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Homework 9 (due on Thursday November 16, 2017)

Problem 1: a random variable T that has a t distribution with $n > 2$ degrees of freedom can be represented as $T = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{Y/n}}$, where $Z \sim \text{normal}(0, 1)$ and $Y \sim \text{chi-square}(n)$ are independent random variables. Use this to obtain $E(T)$ and $\text{var}(T)$.

Problem 2: number 4.44 from the textbook

Problem 3: number 4.58 (a), (b), (c) from the textbook

Problem 4-5: numbers 5.21, 5.22 from the textbook

Solution 1

$$(1) \quad T = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{Y/n}} \quad \begin{array}{l} Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1) \\ Y \sim \chi^2(n) \quad n \geq 2 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow T|Y \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{n}{Y}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(T) &= E_Y(E(T|Y)) \\ &= E(0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(T) &= \text{Var}(E(T|Y)) + E(\text{Var}(T|Y)) \\ &= \text{Var}(0) + E_Y\left(\frac{n}{Y}\right) = n E_Y\left(\frac{1}{Y}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_Y\left(\frac{1}{Y}\right) &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{y} \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) 2^{n/2}} y^{n/2-1} e^{-y/2} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}-1\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}-1\right) 2^{n/2-1}} y^{(n/2-1)-1} e^{-y/2} dy \end{aligned}$$

pdf of $\text{Chi-sq}(k-2)$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}-1\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)} \times 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}-1\right)}{\left(\frac{n}{2}-1\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}-1\right)} \quad \left(\Gamma(x+1) = x\Gamma(x)\right)$$

$$\boxed{1}$$

$$E_Y\left(\frac{1}{Y}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\frac{n-2}{2}} = \frac{1}{n-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(T) = \frac{n}{n-2} \quad n > 2$$

Solution 2

(Proof by Induction)

Clearly base case is true by Theorem 4.5.6.

$$\text{Var}(X_1 + X_2) = \text{Var} X_1 + \text{Var} X_2 + 2\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Assume it is true for $n=k$ i.e.

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^k X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^k \text{Var} X_i + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

To Prove: It is true for $n=k+1$ i.e.

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \text{Var} X_i + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k+1} \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$$

Proof -

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} X_i\right) = \text{Var}\left(X_{k+1} + \sum_{i=1}^k X_i\right)$$

Using base case,

$$= \text{Var}(X_{k+1}) + \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^k X_i\right) + 2\text{Cov}\left(X_{k+1}, \sum_{i=1}^k X_i\right)$$

$$= \text{Var}(X_{k+1}) + \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^k X_i\right) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^k \text{Cov}(X_{k+1}, X_i)$$

Using (2)

$$= \left(\text{Var}(X_{k+1}) + \sum_{i=1}^k \text{Var}(X_i) \right) + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^k \text{Cov}(X_i, X_{k+1})$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \because \text{Cov}(X+Y, Z) = \text{Cov}(X, Z) + \text{Cov}(Y, Z) \\ \text{and } \text{Cov}(X, Y) = \text{Cov}(Y, X) \end{array} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \text{Var } X_i + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k+1} \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$$

Solution 3

$$(a) \text{Cov}(X, Y) = \text{Cov}(X, E(Y|X))$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, E(Y|X)) = E(X \cdot E(Y|X)) - E(X)E(E(Y|X))$$

$$= E(E(XY|X)) - E(X)E(Y)$$

$$= E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$$

$$= \text{Cov}(X, Y)$$

$$(b) \text{Cov}(X, Y - E(Y|X))$$

$$= \text{Cov}(X, Y) - \text{Cov}(X, E(Y|X))$$

$$= \text{Cov}(X, Y) - \text{Cov}(X, Y)$$

$$= 0$$

(Using result from (a))

$$(c) \text{Var}(Y - E(Y|X)) = E(\text{Var}(Y|X))$$

(?)

Solution 4

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\max(X_1, X_2) > m) &= 1 - P(\max(X_1, X_2) \leq m) \\
 &= 1 - P(X_1 \leq m) P(X_2 \leq m) \\
 &= 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \\
 &= 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

for $n > 2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\max(X_1, \dots, X_n) > m) &= 1 - P(X_1 \leq m) P(X_2 \leq m) \dots P(X_n \leq m) \\
 &= 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 5

$$Z = \min(X, Y)$$

$$F_{Z^2}(z) = P(Z^2 \leq z)$$

$$= P(|Z| \leq \sqrt{z})$$

$$= P(|X| \leq \sqrt{z}) P(X \leq Y) + P(|Y| \leq \sqrt{z}) P(Y \geq X)$$

$$P(X \leq Y) = P(X \geq Y) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(|X| \leq \sqrt{z}) = P(|Y| \leq \sqrt{z})$$

(identically distributed)

$$\Rightarrow F_{Z^2}(z) = \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times P(|X| \leq \sqrt{z})$$

$$= P(-\sqrt{z} \leq X \leq \sqrt{z})$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{Z^2}(z) = P(X \leq \sqrt{z}) - P(X \leq -\sqrt{z})$$

$$= F_X(\sqrt{z}) - F_X(-\sqrt{z})$$

$$f_{Z^2}(z) = f_X(\sqrt{z}) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{z}} + f_X(-\sqrt{z}) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{z}}$$

$$= \frac{f_X(\sqrt{z})}{\sqrt{z}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z/2} \cdot z^{-1/2}$$

which is pdf of $\chi^2(1)$ i.e. chi-square
r.v. with 1 df.