

# How can a Chi-Square distribution be plotted in Python?

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The Chi-Square distribution is a statistical distribution commonly used in hypothesis testing and goodness-of-fit analysis. In Python, it can be plotted by first importing the necessary libraries, such as `scipy` and `matplotlib`. Then, the distribution can be generated using the `scipy.stats` module and plotted using the `matplotlib.pyplot` module. The plot can be customized with different parameters, such as the degrees of freedom and color. The resulting plot will show the probability density function of the Chi-Square distribution, which can be useful in visualizing the distribution and analyzing data.

## Plot a Chi-Square Distribution in Python

To plot a Chi-Square distribution in Python, you can use the following syntax:

```
#x-axis ranges from 0 to 20 with .001 steps
```

```
x = np.arange(0, 20, 0.001)
```

```
#plot Chi-square distribution with 4 degrees of freedom
```

```
plt.plot(x, chi2.pdf(x, df=4))
```

The `x` array defines the range for the x-axis and the `plt.plot()` produces the curve for the Chi-square distribution with the specified degrees of freedom.

The following examples show how to use these functions in practice.

### Example 1: Plot a Single Chi-Square Distribution

The following code shows how to plot a single Chi-

## square distribution curve with 4 degrees of freedom

```
import numpy as np
```

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

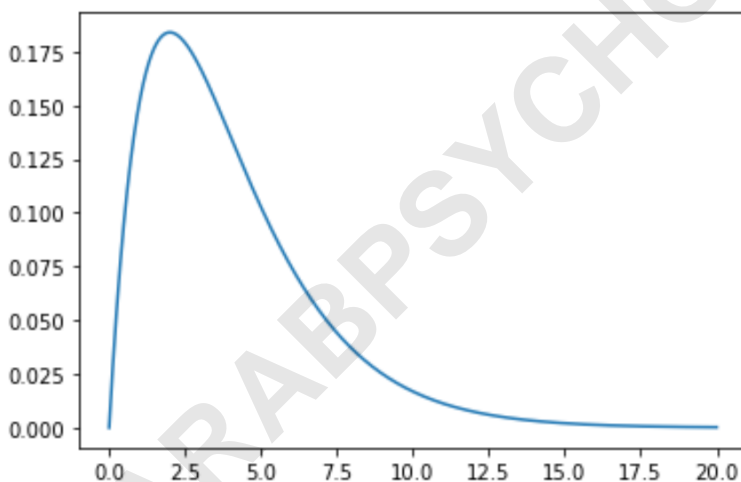
```
from scipy.stats import chi2
```

```
#x-axis ranges from 0 to 20 with .001 steps
```

```
x = np.arange(0, 20, 0.001)
```

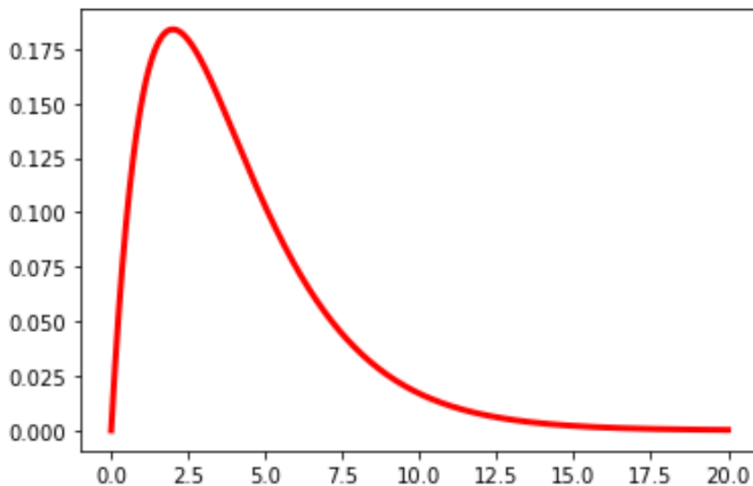
```
#plot Chi-square distribution with 4 degrees of freedom
```

```
plt.plot(x, chi2.pdf(x, df=4))
```



You can also modify the color and the width of the line in the graph:

```
plt.plot(x, chi2.pdf(x, df=4), color='red', linewidth=3)
```



### Example 2: Plot Multiple Chi-Square Distributions

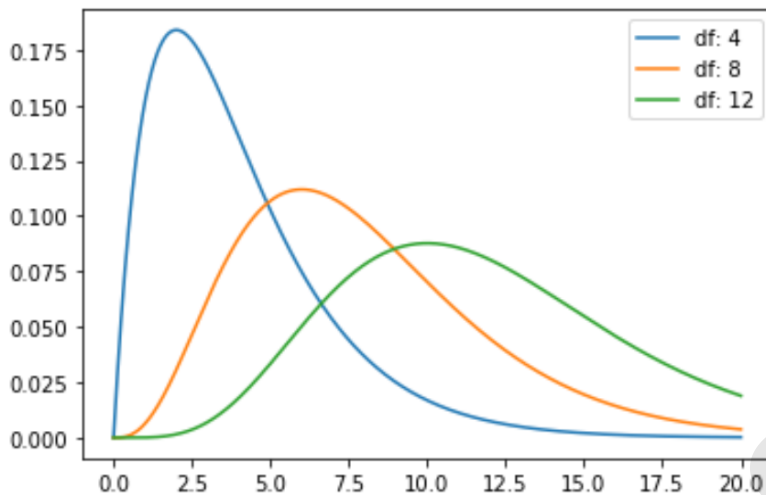
The following code shows how to plot multiple Chi-square distribution curves with different degrees of freedom:

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy.stats import chi2

#x-axis ranges from 0 to 20 with .001 steps
x = np.arange(0, 20, 0.001)

#define multiple Chi-square distributions
plt.plot(x, chi2.pdf(x, df=4), label='df: 4')
plt.plot(x, chi2.pdf(x, df=8), label='df: 8')
plt.plot(x, chi2.pdf(x, df=12), label='df: 12')
```

```
#add legend to plot  
plt.legend()
```



Feel free to modify the colors of the lines and add a title and axes labels to make the chart complete:

```
import numpy as np  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
from scipy.stats import chi2  
  
#x-axis ranges from 0 to 20 with .001 steps  
x = np.arange(0, 20, 0.001)  
  
#define multiple Chi-square distributions  
plt.plot(x, chi2.pdf(x, df=4), label='df: 4', color='gold')  
plt.plot(x, chi2.pdf(x, df=8), label='df: 8', color='red')
```

```
plt.plot(x, chi2.pdf(x, df=12), label='df: 12', color='pink')
```

```
#add legend to plot
```

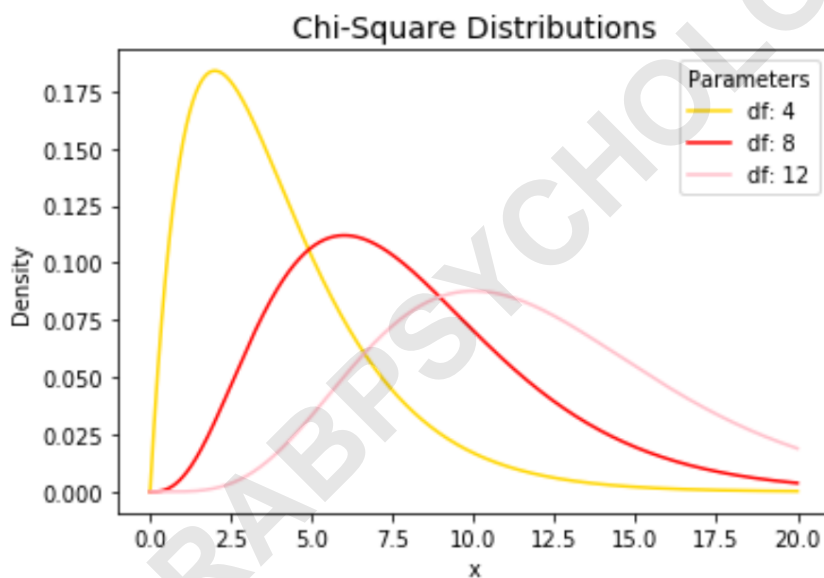
```
plt.legend(title='Parameters')
```

```
#add axes labels and a title
```

```
plt.ylabel('Density')
```

```
plt.xlabel('x')
```

```
plt.title('Chi-Square Distributions', fontsize=14)
```



Refer to the for an in-depth explanation of the `plt.plot()` function.