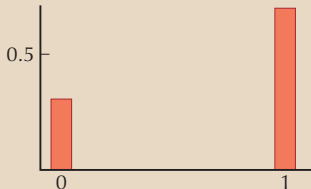
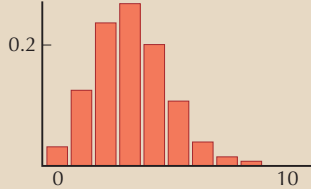
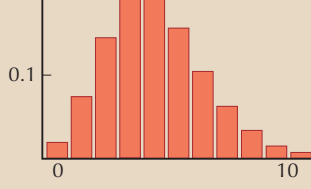
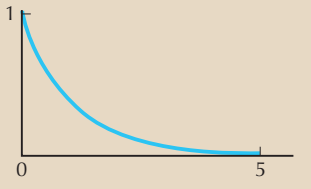
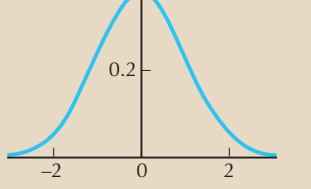
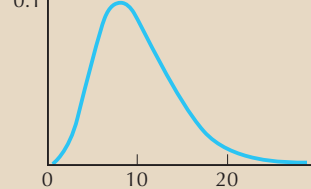


**TABLE 28.1.** Common probability distributions

Distribution	Mean	Variance	
Discrete			
Two-valued $f_0 = q, f_1 = p$	$p$	$pq$	
Binomial $\frac{n!}{i!(n-i)!} q^{n-i} p^i$	$np$	$npq$	
Poisson $E^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!}$	$\lambda$	$\lambda$	
Continuous			
Exponential $\lambda e^{-\lambda x}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$	
Gaussian (or normal) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\bar{x})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$	$\bar{x}$	$\sigma^2$	
Chi-square $\frac{1}{2\Gamma(n/2)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{(n/2)-1} e^{-x/2}$	$n$	$2n$	
Gamma $\frac{1}{\beta\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\frac{x}{\beta}\right)^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\alpha\beta}$	$\alpha\beta$	$\alpha\beta^2$	