Common Random Variables:

• $X \sim \mathsf{Binomial}(n,p) \colon 0 \le p \le 1, n \in \{1,2,\ldots\}$

$$p_X(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$E[X] = np$$

$$Var[X] = np(1-p)$$

$$M_X(t) = (pe^t + 1 - p)^n$$

• $X \sim \mathsf{Geometric}(p)$: $0 \le p \le 1$

$$p_X(k) = p(1-p)^{k-1}$$
 $k \in \{1, 2, ...\}$
 $E[X] = \frac{1}{p}$
 $Var[X] = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$
 $M_X(t) = \frac{pe^t}{1-(1-p)e^t}$

• $X \sim \mathsf{Poisson}(\lambda)$: $\lambda > 0$

$$p_X(k) = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda}$$

$$E[X] = \lambda$$

$$Var[X] = \lambda$$

$$M_X(t) = \exp(\lambda(e^t - 1))$$

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$$X \sim U(a,b)$$
: $b > a$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a < x < b \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$E[X] = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$Var[X] = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

$$M_X(t) = \frac{e^{tb} - e^{ta}}{t(b-a)}$$

• $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$: $\lambda > 0$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \ge 0\\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$
$$E[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$
$$Var[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$
$$M_X(t) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}$$

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$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$$
: $\sigma > 0$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$E[X] = \mu$$

$$Var[X] = \sigma^2$$

$$M_X(t) = \exp\left(\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}\right)$$