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- Example:

$$\frac{d}{dt} M_X(t) = E \left[X e^{tX} \right], \quad \text{and at } t = 0, \quad E(X)$$

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