

- 1) The discrete random variable X has the probability distribution (10 points)

$$f(x) = (1 - \lambda)\lambda^x \quad \text{for } x = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Assume that $0 < \lambda < 1$. Note that your answers will be in terms of the constant λ .

- Calculate the moment generating function of X .
- Use the moment generating function to find the mean of X .
- Use the moment generating function to calculate the variance of X .

- 2) The probability density function for X is given below (10 points)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Assume that $\lambda > 0$. Note that your answers will be in terms of the constant λ .

- Calculate the moment generating function of X .
- Use the moment generating function to find the mean of X .
- Use the moment generating function to calculate the variance of X .
- Find the variance by using the definition (and integrating by parts).