Robust estimations of moments for unimodal distributions

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A. Invariant Moments. All popular robust location estimators, such as the symmetric trimmed mean, symmetric Winsorized mean, Hodges-Lehmann estimator, Huber M-estimator, and median of means, are symmetric. As shown previously, a γ -weighted Hodges-Lehmann mean (WHLM $_{k,\epsilon,\gamma}$) can achieve consistency for the population mean in any γ -symmetric distribution with a finite mean. However, it falls considerably short of consistently handling other parametric distributions that are not γ -symmetric. Shifting from semiparametrics to parametrics, consider a robust estimator with a non-sample-dependent breakdown point (defined in Subsection ??) which is consistent simultaneously for both a semiparametric class of distributions and a distinct parametric distribution that does not belong to that class,