

Problems from Assignment 13

1. Let $V \sim \chi_n^2$. Also let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ and $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2$.

(a) Show:

$$E(\sqrt{V}) = \frac{\sqrt{2}\Gamma(\frac{n+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})}$$

Remember $E(g(X)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f_X(x) dx$. And of course, you don't do the integration you relate it to integrals you already know.

(b) Find $E(S)$.

(c) We have shown the S^2 is an unbiased estimator of σ^2 . Is S an unbiased estimator of σ ?