

Discrete Distributions

Distribution	Probability Mass Function (PMF)	Expected Value	Variance
Discrete Random Variable (x)	$P(x)$	$E(x) = \sum x \cdot P(x)$	$\sigma^2 = \sum x^2 \cdot P(x) - [E(x)]^2$
Geometric(p)	$P(x) = p(1 - p)^{x-1}$ $x=1, 2, \dots$	$E(x) = \frac{1}{p}$	$\sigma^2 = \frac{(1 - p)}{p^2}$
Bernoulli(p)	$P(x) = p^x(1 - p)^{1-x}$ $x=0, 1, \dots, n$	$E(x) = p$	$\sigma^2 = p(1 - p)$
Binomial(n, p)	$P(x) = \binom{n}{r} p^x(1 - p)^{n-r}$ $x=0, 1, \dots, n$	$E(x) = np$	$\sigma^2 = np(1 - p)$
Multinomial ($n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$)	$P(x_1 \dots x_k) = \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_k!} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} \dots p_k^{x_k}$	$E(x_i) = np_i$	$\text{Var}(x_i) = np_i(1 - p_i)$
Negative Binomial(r, p)	$P(x) = \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r q^{x-r}$ $x=r, r+1, \dots$	$E(x) = \frac{r}{p}$	$\sigma^2 = \frac{r(1 - p)}{p^2}$
Hypergeometric(N, r, n)	$P(x) = \frac{\binom{r}{x} \binom{N-r}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$ $\max(0, r - (N - r)) \leq x \leq \min(r, n)$	$E(x) = \frac{nr}{N}$	$\sigma^2 = n \cdot \left(\frac{r}{N}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{N-r}{N}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{N-n}{N-1}\right)$
Poisson (λ)	$P(x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$ $x=0, 1, 2, \dots$	$E(x) = \lambda$	$\sigma^2 = \lambda$
Discrete Uniform U(a, b, 1)	$P(x) = \frac{1}{b - a + 1}$ $x = a, a + 1, \dots, b$	$E(x) = \frac{a + b}{2}$	$\sigma^2 = \frac{(b - a + 2)(b - a)}{12}$
Equal Spaced Discrete Uniform U(a, b, c)	$P(x) = \frac{c}{(b - a) + c}$ $x = a, a + c, a + 2c, \dots, b$	$E(x) = \frac{a + b}{2}$	$\sigma^2 = \frac{(b - a + 2c)(b - a)}{12}$