

2. Suppose that  $X$  is Gaussian with mean 4 and variance 1. Explicitly compute  $\mathbb{E}[X^3]$  (hint: perhaps you might want to write out the binomial expansion of  $(a+b)^3$ )

$$\text{let } Y = X - 4,$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}(Y) = \mathbb{E}(X) - 4$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(X) \quad \Rightarrow Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}(X^3) = \mathbb{E}[(Y+4)^3]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[Y^3 + 12Y^2 + 12Y + 64]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[Y^3] + 12\mathbb{E}[Y^2] + 12\mathbb{E}[Y] + 64$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X^{2k}] = \frac{(2k)!}{2^k k!} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}[X^{2k+1}] = 0$$

$$= 0 + 12 + 0 + 64$$

$$= 76$$

✂ Validation via Monte-Carlo.

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μ, σ = 4, 1 # mean and standard deviation
μs = []
for i in range(1000):
    X = np.random.normal(μ, σ, 10000)
    X3 = s**3
    μs.append(X3.mean())
μs = np.array(μs)
print(μs.mean())

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76.04779568847707

3. If  $\eta$  is a standard Gaussian random variable, compute

$$\mathbb{E}[\exp[2 + 3\eta]]$$

$$\eta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(\exp(2 + 3\eta)) &= \mathbb{E}(e^2 \times e^{3\eta}) \\ &= e^2 \times \mathbb{E}(\exp(3\eta)) \\ &= e^2 \times M_X(3) \\ &= e^2 \times e^{\frac{9}{2}} \\ &= e^{6.5} = 665.14163 \dots\end{aligned}$$

\* Validation via Monte-Carlo

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: l = []  
  for i in range(1000000):  
    η = np.random.normal(0, 1, 1000)  
    a = exp(2+3*η)  
    l.append(a.mean())  
  l = np.array(l)  
  print(l.mean())
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664.2383962895137

4. Let  $\eta$  be a standard Gaussian random variable. Compute  $\mathbb{P}\{\eta \leq 3\}$  in terms of erf.

$$\begin{aligned} P(\eta \leq 3) &= 1 - \underbrace{P(\eta > 3)} \\ &\quad \begin{aligned} P(\eta > 3) &= \frac{1}{2} P(|\eta| > 3) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [1 - \operatorname{erf}(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}})] \end{aligned} \\ &\downarrow \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2} [1 - \operatorname{erf}(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}})] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{erf}(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (1 + \operatorname{erf}(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}})) \\ &= 0.99865010, \end{aligned}$$

\* Validation via Gaussian CDF

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norm.cdf(3)
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0.9986501019683699
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