

Let X be a random variable with $E(X^n) = 0.8$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty$. In the following provide complete derivation and explanations of results.

- Find the moment generating function of X .
- Find the Characteristic Function of $Y = (-1)^X$.

Solution:

a) $M_X(t) = E(e^{tX})$, is the moment generating function of X . by Taylor Polynomial.

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_X(t) &= M_X(0) + \frac{M_X'(0)}{1!}t + \frac{M_X''(0)}{2!}t^2 + \dots + \frac{M_X^{(n)}(0)}{n!}t^n + \dots \\
 &= \frac{E(X^0)}{0!} + \frac{E(X)}{1!}t + \frac{E(X^2)}{2!}t^2 + \dots + \frac{E(X^n)}{n!}t^n + \dots \\
 &= \cancel{E(X^0)} E(1) + \frac{0.8}{1}t + \frac{0.8}{2!}t^2 + \dots + \frac{0.8}{n!}t^n + \dots \\
 &= 1 + 0.8 \left(t + \frac{t^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{t^n}{n!} + \dots + 1 - 1 \right) \\
 &= 1 + 0.8(e^t - 1) = 0.2 + 0.8e^t
 \end{aligned}$$

$$b) \Phi_Y(\omega) = E(e^{j\omega Y}) = E(e^{j\omega(-1)^X})$$

by $M_X(t) = 0.2 + 0.8e^t$, we know

$X \sim \text{Binomial}(0.8)$, the

X	0	1
p	0.2	0.8

$$\Phi_Y(\omega) = E(e^{j\omega(-1)^X}) = e^{j\omega(-1)^0} \times 0.2 + e^{j\omega(-1)^1} \times 0.8$$

$$= 0.2e^{j\omega} + 0.8e^{-j\omega}$$