

Begin your solution to each problem on a new sheet of paper.

Problem 9. (5326) Answer the following. The parts are **not** related.

(a) Suppose the random variable X has density

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+x^2}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

Find $M_X(t)$, the moment generating function (mgf) of X . Give a careful description of $M_X(t)$ for all real values t . Prove your answer.

(b) For each of the two functions given below, answer the following: Does a distribution exist whose mgf $M(t)$ is the given function? If yes, specify this distribution. If no, prove it.

$$\frac{1}{3} (e^{3t} + e^{5t} + e^{7t})$$

$$\frac{1}{3} (2e^{3t} + 2e^{5t} - e^{7t})$$

(c) Suppose $Y \sim \text{Geometric}(\beta)$ and $Z|Y \sim \text{Binomial}(Y, p)$. Find $M_Z(t)$, the mgf of Z . Simplify your answer. (Hint: one approach is to use iterated expectations.)

Note: The pmf of Y is $f_Y(y) = (1 - \beta)^{y-1} \beta$ for $y = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ where $0 < \beta < 1$.

Problem 10. (5326) Suppose that n balls are placed at random into n cells. (The balls are independent of each other, and the cells are equally likely.) Let X be the number of empty cells remaining after the balls are placed.

(a) Find $P(X = 0)$.

(b) Find $P(X = 1)$.

(c) Find EX .

(d) Find $\text{Var}(X)$.
