

Probability Density Functions

Generic PDF Function

The generic formula for a PDF is as follows: $P(a \leq x \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$, where $f(x)$ is the probability function describing the distribution.

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In[*]:= P[f_, x_, a_, b_] := NIntegrate[f, {x, a, b}];  
Default[P, 3] = -∞;  
Default[P, 4] = ∞;
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Gaussian Distribution

$$\text{Gaussian Distribution: } G(y, \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

A standard Gaussian distribution has a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1.

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In[*]:= Gaussian[y_, μ_, σ_] :=  $\frac{1}{\sigma \text{Sqrt}[2\pi]} E^{-\frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$ ;  
Default[Gaussian, 2] = 0;  
Default[Gaussian, 3] = 1;
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Chi-Square Distribution

$$\text{Chi-Square Distribution: } P(\chi^2) = \frac{1}{2^{n/2} \Gamma(n/2)} (\chi^2)^{n/2-1} e^{-\chi^2/2}$$

Where n represents the number of degrees of freedom for the distribution.

This distribution includes the gamma function: $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{x-1} dt$

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In[*]:= ChiSquare[chi2_, n_] :=  $\frac{1}{2^{n/2} \text{Gamma}[n/2]} (\text{chi2})^{(n/2)-1} E^{-\text{chi2}/2}$ ;
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Binomial Distribution

$$\text{Binomial Distribution: } P(m, N, p) = \binom{N}{m} p^m (1-p)^{N-m}$$

This distribution represents the probability of getting m successes out of N trials, where the probability

of success is p .

$$\text{In}[*]:= \text{Bin}[m_ , N_ , p_] := \frac{\text{Factorial}[N]}{\text{Factorial}[m] \text{Factorial}[N - m]} p^m (1 - p)^{N-m};$$

Poisson Distribution

$$\text{Poisson Distribution: } P(m, N, p) = \frac{N^m}{m!} p^m e^{-pN} \text{ or } P(m, \mu) = \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^m}{m!}$$

In this distribution, m represents the number of successes out of N trials, and p the probability of success. For a Poisson distribution, $\mu = Np$.

$$\text{In}[*]:= \text{Poisson}[m_ , \mu_] := \frac{E^{-\mu} \mu^m}{\text{Factorial}[m]} ;$$