

Quick derivation for slide 11

Taylor series can be used, or you can observe that, on a graph of $f(Y)$ versus Y ,

$$\text{slope} \approx \frac{\Delta f(Y)}{\Delta Y}$$

$$f'(\mu) \approx \frac{f(Y) - f(\mu)}{Y - \mu}$$

$$f(Y) \approx f(\mu) + (Y - \mu) f'(\mu)$$

Answer for Weeks 5–6, Slide 19

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{\mu} &\propto \int \frac{d\mu}{\sqrt{V(\mu)}} \\ \int [V(\mu)]^{-1/2} d\mu &\propto \mu^{-1} \\ [V(\mu)]^{-1/2} &\propto \mu^{-2} \\ V(\mu)^{1/2} &\propto \mu^2 \\ V(\mu) &\propto \mu^4\end{aligned}$$

Takehome message: This is a *high* power of μ , i.e. a radical departure from constancy.