

← Discrete Distributions

Bernoulli $0 < p < 1$	$f(x) = p^x(1-p)^{1-x}, \quad x = 0, 1$ $M(t) = 1 - p + pe^t$ $\mu = p, \quad \sigma^2 = p(1-p)$
Binomial $b(n, p)$ $0 < p < 1$	$f(x) = \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} p^x(1-p)^{n-x}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ $M(t) = (1 - p + pe^t)^n \equiv (q + pe^t)^n$ $\mu = np, \quad \sigma^2 = np(1-p)$
Geometric $0 < p < 1$	$f(x) = (1-p)^{x-1}p, \quad x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ $M(t) = \frac{pe^t}{1 - (1-p)e^t}, \quad t < -\ln(1-p)$ $\mu = \frac{1}{p}, \quad \sigma^2 = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$
Negative Binomial $0 < p < 1$ $r = 1, 2, 3, \dots$	$f(x) = \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r(1-p)^{x-r}, \quad x = r, r+1, r+2, \dots$ $M(t) = \frac{(pe^t)^r}{[1 - (1-p)e^t]^r}, \quad t < -\ln(1-p)$ $\mu = r\left(\frac{1}{p}\right), \quad \sigma^2 = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$
Poisson $0 < \lambda$	$f(x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ $M(t) = e^{\lambda(e^t-1)}$ $\mu = \lambda, \quad \sigma^2 = \lambda$
Uniform $m > 0$	$f(x) = \frac{1}{m}, \quad x = 1, 2, \dots, m$ $\mu = \frac{m+1}{2}, \quad \sigma^2 = \frac{m^2-1}{12}$

← Continuous Distributions

Exponential $0 < \theta$	$f(x) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x/\theta}, \quad 0 \leq x < \infty$ $M(t) = \frac{1}{1 - \theta t}, \quad t < \frac{1}{\theta}$ $\mu = \theta, \quad \sigma^2 = \theta^2$
Gamma $0 < \alpha$ $0 < \theta$	$f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\theta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\theta}, \quad 0 \leq x < \infty$ $M(t) = \frac{1}{(1 - \theta t)^\alpha}, \quad t < \frac{1}{\theta}$ $\mu = \alpha\theta, \quad \sigma^2 = \alpha\theta^2$
Normal $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ $-\infty < \mu < \infty$ $0 < \sigma$	$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$ $M(t) = e^{\mu t + \sigma^2 t^2/2}$ $E(X) = \mu, \quad \text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$
Uniform $U(a, b)$ $-\infty < a < b < \infty$	$f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}, \quad a \leq x \leq b$ $M(t) = \frac{e^{tb} - e^{ta}}{t(b-a)}, \quad t \neq 0; \quad M(0) = 1$ $\mu = \frac{a+b}{2}, \quad \sigma^2 = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$

Note: $\theta = \frac{1}{\lambda}$

Note: $q = 1 - p$

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

Remember:

Chi-Square Distribution is a Gamma Distribution with parameters $\theta = 2$ and $\alpha = r/2$; r is the Chi-Square Distribution's degrees of freedom.

Also Note:

For integer values of n ,

$\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$