

# UNIT-IV: Discrete Probability Distributions

Author : Statistics Department

Date : 2025

## Probability Mass Function (PMF)

Defines the probability of discrete outcomes. Formula: (  $P(X = x)$  ).

## Probability Density Function (PDF)

Describes continuous probability distributions over an interval.

## Binomial Distribution

Models the number of successes in (  $n$  ) independent trials. Formula: (  $P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$  ).

## Geometric Distribution

Models the number of trials needed for the first success. Formula: (  $P(X = k) = (1-p)^{k-1} p$  ).

## Negative Binomial Distribution

Generalizes the geometric distribution for multiple successes.

## Poisson Distribution

Models rare events over time. Formula: (  $P(X = k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$  ).