

$X$  is  $N(0, \sigma^2)$  distributed

compute  $E[e^{tx^2}]$

$$E[e^{tx^2}] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{x^2(1-2\sigma^2 t)}{2\sigma^2}} dx$$

$$\left( \frac{x^2 - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma}}{2\sigma} = -\frac{x^2 - 2\sigma t x^2}{2\sigma} = -\frac{x^2(1-2\sigma t)}{2\sigma} \right) \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{assuming} \\ 1-2\sigma t > 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2\sigma t}} e^{-\frac{u^2}{2\sigma}} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2\sigma t}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{u^2}{2\sigma}} du = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2\sigma t}}$$

so if ~~1~~  $t < \frac{1}{2\sigma}$  we have  $\uparrow$  otherwise it diverges