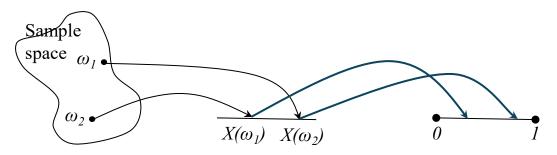
Random Variable

Random Variable Definition

- It frequently occurs that in performing an experiment we are mainly interested in some functions of the outcome as opposed to the outcome itself
 - Rotery, casino, game, etc.
- These quantities of interest, or more formally, these real-valued functions defined on the sample space, are known as random variables (RVs).
- More mathematical expression of RVs
 - Given a probability space (S, F, P), a random variable is a measurable function (mapping) from S to the real line $X: S \to R$
 - $X({H}) = 100, X({H}) = -50$
 - $X(\{1,2\}) = 100, X(\{3,4,5,6\}) = -50$
- Since the value of a random variable is defined by the outcome of the experiment, we may assign probabilities to the possible values of the random variable

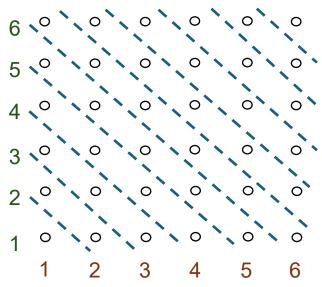


Random Variable: Examples

- Ex 2.1] Letting *X* denote the random variable that is defined as the sum of two fair dice
 - The outcomes of two dice = (ω_1, ω_2)
 - RV $X(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \omega_1 + \omega_2$
 - Possible values of $X = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12\}$
 - Probabilities to the possible values of the random variable
 - $P(X = 2) = P\{(1,1)\} = 1/36$
 - $P(X = 3) = P\{(1,2), (2,1)\} = 2/36$

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- $P(X = 11) = P\{(5,6), (6,5)\} = 2/36$
- $P(X = 12) = P\{(6,6)\} = 1/36$
- $1 = P\{\bigcup_{n=2}^{12} \{X = n\}\} = \sum_{n=2}^{12} P(X = n)$



Random Variable: Examples

• Ex.2.3] Suppose that we toss a coin having a probability p of coming up heads, until the first head appears. Letting N denote the number of flips required, then assuming that the outcome of successive flips are independent, N is a random variable taking on one of the values 1, 2, 3, . . . , with respective probabilities

$$P\{N = 1\} = P\{H\} = p,$$

$$P\{N = 2\} = P\{(T, H)\} = (1 - p)p,$$

$$P\{N = 3\} = P\{(T, T, H)\} = (1 - p)2p,$$
...
$$P\{N = n\} = P\{(T, T, ..., T, H)\} = (1 - p)^{n-1}p, n \ge 1$$

• Indicator random variable $I_F(x) = 1$ if $x \in E$, 0 otherwise.

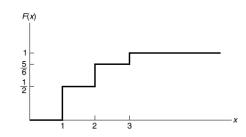
Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)

- If a random variable takes on either a finite or a countable number of possible values, the RV is called discrete.
- If a continuum of possible values, continuous.
- The cumulative distribution function (CDF) F() of the random variable X is defined for any real number $b, -\infty < b < \infty$ by $F(b) = P\{X \le b\}$.
- Properties of CDF F
 - 1. F(b) is a nondecreasing function of b
 - 2. $\lim_{b\to\infty} F(b) = F(\infty) = 1$
 - 3. $\lim_{b\to -\infty} F(b) = F(-\infty) = 0$
- Ex. $P\{a < X \le b\} = F(b) F(a)$ for all a < b

Discrete RVs

- A random variable that can take on at most countable number of possible values
- Probability Mass Function (pmf): for a discrete random variable X, pmf p(a) of X is defined a p(a) = a $P\{X=a\}.$
- Properties of pmf
 - 1. $p(x_i) > 0, i = 1, 2, ...$
 - 2. p(x) = 0 all other values of x

 - $\sum_{i=\{1,\dots,\infty\}} p(x_i) = 1$ $\operatorname{cdf} \operatorname{vs. pmf}: F(a) = \sum_{x_i \leq a} p(x_i)$
- Ex. p(1) = 1/2, p(2) = 1/3, p(3) = 1/6 F(a) = 0 a < 1, $F(a) = \frac{1}{2}$ $1 \le a < 2$, $F(a) = \frac{5}{6}$ $2 \le a < 3$, F(a) = 1 $3 \le a$



- Discrete random variables are often classified according to their pmf
 - Ex: Bernoulli RV, Binomial RV, Geometric RV, Poisson RV

Example of Discrete RVs: The Bernoulli RV

- A random variable X is said to be a Bernoulli RV for given sample space $S = \{A, A^c\}$ and some $p \in (0,1)$ if its pmf is given by $P\{A\} = p, P\{A^c\} = 1 p$
- For example, suppose that a trial, or an experiment, whose outcome can be classified as either a "success" or as a "failure" is performed. If we let *X* equal 1 if the outcome is a success and 0 if it is a failure, then the probability mass function of X is given by

$$p(0)=P\{X=0\}=1-p,$$
 $p(1)=P\{X=1\}=p$ (2.2) where $p,0\leq p\leq 1$, is the probability that the trial is a "success."

Example of Discrete RVs: The Binomial RV

- Suppose that n independent trials, each of which results in a "success" with probability p and in a "failure" with probability 1-p, are to be performed.
- If X represents the number of successes that occur in the n trials, then X is said to be a binomial random variable with parameters (n, p).
- The pmf of a binomial RV with (n,p) $p(i) = \binom{n}{i} p^{i} (1-p)^{n-i} \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, n \text{ (2.3)}$ where $\binom{n}{i} = \frac{n!}{(n-i)!i!}$.
- $\sum_{i=0}^{n} p(i) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} {n \choose i} p^{i} (1-p)^{n-i} = (p+(1-p))^{n} = 1$

Example of Discrete RVs: The Binomial RV

- Ex. 2.7] It is known that any item produced by a certain machine will be defective with probability 0.1, independently of any other item. What is the probability that in a sample of three items, at most one will be defective?
 - If X is the number of defective items in the sample, then X is a binomial random variable with parameters (3,0.1). Hence, the desired probability is given by
 - $P{X = 0} + P{X = 1} = (3,0)(0.1)0(0.9)3 + (3,1)(0.1)1(0.9)2 = 0.972$

Example of Discrete RVs: The Geometric RV

- Suppose that independent trials, each having probability p of being a success, are performed until a success occurs.
- If we let X be the number of trials required until the first success, then X is said to be a geometric random variable with parameter p.
- Its probability mass function is given by $p(n) = P\{X = n\} = (1 p)^{n-1}p, n = 1, 2, ... (2.4)$
- To check that p(n) is a probability mass function, we note that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p(n) = p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-p)^{n-1} = 1$

Example of Discrete RVs: The Poisson RV

• A random variable X, taking on one of the values 0, 1, 2, ..., is said to be a Poisson random variable with parameter λ , if for some $\lambda > 0$, $p(i) = P\{X = i\} = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!}, i = 0,1,2,3,...$ (2.5)

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• To check that p(n) is a probability mass function, we note that
$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} p(i) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!} = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!} = e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda} = 1$$

- Binomial vs. Poisson RVs
 - $n >> 1, p << 1, let \lambda = np$
 - $P\{X=1\} = \binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i} = \frac{n!}{(n-i)!i!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^i \left(1-\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-i} = \frac{n(n-1)...(n-i+1)}{n^i} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!} \frac{\left(1-\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n}{\left(1-\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^i}$
 - For large n and small p
 - $\left(1-\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n \approx e^{-\lambda}, \left(1-\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^i \approx 1, \frac{n(n-1)...(n-i+1)}{n!} \approx 1$
 - $P\{X=i\}\approx e^{-\lambda}\frac{\lambda^i}{i!}$

Example of Discrete RVs: The Poisson RV

• Ex. 2.10] Suppose that the number of typographical errors on a single page of this book has a Poisson distribution with parameter $\lambda=1$. Calculate the probability that there is at least one error on this page.

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$$P\{X \ge 1\} = 1 - P\{X = 0\} = 1 - e^{-1} = 0.633$$

Discrete probability distribution	Probability mass function, p(x)	Moment generating function, $\phi(t)$	Mean	Variance
Binomial with parameters n, p , $0 \le p \le 1$	$\binom{n}{x}p^{x}(1-p)^{n-x},$ $x=0,1,\ldots,n$	$(pe^t + (1-p))^n$	пр	np(1-p)
Poisson with parameter $\lambda > 0$	$e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!},$ $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$	$\exp\{\lambda(e^t-1)\}$	λ	λ
Geometric with parameter $0 \le p \le 1$	$p(1-p)^{x-1},$ $x = 1, 2, \dots$	$\frac{pe^t}{1 - (1 - p)e^t}$	$\frac{1}{p}$	$\frac{1-p}{p^2}$

Continuous RVs

- RV X is said to be a continuous RV if there exists a non-negative function f(x), defined for all real $x \in \{-\infty, \infty\}$ having the property that for any set B of real numbers $P\{X \in B\} = \int_B f(x) dx = 1$
- The function f(x) is called the probability density function (pdf) of the random variable X
- Properties of pdf of X
 - $P\{X \in (-\infty, \infty)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = 1$
 - $P{a \le X \le b} = \int_a^b f(x)dx$
 - $P{X = a} = \int_a^a f(x)dx = 0$
 - $F(a) = P\{X \in (-\infty, a)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{a} f(x)dx$
 - $\frac{dF(a)}{da} = f(a)$
- Ex. Uniform Rv, Exponential Rv, Gamma RV, Normal RV

Example of Continuous RVs: Uniform RV

 A RV is said to be uniformly distributed over the interval (α,β) if its probability density function is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha}, & \alpha < x < \beta \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Ex. 2.14] $X \sim U(0,10)$
 - $P\{X < 3\} = \int_{-\infty}^{3} f(x) dx = \int_{0}^{3} \frac{1}{10} dx = \frac{3}{10}$
 - $P\{X > 7\} = \int_{7}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_{7}^{10} \frac{1}{10} dx = \frac{3}{10}$
 - $P\{1 \le X < 6\} = \int_1^6 f(x) dx = \int_1^6 \frac{1}{10} dx = \frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{2}$

Example of Continuous RVs: Exponential RV

• A continuous RV is said to be an exponential RV with parameter λ if its probability density function is given, for $\lambda > 0$, by $f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & \text{if } x \ge 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$F(a) = \int_0^a \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = 1 - e^{-\lambda a}$$

Example of Continuous RVs: Gamma RV

• A continuous RV is said to be a gamma RV with parameter α , λ , if its probability density function is given, for $\alpha > 0$, $\lambda > 0$, by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{\alpha - 1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}, & \text{if } x \ge 0\\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where

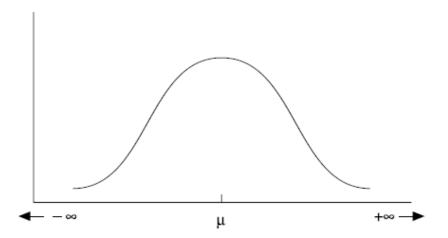
$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty e^{-x} x^{\alpha - 1} dx$$

Example of Continuous RVs: Normal RV

• A continuous RV is said to be a normal RV with parameter μ and σ^2 , if its probability density function is given by

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

for $-\infty < x < \infty$.



Continuous probability distribution	Probability density function, $f(x)$	Moment generating function, $\phi(t)$	Mean	Variance
Uniform over (a, b)	$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a < x < b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$\frac{e^{tb} - e^{ta}}{t(b-a)}$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$	$\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$
Exponential with parameter $\lambda > 0$	$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$	$\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$
Gamma with parameters $(n, \lambda), \lambda > 0$	$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a < x < b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ $f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$ $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}, & x \ge 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$	$\left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}\right)^n$	$\frac{n}{\lambda}$	$\frac{n}{\lambda^2}$
Normal with parameters (μ, σ^2)	$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma}$ $\times \exp\{-(x - \mu)^2/2\sigma^2\},$	$\exp\left\{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}\right\}$	μ	σ^2
	$-\infty < x < \infty$			

Probability mass function, p(x)	Moment generating function, $\phi(t)$	Mean	Variance
$\binom{n}{x}p^{x}(1-p)^{n-x},$ $x = 0, 1, \dots, n$	$(pe^t + (1-p))^n$	пр	np(1-p)
$x=0,1,2,\ldots$	$\exp\{\lambda(e^t-1)\}$	λ	λ
$p(1-p)^{x-1},$ $x = 1, 2, \dots$	$\frac{pe^t}{1 - (1 - p)e^t}$	$\frac{1}{p}$	$\frac{1-p}{p^2}$
Probability density function, $f(x)$	Moment generating function, $\phi(t)$	Mean	Variance
$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a < x < b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$\frac{e^{tb} - e^{ta}}{t(b-a)}$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$	$\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$
$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$	$\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$
$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}, & x \ge 0\\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$	$\left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-t}\right)^n$	$\frac{n}{\lambda}$	$\frac{n}{\lambda^2}$
$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma}$ $\times \exp\{-(x - \mu)^2/2\sigma^2\}$	$\exp\left\{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}\right\}$	$\Big\}$ μ	σ^2
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- The expected value of X, E[X], is a weighted average of the possible values that X can take on, each value being weighted by the probability that X assumes that value.
- If RV X is a discrete RV having a pmf p(x), then E[X] is defined by

$$E[X] = \sum_{x:p(x)>0}^{\infty} xp(x)$$

- Ex. 2.16~2.19] find the followings
 - Expectation of a Bernoulli Random Variable
 - Expectation of a Binomial Random Variable
 - Expectation of a Geometric Random Variable
 - Expectation of a Poisson Random Variable
- If RV X is a continuous RV having a pdf f(x), thep $\mathcal{E}[X]$ is defined by

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) \, dx$$

- Ex. 2.20~2.22] find the followings
 - Expectation of a Uniform Random Variable
 - Expectation of a Exponential Random Variable
 - Expectation of a Normal Random Variable

Discrete probability distribution	Probability mass function, $p(x)$	Moment generating function, $\phi(t)$	Mean	Variance
Binomial with parameters n, p , $0 \le p \le 1$	$\binom{n}{x}p^{x}(1-p)^{n-x},$ $x=0,1,\ldots,n$	$(pe^t + (1-p))^n$	пр	np(1-p)
Poisson with parameter $\lambda > 0$	$e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!},$ $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$	$\exp\{\lambda(e^t-1)\}$	λ	λ
Geometric with parameter $0 \le p \le 1$	$p(1-p)^{x-1},$ $x = 1, 2, \dots$	$\frac{pe^t}{1 - (1 - p)e^t}$	$\frac{1}{p}$	$\frac{1-p}{p^2}$

Continuous probability distribution	Probability density function, $f(x)$	Moment generating function, $\phi(t)$	Mean	Variance
Uniform over (a, b)	$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a < x < b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$\frac{e^{tb} - e^{ta}}{t(b-a)}$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$	
Exponential with parameter $\lambda > 0$	$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$	$\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$
Gamma with parameters $(n, \lambda), \lambda > 0$	$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}, & x \ge 0\\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$	$\left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-t}\right)^n$	$\frac{n}{\lambda}$	$\frac{n}{\lambda^2}$
Normal with parameters (μ, σ^2)	$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma}$ $\times \exp\{-(x - \mu)^2/2\sigma^2\},$	$\exp\left\{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}\right\}$	μ	σ^2
	$-\infty < x < \infty$			

- Given a RV *X* and its probability distribution, what is the expectation of a function of X?
 - 1. Since g(X) is itself a random variable, it must have a probability distribution, which should be computable from a knowledge of the distribution of X. Once we have obtained the distribution of g(X), we can then compute E[g(X)] by the definition of the expectation.
 - 2. Another way is to compute the expectation of a function of X from a knowledge of the distribution of X. See Proposition 2.1.

- Ex. 2.23] Suppose X has the following probability mass function: $m(0) = 0.2 m(1) = 0.5 m(2) = 0.3 Color lete <math>E[V^2]$
 - p(0) = 0.2, p(1) = 0.5, p(2) = 0.3. Calculate $E[X^2]$.
 - Letting $Y = X^2$, we have that Y is a random variable that can take on one of the values 0^2 , 1^2 , 2^2 with respective probabilities

$$p_Y(0) = P\{Y = 0^2\} = 0.2,$$

 $p_Y(1) = P\{Y = 1^2\} = 0.5,$
 $p_Y(4) = P\{Y = 2^2\} = 0.3$

- Hence, $E[X^2] = E[Y] = 0(0.2) + 1(0.5) + 4(0.3) = 1.7$
- Note that $E[X^2] \neq E[X]^2$

- Proposition 2.1
 - 1. If X is a discrete random variable with probability mass function p(x), then for any real-valued function g,

$$E[g(X)] = \sum_{x:p(x)>0} g(x)p(x)$$

2. If X is a continuous random variable with probability density function f(x), then for any real-valued function g,

$$E[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f(x) dx$$

- Ex 2.26] Let X be uniformly distributed over (0,1), E[X³]?
 - $E[X^3] = \int_0^1 X^3 dx = \frac{1}{4}$
- Corollary 2.2
 - If a and b are constants, then E[aX + b] = aE[X] + b

- The expected value of a RV X, E[X], is also referred to as the mean or the first moment of X.
- The quantity $E[X^n]$, $n \ge 1$, is called the n_{th} moment of X
- The variance of a RV X, denoted by Var(X), is defined by $Var(X) = E[(X E[X])^2]$, deviation of X from the mean.
- $Var(X) = E[(X E[X])^2]$ = $E[X^2 - 2E[X]X + E[X]^2]$ = $E[X^2] - E[2E[X]X] + E[E[X]^2]$ = $E[X^2] - 2E[X]^2 + E[X]^2$ = $E[X^2] - E[X]^2$

• Ex 2.27] Var(X) of the normal RV with μ and σ .

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$$Var(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2]$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y^2 e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy$$

$$= \frac{\sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy$$

$$= \sigma^2$$

Discrete probability distribution	Probability mass function, $p(x)$	Moment generating function, $\phi(t)$	Mean	Variance
Binomial with parameters n, p , $0 \le p \le 1$	$\binom{n}{x}p^{x}(1-p)^{n-x},$ $x=0,1,\ldots,n$	$(pe^t + (1-p))^n$	пр	np(1-p)
Poisson with parameter $\lambda > 0$	$e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!},$ $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$	$\exp\{\lambda(e^t-1)\}$	λ	λ
Geometric with parameter $0 \le p \le 1$	$p(1-p)^{x-1},$ $x = 1, 2, \dots$	$\frac{pe^t}{1 - (1 - p)e^t}$	$\frac{1}{p}$	$\frac{1-p}{p^2}$

Continuous probability distribution	Probability density function, $f(x)$	Moment generating function, $\phi(t)$	Mean	Variance
Uniform over (a, b)	$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a < x < b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$\frac{e^{tb} - e^{ta}}{t(b-a)}$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$	$\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$
Exponential with parameter $\lambda > 0$	$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$	$\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$
Gamma with parameters $(n, \lambda), \lambda > 0$	$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}, & x \ge 0\\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$	$\left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}\right)^n$	$\frac{n}{\lambda}$	$\frac{n}{\lambda^2}$
Normal with parameters (μ, σ^2)	$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma}$ $\times \exp\{-(x - \mu)^2/2\sigma^2\},$	$\exp\left\{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}\right\}$	μ	σ^2
	$-\infty < x < \infty$			