

Problems from Assignment 24

1. Let $X \sim \mathcal{E}(\lambda)$.

(a) Show that:

$$m_X(t) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}$$

when $t < \lambda$.

(b) Show that $m_X(0) = 1$.

(c) Show that $m'_X(0) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$.

(d) Show that $m''_X(0) = \frac{2}{\lambda^2}$.

2. Find $m_X(t)$ where X is defined as below:

(a) If your last name starts with A-E then $X \sim \mathcal{G}(p)$

(b) If your last name starts with F-O then $X \sim \mathcal{U}(a, b)$

(c) If your last name starts with P-Z then X is discrete uniform on the set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. That is:

$$f_X(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} & k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

3. Show that if X has moment generating function and $W = aX + b$:

$$m_W(t) = e^{bt} m_X(at)$$

4. Let $X \sim \mathcal{P}(\lambda)$ use moment generating functions to find:

(a) $E(X)$

(b) $E(X^2)$