

Probability & Statistics

Problem set №6. Week starting April 15th

1. Suppose that random variable X has a geometric distribution ($X \sim \text{Geom}(p)$). Prove that $M_X(t)$ is of the form $M_X(t) = \frac{pe^t}{1 - qe^t}$.
2. Let $X \sim \text{Geom}(p)$. Using $M_X(t)$ find $E(X)$ and $V(X)$.
3. Let $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. That means $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Prove (using definition $M_X(t) = E(e^{tX})$) that $M_X(t) = \exp\left(\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2\right)$.
4. Random variables X_1, \dots, X_n are independent and $X_k \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. Find MGF $M_{\bar{X}}(t)$ of random variable \bar{X} (\bar{X} is the mean of X_1, \dots, X_n). Try to identify the distribution of \bar{X} .

[Ex. 5–6] Assuming that if $Z \sim \text{Gamma}(b, p)$ then MGF is the form $M_Z(t) = \left(1 - \frac{t}{b}\right)^{-p}$ give answers in form Gamma with (correct) parameters. If necessary you may use, without proof, that $\Gamma(1/2) = \sqrt{\pi}$.

5. Let $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. Find distribution of $Y = \left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2$.
6. Random variables X_1, \dots, X_n are independent and $X_k \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. Find distribution of random variable $Z_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{X_k - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2$.

[Ex. 7–8] What is the distribution of random variable $Z = \sum_{k=1}^n X_k$? We assume that random variables X_k are independent. Try find the solution using "MGFs".

7. $X_k \sim \text{Gamma}(b, p_k)$, $k = 1, \dots, n$.
8. $X_k \sim \text{B}(m_k, p)$, $k = 1, \dots, n$.
9. 2-dimensional random variable (X, Y) has density of the form $f(x, y) = \frac{15}{2}x^2y$ (on triangle with vertices $(0, 0)$, $(2, 0)$, $(0, 1)$). Find density function of $T = X/Y$.
10. Assume that profit of the firm is the random variable U . MGF of the profit is given by $M_U(t) = \frac{2}{2 - 3t}$. Find:
 - (a) expected value of the profit,
 - (b) variance of the profit,
 - (c) find MGF of *netto profit* when the flat tax ratio equals 0.9 (90%).
11. MGF of random variable X equals $M_X(t)$. Random variable Y is some function of r.vs with distributions like X . What we can say about Y (assumptions, distribution of initial random variables) if:
 - (a) $M_Y(t) = M_X(2t) \cdot M_X(4t)$,
 - (b) $M_Y(t) = e^{2t} M_X(t)$,
 - (c) $M_Y(t) = 4M_X(t)$.