

1. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be i.i.d. $N(0, \sigma^2)$ and Y_1, \dots, Y_m be i.i.d. $N(0, \tau^2)$ and independent of the X_i . For each of the following give the distribution (including the name and values of any parameters) as well as justification.

(a)

$$\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

(b)

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

(c)

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

(d)

$$\frac{\bar{X}}{S/\sqrt{n}}$$

(e)

$$\sum_{i=1}^m Y_i^2$$

(f)

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^m Y_i^2}$$

2. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be i.i.d. with the exponential distribution whose density function is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \theta e^{-\theta x}, & x \geq 0, \\ 0, & x < 0, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $\theta > 0$ is unknown.

- (a) Show that the moment generating function (MGF) of the distribution (1) is

$$M(t) = \frac{\theta}{\theta - t}. \quad (2)$$

- (b) Name an open interval I containing 0 for which (2) is valid for all $t \in I$.
(c) Use the MGF to compute the first 2 moments of the exponential distribution (1).

(d) Find the Method of Moments estimator $\hat{\theta}$ of θ .

(e) Use the approximation

$$\frac{1}{\bar{X}} \approx \theta - \theta^2(\bar{X} - 1/\theta) \quad (3)$$

to approximate the variance of $\hat{\theta}$. Explain how you could use this to approximate the estimated standard error of $\hat{\theta}$. You can use (3) without justification and assume it is accurate enough for these approximations.