

### Objective:

In this session, you will practice and solve some problems that involve identifying certain probability distributions and few applications of central limit theorem.

### Key takeaways:

1. Computing distributions in Python
2. Identify probability distributions
  - Geometric: For estimating number of attempts before first success
  - Binomial: For estimating number of successes in ' $n$ ' attempts
  - Poisson: For estimating ' $n$ ' number of events in given time window when, on average we see ' $m$ ' events
  - Exponential: Time between events

'p' – cumulative distribution; (area under the curve)  $p(x < 'a')$

'd' – probability density;  $p(x = 'a')$  height of the distribution

'q' – inverse of 'p' / quantile; Value on x-axis corresponding to 'pnorm'

'r' – random number; random number generation for specified probability distribution

### Problem statement 1:

1. Consider the favorite coin toss experiment. If you toss a biased coin, the probability of obtaining heads is 0.6. If you toss the coin 10 times, what is the probability of getting heads exactly 4 times?
2. You are fond of a particular flavor of ice-cream but it is rarely available in the shop. The probability of getting that ice-cream is only 0.15.
  - a. Obtain a distribution table for getting ice-cream in 1st, 2nd, ....., 10th visit and generate a plot.
  - b. How many visits on an average are required to get your favorite ice-cream?
3. Customers arrive at a bus station at the rate of 5 per minute following Poisson distribution. What is the probability of 3 arrivals in a one-minute interval?
4. Average birth rate = 1.8 per hour. What is the probability that 5 people are born in a 2 hour interval.
5. The time required to repair a machine is an exponential random variable with rate  $\lambda = 0.5$  jobs/hour.  
What is the probability that a repair time exceeds 2 hours?
6. Compute Z score for the elements in the vector below

82, 72, 85, 14, 66, 15, 23, 78, 16, 38, 92, 17.

7. If player A gets a goal an average of 70% of the time with SD of 20%. Player B gets a goal an average of 40% of the time with SD of 10%. In a particular game, player A gets the goal 75% of time and player B gets the goal 55% of the time. Which of these two players have done better when compared to their personal track records?
8. A college basketball team has a shortage of one team member and a coach wants to recruit a player. To be selected for training the minimum height recruitment is 72 inches. The average height of the students is 67.2 inches with a variance of 29.34. What is the probability that the coach finds a player from that college?
9. A certain type of light bulb has an average life of 500 hours, with a standard deviation of 100 hours. The life of the bulb can be closely approximated by a normal curve. An amusement park buys and installs 10,000 such bulbs. Find the total number that can be expected to last for each period of time.
  - a. At least 500 hours
  - b. Less than 500 hours
  - c. Between 350 and 550 hours
  - d. More than 750 hours
10. Twelve volunteers were chosen for a blind-fold test to taste 2 soft-drinks A & B. What is the probability that 3 of them were able to correctly identify the drink that they had?