

Cumulant Function

$$S_x(t) = n \log [pe^t + (1-p)]$$

$$E(X) = \frac{dS_x(t)}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} = n \cdot \frac{p \cdot e^t}{pe^t + (1-p)} \Big|_{t=0} = np.$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{d^2 S_x(t)}{dt^2} \Big|_{t=0} = n \frac{pe^t \cdot [pe^t + (1-p)] - pe^t \cdot pe^t}{(pe^t + (1-p))^2}$$

$$= \frac{npe^t(1-p)}{(1+pe^t)^2} \Big|_{t=0}$$

$$= np(1-p)$$

Characteristic Function

$$\varphi_x(t) = [pe^{it} + (1-p)]^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\varphi_x(t)}{dt} &= n [pe^{it} + (1-p)]^{n-1} \cdot pi \cdot e^{it} \Big|_{t=0} \\ &= npi \Rightarrow E(X) = (-i) \cdot \varphi'(0) \\ &= npi(-i) = np. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 \varphi_x(t)}{dt^2} &= npi^2 \cdot \left\{ (n-1) [pe^{it} + (1-p)]^{n-2} \cdot pi \cdot e^{it} \cdot e^{it} \right. \\ &\quad \left. [pe^{it} + (1-p)]^{n-1} \cdot i \cdot e^{it} \right\} \Big|_{t=0} \\ &= npi^2 \{ (n-1)pi + i \} \\ &= -n(n-1)p^2 - np \\ &= n(n-1)p^2 + np. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var} = E(X^2) - E(X)^2$$