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a)

Y has moment generating function $m_Y(z) = e^{-8z+32z^2}$. What is the variance of Y? What is $P(Y \leq -4)$?

Solution:

Moment generating function of $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ is $M_X(z) = e^{z\mu + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 z^2}$

Since $M_Y(z) = e^{-8z+32z^2} = e^{z(-8) + \frac{1}{2}(64)z^2}$ then $Y \sim N(-8, 8^2)$

So the variance of Y is $8^2=64$

Since $Y \sim N(-8, 8^2)$ then $Z = (Y+8)/8$ has a standard normal distribution

$P(Y \leq -4) = P(Z \leq 1/2) = 0.6915$

Answer: $\text{Var}(Y) = 64$ and $P(Y \leq -4) = 0.6915$

b) Use the moment generating function to derive the expected value of a Poisson random variable with parameter $\lambda = 1/3$.

Solution:

The moment generating function of a Poisson random variable (X) with parameter

$\lambda = 1/3$ is: $M_X(z) = e^{\frac{1}{3}(e^z-1)}$

Also we know that $E(X) = M'_X(0)$

Since $M_X(z) = e^{\frac{1}{3}(e^z-1)}$ then:

$$M'_X(z) = e^{\frac{1}{3}(e^z-1)} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) e^z \rightarrow M'_X(0) = e^{\frac{1}{3}(e^0-1)} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) e^0 = \frac{1}{3}$$

So we proved that $E(X) = 1/3$

Answer: $E(X) = 1/3$

c) Let $Y \sim \text{Uniform}(\alpha, \beta)$, $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\alpha < \beta$. $\{Y \leq y\} = 1/(1+y)$

Clarify this question

9. (a)

The random variable X has moment generating function

$$m_X(t) = \exp(-5t + 12t^2).$$

If $Z = 1/5(X - 2)$, what are $E(Z)$ and $\text{Var}(Z)$?

Solution:

Moment generating function of $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ is $M_X(t) = e^{t\mu + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2}$

Since $M_X(t) = e^{-5t + 12t^2} = e^{t(-5) + \frac{1}{2}(24)t^2}$ then $X \sim N(-5, 24)$

So $E(X) = -5$ and $\text{Var}(X) = 24$

$$E(Z) = E(1/5(X-2)) = (1/5)E(X-2) = (1/5)(E(X)-E(2)) = (1/5)(-5-2) = -7/5 = -1.4$$

$$\text{Var}(Z) = \text{Var}(1/5(X-2)) = (1/25)\text{Var}(X-2) = (1/25)\text{Var}(X) = 24/25 = 0.96$$

Answer: $E(Z) = -1.4$, $\text{Var}(Z) = 0.96$

(b) Y is a random variable with moment generating function $m_Y(t) = (1/(1-2t))^8$. What are $E(Y)$ and $\text{Var}(Y)$?

Solution:

Moment generating function of $X \sim \lambda^2_k$ is $M_X(t) = \frac{1}{(1-2t)^{k/2}}$, $E(X) = k$, $\text{Var}(X) = 2k$

Since $M_Y(t) = \frac{1}{(1-2t)^{16/2}}$ then $Y \sim \lambda^2_{16}$, $E(Y) = 16$, $\text{Var}(Y) = 32$

Answer: $E(Y) = 16$, $\text{Var}(Y) = 32$

8.

Let Z_1 and Z_2 be independent normal random variables where $Z_1 \sim N(6, 3^2)$ and $Z_2 \sim N(4, 1^2)$. Define $Y_1 = Z_1 - Z_2$ and $Y_2 = 2(Z_1) + 3(Z_2)$. Find the means and variances of the random variables Y_1 and Y_2 . [6]

Solution

We know that $E(Z_1) = 6$, $\text{Var}(Z_1) = 9$, $E(Z_2) = 4$, $\text{Var}(Z_2) = 1$

$$E(Y_1) = E(Z_1 - Z_2) = E(Z_1) - E(Z_2) = 6 - 4 = 2$$

$$\text{Var}(Y_1) = \text{Var}(Z_1 - Z_2) = \text{Var}(Z_1) + \text{Var}(-Z_2) = \text{Var}(Z_1) + \text{Var}(Z_2) = 9 + 1 = 10$$

$$E(Y_2) = E(2Z_1 + 3Z_2) = 2E(Z_1) + 3E(Z_2) = 2(6) + 3(4) = 24$$

$$\text{Var}(Y_2) = \text{Var}(2Z_1 + 3Z_2) = 4\text{Var}(Z_1) + 9\text{Var}(Z_2) = 4(9) + 9(1) = 45$$

Answer: $E(Y_1) = 2$, $E(Y_2) = 24$, $\text{Var}(Y_1) = 10$, $\text{Var}(Y_2) = 45$

The random variable X has moment generating function $m_X(t) = \exp(-7t + 18t^2)$.
If $W = 1/5(X - 2)$ what are the expected value and variance of W ?

Solution:

Moment generating function of $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ is $M_X(t) = e^{t\mu + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2}$

Since $M_X(t) = e^{-7t + 18t^2} = e^{t(-7) + \frac{1}{2}(36)t^2}$ then $X \sim N(-7, 6^2)$

So $E(X) = -7$ and $\text{Var}(X) = 36$

$E(W) = E(1/5(X-2)) = (1/5)E(X-2) = (1/5)(E(X)-E(2)) = (1/5)(-7-2) = -9/5 = -1.8$

$\text{Var}(W) = \text{Var}(1/5(X-2)) = (1/25)\text{Var}(X-2) = (1/25)\text{Var}(X) = 36/25 = 1.44$

Answer: $E(W) = -1.8$, $\text{Var}(W) = 1.44$

10. (a)

The random variable X has moment generating function

$m_X(t) = (1-2t)^{-15/2}$.

If $Z = 1/3(X + 3)$, what is the variance $V(Z)$?

Solution:

Moment generating function of $X \sim \lambda^2_k$ is $M_X(t) = \frac{1}{(1-2t)^{k/2}}$, $E(X) = k$, $\text{Var}(X) = 2k$

Since $M_X(t) = \frac{1}{(1-2t)^{15/2}}$ then $X \sim \lambda^2_{15}$, $E(X) = 15$, $\text{Var}(X) = 30$

$\text{Var}(Z) = \text{Var}(1/3(X+3)) = (1/9)\text{Var}(X+3) = (1/9)\text{Var}(X) = 30/9 = 10/3$

Answer: $\text{Var}(Z) = 10/3$

(b) Y is a random variable with moment generating function $m_Y(t) = (0.8 + 0.2e^t)^{10}$

What is $P(1 \leq Y \leq 4)$?

Solution:

Moment generating function of $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ is $M_X(t) = (1 - p + pe^t)^n$

Since $M_Y(t) = (1 - 0.2 + 0.2e^t)^{10}$ then $Y \sim \text{Bin}(10, 0.2)$

$$P(1 \leq Y \leq 4) = P(Y=1) + P(Y=2) + P(Y=3) + P(Y=4)$$

$$P(Y=1) = {}_{10}C_1(0.2)^1(0.8)^9 = 0.2684$$

$$P(Y=2) = {}_{10}C_2(0.2)^2(0.8)^8 = 0.302$$

$$P(Y=3) = {}_{10}C_3(0.2)^3(0.8)^7 = 0.2013$$

$$P(Y=4) = {}_{10}C_4(0.2)^4(0.8)^6 = 0.0881$$

$$P(1 \leq Y \leq 4) = 0.8598$$

Answer: 0.8598

11. (a)

The random variable X takes the values 0, 1, 2 with probabilities $1/2$, $3/8$, $1/8$ respectively. Find the moment generating function for X and verify that the second moment of X is $7/8$.

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Solution:

$$M_X(t) = E(e^{tX}) = e^{t(0)} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + e^{t(1)} \left(\frac{3}{8}\right) + e^{t(2)} \left(\frac{1}{8}\right) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{8}e^t + \frac{1}{8}e^{2t}$$

$$M_X(t) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{8}e^t + \frac{1}{8}e^{2t}$$

$$M'_X(t) = \frac{3}{8}e^t + \frac{1}{4}e^{2t}$$

$$M''_X(t) = \frac{3}{8}e^t + \frac{1}{2}e^{2t}$$

$$M''_X(0) = \frac{3}{8}e^0 + \frac{1}{2}e^{2(0)} = \frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{7}{8}$$

Second moment of X is: $E(X^2) = M''_X(0) = 7/8$

(b)

The random variable Z has distribution function $F_Z(z) = 1 - \exp(-5z)$ for $z \in [0, \infty)$.

Find the moment generating function for Z and verify that the first moment of Z is 0.2.

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Solution:

Since $F_Z(z) = 1 - e^{-5z}$ for $z \in [0, \infty)$

We have : $f_Z(z) = F'_Z(z) = 5e^{-5z}$ for $z \in [0, \infty)$

$$M_Z(t) = E(e^{tZ}) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{tz}(5e^{-5z})dz = 5 \int_0^{\infty} e^{(t-5)z} dz$$

If $t < 5$ we have:

$$5 \int_0^{\infty} e^{(t-5)z} dz = 5 \left(\frac{e^{(t-5)z}}{t-5} \right)_0^{\infty} = 5 \left(0 - \left(\frac{1}{t-5} \right) \right) = \frac{5}{5-t}$$

Then: $M_Z(t) = \frac{5}{5-t}$

First moment of Z is $E(Z) = M'_Z(0)$

Since $M_Z(t) = \frac{5}{5-t}$ we have: $M'_Z(t) = \frac{5}{(5-t)^2} \rightarrow M'_Z(0) = \frac{5}{(5-0)^2} = \frac{1}{5} = 0.2$

Then $E(Z) = 0.2$