

1:Probability Density Function (PDF)-

A **Probability Density Function (PDF)** is a function that tells us **how likely a continuous value is within a range**.

Key points:

- Used for **continuous data**
- Probability of an **exact value is zero**
- Probability is calculated over a **range of values**
- Probability = **area under the curve**

You **cannot say**: Probability that a person is exactly 170.235 cm

That probability = **0**

You **can say**: Probability that a person's height is between **165 cm and 175 cm**

This probability is: The **area under the PDF curve** between 165 and 175

2. Normal Distribution:

A **Normal Distribution** is a **continuous probability distribution** where:

- Data is **symmetrical**
- Most values are clustered around the **mean**
- The shape looks like a **bell**

In a normal distribution:

- Mean = Median = Mode

Example: **Exam scores**

- Most students score around the average
- Very low and very high scores are fewer

Suppose:

- Average exam score = 70
- Standard deviation = 10

Then:

- 68% students score between **60 and 80**
- 95% students score between **50 and 90**

If data is normally distributed:

Range	Meaning
± 1 standard deviation	~68% of data
± 2 standard deviations	~95% of data
± 3 standard deviations	~99.7% of data

One-line intuition: Normal distribution describes natural variation around an average

3. Bernoulli Distribution

A **Bernoulli Distribution** models an experiment that has **only two possible outcomes**:

- Success (1)
- Failure (0)

There is **only one trial**

Key Parameter

- p = probability of success
- Probability of failure = $1 - p$

.Example: **Coin toss**

- Head → success
- Tail → failure

Important Properties

- Only **one trial**
- Only **two outcomes**
- Used as a **building block** for other distributions

4. Binomial Distribution

A **Binomial Distribution** models the **number of successes** in a **fixed number of independent Bernoulli trials**.

In short: Many yes/no experiments counted together

Conditions (must all be true)

1. Fixed number of trials (**n**)
2. Each trial has two outcomes (success/failure)
3. Probability of success (**p**) is constant
4. Trials are independent

Example: **Coin tosses**

- Toss a coin 10 times
- Count how many heads appear

5. Uniform Distribution

A **Uniform Distribution** is a probability distribution where **all outcomes are equally likely**.

There is **no bias** toward any value in the given range.

Key Idea : Every value has the **same probability**.

Types

1. **Discrete Uniform Distribution**
2. **Continuous Uniform Distribution**

Examples: **1. Discrete Uniform**

- Rolling a fair die
Outcomes: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}
Probability of each = 1/6

2. Continuous Uniform

- Random number between 0 and 1
Every value in this range is equally likely

6. Student's t Distribution

The **Student's t distribution** is a **continuous probability distribution** that is used when:

- The **sample size is small**
- The **population standard deviation is unknown**
- Data is approximately **normally distributed**

It looks like a **normal distribution**, but with **fatter (heavier) tails**.

Why do we need it?

When the sample size is small, estimates are **less certain**.

The t distribution accounts for this extra uncertainty.

Normal Distribution t Distribution

Large sample size Small sample size

Population σ known Population σ unknown

Thin tails Thick tails

As sample size increases: **t distribution \rightarrow normal distribution**

Example: Small survey

- Average salary from 15 people
- Use t , not normal

One-line intuition: t distribution is a safer version of normal distribution for small samples

7.Poisson Distribution

A **Poisson Distribution** models the **number of times an event occurs** in a **fixed interval of time or space**, when:

- Events happen **independently**
- Average rate of occurrence is **constant**
- Events are **rare** relative to the interval

Key Parameter λ (lambda) = average number of events per interval

What kind of questions it answers :How many times will something happen in a given period?

Example:**Call center**

- Average 5 calls per minute
- Probability of receiving exactly 3 calls in the next minute

Simple Example

Suppose:

- On average, a customer service desk receives **2 complaints per hour**

Question:

What is the probability of receiving **exactly 1 complaint** in the next hour?

This situation follows a **Poisson Distribution**.

Important Properties

- Used for **counts**, not measurements
- Interval must be fixed (time/area/volume)
- Mean = Variance = λ

Final Big Picture (Very Short)

- **Bernoulli** → One yes/no event
- **Binomial** → Count of yes/no events
- **Uniform** → All outcomes equal
- **Normal** → Natural variation
- **t** → Normal with small data
- **Poisson** → Event counts over time