

Assignment 1

Probability and Random Variables

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I. PROBLEM

Find the MGF for $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

II. SOLUTION

The Moment generating function for a Normal distribution is given as $M_X(s) = E[e^{sX}]$.

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} e^{sx} dx \quad (1)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-(\mu+s\sigma^2))^2}{2\sigma^2}} e^{\sigma^2 s + \frac{\sigma^2 s^2}{2}} dx \quad (2)$$

$$= e^{\sigma^2 s + \frac{\sigma^2 s^2}{2}} \times E_X[N(\mu + s\sigma^2, \sigma^2)] [1] \quad (3)$$

$$= e^{\sigma^2 s + \frac{\sigma^2 s^2}{2}} \quad (4)$$

For the obtained expression, the MGF (0) = 1. The same result is also obtained using the python code.

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0th moment :
[1. 1. 1.]

6th moment :
[5.20609375e+02 9.13256836e+00 4.26392850e+06]

9th moment :
55265909588.26437

12th moment :
[1.53284936e+14 1.63654317e+02 8.83474172e+03 5.17842143e+04]
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Figure 1: Result obtained from python code

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