

APPENDIX A
TABLE OF DISCRETE DISTRIBUTIONS

Distribution	Mass function $p_X(k)$	$M_X(t)$ mgf	Mean & Variance
Bernoulli $ber(p)$	$\begin{cases} p^k (1-p)^{1-k} & k = 0; 1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$	$(1-p+pe^t)$	$\mu_X = p$ $\sigma_X^2 = p(1-p)$
Binomial $b(n; p)$	$\begin{cases} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} & x = 0; 1; \dots; n \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$	$(1-p+pe^t)^n$	$\mu_X = np$ $\sigma_X^2 = np(1-p)$
Geometric $geo(p)$	$\begin{cases} (1-p)^{x-1} p, & x = 1; 2; 3; \dots \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$	$\frac{pe^t}{1-(1-p)e^t}$	$\mu_X = \frac{1}{p}$ $\sigma_X^2 = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$
Negative Binomial $nb(r; p)$	$\begin{cases} \binom{k-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{k-r}, & k = 1; 2; \dots \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$	$\left[\frac{pe^t}{1-(1-p)e^t} \right]^r$	$\mu_X = \frac{r}{p}$ $\sigma_X^2 = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$
Poisson $Po(\lambda)$	$\begin{cases} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda}, & k = 0; 1; \dots \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$	$e^{\lambda(e^t-1)}$	$\mu_X = \lambda$ $\sigma_X^2 = \lambda$