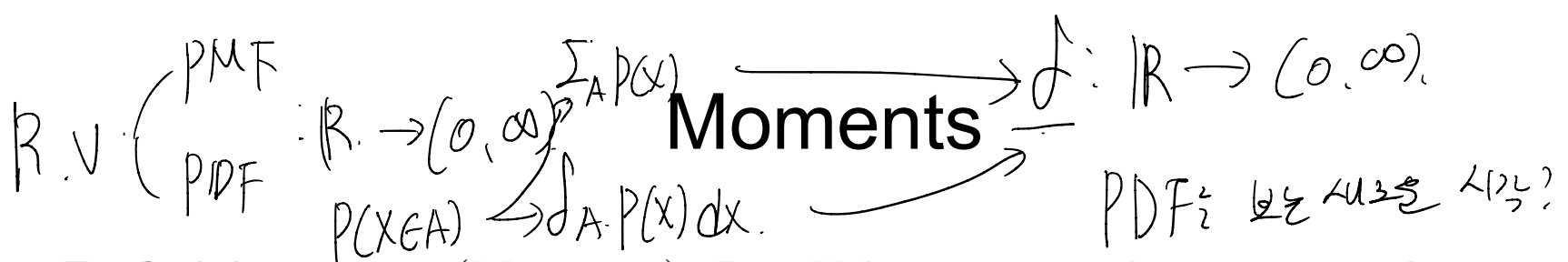


# Probability and Random Process

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**Definition 6.2.1** (Moments). Let  $X$  be a r.v. with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . For any positive integer  $n$ ;

- The  $n$ th moment of  $X$  is  $E(X^n)$   $E(X) = 1st \text{ moment}$ .
- The  $n$ th central moment is

$$E((X - \mu)^n)$$

- The  $n$ th *standardized moment* is

$$E\left(\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^n\right)$$

Throughout the previous sentence, if it exists is left implicit.

# Moment Generating Functions

MGF

**Definition 6.4.1** (Moment generating function). The *moment generating function* (MGF) of a r.v.  $X$  is

$$M(t) = E(e^{tX})$$

→ E of all the moments = MGF.

as a function of  $t$  if this is finite valued on some open interval  $(-a, a)$  containing 0. Otherwise we say the MGF of  $X$  does not exist.

Handwritten notes:   
 - "finite valued" is circled in the original image.   
 - "MGF가 존재한다" (MGF exists) is written above the interval.   
 - "다른 구간" (other interval) is written above "some open interval".   
 - "모든 구간" (all intervals) is written above "finite valued".

Note that  $M(0) = 1$  for any valid MGF  $M$ ;

$$\int f(x) dx = 1$$

$$\sum p_x = 1$$

$$M_X(t) = E(e^{tX}) = \int e^{tX} f_X(x) dx = \sum_X e^{tx} p_X(x)$$

Handwritten notes:   
 - "라플라스 변환" (Laplace transform) is written below the integral.   
 - "확률밀도" (probability density) is written below the integral.   
 - "t=0 → then 1" is written above the sum.   
 - "t=0 → not finite" is written below the sum.

**Example 6.4.2** (Bernoulli MGF). For  $X \sim \text{Bern}(p)$ ,

$$M(t) = E(e^{tX}) = e^{t \cdot 1}p + e^{t \cdot 0}(1 - p) = e^t p + 1 - p, \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Example 6.4.3** (Geometric MGF). For  $X \sim \text{Geom}(p)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} M(t) &= E(e^{tX}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{tk}(1-p)^k p = p \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} ((1-p)e^t)^k \\ &= \frac{p}{1 - (1-p)e^t}, \quad \text{for } (1-p)e^t < 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad t < \log\left(\frac{1}{1-p}\right) \end{aligned}$$

i.e., for  $t \in (-\infty, \log(1/(1-p)))$ , which is an open interval containing 0.

**Example 6.4.4** (Uniform MGF). Let  $U \sim \text{Unif}(a, b)$ .

$$M(t) = E(e^{tU}) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b e^{tu} du = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{tb} - e^{ta}}{t(b-a)} & \text{for } t \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{for } t = 0 \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 6.4.5** (Moments via derivatives of the MGF). Given the MGF of  $X$ , we can get the  $n$ th moment of  $X$  by evaluating the  $n$ th derivative of the MGF at 0

$$E(X^n) = \left. \frac{d^n}{dt^n} M(t) \right|_{t=0} = M^{(n)}(0)$$

↳ n<sup>th</sup> der.

*Proof.* This can be seen by noting that the Taylor expansion of  $M(t)$  at 0 is

$$f(t) = M(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} M^{(n)}(0) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad \left[ f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^n \right]$$

$C_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}$

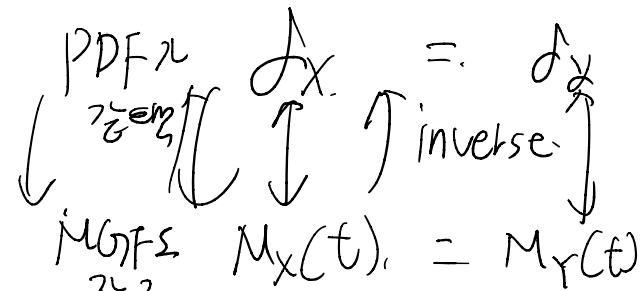
while on the other hand, we also have

$$M(t) = E(e^{tX}) = E\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} X^n \frac{t^n}{n!}\right) = M(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E(X^n) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

↳ 2<sup>nd</sup> def of MGF

Matching the coefficients of the two expansions, we get  $E(X^n) = M^{(n)}(0)$ .

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**Theorem 6.4.6** (MGF determines the distribution).

If two r.v.s have the same MGF even in a tiny interval  $(-a, a)$  containing 0, they must have the same distribution.

This is a difficult result in analysis, so we will not prove it here.

**Theorem 6.4.7** (MGF of a sum of independent r.v.s). If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then the MGF of  $X + Y$  is the product of the individual MGFs:

$$\underline{M_{X+Y}(t)} = E(e^{t(X+Y)}) = \underline{E(e^{tX})E(e^{tY})} = \underline{M_X(t)M_Y(t)} = E(e^{tX} \cdot e^{tY})$$

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, we have  $E(e^{t(X+Y)}) = E(e^{tX})E(e^{tY})$

**Example 6.4.8** (Binomial MGF). The MGF of a Bern( $p$ ) r.v. is  $pe^t + q$ , so the MGF of a Bin( $n, p$ ) r.v. is

$$M(t) = (\underline{pe^t + q})^{\textcircled{n}}.$$

$$M_Y(t) = E(e^{tY})$$

$$= E(e^{ta + btx})$$

**Proposition 6.4.11** If  $X$  has MGF  $M(t)$  then the MFG of  $\underline{a + bX}$  is

$$E(e^{t(a+bX)}) = e^{at} E(e^{btX}) = e^{at} M(bt)$$

$$= e^{ta} \cdot E(e^{btX})$$

**Example 6.4.12** (Normal MGF). The MGF of a standard Normal r.v.  $Z$  is  $\mathcal{N}(0,1) \Rightarrow$

$$M_Z(t) = E(e^{tZ}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tz} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z^2/2} dz = e^{t^2/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(z-t)^2/2} dz = \underline{e^{t^2/2}}, \quad \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

The MGF of  $\underline{X = \mu + \sigma Z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  is

$$M_X(t) = e^{\mu t} M_Z(\sigma t) = e^{\mu} e^{(\sigma t)^2/2} = \underline{e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t^2}} \quad \text{Standard Gauss.} \quad \star \frac{2(e^{t^2/2})}{\star} \rightarrow \frac{e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t^2}}{\star} \quad \text{MGF.}$$

**Example 6.4.13** (Exponential MGF). The MGF of  $X \sim \text{Expo}(1)$  is

$$M(t) = E(e^{tX}) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} e^{-x} dx = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x(1-t)} dx = \frac{1}{1-t} \quad \text{for } t < 1.$$

$\text{Expo}(1) \sim X \quad Y = \frac{X}{\lambda}$

So the MGF of  $\underline{Y = X/\lambda \sim \text{Expo}(\lambda)}$  is  $M_Y(t) = M_X(\frac{t}{\lambda}) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}$  for  $t < \lambda$ .

$X \sim \text{Expo}(1)$

# Generating moments with MGFs

## Example 6.5.1 (Exponential moments).

Let  $X \sim \text{Expo}(1)$ . The MGF of  $X$  is  $M(t) = 1/(1-t)$  for  $t < 1$ . For  $|t| < 1$ ,

$$E(X^n) = \int_0^\infty x^n \cdot e^{-x} \cdot dx$$
 On the other hand,
 
$$M(t) = \frac{1}{1-t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n!} t^n$$

$$M(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{E(X^n)}{n!} t^n$$

Hence,  $E(X^n) = n!$  for all  $n$ .

For  $Y \sim \text{Expo}(\lambda)$ , we have  $Y = X/\lambda$ ,  $Y^n = X^n/\lambda^n$ , and

$$E(Y^n) = \frac{n!}{\lambda^n}.$$



**Example 6.5.2** (Standard Normal moments). Let  $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .

$$\underline{M(t)} = e^{t^2/2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(t^2/2)^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{2n}}{2^n n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!}{2^n n!} \frac{t^{2n}}{(2n)!}.$$

Therefore

$$E(Z^n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n!}{2^{n/2} (n/2)!} & \text{for even } n \\ 0 & \text{for odd } n \end{cases}$$

even  $2n \rightarrow n$

Or,

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$$E(Z^{2n}) = (2n - 1)!!$$

$$E(Z) = 0, E(Z^2) = 1, E(Z^3) = 0, E(Z^4) = 1 \cdot 3, E(Z^5) = 0, E(Z^6) = 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5, \dots$$

# Sum of independent r.v.s via MGFs

**Example 6.6.1** (Sum of independent Poissons). Sum of independent Poissons is Poisson: First let's find the MGF of  $X \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda)$ :

$$E(e^{tX}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{tk} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda e^t)^k}{k!} = e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda e^t} = e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}.$$

Now let  $Y \sim \text{Pois}(\mu)$  be independent of  $X$ . The MGF of  $X + Y$  is

$$E(e^{tX})E(e^{tY}) = e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)} e^{\mu(e^t - 1)} = e^{(\lambda + \mu)(e^t - 1)},$$

which is the  $\text{Pois}(\lambda + \mu)$  MGF.

$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p) \rightarrow M_X = (pe^t + q)^n$   
 $\uparrow$  ind.  
 $Y \sim \text{Bin}(m, p) \rightarrow M_Y = (pe^t + q)^m$ .  $Z = X + Y$ .  $M_Z = M_X(t) \cdot M_Y(t)$ .  $Z \sim \text{Bin}(n+m, p)$   
 $= (pe^t + q)^{n+m}$ .

$$\frac{3}{2} \ln 2 + \ln 2 = \ln 4$$

★ **Example 6.6.3** (Sum of independent Normals). If we have  $X_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$  and  $X_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$  independently, then the MGF of  $X_1 + X_2$  is

$$M_{X_1+X_2}(t) = M_{X_1}(t)M_{X_2}(t) = e^{\mu_1 t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_1^2 t^2} \cdot e^{\mu_2 t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_2^2 t^2} = e^{(\mu_1 + \mu_2)t + \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)t^2}$$

which is the  $\mathcal{N}(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)$  MGF. Thus the sum of independent Normals is Normal, and the means and variances simply add.

**Example 6.6.4** (Sum is Normal). A converse to the previous example also holds: If  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent and  $X_1 + X_2$  is Normal, then  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  must be Normal.

*Proof.* I.i.d. case only (general version is known as *Cramer's theorem*). Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be i.i.d. with MGF  $M(t)$ . Without loss of generality, we can assume  $X_1 + X_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ , and then its MGF is

$$e^{t^2/2} = E(e^{t(X_1+X_2)}) = E(e^{tX_1})E(e^{tX_2}) = (M(t))^2,$$

so  $M(t) = e^{t^2/4}$ , which is the  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1/2)$  MGF. Thus,  $X_1, X_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1/2)$ .