

115. Consider the χ^2 distribution with ν degrees of freedom, χ_ν^2 .

- (a) Use the definition of the moment generating function (MGF) to prove the MGF of χ_ν^2 is

$$M_{\chi_\nu^2}(t) = \left(\frac{1}{1-2t} \right)^{\nu/2}, \quad t < \frac{1}{2}$$

- (b) Use the MGF to find the mean of the χ_ν^2 distribution.

- (c) Let Y_1, \dots, Y_n be independent χ^2 random variables with degrees of freedom $\nu_i, i = 1, \dots, n$, respectively; that is, for $i = 1, \dots, n, Y_i \sim \chi_{\nu_i}^2$. Prove that $W = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$ has a χ_ν^2 distribution where $\nu = \sum_{i=1}^n \nu_i$.