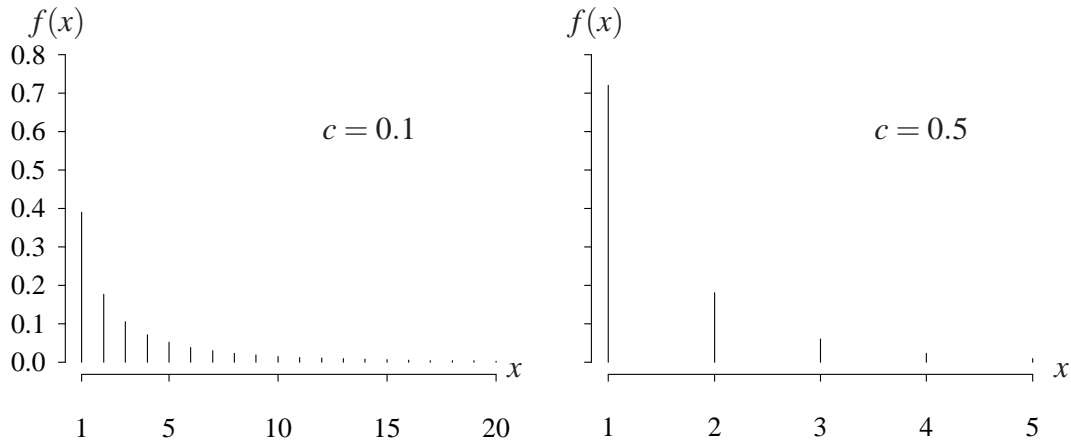


**Logarithm distribution** (from <http://www.math.wm.edu/~leemis/chart/UDR/UDR.html>)

The shorthand  $X \sim \text{logarithm}(c)$  is used to indicate that the random variable  $X$  has the logarithm distribution with parameter  $c$ . A logarithm random variable  $X$  with parameter  $c$  has probability mass function

$$f(x) = -\frac{(1-c)^x}{x \ln c} \quad x = 1, 2, \dots$$

for any  $0 < c < 1$ . The probability mass functions for two different values of  $c$  are illustrated below.



The cumulative distribution, survivor function, hazard function, cumulative hazard function, and inverse distribution function on the support of  $X$  are mathematically intractable.

The moment generating function of  $X$  is

$$M(t) = E[e^{tX}] = \frac{\ln(1 - e^t + e^t c)}{\ln c} \quad -\infty < t < \infty.$$

The characteristic function of  $X$  is

$$\phi(t) = \frac{\ln(1 - e^{it} + e^{it} c)}{\ln c} \quad -\infty < t < \infty.$$

The population mean and variance of  $X$  are

$$E[X] = \frac{c-1}{c \ln c} \quad V[X] = \frac{(c-1)(\ln(c) + 1 - c)}{(\ln c)^2 c^2}$$

The skewness and kurtosis can be determined using the APPL code below.

**APPL verification:** The APPL statements

```
assume(0 < c < 1);  
X := [[x -> -(1 - c) ^ x / (x * log(c))],[1 .. infinity], ["Discrete", "PDF"]];  
Mean(X);  
Variance(X);  
Skewness(X);  
Kurtosis(X);  
MGF(X);
```

verify the population mean, variance, skewness, kurtosis, and moment generating function.