

## Chapter 8: Sample Statistics

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**Definition:** A random sample of size  $n$  from a population with pdf  $f(x)$  is a sequence of  $n$  independent random variables with pdf  $f(x)$ .

Thus  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent random variables with pdf  $f(x)$ .

**Example:**  $X_i$  = amount of ice cream in the  $i$ th scoop with the same scoop

**Question:** What can we infer about the distribution Sample must be direct to the joint pdf

**eg:**  $P(X_1 > X_2 + X_3)$

The jpdf of  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  is  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = f(x_1)f(x_2)f(x_3)$

$$P(X_1 > X_2 + X_3) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{x_1 = x_2 + x_3}^{\infty} f(x_1)f(x_2)f(x_3)dx_1dx_2dx_3$$

Integral over the region  $\mathbb{R}^3$  **Definition** A statistic is a random var which is a function of the random sample

**Example:** Sample mean  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$

**Theorem:** Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are iid random variables with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Then  $E[\bar{X}] = \mu$  and  $Var(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$

**Theorem** Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  is a random sample from a normal population with distribution  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then  $\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$

**Proof:** Idea get MGF of  $\bar{X}$

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\bar{X}}(t) &= M_{1/n \sum X_i}(t) \\ &= M_{\sum X_i}(t/n) \\ &= M_{X_1}(t/n)^n \end{aligned}$$

We know  $M_N(t) = e^{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}}$

$$M_{X_1}(t/n)^n = e^{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2n}}$$

Suppose  $X$  is a rv. Consider  $P(|X - \mu_X| < k\sigma_X) \geq 1 - 1/k^2$  **Theorem:** Chebyshev's Inequality

**Proof:**

$$P(|X - \mu_X|^2 < k^2 \sigma_X^2) = \int_{\mu - k\sigma}^{\mu + k\sigma} f(x)dx$$

**Application:**

$$\begin{aligned} P(|\bar{X} - \mu| < k\sigma) &\geq 1 - \frac{1}{k^2} \\ &= P(|\bar{X} - \mu| < k\sigma/\sqrt{n}) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{k^2} \\ &\rightarrow P(|\bar{X} - \mu| < \tilde{k}) \geq 1 - \frac{\sigma_{pop}^2}{n\tilde{k}^2} \end{aligned}$$

If  $X$  is a rv with finite nonzero variance  $\sigma^2$ , then fixing an interval around  $\mu$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2 = E[(X - \mu)^2] &= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |X - \mu^2| f(x) dx = \int_{near} \dots + \int_{far} \dots \\ &= \int_{\mu-k}^{\mu+k} \dots + \int_{X:|X-\mu|\geq k} \dots \end{aligned}$$

Since integrand is non-negative because  $|x - \mu^2| \geq 0$  and  $f(x) \geq 0$ , then the first term drops out to create inequality,

$$\sigma^2 \geq \int_{|X-\mu|\geq k} |x - \mu^2| f(x) dx$$

since  $|x - \mu^2| \geq k^2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2 &\geq k^2 \int_{|X-\mu|\geq k} f(x) dx \\ \frac{\sigma^2}{k^2} &\geq P(|X - \mu| \geq k) \end{aligned}$$

**Chebyshev's Inequalities**

$$\begin{aligned} P(|X - \mu| \geq k) &\leq \frac{\sigma^2}{k^2} \iff P(\text{outside}) \text{ is bounded above} \\ P(|X - \mu| < k) &\geq 1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{k^2} \iff P(\text{inside}) \text{ is bounded below} \end{aligned}$$

Applying to  $\bar{X}$  gives "Weak Law of Large Numbers" (W-LLN),

$$P(|\bar{X} - \mu| < k) \geq 1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{n k^2}$$

Since  $\mu_{\bar{X}} = \mu$  and  $\sigma_{\bar{X}}^2/k^2 = \sigma^2/nk^2$ .

**Q:**

How large should  $n$  be so that  $\bar{X}$  approx's  $\mu_{pop}$  with error less than  $10^{-2}$  with prob.  $> 0.99$ ?  $\sigma_{pop} = 0.2$

**A:**

Using W-LLN,

$$\begin{aligned} P(|\bar{X} - \mu| < 10^{-2}) &\geq 1 - \frac{0.2^2}{n(10^{-2})^2} \geq 0.99 \\ 0.01 &\geq \frac{0.04}{10^{-4}n} \\ n &\geq 40,000 \end{aligned}$$

Note: error is a statistic because its a rv that depends on random sample.

### Central Limit Theorem:

Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is a random sample iid from a pop. with well-def mgf. Then the dist of standardized  $\bar{X}$  approaches *standard normal*.

$$P\left(a \leq \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} \leq b\right)$$

since  $\mu_{\bar{X}} = \mu$ . As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$P(a \leq Z \leq b) = \int_a^b \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz.$$

Rmk: to standardize a rv  $A$  means to subtract mean and divide by std. dev,

$$\begin{aligned} B = \frac{A - \mu_A}{\sigma_A} &\rightarrow E[B] = \frac{1}{\sigma}(E[A] - \mu_A E[1]) = 0 \\ &\rightarrow V[B] = \frac{1}{\sigma_A^2} V[A - \mu_A] = \frac{V[A]}{\sigma_A^2} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Q:**

It's known that amt of ice cream in 1 scoop is a rv which follows an unknown distribution with mean  $\mu = 2$ g,  $\sigma = 0.1$ g. Find an approx. for the prob that after  $n = 100$  scoops, a total of more than 200.02g.

**A:**

Let  $X_i$  = amt in  $i$ th scoop. The event is  $X_1 + \dots + X_{100} \geq 200.02$ . Using that  $\bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^{100} X_i / 100$ , standardizing, and CLT,

$$P\left(\frac{\bar{X} - 2}{0.1/10} \geq \frac{2.0002 - 2}{0.1/10}\right) \approx P(Z \geq 0.02)$$

### Application to Bernoulli

$$X \sim \text{Ber}(p) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{with prob } p \\ 0 & \text{with prob } 1-p \end{cases}$$

Apply CLT to  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  iid  $\text{Ber}(p)$ ,

$$\frac{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n} - p}{\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}}$$

above has distribution approaching  $Z$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Take  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  is sum of  $n$  indep  $\text{Ber}$  rv's as rv  $Y$  with  $\text{Bin}(n, p)$ . So 1 binomial rv  $Y$ ,

$$\frac{Y - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}} \sim Z$$

where  $Z$  is standard normal.

Sample Statistic

We looked at  $\bar{X}$  so far.

We want to define and explore Sample Variance statistic.

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty t^{\alpha-1} e^{-t} dt$$

$$\text{Thus } \Gamma(1/2) = \int_0^\infty t^{-1/2} e^{-t} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(\alpha + 1) &= \int_0^\infty t^\alpha e^{-t} dt \\ &= [-t^\alpha e^{-t}]_0^\infty + \alpha \int_0^\infty t^{\alpha-1} e^{-t} dt \\ &= \alpha \Gamma(\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

We say  $X$  is a Gamma r.v w/ parameters  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  if its pdf is

$$f(X) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Question:** PDF of  $Y = Z^2$  where  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$

**Note:**  $Y \geq 0$

**Answer:**  $P(0 \leq Y \leq y) = P(Z^2 \leq y) = P(-\sqrt{y} \leq Z \leq \sqrt{y})$

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(Z^2 \leq y) \\ &= P(-\sqrt{y} \leq Z \leq \sqrt{y}) \\ &= 2P(0 \leq Z \leq \sqrt{y}) \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\sqrt{y}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z^2/2} dz \end{aligned}$$

This is the CDF (cumulative distribution function) of  $Y$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \frac{d}{dy} F(y) \\ &= \frac{d}{dy} 2 \int_0^{\sqrt{y}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z^2/2} dz \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-y/2} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi y}} e^{-y/2} \end{aligned}$$

**Maria notes:**

- $\bar{x}$ : sample mean statistic
- want to define and explore sample variance statistic

**Gamma fn:**

for  $\alpha > 0$ , the following is a Gamma fn,

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty t^{\alpha-1} e^{-t} dt$$

If  $\alpha < 1 \rightarrow$  vertical asymptote

- near  $t = 0$  is still ok because  $\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{sqr{t}} dt$  is defined (p-integral, take lower bound as  $r$  and evaluate as  $r \rightarrow 0$ )

When  $\alpha = 1$ ,

$$\Gamma(1) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} dt = (-e^{-t})|_0^\infty = 1$$

When  $\alpha = \alpha + 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma(\alpha + 1) &= \int_0^\infty t^\alpha e^{-t} dt, \\ &= (t^\alpha e^{-t})|_0^\infty - \int_0^\infty \alpha t^{\alpha-1} \cdot -e^{-t} dt, \\ &= 0 + \alpha \Gamma(\alpha),\end{aligned}$$

by IBP where  $u = t^\alpha$ ,  $du = \alpha t^{\alpha-1}$ ,  $v = -e^{-t}$ , and  $dv = e^{-t} dt$ . So, if  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\Gamma(\alpha + 1) = \alpha \Gamma(\alpha)$ . Further, if  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ , then  $\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$ .

- **Gamma dist:**  $X$  is a gamma RV with parameters  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\beta > 0$  if its pdf is,

$$f(x) = \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{x}{\beta}}}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)}, \quad x > 0$$

- $\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)$  is the normalization factor.

Calculation of normalization factor:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^\infty x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{x}{\beta}} dx &= \int_{u=0}^{u=\infty} \beta^{\alpha-1} u^{\alpha-1} e^{-u} \beta du, \\ &= \beta^\alpha \cdot \Gamma(\alpha)\end{aligned}$$

by  $u$ -sub with  $u = x/\beta$ ,  $dx = \beta du$ .

- gamma with  $\alpha = 1$ : has dist.  $\exp(\lambda = \beta) = \frac{1}{\beta} e^{-x/\lambda}$

**Q**

pdf of  $Y = Z^2$ ? where  $Z \sim N(\mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 1)$

**A**

Can first find cdf of  $Y$ . Since  $y \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}P(0 \leq Y \leq y) &= P(Z^2 \leq y) = P(-\sqrt{y} \leq Z \leq \sqrt{y}) = 2 \cdot P(0 \leq Z \leq \sqrt{y}), \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\sqrt{y}} \frac{e^{-z^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dz\end{aligned}$$

$P(-\sqrt{y} \leq Z \leq \sqrt{y}) = 2 \cdot P(0 \leq Z \leq \sqrt{y})$  because  $Z$  has symmetry.  
Calculating pdf from cdf of  $Y$ ,

$$\frac{d}{dy} \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\sqrt{y}} e^{-z^2/2} dz = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \frac{2e^{-(\sqrt{y})^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

So,

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{e^{-y/2}}{y^{1/2}\sqrt{2\pi}}, \quad y > 0$$

**Note:** this is the pdf of Gamma with  $\alpha = 1/2$ ,  $\beta = 2$  because  $\Gamma(1/2) = \sqrt{\pi}$ .

- **def (Chi-Square):**  $X$  has a Chi-Square ( $\chi_\nu^2$ ) with  $\nu > 0$  degrees of freedom if it is a Gamma rv with parameters  $\alpha = \nu/2$  and  $\beta = 2$ .
- so, dist of  $Z^2$  is  $\chi_{\nu=1}^2$

### Moments of Gamma

$$\begin{aligned} \mu'_r = E[X^r] &= \int_0^\infty \frac{x^r x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} dx, \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty x^{r+\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta} dx, \\ &= \frac{\beta^{r+\alpha}}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty u^{r+\alpha-1} e^{-u} du, \end{aligned}$$

where  $x = u\beta$ ,  $dx = \beta du$ . The integral above is the same as  $\Gamma(1 + \alpha)$ ,

$$E[X^r] = \frac{\beta^r}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \Gamma(r + \alpha)$$

Expectaion of  $X^r$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} E[X^r] &= \int_0^\infty \frac{x^r x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty x^{r+\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta} dx \\ &= \frac{\beta^{r+\alpha}}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty u^{r+\alpha-1} e^{-u} du \\ &= \frac{\beta^r}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \Gamma(r + \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\mu$  is  $\beta\alpha$  and second moment is  $\beta^2\alpha(\alpha + 1)$ .

Thus the variance of  $X$  is  $\beta^2\alpha$ .

### Exponential

$$E[\exp(\lambda)] = \lambda$$

$$\text{Var}[\exp(\lambda)] = \lambda^2$$

### chi-square

$$E[\chi_\nu^2] = \nu$$

$$\text{Var}[\chi_\nu^2] = 2\nu$$

MGF will be

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_r' t^r}{r!}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)\dots(\alpha+r-1)\beta^r t^r}{r!}$$

This is  $(1 - \beta t)^{-\alpha}$

### Sample Variance Statistic

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$$

Important identity:

$$\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2 = \sum (X_i - \mu)^2 - n(\bar{X} - \mu)^2$$

Lets say want  $E[S^2]$ .

using the definition will not fully work because we dont know  $E[(X_i - \bar{x})^2]$

We can use the identity above to get  $E[S^2]$

$$E[S^2] = \frac{1}{n-1} (\sum E[(X_i - \mu)^2] - nE[(\bar{X} - \mu)^2])$$

The first term is the expectation of the sample pop squared.

The second term is the variance of the sample mean.

$$E[S^2] = \frac{1}{n-1} (n\sigma^2 - n\frac{\sigma^2}{n}) = \sigma^2$$

Thus the expectation of the sample variance is the population variance.

**Theorum:**  $X_1 \dots X_n$  is a random sample from a normal pop with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Then

a)  $\bar{X}$  and  $S^2$  are independent

b)  $\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$

**Aside:** Proof of :

$$\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2 = \sum (X_i - \mu)^2 - n(\bar{X} - \mu)^2$$

$$= n\sigma^2 - n\frac{\sigma^2}{n} = n\sigma^2 - \sigma^2 = (n-1)\sigma^2$$

Since  $S^2$  is a statistic (a random variable) its good to have its pdf (in terms of pop pdf) we dont answer in general but we do for a normal population.

It has a gamma distribution with  $\alpha = \frac{\nu}{2}$  and  $\beta = 2$

This is also known as a chi-square distribution with  $\nu$  degrees of freedom.



So its a chi-square distribution with  $\nu$  degrees of freedom.

We can also see that

$$\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$$

Prove this using the fact that the population is normal.

**Proof:** Each of the  $X_i$  is normal with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$

The left hand side become

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} &= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 \\ &= \sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2 / \sigma^2 \\ &= \sum (X_i - \mu)^2 / \sigma^2 - n(\bar{X} - \mu)^2 / \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

We can define  $Z_i = \frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma}$

Then  $Z_i$  is standard normal with  $\mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 1$ . because  $X_i$  is normal

Let  $\tilde{Z} = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$

Then  $\tilde{Z}$  is standard normal

Since we proved earlier that if each  $X_i$  is normal then  $\bar{X}$  is normal

Thus  $\tilde{Z}$  is standard normal

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} + \tilde{Z}^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^2 \\ \tilde{Z}^2 &\sim \chi_1^2 \\ \sum Z_i^2 &\sim \chi_n^2 \\ \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} &\sim \chi_{n-1}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2}$  and  $\tilde{Z}^2$  are independent prove this

We learned that

$$(n-1)S^2/\sigma^2 \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$$

## 0.1 8.7 Order Statistics

Given random sample  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$

the  $r$ th order statistic  $Y_r$  has the value that is the  $r$ th value when the sample is ordered from smallest to largest.

So  $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$

**Example:**

Suppose  $X_1 = 3, X_2 = \pi, X_3 = e$

Then  $Y_1 = e, Y_2 = \pi, Y_3 = 3$

Note  $Y_1$  is also called the sample minimum and  $Y_n$  is called the sample maximum.

Sample Median is the middle one. If  $n$  is odd, it is the middle value. If  $n$  is even, it is the average of the two middle values.

We actually know the pdf of the order statistics.

Fix an interval  $[a, b]$

$$P(Y_r \in [a, b]) = P(a \leq Y_r \leq b)$$

$$P(\text{once of the } X\text{'s is in } [a, b] \text{ and } r-1 \text{ before and } n-r \text{ after})$$

$$= \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r)!} \int_a^b f(x) dx \left( \int_{-\infty}^a f(x) dx \right)^{r-1} \left( \int_b^{\infty} f(x) dx \right)^{n-r}$$

The first term is the combination of the elements of the sample: aka the multinomial coefficient:  $\binom{n}{r-1, 1, n-r}$

The first integral is the probability that one of the  $X$ 's is in the interval

The second integral is the probability that  $r-1$  of the  $X$ 's are before the interval

The third integral is the probability that  $n-r$  of the  $X$ 's are after the interval

This probability is  $\int_a^b f_{Y_r}(y_r) dy_r$

So let  $a = y_r$  and  $b = y_r + h$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r)!} \int_{y_r}^{y_r+h} \frac{f(x)}{h} dx \left( \int_{-\infty}^{y_r} f(x) dx \right)^{r-1} \left( \int_{y_r+h}^{\infty} f(x) dx \right)^{n-r}$$

$$f_{Y_r}(y_r) = \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r)!} f(y_r) \left( \int_{-\infty}^{y_r} f(x) dx \right)^{r-1} \left( \int_{y_r}^{\infty} f(x) dx \right)^{n-r}$$

Now in general for a uniform distribution, the pdf of the  $r$ th order statistic is

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} \text{ for } a \leq x \leq b$$

$$f_{Y_r}(y_r) = \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r)!} \frac{1}{b-a} \frac{y_r - a}{b-a}^{r-1} \frac{b - y_r}{b-a}^{n-r}$$

This is applicable for  $Y_r$  in  $[a, b]$

$$f_{Y_r}(y_r) = \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r)!} \frac{(y_r - a)^{r-1} (b - y_r)^{n-r}}{(b-a)^n}$$

Example  $n = 3, r = 1$ ,

$$f_{Y_1}(y_1) = 3 \frac{(y_1 - a)^0 (b - y_1)^2}{(b-a)^3} = \frac{3(b - y_1)^2}{(b-a)^3}$$

**Question:**  $Y_1$  in an exponential population with pdf

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{-x/\lambda}}{\lambda}$$

What is the pdf of  $Y_1$ ?

**Answer:**  $n = n, r = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{Y_1}(y_1) &= \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r)!} \frac{e^{-y_1/\lambda}}{\lambda} \left( \int_{y_1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-x/\lambda}}{\lambda} dx \right)^{n-1} \\ &= n \frac{e^{-y_1/\lambda}}{\lambda} (e^{-y_1/\lambda})^{n-1} \\ &= n \frac{e^{-ny_1/\lambda}}{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

We can recognize this as an exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda/n$

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**Sample moment** Denote  $r$ th sample moment to be

$$M_r = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^r$$

Notice that these are RVS.

The idea of method of moment is to equate the  $i$ th sample moment to the  $i$ th population moment.

Thus we can view this as a system of equations.

Why is this a reasonable idea: Note that  $M'_r$  is the average of  $X_i^r$

By the strong law of large numbers,  $M_r$  converges to  $E[X^r]$

Example for uniform distribution on  $[a, b]$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} &= \frac{a+b}{2} \\ m'_2 &= \frac{b^3 - a^3}{3(b-a)} \\ m'_2 &= \frac{a^2 + a(2\bar{x}a) + (2\bar{x} - a)^2}{3} \\ a &= \bar{x} \pm \sqrt{\bar{x}^2 - 4\bar{x}^2 + 3m'_2} \end{aligned}$$

Note: let  $(s^2)'$  be the second sample moment about the mean.

$$(s^2)' = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$$

Remark: the prime indicates it is not the same as sample variance. It has the same property as

$$\text{Var}[X] = E[X^2] - E[X]^2 \& (s^2)' = m'_2 + \bar{x}^2$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}a &= \bar{x} - \sqrt{3}s' \\ b &= \bar{x} + \sqrt{3}s'\end{aligned}$$