

Sampling Distribution For $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

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

Then $\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$

$$M_{\bar{X}}(t) = E[e^{t\bar{X}}] = E\left[e^{\frac{t}{n} \sum X_i}\right] = E\left[e^{\frac{t}{n} X_1} e^{\frac{t}{n} X_2} \dots e^{\frac{t}{n} X_n}\right]$$

$$= \left(E\left[e^{\left(\frac{t}{n}\right) X_1}\right]\right)^n = \left[e^{\mu\left(\frac{t}{n}\right) + \frac{\sigma^2\left(\frac{t}{n}\right)^2}{2}}\right]^n$$

$$= e^{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}} = e^{\left(\mu t + \frac{\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right) t^2}{2}\right)} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$$

Special case of the "linear combination"

Example 1] Let $X_1, X_2, X_3 \sim N(\mu, \frac{1}{24})$

where $\mu \neq 0$ and indep.

Find a, b such that $Y = aX_1 + 4X_2 + bX_3 \sim N(0, 1)$

$$E[Y] = 0$$

$$E[Y] = a\mu + 4\mu + b\mu$$

so

$$a\mu + 4\mu + b\mu = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mu(a + b + 4) = 0 \quad \text{and}$$

$$a + b = -4$$

$$b = -(4 + a) \quad \star_1$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = 1$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = a^2\left(\frac{1}{24}\right) + 16\left(\frac{1}{24}\right) + b^2\left(\frac{1}{24}\right) = 1$$

$$a^2 + 16 + b^2 = 24$$

$$a^2 + b^2 = 8 \quad \star_2$$

$$a^2 + (4 + a)^2 = 8$$

$$a^2 + a^2 + 8a + 16 = 8$$

$$2a^2 + 8a + 8 = 0$$

$$a^2 + 4a + 4 = 0$$

$$(a + 2)^2 = 0$$

So $a = -2, b = -6$