

Quick reference for standard distributions

Name: Discrete Uniform	Name: Continuous Uniform
Parameters: integer $n \geq 1$	Parameters: reals $a < b$
Notation: $\text{Unif}\{1, \dots, n\}$	Notation: $U[a, b]$
Support: $\{1, \dots, n\}$	Support: $[a, b]$
pmf: $p(x) = 1/n$	pdf: $f(x) = 1/(b - a)$
Mean: $(n + 1)/2$	Mean: $(a + b)/2$
Variance: $(n^2 - 1)/12$	Variance: $(b - a)^2/12$
Name: Binomial	Name: Gamma
Parameters: integer $n \geq 1$, real $p \in [0, 1]$	Parameters: positive reals α, λ
Notation: $\text{Bin}(n, p)$	Notation: $G(\alpha, \lambda)$
Support: $\{0, \dots, n\}$	Support: $(0, \infty)$
pmf: $p(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1 - p)^{n-x}$	pdf: $f(x) = e^{-x/\lambda} x^{\alpha-1} / (\lambda^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha))$
Mean: np	Mean: $\alpha\lambda$
Variance: $np(1 - p)$	Variance: $\alpha\lambda^2$
Name: Negative Binomial	Name: Beta
Parameters: integer $r \geq 1$, real $p \in [0, 1]$	Parameters: positive reals α, β
Notation: $\text{NB}(r, p)$	Notation: $\text{Be}(\alpha, \beta)$
Support: $\{r + 1, r + 2, r + 3, \dots\}$	Support: $(0, 1)$
pmf: $p(x) = \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r (1 - p)^{x-r}$	pdf: $f(x) = x^{\alpha-1} (1 - x)^{\beta-1} / B(\alpha, \beta)$
Mean: r/p	Mean: $\alpha/(\alpha + \beta)$
Variance: $r(1 - p)/p^2$	Variance: $\alpha\beta/((\alpha + \beta)^2(\alpha + \beta + 1))$
Name: Hypergeometric	Name: Pareto
Parameters: $n, D, N \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $1 \leq n \leq N$, $1 \leq D \leq N$	Parameters: positive reals α, θ
Notation: $\text{Hypergeo}(n, D, N)$	Notation: $\text{Pa}(\alpha, \theta)$
Support: integers x with $x \leq \min(n, D)$,	Support: $[\theta, \infty)$
$\max(0, N - D - n) \leq x$	pdf: $f(x) = \alpha\theta^\alpha / x^{\alpha+1}$
pmf: $p(x) = \binom{D}{x} \binom{N-D}{n-x} / \binom{N}{n}$	Mean: $\alpha\theta/(\alpha - 1)$ if $\alpha > 1$
Mean: nD/N	Variance: $\alpha\theta^2/((\alpha - 1)^2(\alpha - 2))$ if $\alpha > 2$
Variance: $nD(N - D)(N - n)/(N^2(N - 1))$	Name: Normal
Name: Poisson	Parameters: reals μ, σ with $\sigma > 0$
Parameters: real $\lambda > 0$	Notation: $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
Notation: $\text{Poi}(\lambda)$	Support: \mathbb{R}
Support: $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$	pdf: $f(x) = \frac{\exp(-(x-\mu)^2/(2\sigma^2))}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}$
pmf: $p(x) = e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x / x!$	Mean: μ
Mean: λ	Variance: σ^2
Variance: λ	

Notes: The Geometric Distribution $\text{Geo}(p)$ is $\text{NB}(1, p)$. The Exponential Distribution $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$ is $G(1, \lambda)$. The Gamma function is $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty e^{-x} x^{\alpha-1} dx$, and $\Gamma(n) = (n - 1)!$ for positive integers n . The Beta function is $B(\alpha, \beta) = \int_0^1 x^{\alpha-1} (1 - x)^{\beta-1} dx = \Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)/\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)$.

Normal Table

$\Phi(x)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0.	0.50	0.54	0.58	0.62	0.66	0.69	0.73	0.76	0.79	0.82
1.	0.84	0.86	0.88	0.90	0.92	0.93	0.95	0.96	0.96	0.97
2.	0.98	0.98	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

Here $\Phi(x)$ is the standard normal CDF, $\Phi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{\exp(-t^2/2)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dt$.