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The random variables X_i are i.i.d. with moment function $\phi_x(s) = E\{e^{sx_i}\} \forall i$. The random variable n takes the values $0, 1, 2, \dots$ and its moment function equals $\Gamma_n\{z\} = E\{z^n\}$. Show that if

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \text{ then } \phi_y(s) = E\{e^{sy}\} = \Gamma_n\{\phi_x(s)\}$$

Solution

Given $y = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n$ and given $\phi_x(s) = E\{e^{sx_i}\} \forall i$ also by the independence of the random variable x_i we have we have

$$\begin{aligned} E\{e^{sy} | n = k\} &= E\{e^{s(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k)}\} \\ &= E\{e^{sx_1}\} \dots E\{e^{sx_k}\} \\ &= \phi_x(s) \dots \phi_x(s) \text{ (k times)} \\ &= \phi_x^k(s) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_y\{s\} &= E\{e^{sy}\} \\ &= E\{E\{e^{sy}\}\} \text{ Since } E\{E\{X\}\} = E\{X\} \\ &= E\{\phi_x^n(s)\} \text{ from (1)}\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

We know that $E\{z^n\} = \Gamma_n(z)$. let's Consider $z = \phi_x(s)$ then we have

$$\phi_y\{s\} = E\{e^{sy}\} = \Gamma_n[\phi_x(s)]\tag{3}$$