

Table (2): Continuous Distributions

Distribution	p.d.f.	E(x)	V(x)	M _x (t)
Uniform $x \sim U(a, b)$	$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$	$\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$	$\frac{e^{bt} - e^{at}}{(b-a)t}$
Exponential $x \sim \text{Exp}(\theta)$	$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$	θ	θ^2	$(1 - \theta t)^{-1}$
Gamma $x \sim \text{Gam}(\alpha, \beta)$	$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{x}{\beta}} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$	$\alpha\beta$	$\alpha\beta^2$	$(1 - \beta t)^{-\alpha}$
Chi-Square $x \sim \chi^2(r)$	$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2^{\frac{r}{2}} \Gamma(\frac{r}{2})} x^{\frac{r}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$	r	$2r$	$(1 - 2t)^{-\frac{r}{2}}$
Beta $x \sim \text{Beta}(a, b)$ $x \sim \text{Uni}(0,1)$ if $a=b=1$	$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta(a, b)} x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$	$\frac{a}{a+b}$	$\frac{ab}{(a+b)^2(a+b+1)}$	-
Normal $x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$	$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{\sigma^2}} & -\infty < x < \infty \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$	μ	σ^2	$e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2}$

Standard Normal $x \sim N(0,1)$	$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}z^2} & -\infty < Z < \infty \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$	0	1	$e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2}$
Cauchy	$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)} & -\infty < X < \infty \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$	-	-	-