

1. (WMS, Problem 4.140.) Identify the distributions of the random variables with the following moment-generating functions:

(a)  $M(t) = (1 - 4t)^{-2}$ .

(b)  $M(t) = 1/(1 - 3.2t)$ .

(c)  $M(t) = e^{-5t+6t^2}$ .

2. The life (in hours) of an electronic tube manufactured by a certain process is normally distributed with mean 160 and variance  $\sigma^2$ . What is the maximum allowable value for  $\sigma$  if the life of a tube is to have a probability 0.8 of being between 120 and 200 hours? (Leave the answer in terms of the inverse the standard normal CDF  $\Phi$ .)
3. Suppose that  $X$  has the beta distribution with parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , and let  $r$  and  $s$  be given positive integers. Determine the value of  $E[X^r(1 - X)^s]$ .
4. (WMS, Problem 4.129.) During an eight-hour shift, the proportion of time  $Y$  that a sheet-metal stamping machine is down for maintenance or repairs has a beta distribution with  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\beta = 2$ . That is,  $f(y) = 2(1 - y), 0 \leq y \leq 1$ . The cost (in hundreds of dollars) of this downtime, due to lost production and cost of maintenance and repair, is given by  $C = 10 + 20Y + 4Y^2$ . Find the mean of  $C$ .
5. Let  $X$  have a beta distribution with parameters  $\alpha > 1$  and  $\beta > 1$ . Recall that the mode of (the distribution of)  $X$  is the maximizer of the density of  $X$ . Find the mode of  $X$ .
6. (WMS, Problem 4.145.) A random variable  $Y$  has the density function

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} e^y, & y < 0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find  $E(e^{3Y/2})$ .
- (b) Find the moment-generating function for  $Y$ .
- (c) Find  $V(Y)$ .
7. A RV  $X$  is said to have the *Cauchy distribution* with location parameter  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  and scale parameter  $\sigma > 0$  if  $X$  has density

$$f(x) = \frac{\sigma}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sigma^2 + (x - \mu)^2}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

- (a) Find the CDF  $F$  of  $X$ . [**Hint:** Use the fact that  $\int \frac{dx}{x^2+a^2} = \frac{1}{a} \arctan(\frac{x}{a}) + C$  where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant of integration.]
- (b) For  $0 < p < 1$ , find the  $p$ -th quantile  $\phi_p$  of (the distribution of)  $X$ . [**Hint:** Note that  $F$  is continuous and strictly increasing on  $\mathbb{R}$ .]
- (c) Show that  $\mu$  is the median of  $X$ .
8. (WMS, Problem 5.3.) Of nine executives in a business firm, four are married, three have never married, and two are divorced. Three of the executives are to be selected for promotion. Let  $Y_1$  denote the number of married executives and  $Y_2$  denote the number of never-married executives among the three selected for promotion. Assuming that the three are randomly selected from the nine available, find the joint probability function of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ .