

| DISTRIBUTION X | DENSITY FUNCTION $f_X(x)$ | EX | $Var(X)$ | PROBABILITY GENERATING FUNCTION $G_X(t)$ MOMENT GENERATING FUNCTION $M_X(t)$ |
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| uniform on $\{1, \dots, n\}$ | $f(x) = \frac{1}{n}$ for $x = 1, 2, \dots, n$ | $\frac{n+1}{2}$ | $\frac{n^2-1}{12}$ | $G_X(t) = \frac{t(t^n-1)}{n(t-1)}$ $M_X(t) = \frac{e^t(e^{nt}-1)}{n(e^t-1)}$ |
| binomial $b(n, p)$ | $f(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$ for $x = 0, 1, \dots, n$ | np | $np(1-p)$ | $G_X(t) = (1-p+pt)^n$ $M_X(t) = (1-p+pe^t)^n$ |
| $Geom(p)$ $0 < p < 1$ | $f(x) = p(1-p)^x$ for $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ | $\frac{1-p}{p}$ | $\frac{1-p}{p^2}$ | $G_X(t) = \frac{p}{1-(1-p)t}$ $M_X(t) = \frac{p}{1-(1-p)e^t}$ |
| negative binomial $NB(r, p)$ | $f(x) = \binom{r+x-1}{x} p^r (1-p)^x$ for $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ | $r \frac{1-p}{p}$ | $r \frac{1-p}{p^2}$ | $G_X(t) = \left(\frac{p}{1-(1-p)t} \right)^r$ $M_X(t) = \left(\frac{p}{1-(1-p)e^t} \right)^r$ |
| $Pois(\lambda)$ | $f(x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$ for $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ | λ | λ | $G_X(t) = e^{\lambda(t-1)}$ $M_X(t) = e^{\lambda(e^t-1)}$ |
| hypergeometric $Hyp(n, r, k)$ | $f(x) = \frac{\binom{r}{x} \binom{n-r}{k-x}}{\binom{n}{k}}$ for $x = 0, 1, \dots, k$ | $\frac{kr}{n}$ | $\frac{kr}{n} \left(\frac{n-r}{n} \right) \frac{n-k}{n-1}$ | not given here |
| d -dimensional hypergeometric with parameters $n, (n_1, \dots, n_d), k$ | $f(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \frac{\binom{n_1}{x_1} \binom{n_2}{x_2} \dots \binom{n_d}{x_d}}{\binom{n}{k}}$ for $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_d = k$ | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| multinomial $n, (p_1, \dots, p_d)$ | $f(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! \dots x_d!} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} \dots p_d^{x_d}$ for $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_d = n$ | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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| uniform on (a, b) | $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & x \in (a, b) \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$ $F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & x \in [a, b) \\ 1 & x \geq b \end{cases}$ | $EX = \frac{a+b}{2}$ $Var(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$ | $M_X(t) = \frac{e^{tb} - e^{ta}}{t(b-a)}$ |
| exponential $Exp(\lambda)$ | $f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$ $F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$ | $EX = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ $Var(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$ | $M_X(t) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t} \text{ for } t < \lambda$ |
| Cauchy | $f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}$ $F(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \arctan x$ | $EX = \infty$ $Var(X) \text{ DNE}$ | $M_X(t) \text{ DNE}$ |
| std. normal $n(0, 1)$ | $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2}$ $F(x) = G(x)$ | $EX = 0$ $Var(X) = 1$ | $M_X(t) = e^{t^2/2}$ |
| normal $n(\mu, \sigma^2)$ | $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(\frac{-(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$ $F(x) = G\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$ | $EX = \mu$ $Var(X) = \sigma^2$ | $M_X(t) = \exp\left(\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}\right)$ |
| gamma $\Gamma(r, \lambda)$ | $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda^r}{\Gamma(r)} x^{r-1} e^{-\lambda x} & x > 0 \\ 0 & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$ $F_X \text{ not given here}$ | $EX = \frac{r}{\lambda}$ $Var(X) = \frac{r}{\lambda^2}$ | $M_X(t) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}\right)^r \text{ for } t < \lambda$ |
| joint normal with mean vector $\vec{\mu}$ and covariance matrix Σ | $f(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} \sqrt{\det \Sigma}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{x} - \vec{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1}(\vec{x} - \vec{\mu})\right]$ | N/A | not given here |