Conditional probabilities

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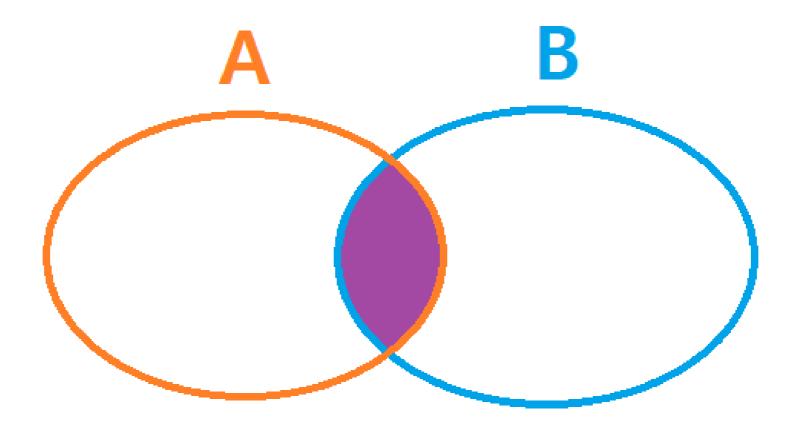
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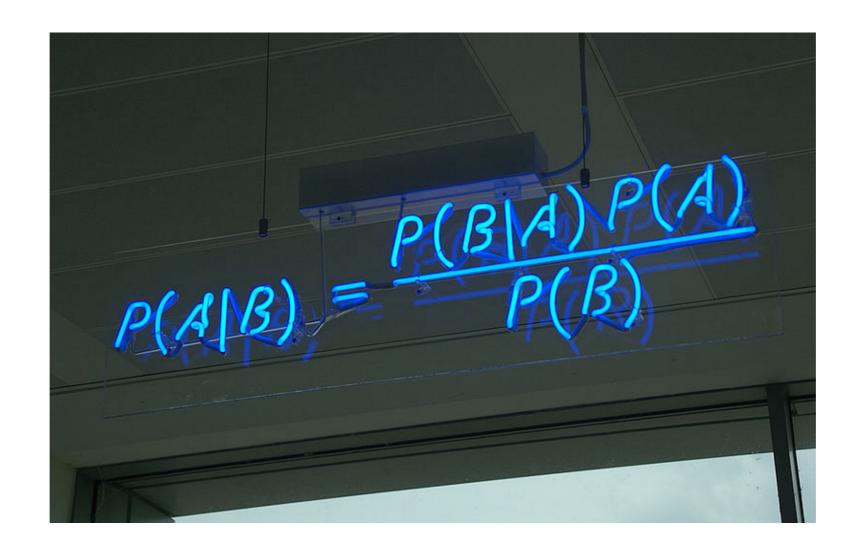
- 1. Probability and sampling distributions
- 2. Exploratory data analysis
- 3. Statistical experiments
- 4. Regression and classification

Quick review



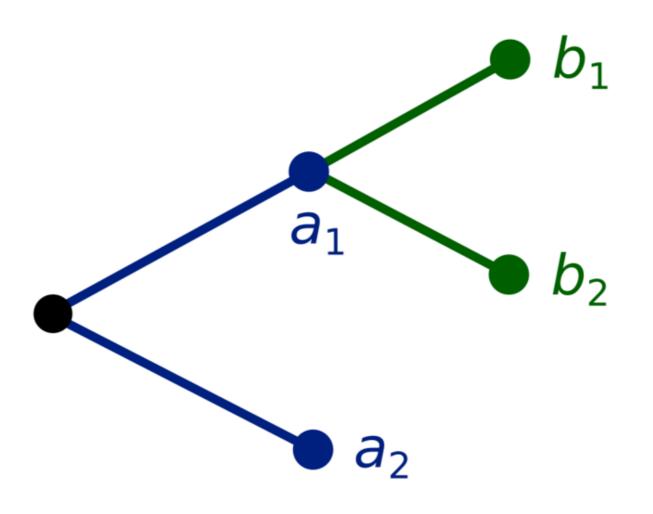


Bayes' theorem



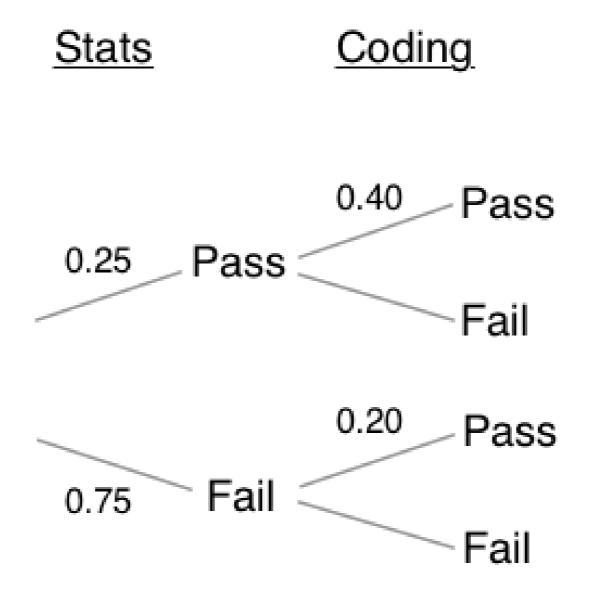


Probability tree diagrams





Example: passing the interview



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```
both = 0.25 * 0.40
print(both)

coding = (0.25 * 0.40) + (0.75 * 0.20)
print(coding)
```

```
0.10.25
```

```
stats_given_coding = both / coding
print(stats_given_coding)
```

0.4

Summary

- Conditional probabilities
- Bayes' theorem
- Probability tree diagrams



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Central limit theorem

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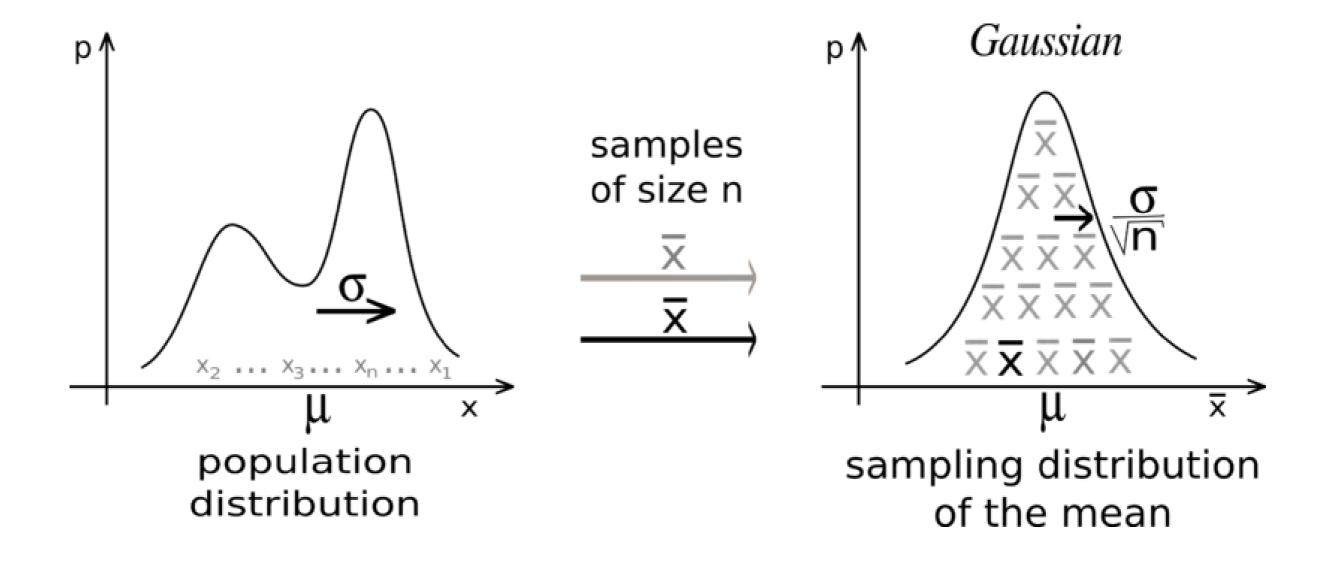


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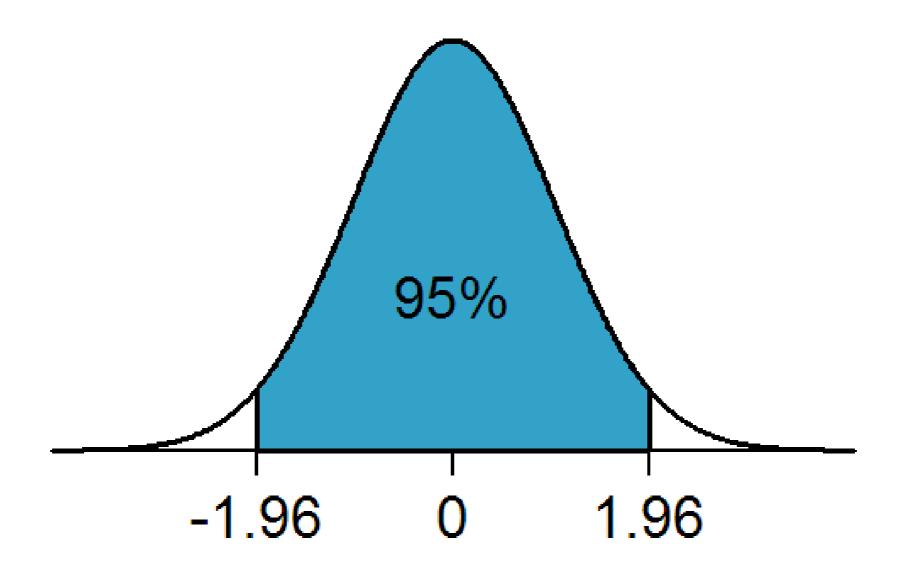


What does it mean?



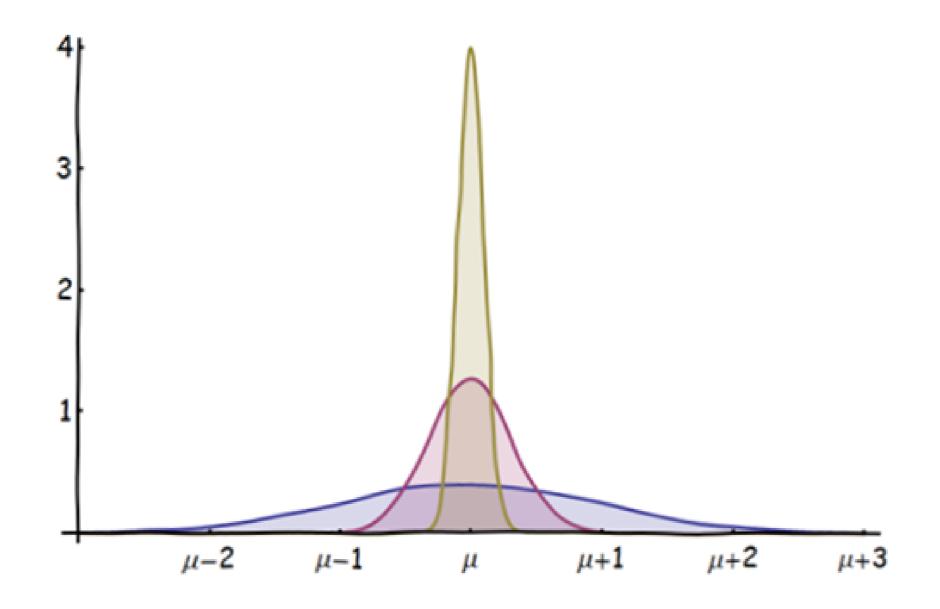


Why does it matter?





Law of large numbers

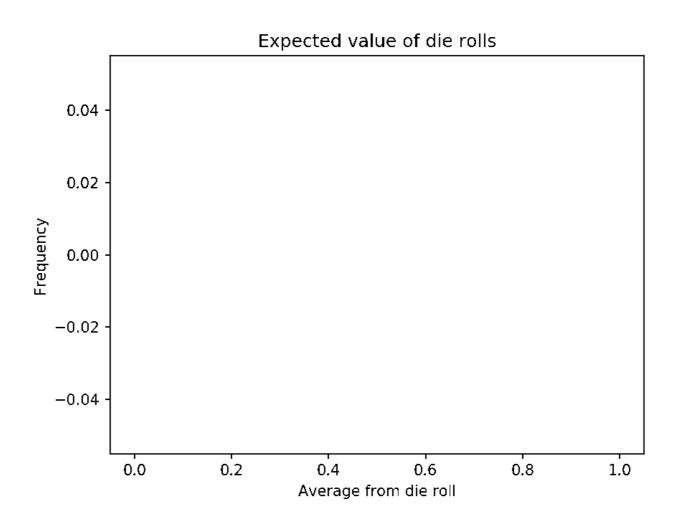


¹ StackExchange



Simulating CLT in Python

np.random.randint(start, end, size)



¹ How to Visualize the Central Limit Theorem in Python



List comprehension

```
x = [1,2,3,4]
out = []
for item in x:
    out.append(item**2)
print(out)
```

```
[1, 4, 9, 16]
```

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out = [item**2 for item in x]
print(out)
```

```
[1, 4, 9, 16]
```



Summary

- Central limit theorem
- Law of large numbers
- Simulating die rolls
- List comprehension

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Probability distributions

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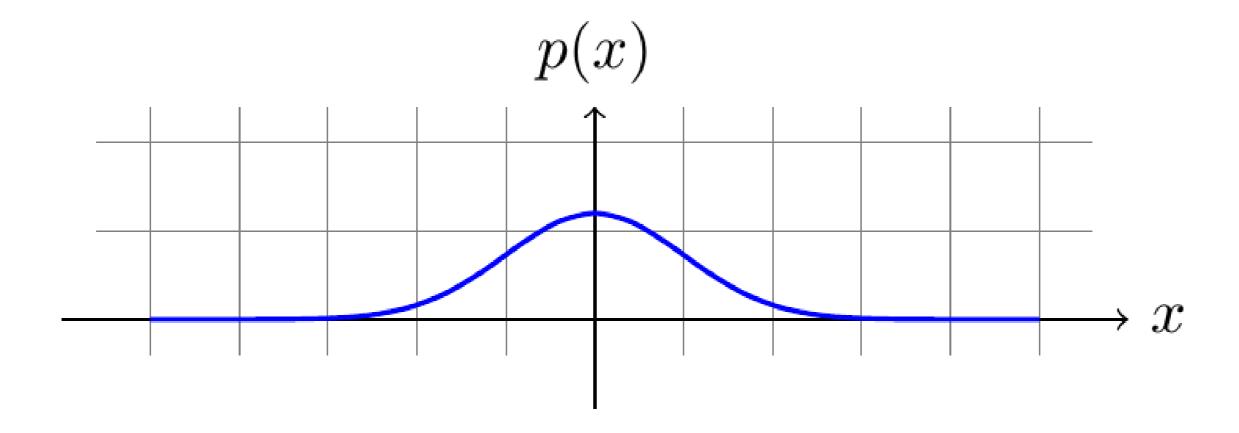
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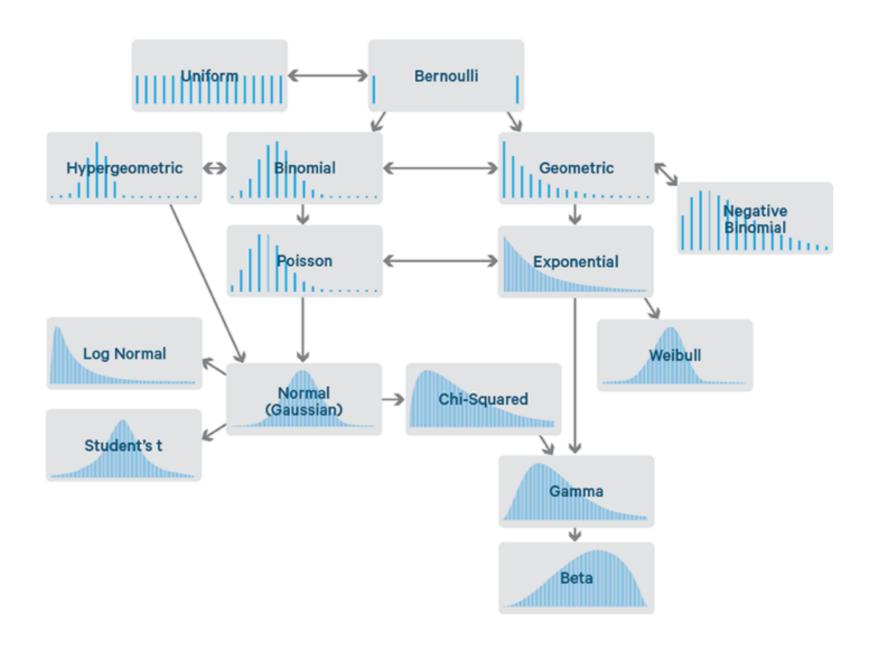
What's a probability distribution?

- Indicates likelihood of an outcome
- Probabilities must add up to 1





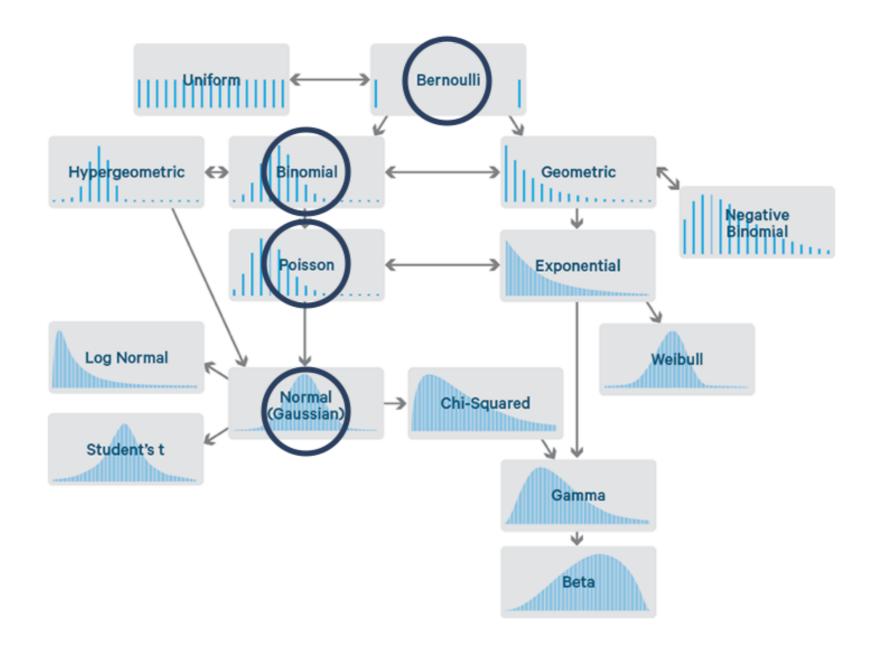
Overview of common distributions



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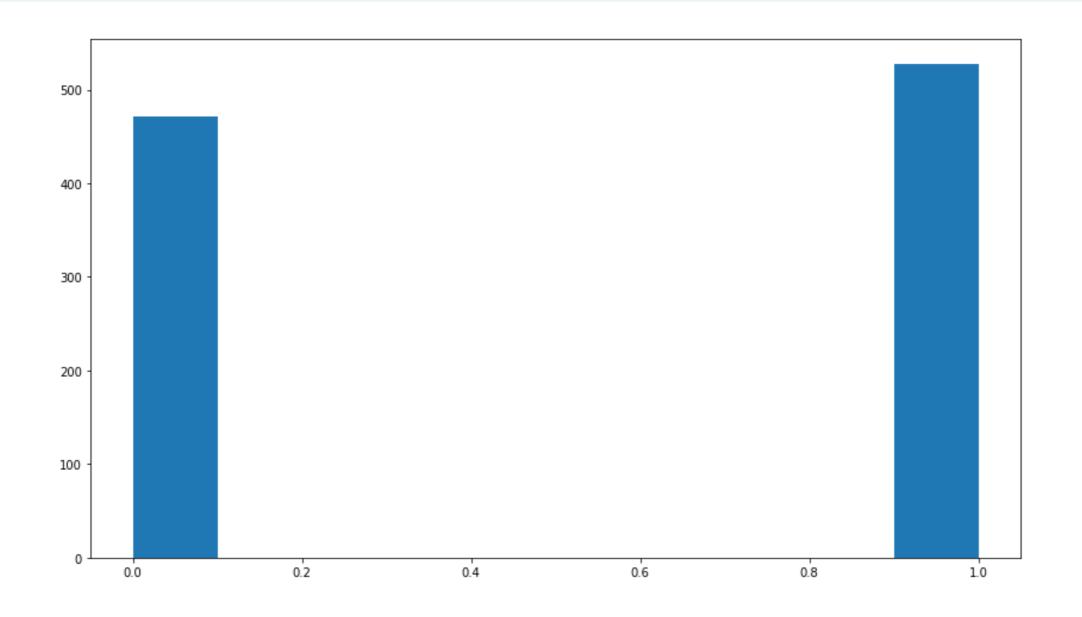
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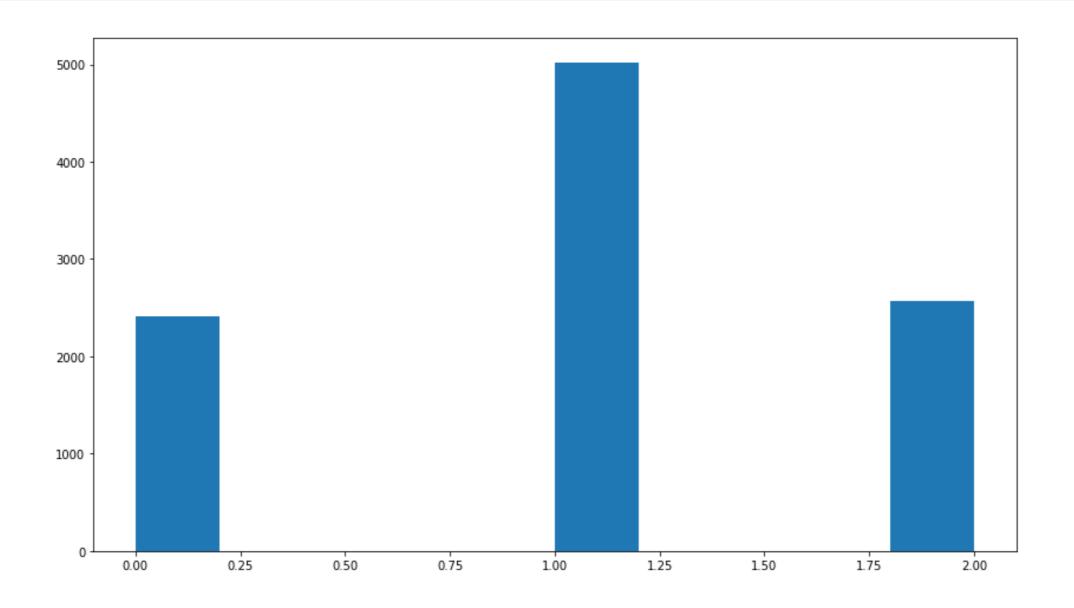
Bernoulli distribution

plt.hist(bernoulli.rvs(p=0.5, size=1000))

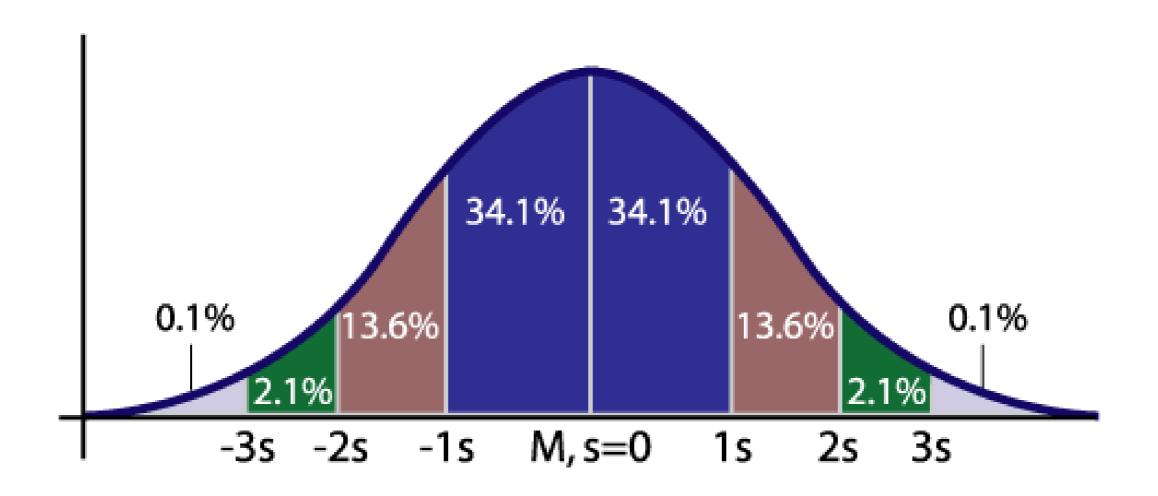


Binomial distribution

plt.hist(binom.rvs(2, 0.5, size=10000))

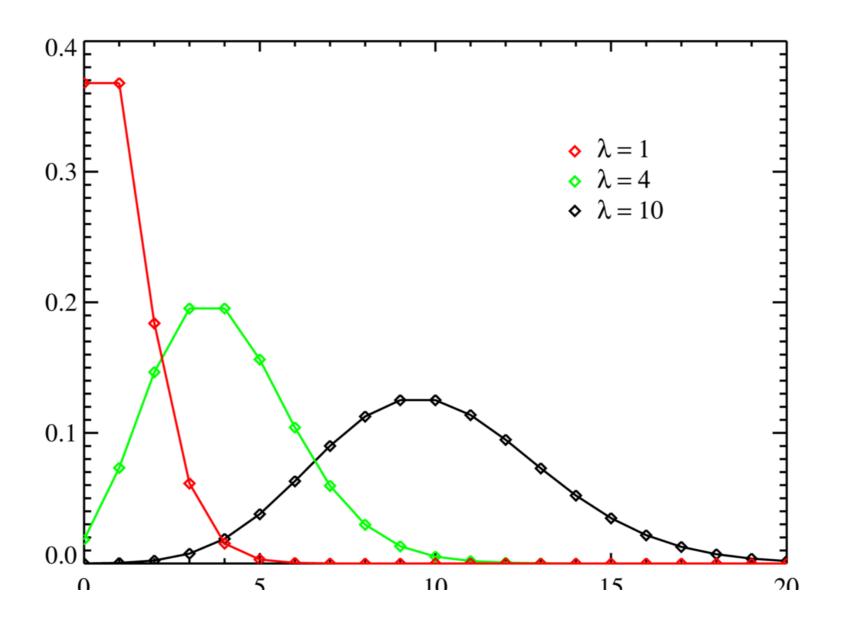


Normal distribution





Poisson distribution





Poisson distribution

In any 15-minute interval, there is a 20% probability that you will see at least one shooting star. What is the probability that you see at least one shooting star in the period of an hour?

¹ 120 Data Science Interview Questions



Summary

- Definition of probability distributions
- Overview of common distributions
- Bernoulli, binomial, normal, and Poisson

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