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Write each problem on a separate page. Each answer should be clearly written in the end of the page. Preferably, make a single pdf file and submit in HuskyCT.

(1) Find the moment generation function of  $m_X(t) = \mathbb{E}e^{tX}$  for a random variable  $X$  with the probability density  $f(x) = (x-1)/2$  when  $1 < x < 3$  and zero otherwise. Also, find  $m_X(0)$ ,  $m'_X(0)$ ,  $m''_X(0)$  by computing the moments of  $X$ .

(2) Look at problems 2(a,b,c) in Test 2 given last week: find the moment generating function  $m_X(t) = \mathbb{E}e^{tX}$  and the joint moment generating function  $m_{X,Y}(s,t) = \mathbb{E}e^{tX+sY}$ .

Hint: if you use the change of variables  $u = x+y$ ,  $v = x-y$ , you can solve this problem using the table of distributions, without computing any integrals.

$$x = (u+v)/2 \quad y = (u-v)/2$$

**Extra credit question:** in the situation of problems 2(a,b,c) in Test 2 given last week, use moment generating functions to confirm that  $\mathbb{E}X = 5/4$  and  $\mathbb{E}XY = 5/3$ , and to compute  $\mathbb{E}X^2$  and  $\mathbb{E}X^3$ .

Hint: it may be helpful to use Taylor expansions.

End of the quiz

$\underline{E}X$ :  $X$  is unif.,  $f = 1/2$

$$m(t) = \int_1^3 \frac{1}{2} e^{tx} dx = \frac{1}{2t} (e^{3t} - e^t) \quad \leftarrow t=0$$

$$\underline{E}X = \int_1^3 x \cdot \frac{1}{2} dx = \frac{1}{4}(9-1) = 2 = m'(0) ?$$

$$\text{Taylor } m(t) = \frac{1}{2t} \left( 1 + 3t + \frac{9t^2}{2} + \dots - 1 - t - \frac{t^2}{2} - \dots \right) = 1 + \frac{8t^2}{4t} + \dots$$

$$m(t) = m(0) + t m'(0) + \dots \quad \boxed{m(0) = 1} \quad = 1 + 2t + \dots$$

$$\underline{m'(0) = 2}$$

$$(fg)' = f'g + fg' \Rightarrow \int x e^x dx = x e^x - \int e^x dx = x e^x - e^x + C$$

$\int f'g = fg - \int fg'$