

- Ex.1

1)

**We know that :**

$$Var(x) = E[x^2] - E[x]^2 = \sigma^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = M \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - M)^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - nM^2 \quad (3)$$

$$E[M] = \mu \quad (4)$$

$$Var(M) = \sigma^2$$

**Starting from:**

$$W_n^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

**We can say that:**

$$\begin{aligned} E[W_n^2] &= E\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2\right] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[(x_i - \mu)^2] = \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (E[x_i^2] - 2E[\mu x_i] + E[\mu^2]) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (E[x_i^2] - 2\mu E[x_i] + n\mu^2) = \\ &= \frac{1}{n} (\sum_{i=1}^n E[x_i^2] - 2n\mu^2 + n\mu^2) = \\ &= \frac{1}{n} (n\sigma^2 + n\mu^2 - 2n\mu^2 + n\mu^2) = \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

**which proves that  $W_n^2$  is unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$**

**Now starting from:**

$$S_n^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2$$

**We can say that:**

$$E[S_n^2] = E\left[\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2\right] = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n E[(x_i - M)^2]$$

**from (3)**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n E[(x_i - M)^2] &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n E[x_i^2] - nE[M^2] = \\ &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n E[x_i^2] - \frac{n}{n-1} (\mu^2 + \frac{\sigma^2}{n}) = \frac{n}{n-1} (\sigma^2 + \mu^2) - \frac{n}{n-1} (\frac{\sigma^2}{n} + \mu^2) = \sigma^2\end{aligned}$$

which proves that  $S_n^2$  is also unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$

2)

To prove that  $(W_n^2)^{\infty_{i=1}}$ ,  $(S_n^2)^{\infty_{i=2}}$  are consistent we should prove that  $Var((W_n^2)^{\infty_{i=1}})$  and  $Var((S_n^2)^{\infty_{i=2}})$  are almost zero, as  $n$  approximates infinity

and this is true because:

$$\begin{aligned}Var((W_n^2)^{\infty_{i=1}}) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Var(x_i - \mu)^2 \\ Var(S_n^2) &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n Var((x_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2)\end{aligned}$$

as  $n$  approximates infinity  $\frac{1}{n}$  becomes zero so both of them are equal to zero

3)

To prove that  $W_n^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$  is more efficient than  $S_n^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2$  we should prove that  $Var(W_n^2) < Var(S_n^2)$

as we already proved, they are both unbiased estimators of  $\sigma^2$

$$\begin{aligned}Var(W_n^2) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Var(x_i - \mu)^2 = \frac{1}{n} (\sigma^4 - \sigma^4) \\ Var(S_n^2) &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n Var((x_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2)\end{aligned}$$

knowing that:

$$\begin{aligned}S_n^2 &= \frac{1}{2n(n-1)} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (x_i - x_j) \\ Var(S_n^2) &= Cov(S_n^2, S_n^2) = \frac{1}{4n^2(n-1)^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n (x_i - x_j)^2 (x_k - x_l)^2\end{aligned}$$

We have four cases:

$2n^3 - n^2$  terms if  $Cov((x_i - x_j)^2 (x_k - x_l)^2) = 0$  if  $i=j$  or  $k=l$

$n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)$  terms if  $Cov((x_i - x_j)^2(x_k - x_l)^2) = 0$  if  $i, j, k$  are distinct

$2n(n-1)$  terms if  $Cov((x_i - x_j)^2(x_k - x_l)^2) = 2\sigma_4 - 2\sigma^4$  if  $i \neq j$  and  $\{k, l\} = \{i, j\}$

$4n(n-1)(n-2)$  terms if  $Cov((x_i - x_j)^2(x_k - x_l)^2) = \sigma_4 - \sigma^4$  if  $i \neq j$  and  $k \neq l$  and  $|\{i, j\} \cap \{k, l\}| = 1$

Substituting gives the result:

$$Var(S_n^2) = \frac{1}{n}(\sigma_4 - \frac{n-3}{n-1}\sigma^4)$$

$$Var(S_n^2) - Var(W_n^2) = \frac{1}{n}(\sigma_4 - \frac{n-3}{n-1}\sigma^4) - \frac{1}{n}(\sigma_4 - \sigma^4) = \sigma_4 - \sigma^4 \succ 0$$

$$Var(S_n^2) \succ Var(W_n^2)$$

4)

The asymptotic relative efficient of  $W_{n=1}^2$  to  $S_{n=2}^2$  is:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (Eff(W_{n=1}^2, S_{n=2}^2)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{Var(S_n^2)}{Var(W_n^2)} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{n}(\sigma_4 - \frac{n-3}{n-1}\sigma^4)}{\frac{1}{n}(\sigma_4 - \sigma^4)} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n-1)\sigma_4 - (n-3)\sigma^4}{(n-1)(\sigma_4 - \sigma^4)} = 1$$