

# Random Data

Generate random data sample.

## Inputs

- None

## Outputs

- Data: randomly generated data

**Random Data** allows creating random data sets, where variables correspond to the selected distributions. The user can specify the number of rows (samples) and the number of variables for each distribution. Distributions from the Scipy's **stats** module are used.

**Random Data**

**Normal distribution** ①

Variables  Mean   
Name prefix  Variance

**Bernoulli distribution** ②

× Variables  Probability   
Name prefix

**Binomial distribution** ③

Variables  Number of trials   
Name prefix  Probability of success

**Uniform distribution** ④

Variables  Low bound   
Name prefix  High bound

**Discrete uniform distribution** ⑤

Variables  Number of values   
Name prefix

**Multinomial distribution** ⑥

Variables  Probabilities   
Name prefix  Number of trials

Add more variables ... ⑦

Sample size  **Generate** ⑧

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1. **Normal**: A normal continuous random variable. Set the number of variables, the mean and the variance.
2. **Bernoulli**: A Bernoulli discrete random variable. Set the number of variables and the probability mass function.
3. **Binomial**: A binomial discrete random variable. Set the number of variables, the number of trials and probability of success.
4. **Uniform**: A uniform continuous random variable. Set the number of variables and the lower and upper bound of the distribution.
5. **Discrete uniform**: A uniform discrete random variable. Set the number of variables and the number of values per variable.
6. **Multinomial**: A multinomial random variable. Set the probabilities and the number of trials. The probabilities should sum to one. The number of probabilities corresponds to the final number of variables generated.
7. *Add more variables...* enables selecting new distributions from the list and with that adding additional variables. Distributions can be removed by pressing an X in the top left corner of each distribution.
8. Define the sample size (i.e. number of rows, default 1000) and press *Generate* to output the data set.

Random Data

Hypergeometric distribution ①

Variables  Number of objects

Name prefix  Number of positives

Number of trials

Negative binomial distribution ②

Variables  Number of successes

Name prefix  Probability of success

Poisson distribution ③

x Variables  Event rate ( $\lambda$ )

Name prefix

Exponential distribution ④

Variables

Name prefix

Gamma distribution ⑤

Variables  Shape ( $\alpha$ )

Name prefix  Scale

The screenshot shows the 'Random Data' widget configuration. It has two main sections: 'Student's t distribution' (labeled with a circled 6) and 'Bivariate normal distribution' (labeled with a circled 7). In the 'Student's t distribution' section, 'Variables' is set to 10 and 'Degrees of freedom' is set to 1. The 'Name prefix' is 'Var'. In the 'Bivariate normal distribution' section, 'Variables' is set to 2 and 'Name prefix' is 'x, y'. Other parameters include 'Mean x' (0), 'Variance x' (1), 'Mean y' (0), 'Variance y' (1), and 'Covariance' (0.5). At the bottom, 'Sample size' is set to 1000, and there is a blue 'Generate' button. A help icon (?) is at the very bottom left.

1. **Hypergeometric**: A hypergeometric discrete random variable. Set the number of variables, number of objects, positives and trials.
2. **Negative binomial**: A negative binomial discrete random variable. Set the number of variables, number of successes and the probability of a success.
3. **Poisson**: A Poisson discrete random variable. Set the number of variables and the event rate (expected number of occurrences).
4. **Exponential**: An exponential continuous random variable. Set the number of variables.
5. **Gamma**: A gamma continuous random variable. Set the number of variables, the shape and scale. The larger the scale parameter, the more spread out the distribution.
6. **Student's t**: A Student's t continuous random variable. Set the number of variables and the degrees of freedom.
7. **Bivariate normal**: A multivariate normal random variable where the number of variables is fixed to 2. The number of variables is set to two and cannot be changed. Set the mean and variance of each variable and the covariance matrix of the distribution.

## Example

We normally wouldn't create a data set with so many different distributions but rather, for instance, a set of normally distributed variables and perhaps a binary variable, which we will use as the target variable. In this example, we use the default settings, which generate 10 normally distributed variables and a single binomial variable.

We observe the generated data in a **Data Table** and in **Distributions**.

**Random Data**

Normal distribution

Variables: 10      Mean: 0

Name prefix: Var      Variance: 1

Binomial distribution

Variables: 1      Number of trials: 100

Name prefix: Var      Probability of success: 0.5

Add more variables ...

Sample size: 1000      **Generate**

**Data Table**

Info

1000 instances (no missing values)  
11 features (no missing values)  
No target variable.  
No meta attributes

Variables

☒ Show variable labels (if present)  
☐ Visualize numeric values  
☒ Color by instance classes

Selection

☒ Select full rows

**Restore Original Order**

☒ Send Automatically

	Var01	Var02	Var03	Var04	Var05
1	0.197604	-0.826233	0.0213262	-0.0929553	0.0296049
2	-0.88064	-0.293448	-0.0431684	-0.971331	1.85404
3	-0.96092	0.407383	-0.419268	-1.25326	-0.174696
4	-0.811525	1.70616	0.815092	0.079756	0.932118
5	-0.592566	-0.242324	0.0109696	-1.32786	1.90505
6	-1.00995	1.92293	-1.15801	0.633923	1.92268
7	1.20766	-1.52101	0.723093	2.33384	1.06296
8	1.19369	-0.598651	-0.62799	-0.73433	-0.222881
9	-1.21369	-1.42669	-1.79902	-0.0197658	-2.04898
10	-0.760123	0.429566	-0.669605	-1.21804	0.0738477
11	1.51004	0.292348	0.167323	0.134744	0.942279
12	1.4443	0.166767	-0.719676	-0.0151965	1.68312
13	0.80582	0.310469	-0.271746	1.24693	-0.358982
14	-0.0770306	0.579962	-0.108899	1.31261	-2.28411
15	0.0674668	1.55216	1.09012	0.259532	0.44246
16	-1.05079	-1.14672	-1.36772	0.779669	-0.229589
17	0.400000	0.400000	0.400000	0.400000	0.400000



