

1. MGB VI.18[c,d] On the  $F$  distribution:

(a) If  $X$  has an  $F$  distribution with  $m$  and  $n$  degrees of freedom, show that

$$W = \frac{mX/n}{1 + mX/n}$$

has a beta distribution.

**Solution:**

Note that except for  $W \neq 0$ ,  $W$  is a transformation of  $X$  by  $g : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, 1)$  where

$$g(x) = \frac{mx/n}{1 + mx/n}.$$

Moreover, the inverse of  $g$  is given by

$$g^{-1}(w) = \frac{n}{m} \cdot \frac{w}{1-w}.$$

so the transformation is one-to-one, and the transformation theorem applies. The Jacobian is

$$\frac{n}{m} \cdot (1-w)^{-2},$$

so  $W$  has density

$$\begin{aligned} f_W(w) &= \frac{n}{m} (1-w)^{-2} f_{F(m,n)}(g^{-1}(w)) \\ &= \frac{n}{m} (1-w)^{-2} \frac{\left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^{m/2}}{B(m/2, n/2)} \left(\frac{m}{n} \frac{w}{1-w}\right)^{m/2-1} \left(1 + \frac{m}{n} \frac{w}{1-w}\right)^{-(m+n)/2} I_{(0,1)}(w) \\ &= \frac{1}{B(m/2, n/2)} \frac{\left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^{-1+m/2-m/2+1}}{n} w^{m/2-1} (1-w)^{-2+(-m/2+1)+(m+n)/2} \end{aligned}$$

since  $1 + w/(1-w) = 1/(1-w)$ ,

$$= \frac{1}{B(m/2, n/2)} w^{m/2-1} (1-w)^{n/2-1}.$$

This is the p.d.f. of a beta distribution with parameters  $a = m/2$  and  $b = n/2$ .

□

(b) Use the result of part (a) and the beta function to find the mean and variance of the  $F$  distribution. [Find the first two moments of  $mX/n = W/(1-W)$ ].

**Solution:**

The  $r$ th moment of  $X$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} E[X^r] &= \left(\frac{n}{m}\right)^r E[(mX/n)^r] = \left(\frac{n}{m}\right)^r E\left[\frac{W^r}{(1-W)^r}\right] \\ &= \left(\frac{n}{m}\right)^r \frac{1}{B(m/2, n/2)} \int_0^1 w^{m/2-1+r} (1-w)^{n/2-1-r} \\ &= \left(\frac{n}{m}\right)^r \frac{B(m/2+r, n/2-r)}{B(m/2, n/2)} \\ &= \left(\frac{n}{m}\right)^r \frac{\Gamma(m/2+r)\Gamma(n/2-r)}{\Gamma(m/2)\Gamma(n/2)}. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\mu = \frac{n}{m} \cdot \frac{m/2}{n/2 - 1} = \frac{n}{n - 2},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2 &= \left(\frac{n}{m}\right)^2 \frac{(m/2 + 1) \cdot m/2}{(n/2 - 1)(n/2 - 2)} - \left(\frac{n}{n - 2}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{n^2(m + 2)}{m(n - 2)(n - 4)} - \frac{n^2}{(n - 2)^2} \\ &= \frac{n^2(m + 2)(n - 2) - n^2m(n - 4)}{m(n - 2)^2(n - 4)} \\ &= \frac{2n^2 \cdot (m + n - 4)}{m(n - 2)^2(n - 4)}. \end{aligned}$$

□

2. MGB VI.19[c,d] On the  $t$  distribution:

(a) If  $X$  is  $t$ -distributed, show that  $X^2$  is  $F$ -distributed.

**Solution:**

Denote  $Y = X^2$  and let  $g : A_1 \cup A_2 \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  by  $g(x) = x^2$  where  $A_1 = (-\infty, 0)$ , and  $A_2 = (0, \infty)$ . Note that  $g$  restricted to each  $A_i$  is one-to-one. Therefore, we can apply the transformation theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \left[ \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} f_X(-\sqrt{y}) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} f_X(\sqrt{y}) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} f_X(\sqrt{y}) && \text{since } f_X \text{ is even} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} \frac{\Gamma[(k+1)/2]}{\Gamma(k/2)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k\pi}} \frac{1}{(1 + y/k)^{(k+1)/2}} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma[(1+k)/2]}{\Gamma(1/2)\Gamma(k/2)} \left(\frac{1}{k}\right)^{1/2} \frac{y^{(1-2)/2}}{(1 + \frac{1}{k}y)^{(k+1)/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

This is the density for a random variable distributed  $F(1, k)$ .

□

(b) If  $X$  is  $t$ -distributed with  $k$  degrees of freedom, show that  $1/(1 + X^2/k)$  has a beta distribution.

**Solution:**

Using part (a), this is a corollary of MGB VI.18[d].

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**3. MGB VI.22** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{X}_k &= \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k X_i, & \mathcal{S}_k^2 &= \frac{1}{k-1} \sum_{i=1}^k (X_i - \bar{X}_k)^2, \\ \bar{X}_{n-k} &= \frac{1}{n-k} \sum_{i=k+1}^n X_i, & \mathcal{S}_{n-k}^2 &= \frac{1}{n-k-1} \sum_{i=k+1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_{n-k})^2, \\ \bar{X} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \quad \text{and} & \mathcal{S}^2 &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2.\end{aligned}$$

Use known results about sampling from the normal distribution to answer the following:

**(a)** What is the distribution of  $\sigma^{-2}[(k-1)\mathcal{S}_k^2 + (n-k-1)\mathcal{S}_{n-k}^2]$ ?

Distributing  $\sigma^{-2}$ , we have that this is the sum of independent Chi-squared distributions with degrees of freedom  $k-1$  and  $n-k-1$  respectively. By independence (moment generating function argument), the sum is distributed  $\chi_{n-2}^2$ .

**(b)** What is the distribution of  $(\frac{1}{2})(\bar{X}_k + \bar{X}_{n-k})$ ?

We have that  $\bar{X}_k \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/k)$  and  $\bar{X}_{n-k} \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n-k})$ . Hence, by independence, their sum is distributed  $N\left(2\mu, \frac{\sigma^2 n}{k(n-k)}\right)$  since  $\frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{n-k} = \frac{n}{k(n-k)}$ . Finally, multiplying by  $1/2$  yields a distribution of  $N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{4} \left(\frac{\sigma^2 n}{k(n-k)}\right)\right)$ .

**(c)** What is the distribution of  $\sigma^{-2}(X_i - \mu)$ ?

Recall that  $Z = (X_i - \mu)/\sigma \sim N(0, 1)$ , hence  $\sigma^{-2}(X_i - \mu) = \frac{1}{\sigma}Z \sim N(0, \frac{1}{\sigma^2})$ .

**(d)** What is the distribution of  $\mathcal{S}_k^2/\mathcal{S}_{n-k}^2$ ?

Note that  $(k-1)\mathcal{S}_k^2/\sigma^2 \sim \chi_{k-1}^2$  and  $(n-k-1)\mathcal{S}_{n-k}^2/\sigma^2 \sim \chi_{n-k-1}^2$ . So

$$\frac{k-1}{n-k-1} \cdot \frac{\mathcal{S}_k^2}{\mathcal{S}_{n-k}^2} \sim F(k-1, n-k-1).$$

The distribution of  $\mathcal{S}_k^2/\mathcal{S}_{n-k}^2$  can be obtained by transforming the above  $F$  distributed variable by multiplying by  $(n-k-1)/(k-1)$ . This gives a density

$$(k-1)/(n-k-1)f_Y\left(\frac{k-1}{n-k-1}\right),$$

where  $Y \sim F(k-1, n-k-1)$ .

**(e)** What is the distribution of  $(\bar{X} - \mu)/(\mathcal{S}/\sqrt{n})$ ?

If  $Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$ , and  $Y = \frac{n-1}{\sigma^2}\mathcal{S}^2$ , then  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ ,  $Y \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$  and

$$(\bar{X} - \mu)/(\mathcal{S}/\sqrt{n}) = (\sigma/\sqrt{n})Z \bigg/ \sqrt{\frac{Y\sigma^2}{n(n-1)}} = \sqrt{n-1}W,$$

where  $W \sim t(n-1)$ . Hence, the desired density is  $(n-1)^{-1/2}f_t(w(n-1)^{-1/2})$ , where  $f_t$  is the density of Student's  $t$  distribution.

4. MGB VI.23 Let  $Z_1, Z_2$  be a random sample of size 2 from  $N(0, 1)$  and  $X_1, X_2$  be a random sample of size 2 from  $N(1, 1)$ . Suppose the  $Z_i$ 's are independent of the  $X_j$ 's. Use known results about sampling from the normal distribution to answer the following:

- (a) What is the distribution of  $\bar{X} - \bar{Z}$ ?
- (b) What is the distribution of  $(Z_1 + Z_2)/\sqrt{[X_2 - X_1]^2 + (Z_2 - Z_1)^2}/2$ ?
- (c) What is the distribution of  $[(X_1 - X_2)^2 + (Z_1 - Z_2)^2 + (Z_1 + Z_2)^2]/2$ ?
- (d) What is the distribution of  $(X_2 + X_1 - 2)^2/(X_2 - X_1)^2$ ?

5. MGB VI.27 If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are indepently and normally distributed with the same mean but different variances  $\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2$  and assuming that

$$U = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i/\sigma_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n 1/\sigma_i^2} \quad \text{and} \quad V = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - U)^2}{\sigma_i^2}$$

are independently distributed, show that  $U$  is normal and  $V$  has the chi-square distribution with  $n - 1$  degrees of freedom.

**Solution:**

Note that  $U$  is a linear combination of normal random variables, hence its distribution is given by

$$\begin{aligned} U &\sim N \left( \mu \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n 1/\sigma_i^2}{\sum_{j=1}^n 1/\sigma_j^2}, \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^4} / \left( \sum_{j=1}^n 1/\sigma_j^2 \right)^2 \right] \right) \\ &= N \left( \mu, \left( \sum_{j=1}^n 1/\sigma_j^2 \right)^{-1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

To evaluate the distribution of  $V$ , note

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma_i^2} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - U + U - \mu)^2}{\sigma_i^2} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - U)^2}{\sigma_i^2} + 2(U - \mu) \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - U)}{\sigma_i^2} + (U - \mu)^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}. \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - U)^2}{\sigma_i^2} + 2(U - \mu) \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_i}{\sigma_i^2} - U \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \right] + (U - \mu)^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}. \end{aligned}$$

since  $U \sum 1/\sigma_i^2 = \sum X_i/\sigma_i^2$

$$\stackrel{\dagger}{=} V + (U - \mu)^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}.$$

We know that  $(X_i - \mu)/\sigma_i$  is a standard normal random variable so  $\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)/\sigma_i^2 \sim \chi_n^2$ . Moreover, by the above calculation  $(U - \mu)/\sqrt{\sum 1/\sigma_i}$  is also a standard normal random variable. Hence, its square (which is the second term on the right hand side of  $\dagger$ ) is distributed  $\chi_1^2$ . The equality of the random variables above implies that their moment generating functions are equal. Moreover, since  $V$  is assumed independent of  $U$ , it is independent of  $(U - \mu)^2 \sum 1/\sigma_i$ . Thus the moment generating function of the right hand side of  $\dagger$  factors. I.e.

$$\left( \frac{1}{1-2t} \right)^{n/2} = M_V(t) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{1-2t} \right)^{1/2} \iff M_V(t) = \left( \frac{1}{1-2t} \right)^{(n-1)/2}.$$

This is the moment generating function for a  $\chi_{n-1}^2$  distributed random variable.

□

**6.** MGB VI.29 Let a sample of size  $n_1$  from a normal population (with variance  $\sigma_1^2$ ) have sample variance  $S_1^2$ , and let a second sample of size  $n_2$  from a second normal population (with mean  $\mu_2$  and variance  $\sigma_2^2$ ) have sample mean  $\bar{X}$  and sample variance  $S_2^2$ . Find the joint density of

$$U = \frac{\sqrt{n_2}(\bar{X} - \mu_2)}{S_2} \quad \text{and} \quad V = \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2}$$

(Assume that samples are independent.)

**Solution:**

Let us first establish a lemma.

**Lemma 1.** If  $Y \sim \chi_k^2$ , then  $aY \sim \text{Gamma}(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{k}{2a})$ .

*Proof.* Consider the moment generating function of  $aY$

$$\begin{aligned} M_{aY}(t) &= M_Y(at) \\ &= \left( \frac{\frac{k}{2}}{\frac{k}{2} - at} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left( \frac{\frac{k}{2a}}{\frac{k}{2a} - t} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= M_W(t) \quad \text{where } W \sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{k}{2a}\right). \end{aligned}$$

□

Suppose  $S_2^2 = s$  is given. Then

$$U|_{S_2^2=s} \sim N(0, \sigma_2^2/s^2) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{s^2(n_1 - 1)}{\sigma_1^2}$$

□

7. Supplement 1. Let  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots$  be a sequence of random variables; and suppose that, for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , the distribution of  $Z_n$  is as follows:

$$P(Z_n = n^2) = \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{and} \quad P(Z_n = 0) = 1 - \frac{1}{n}.$$

Show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(Z_n) = \infty \quad \text{but} \quad Z_n \xrightarrow{p} 0.$$

**Solution:**

Note that for each  $n$ , the events  $Z_n = n^2$  and  $Z_n = 0$  are disjoint and that the probability of their sum is 1, hence the support of each  $Z_n$  is  $\{0, n^2\}$  and has the p.m.f.

$$f_{Z_n}(m) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} & \text{if } m = n^2 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{n} & \text{if } m = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Thus, we can calculate the expected value of each  $Z_n$  as

$$\begin{aligned} E(Z_n) &= \sum_{0, n^2} x f_{Z_n}(x) \\ &= 0 \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) + n^2 \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \\ &= n. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $E(Z_n) \rightarrow \infty$  exactly as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

However, suppose that  $\varepsilon > 0$  is given. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|Z_n - 0| < \varepsilon) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|Z_n| < \varepsilon) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(Z_n = 0) \quad \text{for if } n \geq \sqrt{\varepsilon} \text{ then } 0 < \varepsilon \leq n^2, \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $Z_n \xrightarrow{p} 0$ .

□

**8. Supplement 2.** A sequence of random variables  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots$  is said to converge in the  $r$ th mean if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(|Y_n - b|^r) = 0$ . Prove that if a sequence of random variables converge to  $b$  in the quadratic mean, then the sequence also converges to  $b$  in probability.

**Solution:**

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. First note that because the function  $f(x) = x^2$  is increasing for  $x > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} P[|Y_n - b| < \varepsilon] &= P[(Y_n - b)^2 < \varepsilon^2] \\ &\stackrel{\dagger}{=} 1 - P[(Y_n - b)^2 \geq \varepsilon^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Recall Markov's inequality (denoted Chebychev's Inequality in MGB) guarantees,

$$P[(Y_n - b)^2 \geq \varepsilon^2] \leq \frac{E[(Y_n - b)^2]}{\varepsilon^2},$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \frac{E[(Y_n - b)^2]}{\varepsilon^2} &\leq 1 - P[(Y_n - b)^2 \geq \varepsilon^2] \\ \iff 1 - \frac{E[(Y_n - b)^2]}{\varepsilon^2} &\stackrel{\dagger}{\leq} P[|Y_n - b| < \varepsilon] \\ \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ 1 - \frac{E[(Y_n - b)^2]}{\varepsilon^2} \right\} &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[|Y_n - b| < \varepsilon] \\ \iff 1 - 0 &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[|Y_n - b| < \varepsilon]. \end{aligned}$$

Since probability is bounded above by 1, we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[|Y_n - b| < \varepsilon] = 1$  and, thus, convergence in probability.

□



**9. Supplement 3.** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of random variables. By the Weak Law of Large Numbers (provided that  $E(X^4) < \infty$ ) we have

$$\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{p} \mu \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \xrightarrow{p} E(X^2).$$

Use these to prove that  $\hat{\sigma}_n^2 \xrightarrow{p} \sigma^2$  where the sample variance  $\hat{\sigma}_n^2$  is defined by

$$\hat{\sigma}_n^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2.$$

(Hint: Define  $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $g(y, z) = y - z^2$  which is a continuous function.)

**Solution:**

Consider the joint random variable  $(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2, \bar{X}_n)$  and the continuous transformation  $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g(y, z) = y - z^2$ . Then, by the statements above and Theorem\*,

$$g\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2, \bar{X}_n\right) \xrightarrow{p} g(E(X^2), \mu) = E(X^2) - \mu^2 = \sigma^2.$$

We now calculate,

$$\begin{aligned} g\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2, \bar{X}_n\right) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - \bar{X}_n^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - 2\bar{X}_n^2 + \bar{X}_n^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - 2\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) \bar{X}_n + \bar{X}_n^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem\*:** Suppose  $\mathbf{Y}_n : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a random variable such that  $\mathbf{Y}_n \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{b}$ . Then, if  $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a continuous transformation then  $g(\mathbf{Y}_n) \xrightarrow{p} g(\mathbf{b})$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $0 < \delta < 1$ . By continuity of  $g$ , there exists  $\hat{\delta} > 0$  such that if  $|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b}| < \hat{\delta}$  then  $|g(\mathbf{y}) - g(\mathbf{b})| < \varepsilon$ . In the context of the random variable  $\mathbf{Y}_n$ ,  $\{e \in \Omega : |\mathbf{Y}_n(e) - \mathbf{b}| < \hat{\delta}\} \stackrel{\dagger}{\subseteq} \{e \in \Omega : |g(\mathbf{Y}_n(e)) - g(\mathbf{b})| < \varepsilon\}$ . By hypothesis, we can choose  $N$  so that if  $n \geq N$  implies  $P(|\mathbf{Y}_n - \mathbf{b}| < \hat{\delta}) \geq 1 - \delta$ . Note that because of the containment<sup>†</sup> mentioned,  $P(\{e \in \Omega : |g(\mathbf{Y}_n(e)) - g(\mathbf{b})| < \varepsilon\}) \geq P(\{e \in \Omega : |\mathbf{Y}_n(e) - \mathbf{b}| < \hat{\delta}\}) \geq 1 - \delta$ , and, thus we have satisfied the desired convergence in probability. □

**10.** Supplement 4. Suppose that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  form a random sample from a normal distribution with mean 0 and unknown variance  $\sigma^2$ .

(a) Determine the asymptotic distribution of the statistic  $(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2)^{-1}$ .

**Solution:**

Recall that the square of a standard normal random variable is distributed chi-squared with one degree of freedom. Hence,  $X_i^2/\sigma \sim \chi_1^2$ . Thus,  $X_i^2$  is a linear transformation of a chi-squared random variable with one degree of freedom. I.e.  $X_i^2 = \sigma^2 Y_i^2$ , where  $Y_i \sim \chi_1^2$ . This is a gamma distribution with  $\lambda = 1/(2\sigma^2)$  and  $r = 1/2$ . To see this, consider its moment generating function. Thus, we can think of  $X_1^2, X_2^2, \dots, X_n^2$  as a random sample from gamma distribution with  $\lambda = 1/(2\sigma^2)$  and  $r = 1/2$ . Denote them as  $W_i$  and their sample mean as  $\bar{W}$ . The mean and variance of this gamma distribution are given by  $\mu_W = r/\lambda = \sigma^2$  and  $\sigma_W^2 = r/\lambda^2 = 2\sigma^4$ , respectively. If  $g(w) = w^{-1}$ , then note that  $g'(\mu_W) = -1/(\sigma^4) \neq 0$ . By the delta method theorem we have that

$$\frac{\sqrt{n} [(\bar{W})^{-1} - (\sigma^2)^{-1}]}{(-1/\sigma^4) \sqrt{2\sigma^4}} \xrightarrow{D} Z \sim N(0, 1).$$

Hence  $(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2)^{-1} = (\bar{W})^{-1}$  is asymptotically distributed  $N(\sigma^{-2}, \frac{2}{n\sigma^4})$  (removing the negative by symmetry of the normal).

□

(b) Find a variance stabilizing transformation for the statistic  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$ .

**Solution:**

Note that  $\sigma_W = \sqrt{2}\sigma^2 = \sqrt{2}\mu_W$ . To stabilize the variance, we seek  $g$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 = g'(\mu_W)\sigma_w &\iff g(\mu_W) = \int \sigma_w^{-1} d\mu_W = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int \mu_W^{-1} d\mu_W \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\ln |\mu_W| + c). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, if we transform the data by  $g(W) = \ln(W)$ , we can expect that the variance of the transformed asymptotic distribution will not depend on the mean.

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