STATISTICS MATTER IN DATA SCIENCE



Statistics is the backbone of data science, helping us make sense of raw data and draw meaningful insights.

From hypothesis testing to machine learning algorithms, statistics plays a crucial role in every step of the data analysis process.

DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS

- Descriptive statistics summarize and describe the main features of a dataset.
- Key Formulas:
- Mean: $\mu = (\Sigma x) / n$
- Median: Me = Middle value
- Mode: Value that appears most frequently
- Standard Deviation: $\sigma = \sqrt{((\Sigma(xi \mu)^2) / n)}$





INFERENTIAL STATISTICS

- Inferential statistics draw conclusions about a population from a sample of data.
- Key Formulas:

- Confidence Interval: $CI = \bar{x} \pm (Z * (\sigma / \sqrt{n}))$
- Z-Score: $Z = (x \mu) / \sigma$
- Margin of Error: $ME = Z * (\sigma/\sqrt{n})$





PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTIONS

- Probability distributions model the likelihood of different outcomes in a dataset.
- Key Formulas:

- Normal Distribution: N(x | μ , σ^2) = (1 / $(\sqrt{(2\pi\sigma^2)})$ * $e^{(-((x \mu)^2 / (2\sigma^2))})$
- Binomial Distribution: P(X=k) = (n choose k) * p^k * (1-p)^(n-k)
- Poisson Distribution: P(X=k) = (e^(-λ) * λ^k) / k!





CORRELATION AND REGRESSION

- Correlation measures the relationship between two variables, while regression predicts one variable based on another.
- Key Formulas:

- Correlation Coefficient (Pearson): $r = \Sigma((xi \bar{x}) * (yi \bar{y})) / (n * sx * sy)$
- Linear Regression: y = mx + b
- Coefficient of Determination (R²): R² = (Explained Variance) / (Total Variance)





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SAMPLING AND ESTIMATION

- Sampling techniques and estimation methods allow us to draw conclusions about a population from a smaller sample.
- Key Formulas:

- Simple Random Sampling: Each member has an equal chance of selection.
- Point Estimation: Using sample data to estimate population parameters.
- Margin of Error: ME = $(Z * (\sigma / \sqrt{n}))$ for estimating population mean.





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