Continuous Distributions

Distribution	Probability Function	Mean	Variance	Moment-Generating Function
Uniform	$f(y) = \frac{1}{\theta_2 - \theta_1};\ \theta_1 \le y \le \theta_2$	$\frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2}$	$\frac{(\theta_2 - \theta_1)^2}{12}$	$\frac{e^{t\theta_2} - e^{t\theta_1}}{t(\theta_2 - \theta_1)}$
Normal	$f(y) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\right)(y - \mu)^2\right]$ $-\infty < y < +\infty$	μ	σ^2	$\exp\left(\mu t + \frac{t^2\sigma^2}{2}\right)$
Exponential	$f(y) = \frac{1}{\beta} e^{-y/\beta};\quad \beta > 0$ $0 < y < \infty$	β	β^2	$(1 - \beta t)^{-1}$
Gamma	$f(y) = \left[\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha}\right] y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y/\beta};$ $0 < y < \infty$	$\alpha\beta$	$\alpha\beta^2$	$(1 - \beta t)^{-\alpha}$
Chi-square	$f(y) = \frac{(y)^{(v/2)-1} e^{-y/2}}{2^{v/2}\Gamma(v/2)};$ $y^2 > 0$	v	$2v$	$(1-2t)^{-v/2}$
Beta	$f(y) = \left[\frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}\right] y^{\alpha-1}(1 - y)^{\beta-1};$ $0 < y < 1$	$\frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}$	$\frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)^2(\alpha + \beta + 1)}$	does not exist in closed form