

Discrete random variables

Distribution	Parameters	Probability function	$E(X)$	$Var(X)$
Bernoulli	p	$p^x(1-p)^{1-x}$ $x = 0, 1, 0 < p < 1$	p	$p(1-p)$
Binomial	n, p	$\binom{n}{x}p^x(1-p)^{n-x}$ $x = 0, 1, \dots, n$	np	$np(1-p)$
Hyper-geometric	N, G, n	$\binom{G}{x}\binom{N-G}{n-x}/\binom{N}{n}$	$\frac{nG}{N}$	$\frac{nG}{N}\frac{N-G}{N}\frac{N-n}{N-1}$
Geometric	p	$(1-p)^{x-1}p$ $x = 1, 2, \dots$	$\frac{1}{p}$	$\frac{(1-p)}{p^2}$
Poisson	λ	$\frac{e^{-\lambda}\lambda^x}{x!}$ $\lambda > 0, x = 0, 1, \dots$	λ	λ

Continuous random variables

Distribution	Parameter	Density function	$E(X)$	$Var(X)$
$U[\alpha, \beta]$	α, β	$\frac{1}{\beta-\alpha}$ $\alpha \leq x \leq \beta$	$\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}$	$\frac{(\beta-\alpha)^2}{12}$
Exponential	λ	$\lambda e^{-\lambda x}$ $x \geq 0, \lambda > 0$	$1/\lambda$	$1/\lambda^2$
Normal	μ, σ^2	$\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}$ $-\infty < x < \infty$ $-\infty < \mu < \infty, \sigma > 0$	μ	σ^2