

Distr.	Parameters	Possible description	$E[X]$	$Var(X)$	PDF/PMF	CDF ( $F_X(x) = P(X \leq x)$ )
<b>Uniform (disc)</b>	<b><math>Unif(a, b)</math></b> for $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ $a \leq b$	Equally likely to be any integer in $[a, b]$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$	$\frac{(b-a)(b-a+2)}{12}$	$\frac{1}{b-a+1}$ for $k = a, a+1, \dots, b$	---
<b>Bernoulli (disc)</b>	<b><math>Ber(p)</math></b> for $p \in [0,1]$	Takes value 1 with prob $p$ and 0 with prob $1-p$	$p$	$p(1-p)$	$p^k(1-p)^{1-k}$ for $k = 0,1$	---
<b>Binomial (disc)</b>	<b><math>Bin(n, p)</math></b> for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , $p \in [0,1]$	Sum of $n$ independent Bernoulli trials, each with parameter $p$	$np$	$np(1-p)$	$\binom{n}{k} p^k(1-p)^{n-k}$ for $k = 0,1, \dots, n$	---
<b>Poisson (disc)</b>	<b><math>Poi(\lambda)</math></b> for $\lambda > 0$	# of events that occur in a unit of time independently with rate $\lambda$ per unit time	$\lambda$	$\lambda$	$\frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda}$ for $k = 0,1, \dots$	---
<b>Geometric (disc)</b>	<b><math>Geo(p)</math></b> for $p \in [0,1]$	# of independent Bernoulli trials with parameter $p$ up to and including first success	$\frac{1}{p}$	$\frac{1-p}{p^2}$	$(1-p)^{k-1}p$ for $k = 1,2, \dots$	$1 - (1-p)^x$ for $x = 1,2, \dots$
<b>Hypergeometric (disc)</b>	<b><math>HypGeo(N, K, n)</math></b> for $n, K \leq N$	# of successes in $n$ draws (w/out replacement) from $N$ items that contain $K$ successes in total	$n \frac{K}{N}$	$n \frac{K(N-K)(N-n)}{N^2(N-1)}$	$\frac{\binom{K}{k} \binom{N-K}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}}$ for $0 \leq k \leq K$ , $0 \leq n-k \leq N-K$	---
<b>Negative Binomial (disc)</b>	<b><math>NegBin(r, p)</math></b> for $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , $p \in [0,1]$	# of trials until $r^{th}$ success in Bernoulli process	$\frac{r}{p}$	$\frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$	$\binom{k-1}{r-1} (1-p)^{k-r} p^r$ for $k = r, r+1, \dots$	---
<b>Uniform (cont)</b>	<b><math>Unif(a, b)</math></b> for $a < b$	Equally likely to be any real number in $[a, b]$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$	$\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$	$\frac{1}{b-a}$ for $x \in [a, b]$	$0$ if $x < a$ $\frac{x-a}{b-a}$ if $a \leq x < b$ $1$ if $x \geq b$
<b>Exponential (cont)</b>	<b><math>Exp(\lambda)</math></b> for $\lambda > 0$	Time until next event in Poisson process	$\frac{1}{\lambda}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$	$\lambda e^{-\lambda x}$ for $x \geq 0$	$1 - e^{-\lambda x}$ for $x \geq 0$
<b>Normal (cont)</b>	<b><math>N(\mu, \sigma^2)</math></b> for $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ , $\sigma^2 > 0$	Standard bell curve	$\mu$	$\sigma^2$	$\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$	$\Phi\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$
<b>Gamma (cont)</b>	<b><math>Gam(r, \lambda)</math></b> for $r, \lambda > 0$	Conjugate prior for exp, poi. Time to $r^{th}$ event in Poisson process.	$\frac{r}{\lambda}$	$\frac{r}{\lambda^2}$	$\frac{\lambda^r}{\Gamma(r)} x^{r-1} e^{-\lambda x}$ for $x > 0$	---
<b>Beta (cont)</b>	<b><math>Beta(a, b)</math></b> for $a, b > 0$	Conjugate prior for ber, bin, geo, negbin. $a, b$ control shape.	$\frac{a}{a+b}$	$\frac{ab}{(a+b)^2(a+b+1)}$	$\frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} x^{a-1}(1-x)^{b-1}$ for $x \in [0,1]$	---