

Q1:

$$\text{Since } \sigma_{\bar{x}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n} \left(\frac{N-n}{N-1} \right)}$$

$$\text{when } n=4 \quad \sigma_{\bar{x}_1} = \sqrt{\frac{2^2}{4} \left(\frac{60-4}{60-1} \right)} = \sqrt{\frac{56}{59}}$$

$$\text{when } n=16 \quad \sigma_{\bar{x}_2} = \sqrt{\frac{2^2}{16} \left(\frac{60-16}{60-1} \right)} = \sqrt{\frac{11}{59}}$$

Hence, $\sigma_{\bar{x}_1} > \sigma_{\bar{x}_2}$ the \bar{x} has a more precise estimator of μ when sample size was increase from $n=4$ to $n=16$

Q2:

i) Since we know μ and we can easily write $\sigma^2 = E[(X_i - \mu)^2] \forall i = 1 \dots n$ we don't need to estimated μ . then

$$E[\bar{\sigma}^2] = E\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2\right] = \sigma^2$$

ii) With R script, we can estimate each sample variance $\hat{\sigma}_i^2$ with $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$

$$\hat{\sigma}_1 = 4.4779$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_2 = 3.4185$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_3 = 4.5980$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_4 = 2.1545$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_5 = 5.9574$$

Hence the MSE of estimator is

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\sigma}_i - \sigma)^2 = 1.6305$$