

Let  $X$  be a Bernoulli random variable:  $X = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{with probability } p \\ 0 & \text{with probability } 1 - p \end{cases}$

(a) Compute the moments:  $\mathbb{E}(X), \mathbb{E}(X^2), \mathbb{E}(X^3), \dots$

(b) Compute the derivatives  $M'_X(0), M''_X(0), M'''_X(0), \dots$

*(Remember: last time, we found that  $M_X(t) = p \cdot e^t + (1 - p)$ )*

**Context:** Last time, we argued that for a random variable  $X$ ,

$$M_X(0) = \mathbb{E}(X^0)$$

$$M'_X(0) = \mathbb{E}(X^1)$$

$$M''_X(0) = \mathbb{E}(X^2)$$

$\vdots$

This means that the Taylor series expansion of  $M_t(X)$  is:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{M_X^{(k)}(0)}{k!} t^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mathbb{E}(X^k)}{k!} t^k.$$

Equivalently, this series is the **exponential generating function** of the sequence of moments  $\mathbb{E}(X^0), \mathbb{E}(X^1), \mathbb{E}(X^2), \dots$