

Some important families of probability distributions

Discrete

	Range	$p_X(x)$	μ	σ^2	$M_X(t)$
Binomial(n, p)	$0, 1, \dots, n$	$\binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x}$	np	npq	$(pe^t + q)^n$
Geometric(p)	$1, 2, \dots$	pq^{x-1}	$\frac{1}{p}$	$\frac{q}{p^2}$	$\frac{pe^t}{1 - qe^t}$
Negative Binomial(r, p)	$r, r + 1, \dots$	$\binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r q^{x-r}$	$\frac{r}{p}$	$\frac{qr}{p^2}$	$\left(\frac{pe^t}{1 - qe^t}\right)^r$
Hypergeometric(N, K, n)	$0, 1, \dots, n$	$\frac{\binom{K}{x} \binom{N-K}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$	$\frac{nK}{N}$	$\frac{nK(N-K)(N-n)}{N^2(N-1)}$	
Poisson(μ)	$0, 1, \dots$	$\frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^x}{x!}$	μ	μ	$e^{\mu(e^t - 1)}$

Continuous

	Range	$f_X(x)$	μ	σ^2	$M_X(t)$
Uniform(a, b)	(a, b)	$\frac{1}{b-a}$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$	$\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$	$\frac{e^{tb} - e^{ta}}{t(b-a)}$
Exponential(β)	$(0, \infty)$	$\beta e^{-\beta x}$	$\frac{1}{\beta}$	$\frac{1}{\beta^2}$	$\frac{\beta}{\beta - t}$
Normal(μ, σ)	$(-\infty, \infty)$	$\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$	μ	σ^2	$e^{\mu t + \sigma^2 t^2 / 2}$
Gamma(α, β)	$(0, \infty)$	$\frac{\beta^\alpha}{(\alpha-1)!} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x}$	$\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$	$\frac{\alpha}{\beta^2}$	$\left(\frac{\beta}{\beta - t}\right)^\alpha$
Student's t(n)	$(-\infty, \infty)$	$\frac{\Gamma(\frac{n+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})\sqrt{\pi n}} \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{n}\right)^{-(n+1)/2}$	0	$\frac{n}{n-2}$	
$\chi^2(n)$	$(0, \infty)$	$\frac{x^{n/2-1}}{2^{n/2}\Gamma(n/2)} e^{-x/2}$	n	$2n$	$\left(\frac{1}{1-2t}\right)^{n/2}$
$F(n_1, n_2)$	$(0, \infty)$		$\frac{n_2}{n_2 - 2}$	$\frac{2n_2^2(n_1 + n_2 - 2)}{n_1(n_2 - 2)^2(n_2 - 4)}$	