

normally distributed

$X_1, \dots, X_n$   $\mu, \sigma^2$

knew  $\bar{X}$  normally dist.

$\rightsquigarrow \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$  ← standard normal variable.

$S^2$  = sample variance  
turns out

$\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2}$  has a  $\chi^2_{n-1}$

"chi-square distribution w/ n-1  
degrees of freedom"

$\chi^2_{n-1}$  is a particular  $\Gamma$  variable

$$\alpha = \frac{n}{2} \quad \beta = 2$$

$$\text{MGF } (1-2t)^{-\frac{n}{2}}$$

Example Checky length of widgets

$n=10$  find  $S^2=5$

Q: how likely is it that the  
actual variance  $\sigma^2 \geq 2$ ?

(Assume  
lengths of  
widgets is  
normally  
distributed)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{know: } \chi^2_9 &= 9S^2/\sigma^2 & P(\sigma^2 \geq \frac{2}{5} S^2) \\
 & & = P(\frac{5}{2} \geq \frac{S^2}{\sigma^2}) \\
 & & = P(\frac{9.5}{2} \geq \frac{9S^2}{\sigma^2}) \\
 & & = P(22.5 \geq \chi^2_9) \\
 & & \approx .995
 \end{aligned}$$

99.5% chance that pop variance is  $\geq \frac{2}{5}$  (sample variance)

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What is  $\chi^2_m$ ?

$\uparrow$  random variable w/  $\alpha = \frac{n}{2}$   $\beta = 2$

Gamma variable

$$\text{pdf: } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta} & x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Why is  $\chi_m^2$  relevant?

if  $Z$  is a stand. norm. rand. variable

$\Rightarrow Z^2$  is a Gamma variable!

$$Z^2 = \chi_1^2$$

$\Rightarrow$  if  $Z_1, \dots, Z_m$  are iid std. normal then

$$\sum Z_i^2 = \chi_m^2$$

Sample variance & Chi-square

$$\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} = \sum \left( \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{\sigma} \right)^2$$

$$S^2 = \frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}$$

$$\sum \left( \frac{(X_i - \mu) + (\mu - \bar{X})}{\sigma} \right)^2$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{(X_i - \mu)^2 + 2(X_i - \mu)(\mu - \bar{X}) + (\mu - \bar{X})^2}{\sigma^2} \right]$$

$$= \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2} \right] + \left[ \frac{2(\mu - \bar{X})}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu) \right] + \frac{(\bar{X} - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2} n$$

$$\frac{\sum X_i}{n} = \bar{X}$$

$$\sum X_i = n\bar{X}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 - \frac{2(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma^2} (n\bar{X} - n\mu) + \left( \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 n$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 - 2n \left( \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 + n \left( \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 - n \left( \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \right)^2 = \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2}$$

↑ std. normals
↑ std normal

$$\leadsto \underbrace{\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2}}_Y + \left( \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \right)^2_{X_1^2} = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2}_{\chi_n^2}$$

If  $\checkmark$  are independent, MGF of sum  
=  $\prod$  of MGF's.

They are independent.

$$M_y(t) M_{\chi_1^2}(t) = M_{\chi_n^2}(t)$$

$$M_y(t) (1-2t)^{-1/2} = (1-2t)^{-n/2}$$

$$M_y(t) = (1-2t)^{\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)}$$

$\uparrow$   
= MGF for  $\chi_{n-1}^2$

$\Rightarrow y$  is a  $\chi_{n-1}^2$  random var

$$\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2}$$