

CSE 312  
Foundations, II  
Distributions  
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See also Ross, pp 358–359.

Name	<i>PMF</i>	$E[k]$	$E[k^2]$	$\sigma^2$	Ross
Bernoulli( $p$ )	$f(k) = \begin{cases} 1-p & \text{if } k=0 \\ p & \text{if } k=1 \end{cases}$	$p$	$p$	$p(1-p)$	p134
Binomial( $p, n$ )	$f(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}, k = 0, 1, \dots, N$	$np$		$np(1-p)$	p134
Poisson( $\lambda$ )	$f(k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}, k = 0, 1, \dots$	$\lambda$	$\lambda(\lambda + 1)$	$\lambda$	p143
Geometric( $p$ )	$f(k) = p(1-p)^{k-1}, k = 1, 2, \dots$	$1/p$	$(2-p)/p^2$	$(1-p)/p^2$	p155
Hypergeometric( $n, N, m$ )	$f(k) = \frac{\binom{m}{k} \binom{N-m}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}}, k = 0, 1, \dots, N$	$nm/N$	$\frac{nm}{N} \left( \frac{(n-1)(m-1)}{N-1} + 1 \right)$	$\frac{nm}{N} \left( \frac{(n-1)(m-1)}{N-1} + 1 - \frac{nm}{N} \right)$	p160

  

Name	<i>Density</i>	$E[k]$	$E[k^2]$	$\sigma^2$	Ross
Uniform( $\alpha, \beta$ )	$f(x) = 1/(\beta - \alpha), \alpha < x < \beta$	$(\alpha + \beta)/2$		$(\beta - \alpha)^2/12$	p194
Normal( $\mu, \sigma^2$ )	$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} e^{-((x-\mu)/\sigma)^2/2}$	$\mu$		$\sigma^2$	p198
Exponential( $\lambda$ )	$f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, x \geq 0$	$1/\lambda$		$1/\lambda^2$	p208