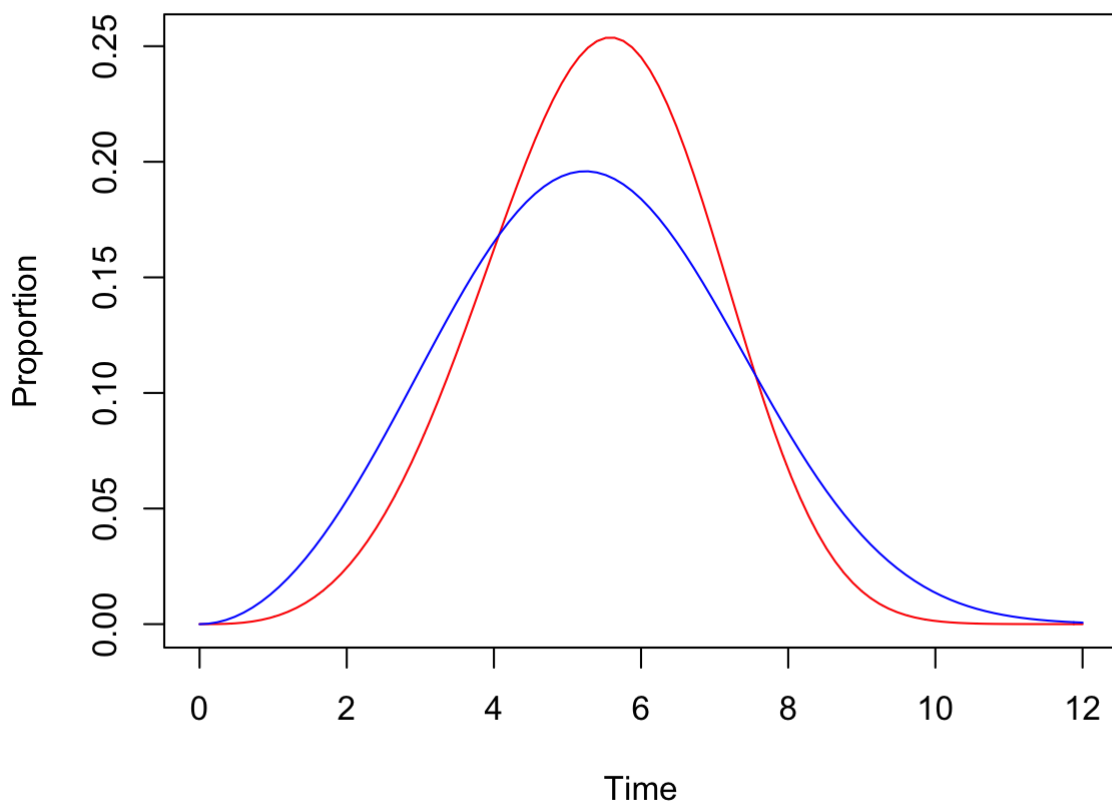
Shape parameter between values of (3-4):

we notice something

- We have a bell curve, which is always comforting but it tells us something useful: we will notice that failures will become prone at the end of life for a product such as the life of parts just failing.

citation at bottom: from minitab

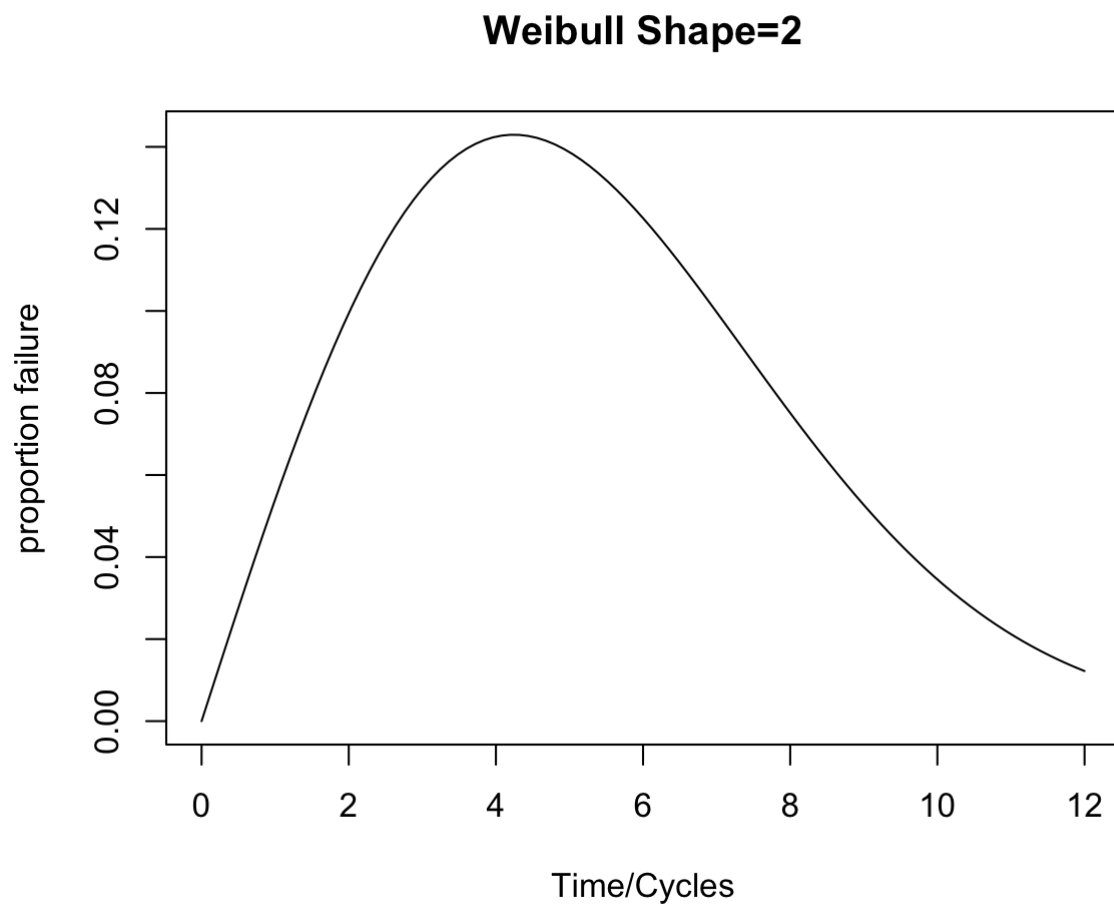
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In [213]: curve(dweibull(x, shape=4, scale = 6), from=0, to=12, col='red',xlab =  
             "Time",  
             ylab = "Proportion")  
curve(dweibull(x, shape=3, scale = 6), from=0, to=12, col='blue', add=TRUE)
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Shape parameter of 2:

- notice: that you have a sharp increase and then the number of failures decrease over time

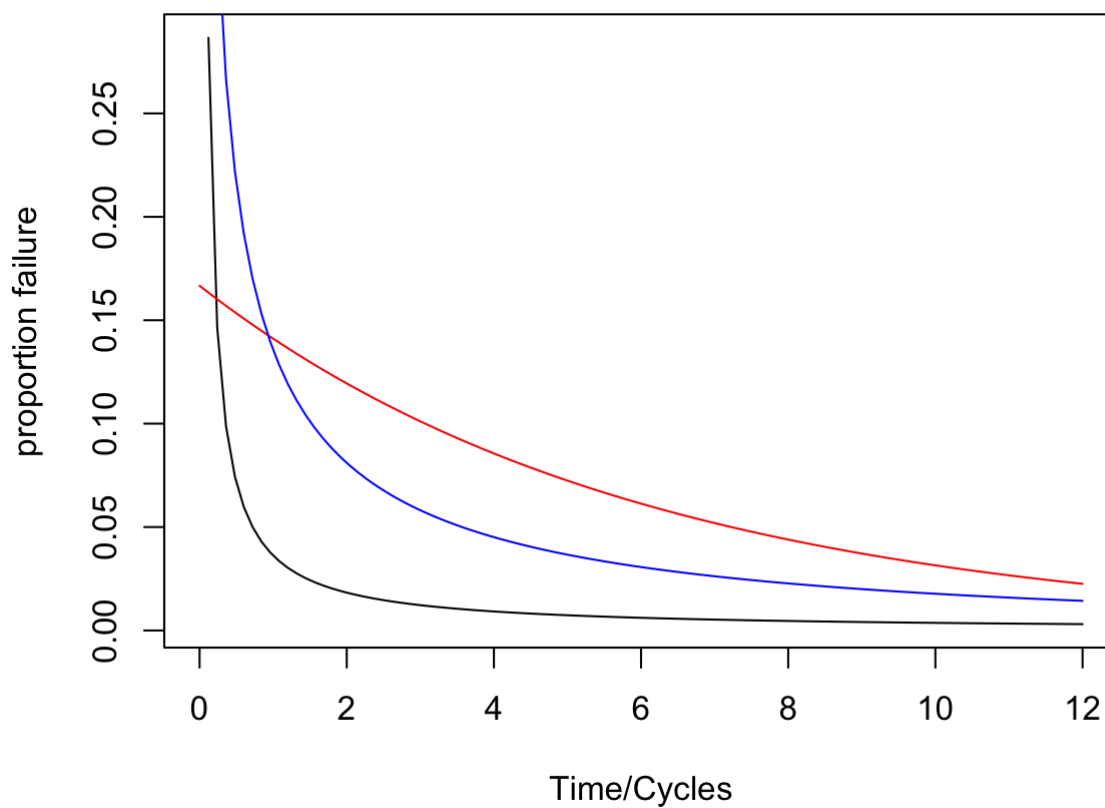
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In [220]: curve(dweibull(x, shape=2, scale = 6), from=0, to=12, col='black',  
               xlab="Time/Cycles",ylab="proportion failure",main="Weibull Shape=  
               2")
```



You are seeing a high number of failures initially with Shape < 1

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In [229]: curve(dweibull(x, shape=.1, scale = 6), from=0, to=12, col='black',  
               xlab="Time/Cycles",ylab="proportion failure",main="Weibull Shape=0.  
1 to 1")  
curve(dweibull(x, shape=1, scale = 6), from=0, to=12, col='red',  
       xlab="Time/Cycles",add=TRUE)  
curve(dweibull(x, shape=.5, scale = 6), from=0, to=12, col='blue',  
       xlab="Time/Cycles",add=TRUE)
```

Weibull Shape=0.1 to 1



Gamma :

continuous

- *good if you have pretty skewed data*
- *measuring time between occurrences of an event*

PDF

$$f(x) = \frac{\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\beta}\right)^{\gamma-1} e^{\left(-\frac{x-\mu}{\beta}\right)}}{\beta \Gamma \gamma}$$

- γ : shape parameter
 - μ : locations
 - β : scaling
- Γ : gamma function $\int_0^\infty t^{a-1} e^{-t} dt$

Alternate More Common Version:

$$f(x) = \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{\left(-\frac{x}{\beta}\right)}}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)}$$

- α : shape parameter
 - β : rate parameter

Some use cases: insurance risk, rainfall data, economics, inventory control, particulate concentrations

Mean : $E[x] = \alpha\beta$

Variance : $\alpha\beta^2$

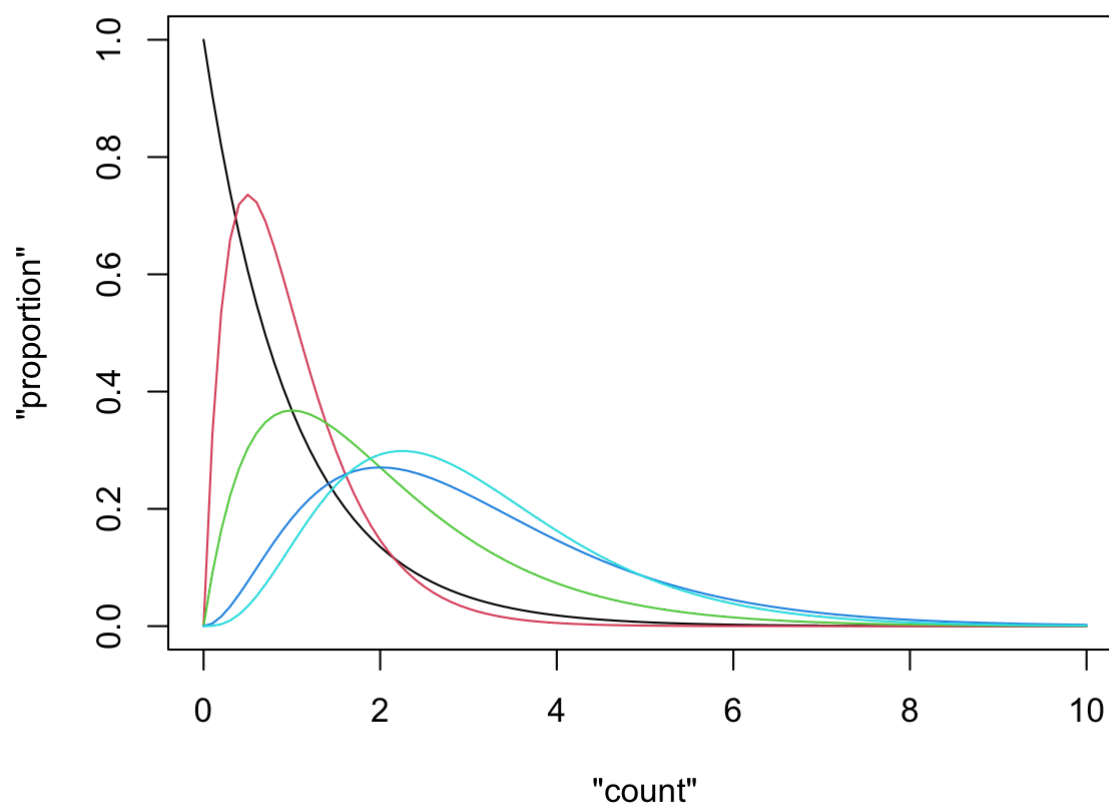

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In [230]: # # library(lmtest)
# sample<- rweibull(5000, shape=1, scale = 2) + 10
# ussample<-sample-10
# m.shape10 <- rgamma(5000, shape=10, scale = 1)
# # hist(ussample,freq=F,breaks=100,main="Take a look to data...")
# m=mean(ussample);std=sd(ussample);m;std
# # hist( m.shape10, freq=F )

# x<-seq(0,max(m.shape10),100)
# # curve(dgamma(x,shape=10,scale=1),col=2,add=T)

# hist( m.shape10, freq=F )
# x<-seq(0,max(m.shape10),100)
# curve(dgamma(x,shape=10,scale=1),col=2,add=T)

k <- c(1, 2, 2,3,4)
mu <- c(1, 1, 2,3,3)
theta <- mu/k
plot('count', 'proportion', xlim = c(0, 10), ylim = c(0, 1), type = "n")
for(i in seq_along(k))
  curve(dgamma(x, shape = k[i], scale = theta[i]), from = 0,
        to = 10, col = i, add = TRUE)
```

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Warning message in xy.coords(x, y, xlabel, ylabel, log):  
"NAs introduced by coercion"  
Warning message in xy.coords(x, y, xlabel, ylabel, log):  
"NAs introduced by coercion"
```



F Distribution:

continuous

$$f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{m+n}{2}) m^{\frac{m}{2}} (\frac{n}{m})^{\frac{n}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{m}{2}) [x \frac{n}{m} + 1]^{\frac{n+m}{2}}}$$

The two degrees of freedom are (m =numerator) and (n =denominator) and the end points dictate the curve formed by the probabilities

Use cases: used to test difference between two variances or two way ANOVA and used for inference

- defined for positive values
- not symmetric about the mean (μ)

Tips:

- If you have data with large variance put that in the numerator to keep a right tailed plot
- If using a 2 tailed test: use $\frac{\alpha}{2}$
- If given the standard deviation you will need to square them to get the variance
- If the degrees of freedom aren't given, use the critical value from a table to avoid type-I error.

Mean: $\frac{V_2}{V_2-2}$, for $V_2 > 2$

Variance: $\sqrt{\frac{[2*V_2^2(V_1+V_2-2)]}{[V_1(V_2-2)^2(V_2-4)]}}$, for $V_2 > 4$

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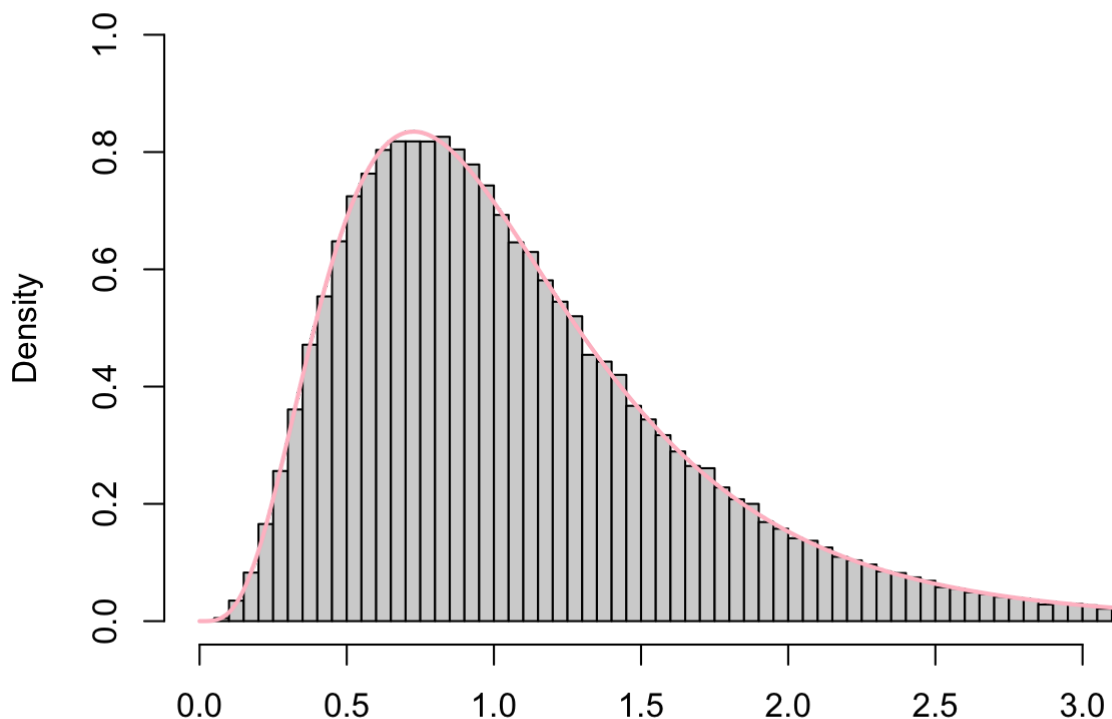
In [248]: x <- rf(100000, df1 = 10, df2 = 20)
hist(x,
      breaks = 'Scott',
      freq = FALSE,
      xlim = c(0,3),
      ylim = c(0,1),
      xlab = '')
#      main = (TeX('Histogram for a  $F$ -distribution with  $v_1 = 10$ 
and  $v_2 = 20$  degrees of freedom (df)'), cex.main=0.9)

curve(df(x, df1 = 10, df2 = 20), from = 0, to = 4, n = 5000, col= 'pink'
, lwd=2, add = T)

# df_1 <- c(10, 10, 10)
# df_2 <- c(20, 30, 60)
# # theta <- mu/k
# plot(0, 0, xlim = c(0, 70), ylim = c(0, 1), type = "n")
# for(i in seq_along(df_1))
#   curve(dgamma(x=x[i], df1 = df_1[i], df2 = df_2[i]), from = 0, to = 7
0, col = i, add = TRUE)

```

Histogram of x

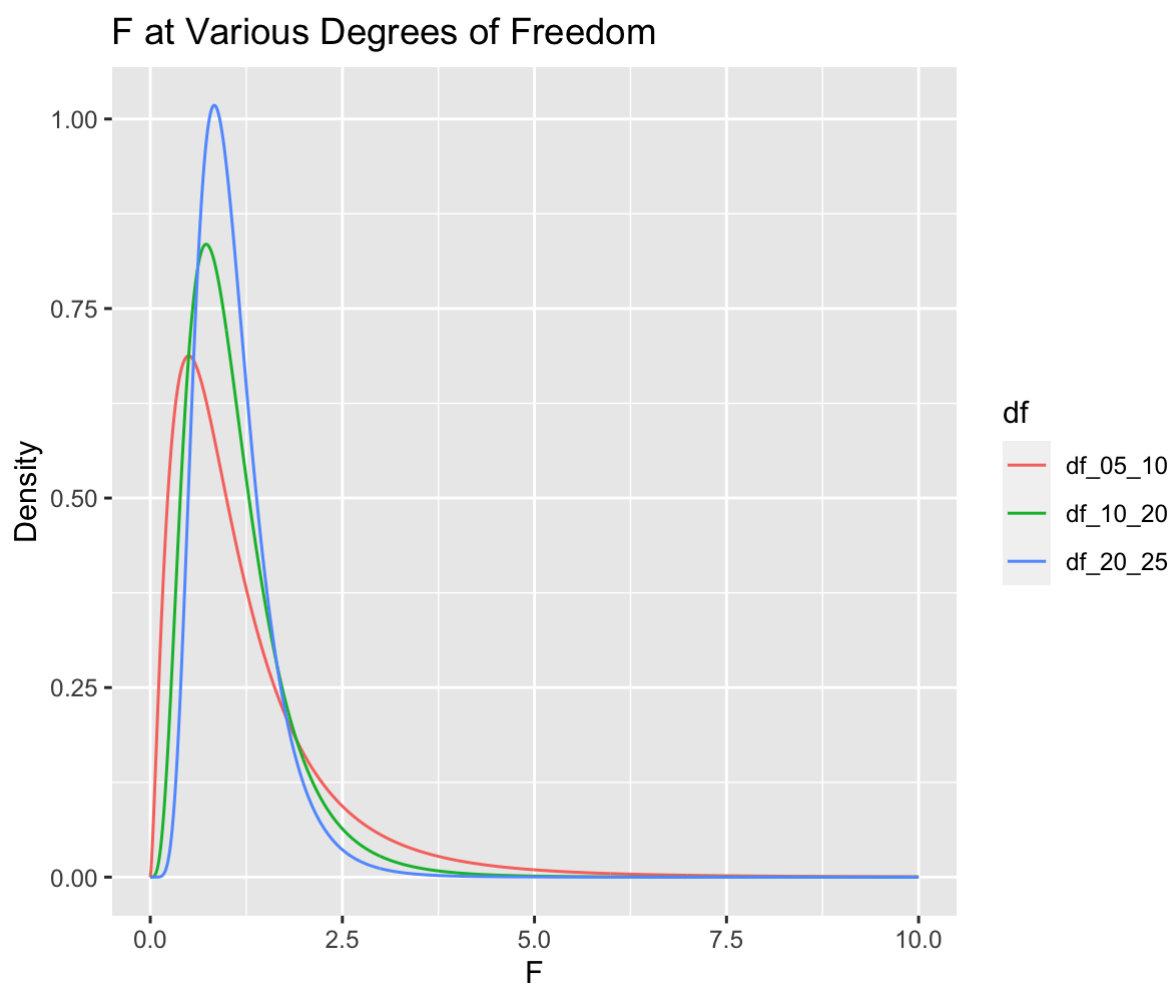


As you increase degrees of freedom for both:

you will start getting closer to a (approx.) normal distribution

```
In [246]: # library(tidyr)

data.frame(f = 0:1000 / 100) %>%
  mutate(df_10_20 = df(x = f, df1 = 10, df2 = 20),
         df_05_10 = df(x = f, df1 = 5, df2 = 10),
         df_20_25 = df(x = f, df1 = 20, df2 = 25)
  ) %>%
  gather(key = "df", value = "density", -f) %>%
  ggplot() +
  geom_line(aes(x = f, y = density, color = df)) +
  labs(title = "F at Various Degrees of Freedom",
       x = "F",
       y = "Density")
```



Chi Square Distribution:

skewed to the right, continuous

$V = X_1^2 + X_2^2 + \dots X_n^2 \sim X_n^2$, with (n) random variables with a standard normal distribution

PDF

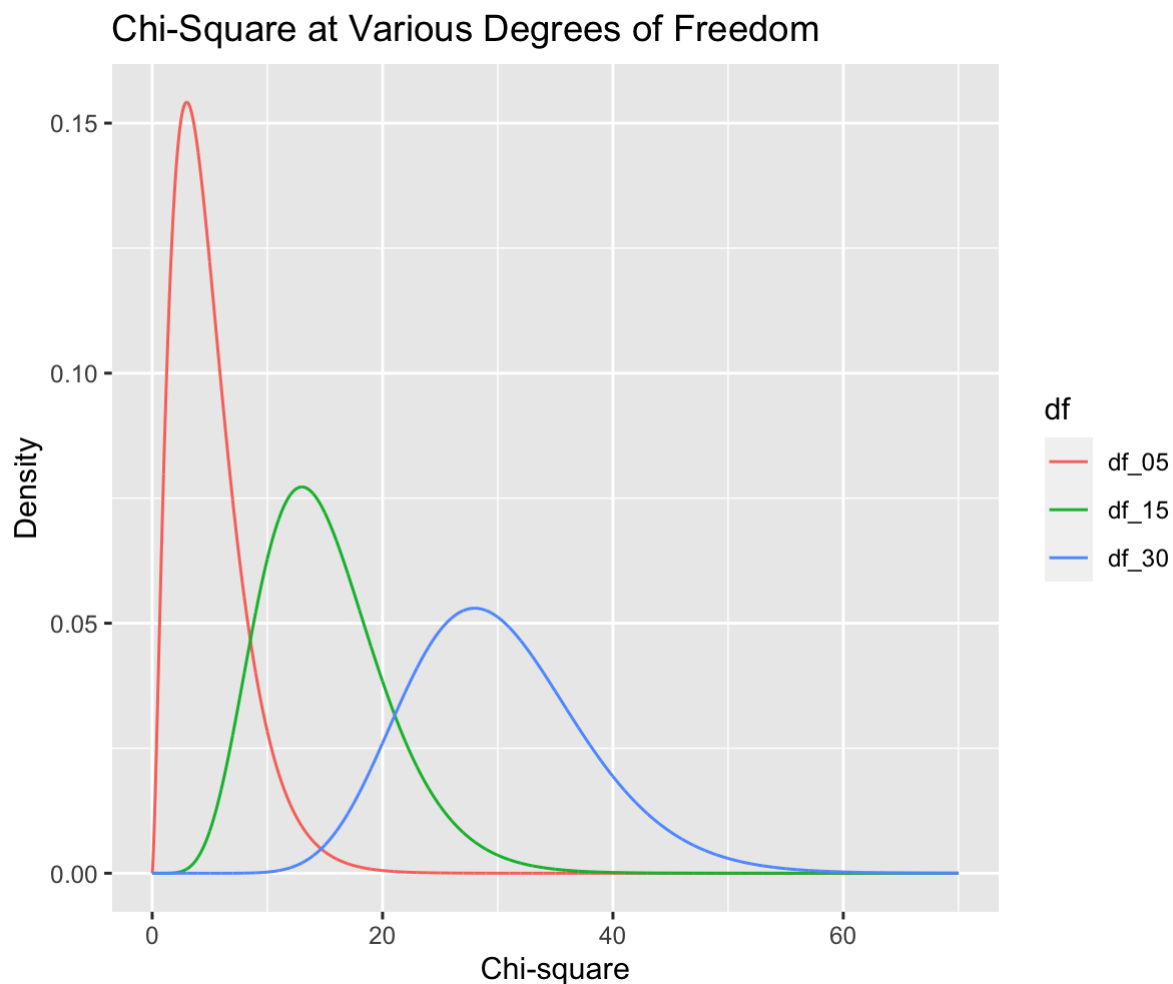
$$f(x; k) = \frac{x^{\frac{k}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{x}{2}}}{2^{\frac{k}{2}} \Gamma \frac{k}{2}}$$

Use Cases:

- Estimate Confidence Intervals from a population (std dev.) of a normal distribution for a given sample
- Check for independence
- Find differences between observed and expected
- Can use for goodness of fit using Chi-Sq test

The distribution is dependent upon the number of degrees of freedom which will be $df = (\# \text{ rows} - 1)$ ($\# \text{ columns} - 1$) or number of samples - 1

```
In [249]: data.frame(chisq = 0:7000 / 100) %>%  
           mutate(df_05 = dchisq(x = chisq, df = 5),  
                  df_15 = dchisq(x = chisq, df = 15),  
                  df_30 = dchisq(x = chisq, df = 30)) %>%  
           gather(key = "df", value = "density", -chisq) %>%  
           ggplot() +  
             geom_line(aes(x = chisq, y = density, color = df)) +  
             labs(title = "Chi-Square at Various Degrees of Freedom",  
                  x = "Chi-square",  
                  y = "Density")  
  
# plot from R-documentation and in citations
```



Student T-test:

Continuous

- Great for hypothesis testing, used when you want to estimate the mean of a normal distribution with a small sample size and used to check the statistical significance two sample means or confidence intervals

$$t = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{V}{m}\right)}} \sim t_m$$

- Assuming that z has a (standard) normal distribution, where v has a Chi Sq. distribution with m degrees of freedom

Simplify this (more common version):

PDF

$$t = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\frac{\sigma_{sample}}{\sqrt{n}}}$$

Also, the t distribution has $df=n-1$

Simply this above statement: think of it like this, you are looking to see if two populations are the same with respect to the variable you are testing and returning a probability

- Consider using this when: you have small sample sizes and have a somewhat normal distribution without outliers and not a lot of skewness.
 - The higher number of degrees of freedom you have; this will approach a normal distribution

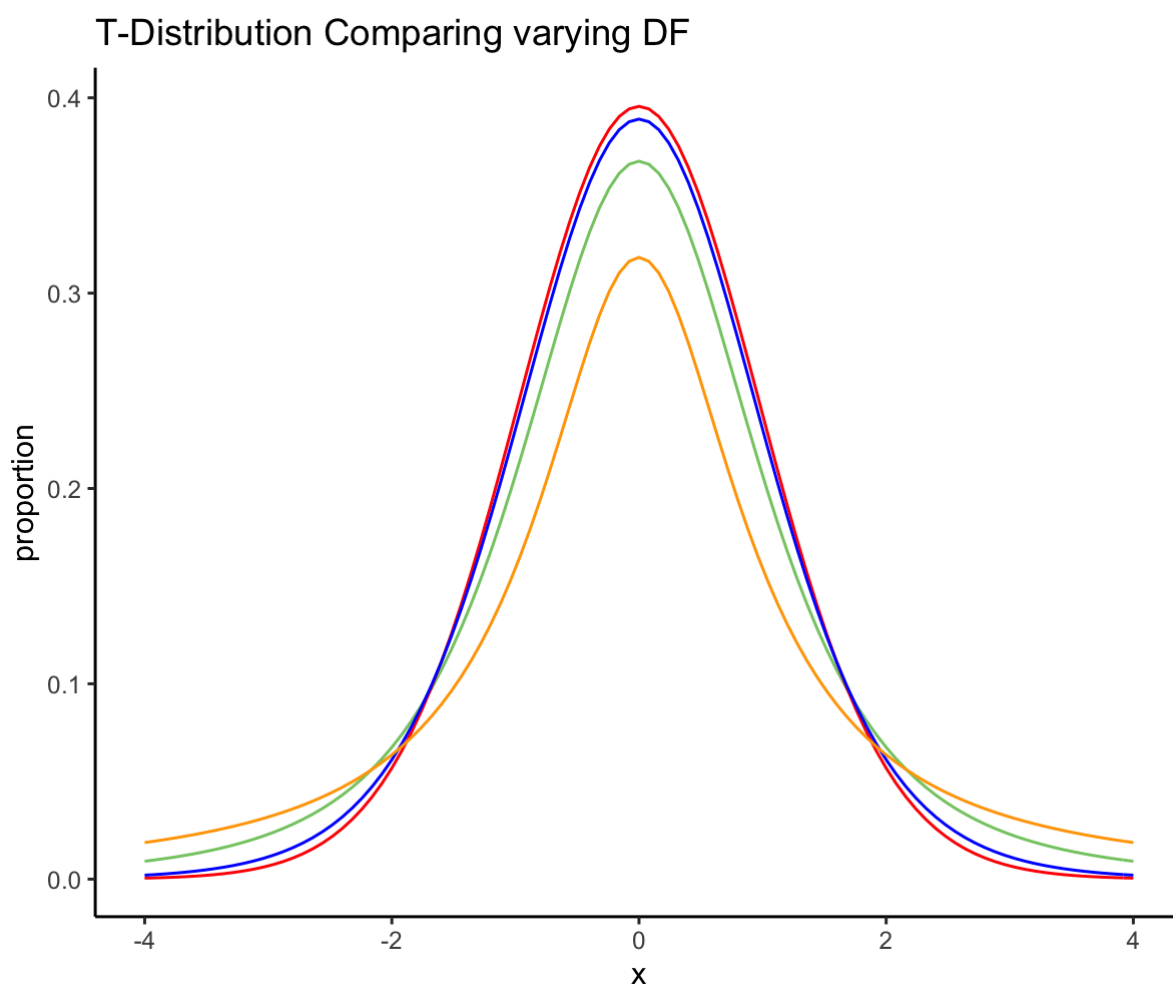
Since you don't usually know the population you are instead doing an estimation

- As you increase the number of degrees of freedom you will approach the standard normal distribution


```
In [280]: # As You ICREASE THE DEGREES OF FREEDOM APPROACHES NORMAL DISTRIBUTION

p <- data_frame(x = c(-4,4)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = x))

p + stat_function(fun = dt, args = list(df = 3), color = "#84CA72", size =
  .5) +
  stat_function(fun = dt, args = list(df = 30), size = .5,color='red')
+
  stat_function(fun = dt, args = list(df = 10), size = .5,color='blue'
  )+
  stat_function(fun = dt, args = list(df = 1), size = .5,color='orang
  e')+
  ggtitle("T-Distribution Comparing varying DF") +
  xlab("x") +
  ylab("proportion") +
  theme_classic()
```



Logistic:

continuous

Resembles the Normal distribution but has longer (heavier) tails

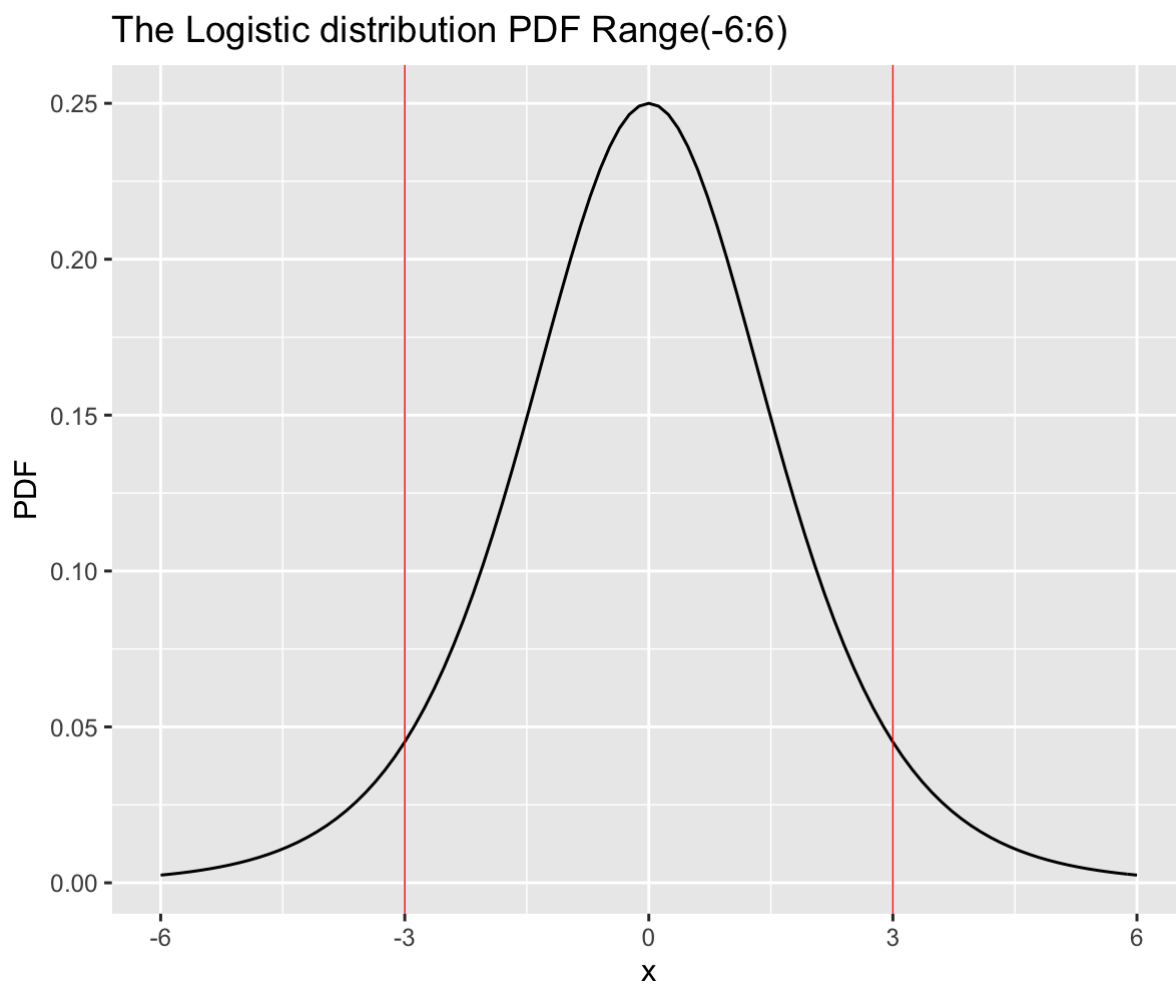
PDF

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{-\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}}}{\sigma(1+e^{-\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}})^2}, x \in \mathbb{R}$$

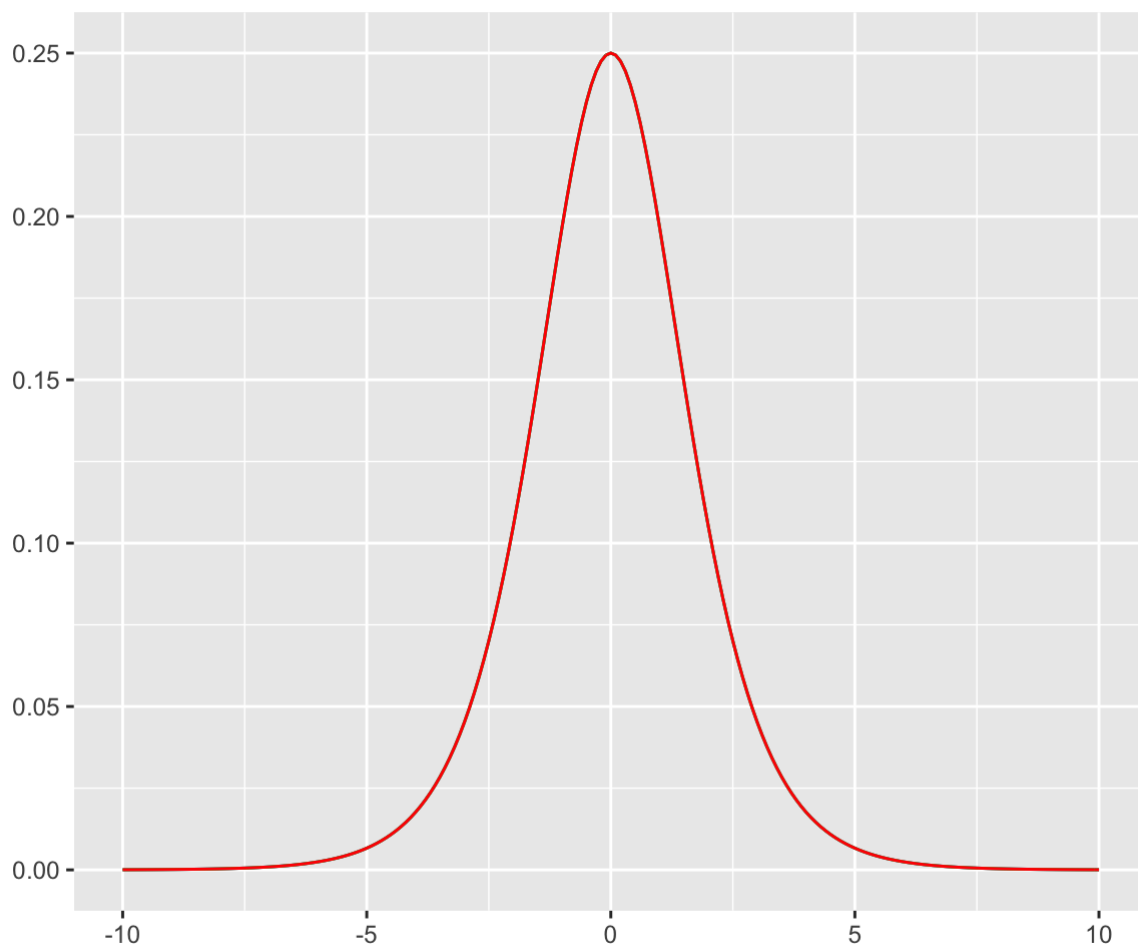
Common uses used with logistic regression (very common for data analysis), used with feedforward neural networks

- Uses with categorical data with dependent variables such as (*binary classification*)
 - good for population growth, chemical reactions

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In [291]: PDF_LD <- function(x) { y <- exp(x)/((1+exp(x))^2)}  
  
# Plot PDF  
  
ggplot(data.frame(x=c(-6, 6)), aes(x)) + stat_function(fun=PDF_LD) + geom_vline(xintercept = 3,  
  color = "red", size=.25) + geom_vline(xintercept = -3,  
  color = "red", size=.25) + labs(title = "The Logistic distribution PDF Range(-6:6)", y = "PDF")
```



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In [309]: library(ggfortify)
p <- ggdistribution(dlogis, seq(-10, 10, 0.1), colour = 'blue')
p <- ggdistribution(dlogis, seq(-10, 10, 0.1), colour = 'green', p = p)
ggdistribution(dlogis, seq(-10, 10, 0.1), colour = 'red', p = p)
```



Lets look at what our data look like when you vary parameters

[Logistic Distribution Wiki Ex. \(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Logistic_distribution\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Logistic_distribution)

Pareto:

power law probability distribution, continuous

PDF

$$f(x) = \frac{\alpha \beta^\alpha}{x^{1+\alpha}}$$

x_m : minimum value of x

α : shape parameter (slope), used for finding concentration near mode

β : scale parameter

Uses: good for looking at wealth distribution, changes in stock prices, natural resource occurrences, geophysical, quality control, scientific, actuarial applications, natural phenomena

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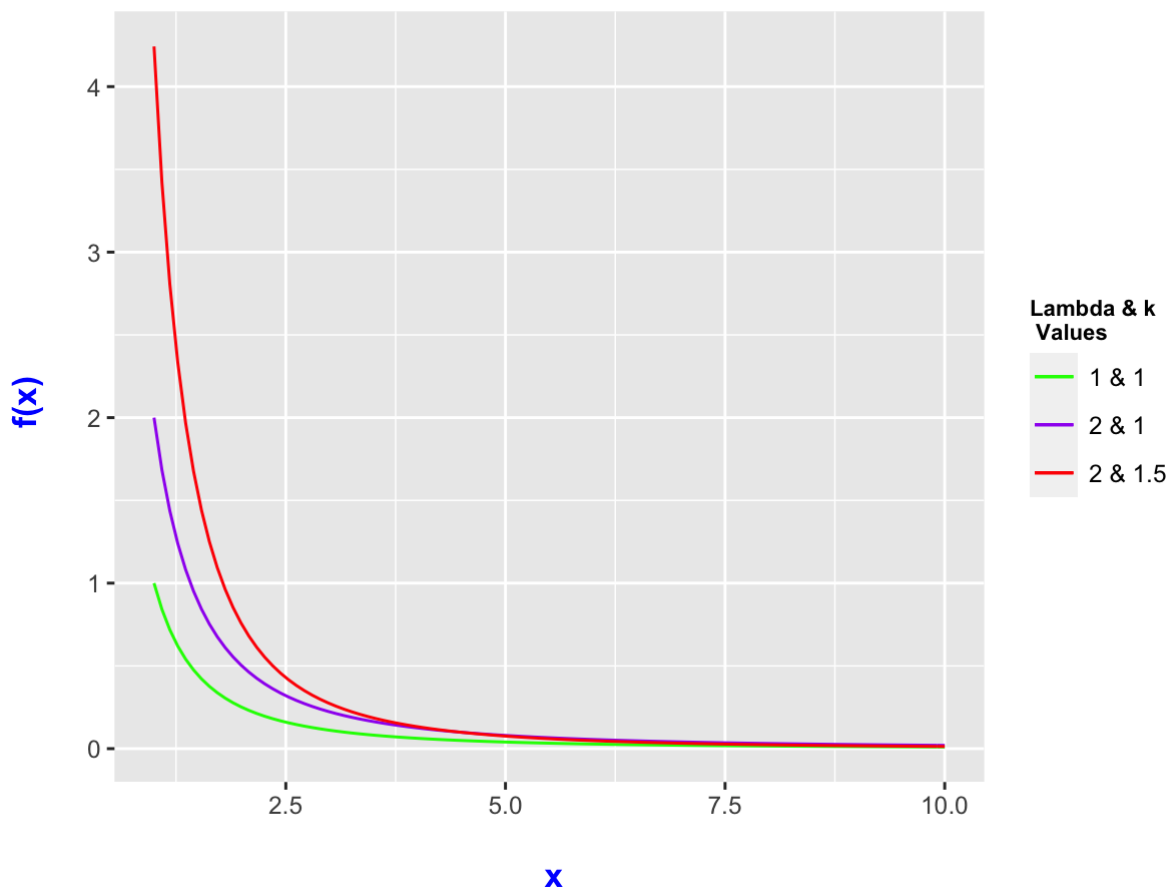
In [285]: # Multiple Pareto Distributions:
# Pareto Density Function:
pareto_pdf <- function(x, lambda = 1, k = 1){
  density <- (k*(lambda^k)) / (x^(k + 1))
  return(density)
}

x_lower_pareto <- 1
x_upper_pareto <- 10
ggplot(data.frame(x = c(x_lower_pareto, x_upper_pareto)), aes(x = x)) +
  xlim(c(x_lower_pareto, x_upper_pareto)) +
  stat_function(fun = pareto_pdf, args = list(lambda = 1, k = 1), aes(colour = "1 & 1")) +
  stat_function(fun = pareto_pdf, args = list(lambda = 2, k = 1), aes(colour = "2 & 1")) +
  stat_function(fun = pareto_pdf, args = list(lambda = 2, k = 1.5), aes(colour = "2 & 1.5")) +
  scale_color_manual("Lambda & k \n Values", values = c("green", "purple", "red")) +
  labs(x = "\n x", y = "f(x) \n",
       title = "Pareto Distribution Plots \n") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5),
        axis.title.x = element_text(face="bold", colour="blue", size = 12),
        axis.title.y = element_text(face="bold", colour="blue", size = 12),
        legend.title = element_text(face="bold", size = 8),
        legend.position = "right")

# citaiton below for this

```

Pareto Distribution Plots



Take away from Pareto:

as you increase the slope (alpha or here 'k') you get a steep drop-off and scaling just moves to the right

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<https://www.r-tutor.com/elementary-statistics/probability-distributions> (<https://www.r-tutor.com/elementary-statistics/probability-distributions>)

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