

Discussion 9

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MGF  
 $E[X^n]$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{t^n E[X^n]}{n!}$$

$M(t) < \infty$   
 $\xrightarrow{t=0}$

$$M(t) = E[e^{tX}] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx$$

$\downarrow$   
p.d.f.

$$M(0) = 1$$

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} = f(t)$

$z \sim N(0, 1)$

$$M_z(t) = e^{-t^2/2}$$

$z \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$M_z(t) = e^{\mu t - \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}}$$

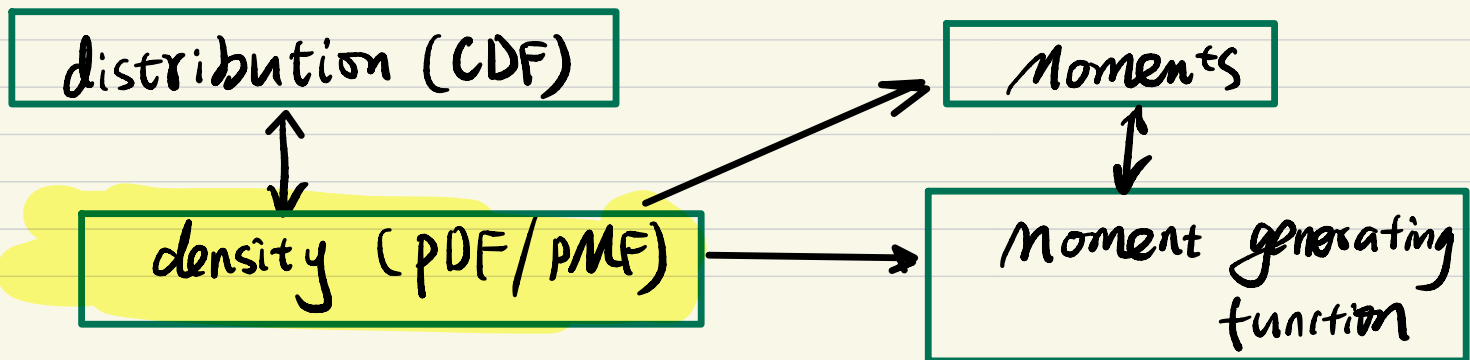
$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$

$$M_X(t) = e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}$$

$$E[X^n] = \left. \frac{d^n}{dt^n} M(t) \right|_{t=0}$$

$$E[z] = \mu$$

\*  $z \sim N(0, 1) \Rightarrow E[z^n] = \begin{cases} 0, & n \text{ odd} \\ (n-1)!!, & \text{even} \end{cases}$



CDF:  $F_X(t) = P(X \leq t)$

p.d.f.  $f_X(t) = \frac{d}{dt} F_X(t)$

$$F_X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t f_X(s) ds$$

Moments  $n \in \mathbb{N}$   $E[X^n] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^n f_X(x) dx$

M.G.F.  $M_X(t) = E[e^{tx}] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{tx} f_X(x) dx$

$$E[X^n] = M_X^{(n)}(0)$$

$$M_X(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{t^n E[X^n]}{n!}$$

EX: Let  $X$  be a random variable

with MGF

$$M_X(t) = \frac{1}{2} e^{t \cdot 0} + \frac{1}{3} e^{-4t} + \frac{1}{6} e^{5t}$$

(a) Compute the distribution of  $X$

(b) Compute  $E[X]$  &  $E[X^2]$

(c)  $P(X=5 | X \geq 0)$

$$P(X=0) = \frac{1}{2} \quad (c) \quad P(X=5 | X \geq 0)$$

$$P(X=-4) = \frac{1}{3} \quad = \frac{P(X=5, X \geq 0)}{P(X \geq 0)}$$

$$P(X=5) = \frac{1}{6} \quad P(X \geq 0)$$

$$= \frac{P(X=5)}{P(X \geq 0)} = \frac{\frac{1}{6}}{\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2}}$$

(b)  $E[g(X)] = \sum_k g(k) P(X=k)$

$$E[X] = 0 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + (-4) \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} \cdot 5$$

$$E[X^2] = 0 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + (-4)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} + 5^2 \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X_1 + \dots + X_n] = \mathbb{E}[X_1] + \dots + \mathbb{E}[X_n]$$

$X_1, \dots, X_n$  independent

$$\text{Var}[X_1 + \dots + X_n] = \text{Var}(X_1) + \dots + \text{Var}(X_n)$$

$$+ \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \text{Cov}(X, X)$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[XY] - \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]$$

$$\text{corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)} \cdot \sqrt{\text{Var}(Y)}} \in (-1, 1)$$

independent  $X$  &  $Y \Rightarrow \text{corr}(X, Y) = 0$

$$\mathbb{E}[XY] = \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y] \Rightarrow \text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$$

If  $X$  and  $Y$  independent, then

$$M_{X+Y}(t) = M_X(t) \cdot M_Y(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[e^{t(X+Y)}] &= \mathbb{E}[e^{tX} \cdot e^{tY}] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[e^{tX}] \cdot \mathbb{E}[e^{tY}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[W] = 3\mathbb{E}[X] + 4\mathbb{E}[Y] = 3 \cdot 6 + 4 \cdot (-2) = 10$$

$$\text{Var}(W) = 9\text{Var}(X) + 16\text{Var}(Y) = 9 \cdot 3 + 16 \cdot 2 = 59$$

$$W \sim \mathcal{N}(10, 59)$$

**Exercise 7.21.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent normal random variables with distributions  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(6, 3)$  and  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(-2, 2)$ . Let  $W = 3X + 4Y$ .

- (a) Identify the distribution of  $W$ .  
 (b) Find the probability  $P(W > 15)$ .

**Exercise 7.22.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two independent normals with the same  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  distribution, with  $\mu$  real and  $\sigma^2 > 0$ . Are there values  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  for which  $2X$  and  $X + Y$  have the same distribution?

**Exercise 7.23.** Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent standard normals. Find  $P(X > Y + 2)$ .

7.22: 
$$\begin{aligned} X &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) \\ Y &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} X \\ Y \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{independent.}$$

$$2X \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[2X] = 2\mathbb{E}[X] = 2\mu$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Var}(2X) = 4\text{Var}(X) = 4\sigma^2$$

$$2X \sim \mathcal{N}(2\mu, 4\sigma^2)$$

$$X + Y \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X + Y] = \mathbb{E}[X] + \mathbb{E}[Y] = 2\mu$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) = 2\sigma^2$$

$$X + Y \sim \mathcal{N}(2\mu, 2\sigma^2)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[Z_i] = 0 \quad \text{Var}(Z_i) = \mathbb{E}[Z_i^2] - \mathbb{E}[Z_i]^2$$

$$\text{i.i.d. } Z_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[Z_i^2] = 1$$

**Exercise 8.43.** Let  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_n$  be independent normal random variables with mean 0 and variance 1. Let

$$Y = Z_1^2 + \dots + Z_n^2 \geq 0$$

$Z_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

- Using that  $Y$  is the sum of independent random variables, compute both the mean and variance of  $Y$ .
- Find the moment generating function of  $Y$  and use it to compute the mean and variance of  $Y$ .

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = n \cdot \mathbb{E}[Z_1^2] = n \quad \mathbb{E}[Z_1^4] = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(Y) &= n \cdot \text{Var}(Z_1^2) \\ &= n \cdot \left( \mathbb{E}[Z_1^4] - (\mathbb{E}[Z_1^2])^2 \right) \\ &= 2n \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[Z_1^{2k}] = (2k-1) \cdot (2k-3) \cdot \dots \cdot (3) \cdot 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[e^{tY}] &= \left( \mathbb{E}[e^{tZ_1^2}] \right)^n \\ &= \left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{tx^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} dx \right)^n \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 6.34.** Let  $(X, Y)$  be a uniformly distributed random point on the quadrilateral  $D$  with vertices  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(2, 0)$ ,  $(1, 1)$  and  $(0, 1)$ .

- Find the joint density function of  $(X, Y)$  and the marginal density functions of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
- Find  $E[X]$  and  $E[Y]$ .
- Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent?

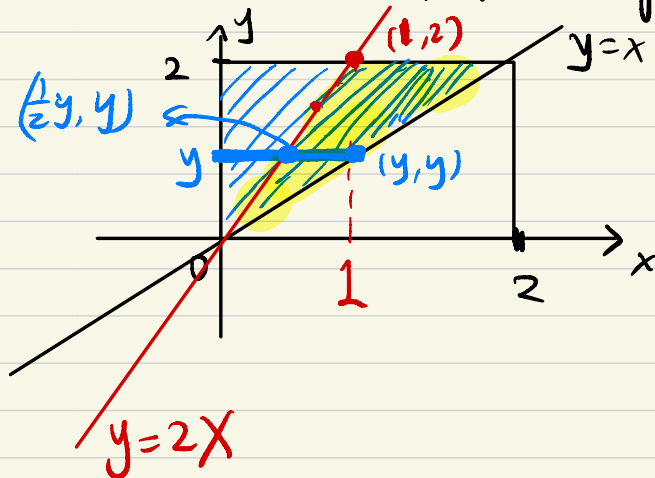
**Exercise 6.35.** Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are random variables with joint density function

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}(x+y), & 0 \leq x \leq y \leq 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Check that  $f_{X,Y}$  is a joint density function.
- Calculate the probability  $P\{Y < 2X\}$ .
- Find the marginal density function  $f_Y(y)$  of  $Y$ .

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f_{X,Y}(x,y) \geq 0 \\ \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(x,y) = 1 \end{array} \right.$$

(d)  $X$  &  $Y$  independent?



$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy \\ &= \int_0^2 \int_0^y \frac{1}{4}(x+y) dx dy \\ &= \int_0^2 \left[ \frac{1}{8}x^2 + \frac{xy}{4} \right]_0^y dy \\ &= \int_0^2 \left( \frac{1}{8}y^2 + \frac{1}{4}y^2 \right) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{8} y^3 \Big|_0^2 = \frac{3}{8} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Fact 7.1.** (Convolution of distributions) If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent discrete random variables with probability mass functions  $p_X$  and  $p_Y$ , then the probability mass function of  $X + Y$  is

$$p_{X+Y}(n) = p_X * p_Y(n) = \sum_k p_X(k) p_Y(n - k) = \sum_\ell p_X(n - \ell) p_Y(\ell). \quad (7.2)$$

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent continuous random variables with density functions  $f_X$  and  $f_Y$  then the density function of  $X + Y$  is

$$f_{X+Y}(z) = f_X * f_Y(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) f_Y(z - x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(z - x) f_Y(x) dx. \quad (7.3)$$

EX:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P(X_1 = 0) = \frac{1}{3}, \quad P(X_1 = 1) = \frac{1}{3}, \quad P(X_1 = -1) = \frac{1}{3} \\ P(X_2 = 0) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad P(X_2 = 1) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad P(X_2 = -1) = \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right.$

$$\mathbb{E}[(X_1 + X_2)^4] = ? \quad \mathbb{E}[(X_1 + X_2)^2] = ?$$