

Table of Distributions

Distribution	PDF or probability function	mean	variance	MGF
Point mass at a	$I(x = a)$	a	0	e^{at}
Bernoulli(p)	$p^x(1-p)^{1-x}$	p	$p(1-p)$	$pe^t + (1-p)$
Binomial(n, p)	$\binom{n}{x}p^x(1-p)^{n-x}$	np	$np(1-p)$	$(pe^t + (1-p))^n$
Geometric(p)	$p(1-p)^{x-1}I(x \geq 1)$	$1/p$	$\frac{1-p}{p^2}$	$\frac{pe^t}{1-(1-p)e^t} \quad (t < -\log(1-p))$
Poisson(λ)	$\frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$	λ	λ	$e^{\lambda(e^t-1)}$
Uniform(a, b)	$I(a < x < b)/(b-a)$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$	$\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$	$\frac{e^{bt}-e^{at}}{(b-a)t}$
Normal(μ, σ^2)	$\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-(x-\mu)^2/(2\sigma^2)}$	μ	σ^2	$\exp\left\{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}\right\}$
Exponential(β)	$\frac{e^{-x/\beta}}{\beta}$	β	β^2	$\frac{1}{1-\beta t} \quad (t < 1/\beta)$
Gamma(α, β)	$\frac{x^{\alpha-1}e^{-x/\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha}$	$\alpha\beta$	$\alpha\beta^2$	$\left(\frac{1}{1-\beta t}\right)^\alpha \quad (t < 1/\beta)$
Beta(α, β)	$\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}x^{\alpha-1}(1-x)^{\beta-1}$	$\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}$	$\frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)}$	$1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{r=0}^{k-1} \frac{\alpha+r}{\alpha+\beta+r} \right) \frac{t^k}{k!}$
t_ν	$\frac{\Gamma(\frac{\nu+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{\nu}{2})} \frac{1}{\left(1+\frac{t^2}{\nu}\right)^{(\nu+1)/2}}$	0 (if $\nu > 1$)	$\frac{\nu}{\nu-2}$ (if $\nu > 2$)	does not exist
χ_p^2	$\frac{1}{\Gamma(p/2)2^{p/2}}x^{(p/2)-1}e^{-x/2}$	p	$2p$	$\left(\frac{1}{1-2t}\right)^{p/2} \quad (t < 1/2)$