

* Binomial distribution example.

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① $\mu_X = \sum x_i P(x)$

$$= 0(.272) + 1(.575) + 2(.121)$$

* Continuous distribution:

$$P(X=12.7865) = \frac{1}{\infty} = 0$$

$$P(10 \leq X \leq 15) =$$

Probability density function (PDF) is an equation used

to compute probabilities of continuous random variable.

It must satisfy two properties:

① The total area under the graph of the equation must equal to 1

② The height of the graph must be greater than or equal to zero.

For all possible values of the random variable.

Normal distribution: Has a bell shaped graph.

In a normal distribution, mean = median = mode.

So the high point on the graph corresponds to the mean μ one standard deviation away from the

means $(\mu - \sigma, \mu + \sigma)$ gives us the inflection points, where the curvature of the graph changes.

Properties of a normal density curve:

- (1) The normal curve is symmetric about its mean.
- (2) Because mean = median = mode, the high point of the normal curve corresponds to μ .
- (3) The normal curve has inflection points at $\mu - \sigma$ and $\mu + \sigma$.
- (4) The area under the normal curve is equal to 1.
- (5) The area under the curve to the right of μ is $\frac{1}{2}$ as is the area under the curve to the left of μ .
- (6) The graph approaches the horizontal axis in both directions but never touches.
- (7) The empirical rule applies to the normal curve.

$$y = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

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Standardizing a normal Random variable

Suppose that X is normally distributed with mean μ and standard deviation σ . Then the Random

variable $Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$ is normally distributed

with mean $\mu = 0$, and standard deviation $\sigma = 1$, Z is

said to have the standard normal distribution.

