

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

The shorthand  $X \sim \text{Polya}(n, p, \beta)$  is used to indicate that the random variable  $X$  has the Polya distribution with parameters  $n$ ,  $p$ , and  $\beta$ . A Polya random variable  $X$  with parameters  $n$ ,  $p$ , and  $\beta$  has probability mass function

$$f(x) = \frac{\binom{n}{x} \prod_{j=0}^{x-1} (p + j\beta) \prod_{k=0}^{n-x-1} (1 - p + k\beta)}{\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (1 + i\beta)} \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $0 < p < 1$ , and  $\beta > 0$ .

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

The population mean of  $X$  is

$$E[X] = -\frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi(-1+\beta+p)}{\beta}\right)pn\sin\left(\frac{\pi(n\beta+1)}{\beta}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{\beta}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\pi(n\beta-\beta-p+1)}{\beta}\right)}.$$

**APPL verification:** The APPL statements

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X := [[x -> binomial(n, x) * product(p + j * beta, j = 0 .. x - 1) *
       product(1 - p + k * beta, k = 0 .. n - x - 1) /
       (product(1 + i * beta, i = 0 .. n - 1))],
      [0 .. n], ["Discrete", "PDF"]];

Mean(X);
Variance(X);
Skewness(X);
MGF(X);
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return the population mean, variance, skewness, and moment generating function.