Near-consistent robust estimations of moments for unimodal distributions

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A. Robust Estimations of the Central Moments. In 1976, Bickel and Lehmann (1), in their third paper of the landmark series Descriptive Statistics for Nonparametric Models, generalized nearly all robust scale estimators of that time as measures of the dispersion of a symmetric distribution around its center of symmetry. In 1979, the same series, they (2) proposed a class of estimators referred to as measures of spread, which consider the spread of a random variable, irrespective of its symmetry, throughout its distribution, rather than focusing on dispersion relative to a fixed point. Oja (1981, 1983) (3, 4), in a more comprehensive and generalized analysis, integrated 11 the measures of location, dispersion, and spread as proposed 12 by Bickel and Lehmann (1, 2, 5), along with van Zwet's convex 13 transformation order for skewness and kurtosis (1964) (6), providing a greater degree of generality and a broader perspective on these statistical constructs.

Theorem A.1.

18 Proof.

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