

Probability Formulae

Partition (Complete system of events) $\{A_1, A_2, \dots\}$ is a partition of Ω if

$$A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset \quad (i \neq j) \quad \text{and} \quad \bigcup_i A_i = \Omega.$$

Conditioning Suppose that $\{A_1, A_2, \dots\}$ is a partition of Ω and B is an arbitrary event. Then

$$\mathbb{P}(B) = \sum_i \mathbb{P}(A_i) \mathbb{P}(B|A_i).$$

Bayes' Rule Suppose that $\{A_1, A_2, \dots\}$ is a partition of Ω and B is an arbitrary event. Then

$$\mathbb{P}(A_k|B) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(A_k) \mathbb{P}(B|A_k)}{\sum_i \mathbb{P}(A_i) \mathbb{P}(B|A_i)}.$$

Tower rule (Multiplication rule) Suppose that A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are arbitrary events. Then

$$\mathbb{P}(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = \mathbb{P}(A_1) \mathbb{P}(A_2|A_1) \mathbb{P}(A_3|A_1 \cap A_2) \dots \mathbb{P}(A_n|A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_{n-1}).$$

Discrete distributions (pmf: probability mass function, $q = 1 - p$)

Name	pmf	expectation	variance
Binomial	$\binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} \quad (k = 0, 1, \dots, n)$	np	npq
Poisson	$\frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda} \quad (k = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$	λ	λ
Geometric	$q^{k-1} p \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots)$	$\frac{1}{p}$	$\frac{q}{p^2}$

Continuous distributions (pdf: probability density function, cdf: cumulative distribution function)

Name	pdf	cdf	expectation	variance
Uniform	$\frac{1}{b-a} \quad (a < x < b)$	$\frac{x-a}{b-a} \quad (a < x < b)$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$	$\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$
Exponential	$\lambda e^{-\lambda x} \quad (x > 0)$	$1 - e^{-\lambda x} \quad (x > 0)$	$\frac{1}{\lambda}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$
Normal	$\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$	$\Phi\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$	μ	σ^2

Table of standard normal cdf $\Phi(x)$

x	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
0.0	0.5000	0.5040	0.5080	0.5120	0.5160	0.5199	0.5239	0.5279	0.5319	0.5359
0.1	0.5398	0.5438	0.5478	0.5517	0.5557	0.5596	0.5636	0.5675	0.5714	0.5753
0.2	0.5793	0.5832	0.5871	0.5910	0.5948	0.5987	0.6026	0.6064	0.6103	0.6141
0.3	0.6179	0.6217	0.6255	0.6293	0.6331	0.6368	0.6406	0.6443	0.6480	0.6517
0.4	0.6554	0.6591	0.6628	0.6664	0.6700	0.6736	0.6772	0.6808	0.6844	0.6879
0.5	0.6915	0.6950	0.6985	0.7019	0.7054	0.7088	0.7123	0.7157	0.7190	0.7224
0.6	0.7257	0.7291	0.7324	0.7357	0.7389	0.7422	0.7454	0.7486	0.7517	0.7549
0.7	0.7580	0.7611	0.7642	0.7673	0.7704	0.7734	0.7764	0.7794	0.7823	0.7852
0.8	0.7881	0.7910	0.7939	0.7967	0.7995	0.8023	0.8051	0.8078	0.8106	0.8133
0.9	0.8159	0.8186	0.8212	0.8238	0.8264	0.8289	0.8315	0.8340	0.8365	0.8389
1.0	0.8413	0.8438	0.8461	0.8485	0.8508	0.8531	0.8554	0.8577	0.8599	0.8621
1.1	0.8643	0.8665	0.8686	0.8708	0.8729	0.8749	0.8770	0.8790	0.8810	0.8830
1.2	0.8849	0.8869	0.8888	0.8907	0.8925	0.8944	0.8962	0.8980	0.8997	0.9015
1.3	0.9032	0.9049	0.9066	0.9082	0.9099	0.9115	0.9131	0.9147	0.9162	0.9177
1.4	0.9192	0.9207	0.9222	0.9236	0.9251	0.9265	0.9279	0.9292	0.9306	0.9319
1.5	0.9332	0.9345	0.9357	0.9370	0.9382	0.9394	0.9406	0.9418	0.9429	0.9441
1.6	0.9452	0.9463	0.9474	0.9484	0.9495	0.9505	0.9515	0.9525	0.9535	0.9545
1.7	0.9554	0.9564	0.9573	0.9582	0.9591	0.9599	0.9608	0.9616	0.9625	0.9633
1.8	0.9641	0.9649	0.9656	0.9664	0.9671	0.9678	0.9686	0.9693	0.9699	0.9706
1.9	0.9713	0.9719	0.9726	0.9732	0.9738	0.9744	0.9750	0.9756	0.9761	0.9767
2.0	0.9772	0.9778	0.9783	0.9788	0.9793	0.9798	0.9803	0.9808	0.9812	0.9817
2.1	0.9821	0.9826	0.9830	0.9834	0.9838	0.9842	0.9846	0.9850	0.9854	0.9857
2.2	0.9861	0.9864	0.9868	0.9871	0.9875	0.9878	0.9881	0.9884	0.9887	0.9890
2.3	0.9893	0.9896	0.9898	0.9901	0.9904	0.9906	0.9909	0.9911	0.9913	0.9916
2.4	0.9918	0.9920	0.9922	0.9925	0.9927	0.9929	0.9931	0.9932	0.9934	0.9936
2.5	0.9938	0.9940	0.9941	0.9943	0.9945	0.9946	0.9948	0.9949	0.9951	0.9952
2.6	0.9953	0.9955	0.9956	0.9957	0.9959	0.9960	0.9961	0.9962	0.9963	0.9964
2.7	0.9965	0.9966	0.9967	0.9968	0.9969	0.9970	0.9971	0.9972	0.9973	0.9974
2.8	0.9974	0.9975	0.9976	0.9977	0.9977	0.9978	0.9979	0.9979	0.9980	0.9981
2.9	0.9981	0.9982	0.9982	0.9983	0.9984	0.9984	0.9985	0.9985	0.9986	0.9986
3.0	0.9987	0.9987	0.9987	0.9988	0.9988	0.9989	0.9989	0.9989	0.9990	0.9990
3.1	0.9990	0.9991	0.9991	0.9991	0.9992	0.9992	0.9992	0.9992	0.9993	0.9993
3.2	0.9993	0.9993	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9995	0.9995	0.9995
3.3	0.9995	0.9995	0.9995	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9997
3.4	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9998