

## Moment Generating Function (MGF) :-

X : Random variable

$M_X(t) = E[e^{tX}]$  is called the MGF if the expectation exists in some neighbourhood of the origin.

MGF of the distribution associated with the r.v. X

### Remarks

1. If MGF exists, it then characterizes the distribution.

Mathematically,  $\begin{array}{ccc} X & \sim & F \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{r.v.} & & \text{CDF} \end{array}$  &  $\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \sim & G \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{r.v.} & & \text{CDF} \end{array}$

Result  $M_X(t) = M_Y(t) + t$

$\Leftrightarrow X \stackrel{d}{=} Y$ . ( $X \& Y$  will be identically distributed)

2.  $M_x(t)$  generates the moments.

Observe that

$$\frac{d^k}{dt^k} M_x(t) \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{d^k}{dt^k} E(e^{tx}) \Big|_{t=0} = E \left[ \frac{d^k}{dt^k} e^{tx} \right] \Big|_{t=0}$$

Not trivial

$$= E[x^k e^{tx}] \Big|_{t=0} = E(x^k)$$

That's why,  $M_x(t)$  is called the Moment generating function.

3. If  $M_x(t)$  exists, one can think according to the following way.

$$M_x(t) = M_x(0) + \frac{t}{1!} \times \frac{d}{dt} M_x(0) + \underbrace{\frac{t^2}{2!} M_x''(0)}_{k\text{ terms}} + \frac{t^3}{3!} M_x'''(0) + \dots$$

Observe that the coeff. of  $\frac{t^k}{k!}$  is  $M_x^{(k)}(0) \Big|_{t=0} = E(x^k)$ .

4) MGF may NOT exist always.

Ex:-

$$X \sim \text{Cauchy}(0, 1) \rightarrow f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Here MGF does NOT exist.

In fact, any moment (of order  $\geq 1$ ) do not exist.  
↳ E.g.

However, the moments (of order  $< 1$ )  
exist (e.g.  $E(X^{3/4})$  or  $E(X^{7/8})$  exists).  
 $E(X)$  or  
 $E(X^6)$  does not exist.

5) Since MGF characterizes the dist<sup>n</sup>s,  
it can be used to formulate test-statistic for  
2 sample problem (i.e.,  $x \sim F$  &  $y \sim G$ ,  $H_0: F = G$  ag.  $H_1: F \neq G$ )  
or 2 sample supervised learning problem.

Two important inequalities:-

1. Chebyshew's inequality :-

$X$  : Random variable

$$E(X) := \mu$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - E(X))^2] := \sigma^2$$

Then for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , we have

$$P[|X - \mu| \geq \epsilon] \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{\epsilon^2}.$$

Proof:-

Given  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\sigma^2 = E[(X - \mu)^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f_X(x) dx$$

$\downarrow$   
p.d.f. of  $X$ .

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - u)^2 f_x(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{\{x: |x-u| > \varepsilon\}} (x - u)^2 f_x(x) dx + \int_{\{x: |x-u| \leq \varepsilon\}} (x - u)^2 f_x(x) dx.$$

$$\geq \int_{\{x: |x-u| \geq \varepsilon\}} (x - u)^2 f_x(x) dx \quad \text{since } (x - u)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\& f_x(x) \geq 0 \\ \& \{x: |x-u| \leq \varepsilon\} = \emptyset$$

$$\geq \varepsilon^2 \int f_x(x) dx$$

$$\{x: |x-u| \geq \varepsilon\}$$

$$= \varepsilon^2 P[\omega: |X(\omega) - u| \geq \varepsilon] \Leftrightarrow P[|X - u| \geq \varepsilon] \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{\varepsilon^2}$$

Comment: Such inequality helps us to converge in prob for many cases.

## Markov's inequality

(generalization)

If  $h(x)$  is a non-negative  $f^n$  &  $E[h(x)] < \infty$ ,  
 then  $P[h(x) > \epsilon] \leq \frac{E[h(x)]}{\epsilon} \quad \forall \epsilon > 0,$

Proof:- Same proof will work [consider  $h(x)$  instead of  $(x-a)^2$ ].

Remark:-

$1_A = 1$  if  $A$  is true  
 $= 0$ , otherwise.

$$P[A] = E 1_A \left[ E 1_A = 1 \times P[A] + 0 \times P[A^c] \right] = P(A)$$

$\downarrow$   
is an event

Rough work:  $[P[h(x) > \epsilon] \leq \frac{E h(x)}{\epsilon}]$ ,

$$h(x) 1_{\{h(x) \geq \epsilon\}} \geq \epsilon \Leftrightarrow E h(x) \geq \epsilon P[h(x) \geq \epsilon]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow E[h(x) 1_{\{h(x) \geq \epsilon\}}] \geq \epsilon$$

Next concepts! -

## Median & Quantiles!

Median:-

Middle most observation

Population median:-

$X$ : Random variable

$F$ : CDF

Median of  $X$  is defined as  $F^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$  if  $F$  is cont<sup>n</sup>.

$F^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$  : If  $X$  is cont<sup>n</sup>

$F^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$  :  $\inf_x \left\{ x : F(x) \geq \frac{1}{2} \right\}$ .