

CS70 - Final Cheat Sheet

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Distributions Review

Uniform ($U[1, \dots, n]$); $m = 1, \dots, n$

- $\Pr[X = m] = \frac{1}{n}$
- $E[X] = \frac{n+1}{2}$
- $\text{Var}[X] = \frac{1}{12}(b-a)^2$

Binomial ($B(n, p)$); $m = 0, \dots, n$

- $\Pr[X = m] = \binom{n}{m} p^m (1-p)^{n-m}$
- $E[X] = np$
- $\text{Var}[X] = np(1-p)$

Bernoulli ($B(p)$); $m = 0, \dots, n$

- $\Pr[X = m] = p^m (1-p)^{n-1}$
- $E[X] = p$
- $\text{Var}[X] = p(1-p)$

Geometric ($G(p)$); $n = 1, 2, \dots$

- $\Pr[X = n] = (1-p)^{n-1} p$
- $E[X] = \frac{1}{p}$
- $\text{Var}[X] = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$

Poisson ($P(\lambda)$); $n \geq 0$

- $\Pr[X = n] = \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda}$
- $E[X] = \lambda$
- $\text{Var}[X] = \lambda$

Indicator $X = 1$ or 0

- $\Pr[X = 1] = p, \Pr[X = 0] = (1-p)$
- $E[X] = p$
- $\text{Var}[X] = p(1-p)$

Continuous RVs

Memoryless Expo

Let $X = \text{Expo}(\lambda)$. Then, for $s, t > 0$

$$\Pr[X > t + s | X > s] = \Pr[X > t] \quad (1)$$

Scaling Expo

Let $X = \text{Expo}(\lambda)$ and $Y = aX$ for some $a > 0$

$$\Pr[Y > t] = \text{Expo}(\lambda/a) \quad (2)$$

$$a \times \text{Expo}(\lambda) = \text{Expo}(\lambda/a) \quad (3)$$

Scaling Uniform

Let $X = U[0, 1]$ and $Y = a + bX$ where $b > 0$

$$\Pr[Y \in (y, y + \delta)] = \frac{1}{b}\delta, \text{ for } a < y < a + b \quad (4)$$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{b} \text{ for } a < y < a + b \implies Y = U[a, a + b] \quad (5)$$

Scaling PDF

Let $f_X(x)$ be the pdf of X and $Y = a + bX$ where $b > 0$

$$\Pr[Y \in (y, y + \delta)] = f_X\left(\frac{y - a}{b}\right) \frac{\delta}{b} \quad (6)$$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{b} f_X\left(\frac{y - a}{b}\right) \quad (7)$$