

Example 4.3

Show that \bar{X} and U_i are independent by computing their covariance:

$$U_i = X_i - \bar{X}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(U_i, \bar{X}) &= \text{Cov}\left(X_i - \bar{X}, \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n X_k\right) \\ &= \text{Cov}\left(X_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n X_j, \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n X_k\right) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{Cov}(X-Y, Z) \\ \text{Cov}(X, Z) - \text{Cov}(Y, Z) \end{array} \right. \\ &= \text{Cov}\left(X_i, \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n X_k\right) - \frac{1}{n^2} \text{Cov}\left(\sum_{j=1}^n X_j, \sum_{k=1}^n X_k\right) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{Cov}(aX, Y) = \\ a \text{Cov}(X, Y) \end{array} \right. \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n} \text{Cov}(X_i, X_k) - \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{j,k=1}^n \text{Cov}(X_j, X_k) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{Cov}(X, X) = \text{Var}(X) \end{array} \right. \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \text{Cov}(X_i, X_i) - \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{j=1}^n \text{Cov}(X_j, X_j) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \text{Var}(X_i) - \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{j=1}^n \text{Var}(X_j) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \cancel{\text{Var}(X_i)} - \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot n \cdot \sigma^2 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since \bar{X} and U_i are jointly normal, ~~the fact that~~ they have covariance zero, they are independent.

NB: We have not shown that $(\bar{X}, U_1, \dots, U_n)$ are independent. To do this, we ~~also~~ would have to show that the covariance matrix

$$\mu_{ij} = \text{Cov}(Y_i, Y_j), \quad Y_i = \begin{cases} \bar{X} & \text{if } i=1 \\ U_{i-1} & \text{if } i>1 \end{cases}$$

is diagonal.