Characteristics of Multiple Random Variables

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Outline

Estimate of mean
N Gaussian random variables

Definition

$$\hat{\bar{x}}_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_n$$

$$\hat{\bar{X}}_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} X_n$$

Mean of the estimate of mean

N Gaussian random variables

Definition

$$E\left[\hat{X}_N\right] = E\left[\frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N} X_n\right] = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N} E\left[X_n\right] = \overline{X}$$

Variance of the estimate of mean (1)

N Gaussian random variables

Definition

$$E\left[\left(\hat{\overline{X}}_N - \overline{X}\right)^2\right] = \sigma^2_{\hat{X}_N} = E\left[\hat{\overline{X}}_N^2 - 2\overline{X}\hat{\overline{X}}_N + \overline{X}^2\right]$$

$$= E\left[\hat{\overline{X}}_N^2\right] - \overline{X}^2 = -\overline{X}^2 + E\left[\frac{1}{N}\sum_{m=1}^{N} X_m \frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N} X_n\right]$$

$$= -\overline{X}^2 + \frac{1}{N^2}\sum_{m=1}^{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N} E\left[X_m X_n\right]$$

Variance of the estimate of mean (2)

N Gaussian random variables

Definition

$$E\left[X_m X_n\right] = E\left[X^2\right] \qquad (n = m)$$

$$E\left[X_m X_n\right] = \overline{X}^2 \qquad (n \neq m)$$

$$\sigma_{X_N}^2 = -\overline{X}^2 + \frac{1}{N^2}\left[N E\left[X^2\right] + (N^2 - N)\overline{X}^2\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{N}\left[E\left[X^2\right] - \overline{X}^2\right] = \sigma_X^2 / N$$