Glossary

1. Beta Distribution

A distribution used for continuous random variables which are constrained to lie between 0 and 1. It is characterized by two parameters: shape and scale.

2. Distribution

A set of numbers and their frequency of occurrence collected from measurements over a statistical population.

3. Expected Value

In statistics, it is the sum or integral of all possible values of a random variable, or any given function of it, multiplied by the respective probabilities of the values of the variable.

4. Gamma Distribution

A distribution used for continuous random variables, which are constrained to be greater or equal to 0. It is characterized by two parameters: shape and scale. The gamma distribution is often used to model data which is positively skewed.

5. Kurtosis

In Statistic, it is a measure of the concentration of a distribution around its mean.

6. Mean

The average value of a set of numbers.

7. Parameter

In Statistics, a quantity, such as a mean, that is calculated from data and describes a population.

8. Probability

A number expressing the likelihood that a specific event will occur, expressed as the ratio of the number of actual occurrences to the number of possible occurrences.

9. Probability Density Function

A function of a continuous random variable, whose integral across an interval gives the probability that the value of the variable lies within the same interval.

10. Skewness

In Statistic, it is a measure of the symmetry of a distribution around its mean.

11. Summation

The act or process of determining a sum.

12. Unique

The quality of being one of a kind

13. Variable

A quantity capable of assuming any of a set of values.

14. Variate

A random variable with a numerical value that is defined on a given sample space.

15. Variance

The square of the standard deviation.