

Summary of Distributions

Name	Support	p.d.f. - p.m.f.	Mean	Variance	m.g.f.
Discrete Uniform	$x = x_1, \dots, x_k$	$\frac{1}{k}$	$\frac{1}{k} \sum x_i$	$\frac{1}{k} \sum (x_i - \mu)^2$	$\frac{1}{k} \sum e^{tx_i}$
Bernoulli $(1, \theta)$	$x = 0, 1$	$\theta^x (1 - \theta)^{1-x}$	θ	$\theta(1 - \theta)$	$e^t \theta + (1 - \theta)$
Binomial (n, θ)	$x = 0, 1, \dots, n$	$\binom{n}{x} \theta^x (1 - \theta)^{n-x}$	$n\theta$	$n\theta(1 - \theta)$	$(e^t \theta + (1 - \theta))^n$
Geometric (θ)	$x = 1, 2, \dots$	$\theta(1 - \theta)^{x-1}$	$\frac{1}{\theta}$	$\frac{1-\theta}{\theta^2}$	$\frac{\theta e^t}{1 - e^t(1 - \theta)}$
Negative Binomial (k, θ)	$x = k, k + 1, \dots$	$\binom{x-1}{k-1} \theta^k (1 - \theta)^{x-k}$	$\frac{k}{\theta}$	$\frac{k(1-\theta)}{\theta^2}$	$\frac{\theta e^t}{(1 - e^t(1 - \theta))^k}$
Hypergeometric (N, n, k)	$x \leq k$ $n - x \leq N - k$	$\frac{\binom{k}{x} \binom{N-k}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$	$\frac{nk}{N}$		
Poisson (λ)	$x = 0, 1, \dots$	$\frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$	λ	λ	$e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}$
Continuous Uniform (α, β)	$\alpha < x < \beta$	$\frac{1}{\beta - \alpha}$	$\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}$	$\frac{(\beta - \alpha)^2}{12}$	$\frac{e^{t\beta} - e^{t\alpha}}{t(\beta - \alpha)}$
Exponential (θ)	$x > 0$	$\frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x/\theta}$	θ	θ^2	$(1 - t\theta)^{-1}$
Gamma (α, β)	$x > 0$	$\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}$	$\alpha\beta$	$\alpha\beta^2$	$(1 - \beta t)^{-\alpha}$
Normal (μ, σ^2)	$-\infty < x < \infty$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}$	μ	σ^2	$e^{\mu t + \sigma^2 t^2/2}$