

SOC 5050: Week 06 Commands Quick Reference

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Review: Using Stata's Calculator

All of the functions for the binomial, Poisson, and normal distributions can be paired the `display` command to output the probability under that distribution given the specified parameters:

`display equation`

Binomial Distribution

For the binomial distribution, let:

n = number of independent trials

k = number of successes

p = probability of success in each trial

Probability of k Successes

`display binomialp(n,k,p)`

Probability of k or Fewer Successes

`display binomial(n,k,p)`

Probability of k or More Successes

`display binomialtail(n,k,p)`

Poisson Distribution

For the Poisson distribution, let:

$m = \lambda$

k = number of successes

Probability of k Successes

`display poissonp(m,k)`

Probability of k or Fewer Successes

`display poisson(m,k)`

Probability of k or More Successes

`display` `poissontail(m,k)`

Normal Distribution

For the normal distribution, let:

z = standardized score

Cumulative Probability

`display` `normal(z)`

*Normality Testing**Descriptive Statistics - Skew and Kurtosis* ¹

`summarize` `varname`, `detail`

`tabstat` `varname`, `statistics(skew kurtosis)`

¹ If you spend time on Google, you may come across the command `sktest`. Follow Stata's documentation and avoid using it to adjudicate normality in distributions.

Diagnostic Plots ²

`histogram` `varname`, `frequency` `normal` - overlay normal distribution

`pnorm` `varname` - normal probability (p-p) plot

`qnorm` `varname` - quantile-quantile (q-q) plot

² You should use all of the standard plot options with these graphs.

Hypothesis Tests

`swilk` `varname`

`sfrancia` `varname`

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