

**Noncentral t distribution** (from <http://www.math.wm.edu/~leemis/chart/UDR/UDR.html>)  
The shorthand  $X \sim \text{noncentral t}(n, \delta)$  is used to indicate that the random variable  $X$  has the non-central t distribution with positive integer parameter  $n$  and real-valued noncentrality parameter  $\delta$ . A noncentral t random variable  $X$  with parameters  $n$  and  $\delta$  has probability density function

$$f(x) = \frac{n^{n/2} e^{-\delta^2/2}}{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(n/2) (n+x^2)^{(n+1)/2}} \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma[(n+i+1)/2]}{i!} \left( \frac{x\delta\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{n+x^2}} \right)^i \quad -\infty < x < \infty,$$

for all  $\delta$  and any positive integer  $n$ .

The cumulative distribution, survivor, hazard, cumulative hazard, inverse distribution, moment generating, and characteristic functions on the support of  $X$  are mathematically intractable.

The population mean and variance of  $X$  are

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \delta \sqrt{\frac{n}{2}} \frac{\Gamma((n-1)/2)}{\Gamma(n/2)} \quad n > 1 \\ V[X] &= \frac{n(1+\delta^2)}{n-2} - \frac{\delta^2 n}{2} \left( \frac{\Gamma((n-1)/2)}{\Gamma(n/2)} \right)^2 \quad n > 2. \end{aligned}$$