

Q1. A probability distribution is a mathematical function that describes the likelihood of different outcomes or events occurring. While the values in a probability distribution may represent random variables, the distribution itself provides a systematic way to predict the probabilities associated with those values. It allows us to understand the relative likelihood of different outcomes and make informed predictions based on probabilities rather than deterministic certainties.

Q2. True random numbers are generated from physical processes that are inherently unpredictable, such as atmospheric noise or radioactive decay. Pseudo-random numbers, on the other hand, are generated using deterministic algorithms. While they are not truly random, they exhibit statistical properties that make them "good enough" for most applications. Pseudo-random numbers can simulate randomness well and provide sufficient unpredictability for practical purposes, such as simulations, cryptography, and random sampling.

Q3. The two main factors that influence the behavior of a "normal" probability distribution are the mean (average) and the standard deviation. The mean determines the central tendency or the location of the peak in the distribution, while the standard deviation measures the spread or dispersion of the data around the mean. Together, they define the shape and characteristics of the normal distribution.

Q4. An example of a real-life normal distribution is the height of adult humans. In a large population, the distribution of heights tends to follow a bell-shaped curve, with the majority of individuals clustered around the average height and fewer individuals at the extremes (very tall or very short). This is a common example of a continuous variable that exhibits a normal distribution pattern.

Q5. In the short term, the behavior of a probability distribution can be unpredictable due to the random nature of individual outcomes. However, as the number of trials increases, the distribution tends to converge towards its expected behavior. This phenomenon is known as the law of large numbers. With a larger sample size, the observed frequencies tend to approach the expected probabilities, resulting in a more accurate representation of the underlying distribution.

Q6. The `random.shuffle` function in Python can shuffle the elements of a mutable sequence object, such as a list. It modifies the sequence in-place, changing the order of its elements randomly. This is useful for tasks like randomizing the order of items or creating randomized permutations.

Q7. The `math` package in Python provides several general categories of functions, including mathematical operations, trigonometric functions, logarithmic functions, exponential functions, statistical functions, and more. These functions enable performing various mathematical calculations and operations efficiently in Python.

Q8. Exponentiation and logarithms are inverse operations of each other. If we have a base number raised to an exponent, exponentiation calculates the result. Logarithms, on the other hand, determine the exponent to which a base number must be raised to obtain a given result. They provide a way to solve for the unknown exponent in an exponential equation. The relationship between exponentiation and logarithms allows us to convert between multiplication and addition (exponentiation) and between division and subtraction (logarithms).

Q9. Python supports three logarithmic functions: `math.log(x, base)`, `math.log10(x)`, and `math.log2(x)`. The `math.log(x, base)` function computes the logarithm of `x` with the specified base. The `math.log10(x)` function calculates the logarithm of `x` to the base 10, while the `math.log2(x)` function calculates the logarithm of `x` to the base 2. These logarithmic functions are useful in various mathematical and scientific computations.