

UNIT-V: Distributions

Continuous

Probability

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Continuous Probability Distributions

A probability distribution where the random variable can take any value within a given range.

Uniform Distribution

A distribution where all outcomes are equally likely.
Formula: $f(x) = 1 / (b - a)$, for $a \leq x \leq b$.

Exponential Distribution

Used to model time between events in a Poisson process.
Formula: $f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$, for $x \geq 0$.

Gamma Distribution

Generalizes the exponential distribution to model waiting times for multiple events.
Formula: $f(x) = (\lambda^k * x^{(k-1)} * e^{-\lambda x}) / (k-1)!$.

Weibull Distribution

Used in reliability analysis and failure modeling.
Formula: $f(x) = (\beta/\alpha) * (x/\alpha)^{(\beta-1)} * e^{-(x/\alpha)^\beta}$.

Normal Distribution

A symmetric, bell-shaped distribution describing many natural phenomena.
Formula: $f(x) = (1 / (\sigma\sqrt{2\pi})) * e^{-(x - \mu)^2 / (2\sigma^2)}$.

Functions of a Random Variable

Transformations of random variables to derive new distributions and probabilities.

