

Assignment 11

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Show that if $X_i \geq 0$, $E(X_i^2) = M$ and $s = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$, then $E(s^2) \leq ME(n^2)$.

Definitions

Given a discrete type random variable \mathbf{n} taking the values $1, 2, \dots$ and a sequence of random variables X_k independent of \mathbf{n} , then the sum \mathbf{s} is defined as

$$s = \sum_{k=1}^n X_k \quad (1)$$

Given that for any k ,

$$E(X_k^2) = M \quad (2)$$

Proof

$$(E(X_i X_j))^2 = (E(X_i)E(X_j))^2 \leq E(X_i^2)E(X_j^2) = M^2 \quad (3)$$

$$(E(X_i X_j))^2 \leq M^2 \implies E(X_i X_j) \leq M \quad (4)$$

$$E(s^2 | \mathbf{n} = n) = E\left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right)\left(\sum_{j=1}^n X_j\right)\right) \quad (5)$$

$$= E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n X_i X_j\right) \quad (6)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n E(X_i X_j) \quad (7)$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n M \quad (8)$$

Proof

$$E(s^2 | \mathbf{n} = n) \leq n^2 M \quad (9)$$

We can write,

$$E(s^2) = E(E(s^2 | \mathbf{n} = n)) \quad (10)$$

$$E(s^2 | \mathbf{n} = n) \leq n^2 M \quad (11)$$

$$E(E(s^2 | \mathbf{n} = n)) \leq E(n^2 M) \quad (12)$$

$$\implies E(s^2) \leq ME(n^2) \quad (13)$$

Hence proved.