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exponential dist

Y exponential dist mean =  $\theta$

Conditional dist .. of X given  $Y=y$

$N \rightarrow$  other var  $y$  ( $y > 0$ )

identify the CF of X  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \phi(t) = \\ E(e^{itX}) \end{array} \right]$

Ans:  $Y \sim$  exp with mean  $\theta$

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-y/\theta}; y > 0$$

$$X|Y = y \sim N(0, y); y > 0$$

CF of  $X|Y=y$

$$\phi_{X|Y=y} = E \left[ e^{itX} | Y=y \right] = E \left[ e^{-\frac{1}{2}yt^2} \right]$$

Using conditional expecn.

$$E[e^{itX}] = E \left[ E(e^{itX} | Y=y) \right] = E \left[ e^{-\frac{1}{2}yt^2} \right]$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}yt^2} f(y) dy$$

$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-y/2 + t^2/2} dy$

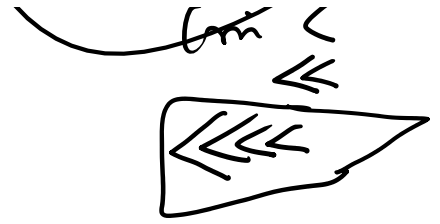
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$$0 = \frac{1}{\theta} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-y(\theta + t^2/2)} dy$$

$$= \left( \frac{0}{2} \right) \frac{1}{\theta t^2 + 2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}\theta t^2}$$



Distribution  
Theory

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1. Suppose that  $Y$  has exponential distribution with mean  $\theta$  and that the conditional distribution of  $X$  given  $Y = y$  is Normal with mean 0 and variance  $y$ , for all  $y > 0$ . Identify the characteristic function of  $X$  (defined as  $\phi(t) = E[e^{itX}]$ ) from the following.

- (a)  $e^{-\frac{\theta}{2}t^2}$
- (b)  $e^{-\frac{1}{2\theta}t^2}$
- (c)  $\frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{2\theta}t^2}$
- (d)  $\frac{\theta}{\theta+\frac{1}{2}t^2}$

2. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be random variable whose marginal distributions are  $N(0,1)$ . Suppose  $E(X_i X_j) = \rho$  for  $i, j, i \neq j$ . Let  $Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$  and  $V = X_1^2 + X_2^2 + \dots + X_n^2$ , which of the following statement follow from the give conditions?

- (a)  $Y$  has normal distribution with mean zero and variance  $n$
- (b)  $V$  has Chi-square distributon with  $n$  degrees of freedom
- (c)  $E(X_i^2 X_j^2) = 0$  for all  $i, j, i \neq j$
- (d)  $P(|Y| > t) \leq \frac{n}{t^2}$  for all  $t > 0$

3. Suppose  $X \sim$  Geometric  $(1/2)$  (taking values in  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ ) and conditional on  $X$ , the variable  $Y$  has Poisson  $(X)$  distribution. Similarly suppose  $U \sim$  Poisson  $(1)$  and conditional on  $U$ , the variable  $V$  has Geometric  $(1/(U+1))$  distribution. Then,

- (a)  $E[Y] \geq E[V]$
- (b)  $E[Y] \leq E[V]$
- (c)  $Var[Y] \geq Var[V]$
- (d)  $Var[Y] \leq Var[V]$

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4. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be i.i.d random variables having a  $\chi^2 -$  distribution with 5 degree of freedom. Let  $a \in R$  be constant. Then the limiting distribution of  $a \left( \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n - 5n}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$  is

- (a) Gamma distribution for an appropriate value of  $a$
- (b)  $\chi^2 -$  Distribution for an appropriate value of  $a$
- (c) Standard normal distribution for an appropriate value of  $a$
- (d) A degenerate distribution for an appropriate value of  $a$

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5. Suppose that  $X$  has uniform distribution on the interval  $[0,100]$ . Let  $Y$  denote the greatest integer smaller than or equal to  $X$ . Which of the following is true?

- (a)  $P(Y \leq 25) = 1/4$
- (b)  $P(Y \leq 25) = 26/100$
- (c)  $E(Y) = 50$
- (d)  $E(Y) = 101/2$

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6. Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d. random variables with characteristic function  $\phi(t; \theta) = E[e^{itX_1}]$  where  $\theta \in R^k$  is the parameter of the distribution. Let  $Z = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$ . Then for which of the following distributions of  $X_1$  would the characteristic function of  $Z$  be of the form  $\phi(t; \alpha)$  for some  $\alpha \in R^k$ ?

- (a) Negative Binomial
- (b) Geometric
- (c) Hypergeometric
- (d) Discrete Uniform

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7. Suppose a normal  $Q - Q$  plot is drawn using a reasonably large sample  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  from an unknown probability distribution. For which of the following distribution would you expect the  $Q - Q$  plot to be convex ( $J$ -shaped)?

- (a) Beta  $(5, 1)$
- (b) Exponential  $(1)$
- (c) Uniform  $(0,1)$
- (d) Geometric  $(1/2)$

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8. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{2n-1}$  ( $n > 5$ ) be i. i. d. with p.d.f.  $f_\theta$ , which is symmetric about  $\theta$  having bounded support. Let  $X_{(1)} < X_{(2)} < \dots < X_{(2n-1)}$  be the order statistics of the random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{2n-1}$ . Which of the following statements are correct?

- (a)  $X_{(1)} - \theta$  and  $\theta - X_{(1)}$  have the same distribution
- (b)  $X_{(1)} - \theta$  and  $\theta - X_{(2n-1)}$  have the same distribution
- (c) The distribution of  $X_{(n)}$  is symmetric about  $\theta$
- (d)  $E[X_{(k)} + X_{(2n-k)}]$  is same for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$

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9. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent Exponential random variables with means  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  and  $\frac{1}{\mu}$  respectively with  $\lambda \neq \mu$ . Let  $f_z(z)$  denote the density function of  $Z = X + Y$ . Then for  $z > 0$ ,

- (a)  $f_2(x) = (\lambda + \mu)e^{-(\lambda+\mu)x}$
- (b)  $f_2(x) = \frac{\lambda\mu}{\lambda+\mu} e^{-\frac{\lambda\mu}{\lambda+\mu}x}$
- (c)  $f_2(x) = \frac{\lambda\mu}{\lambda-\mu} (e^{-\mu x} - e^{-\lambda x})$
- (d)  $f_2(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda\mu}{\lambda-\mu} e^{-\frac{\lambda\mu}{\lambda-\mu}x} & \text{if } \lambda > \mu \\ \frac{\lambda\mu}{\mu-\lambda} e^{-\frac{\lambda\mu}{\mu-\lambda}x} & \text{if } \mu > \lambda \end{cases}$

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10. A random variable  $T$  has a symmetric distribution if  $T$  and  $-T$  have the same distribution. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent random variables. Then which of the following statements are correct?
- (a) If  $X$  and  $Y$  have the same distribution then  $X - Y$  has a symmetric distribution
  - (b) If  $X \sim N(3,1)$  and  $Y \sim N(2,2)$ , then  $2X - 3Y$  has a symmetric distribution
  - (c) If  $X$  and  $Y$  have the same symmetric distribution, then  $X + Y$  has a symmetric distribution
  - (d) If  $X$  has a symmetric distribution, then  $XY$  has a symmetric distribution

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11. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be i.i.d. uniform  $(0, 1)$  random variables, Let  $Z = \max(X, Y)$  and  $W = \min(X, Y)$ . Then  $P((Z - W) > 1/2)$  is
- (a)  $1/2$  (b)  $3/4$
  - (c)  $1/4$  (d)  $2/3$

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12. Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  be i.i.d. standard normal variables. Which of the following is true?
- (a)  $\frac{\sqrt{2}|X_1|}{\sqrt{X_1^2 + X_2^2}} \sim t_2$  (b)  $\frac{X_1 - 2X_2 + X_3}{\sqrt{2}(X_1 + X_2 + X_3)} \sim t_1$
  - (c)  $\frac{(X_1 - X_2)^2}{(X_1 + X_2)^2} \sim F_{2,2}$  (d)  $\frac{3X_1^2}{X_1^2 + X_2^2 + X_3^2} \sim F_{1,3}$

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13. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be i.i.d. exponential random variables with parameter 1. Define,  $W = X + Y$  and  $U = X/(X + Y)$ . Which of the following are true?
- (a)  $E(U) = 1/2$
  - (b)  $U$  is uniform on  $(0, 1)$
  - (c)  $W, U$  are independent
  - (d)  $W, U$  are uncorrelated, but dependent

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14. Suppose that for  $n \geq 3$ ,  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d.  $\sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$  and  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  are i.i.d.  $\sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$ . Assume further that the  $X_i$ 's and the  $Y_j$ 's are independent. Let  $r$  be the correlation coefficient computed from the bivariate data  $(X_1, Y_1), (X_2, Y_2), \dots, (X_n, Y_n)$ . Then

- (a)  $\frac{\gamma^2(n-2)}{1-\gamma^2}$  has  $F_{1,n-2}$  distribution (F- distribution with 1 and  $n - 2$  d.f.) for all  $n \geq 3$
- (b)  $\frac{\gamma\sqrt{n-2}}{\sqrt{1-\gamma^2}}$  has  $t_{n-2}$  distribution (t- distribution with  $n - 2$  d.f.) for all  $n \geq 3$
- (c)  $\frac{\gamma^2}{1-\gamma^2}$  has the distribution of the square of a Cauchy variable for  $n = 3$
- (d)  $\gamma^2$  has a beta distribution for all  $n \geq 3$

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15. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be i.i.d. random variables uniformly distributed on  $(0,4)$ . Then  $P(X > Y | X < 2Y)$  is.
- (a)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (b)  $\frac{5}{6}$
  - (c)  $\frac{1}{4}$  (d)  $\frac{2}{3}$

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16. Suppose  $X \sim \text{Cauchy}(0,1)$ . Then the distribution of  $\frac{1-X}{1+X}$  is
- (a) Uniform  $(0,1)$  (b) Normal  $(0,1)$
  - (c) Double exponential  $(0,1)$  (d) Cauchy  $(0,1)$

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17. Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_3$  is a random sample for the uniform distribution on  $(0,2)$  and  $M_n = \max\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$  for every positive integer  $n$ . Then which of the following statements are true?
- (a)  $M_n \rightarrow 2$  almost surely
  - (b)  $M_n \rightarrow 2$  in probability
  - (c)  $M_n \rightarrow 2$  in distribution
  - (d)  $\frac{M_n - 2}{\sqrt{n}}$  converges in distribution to normal distribution

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18. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be i.i.d.  $N(0,1)$  random variables. Let  $S_n = X_1^2 + X_2^2 + \dots + X_n^2, \forall n \geq 1$ . Which of the following statements are correct?
- (a)  $\frac{S_n - n}{\sqrt{2}} \sim N(0,1)$  for all  $n \geq 1$
  - (b) For all  $\epsilon > 0, P\left(\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - 2\right| > \epsilon\right) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$
  - (c)  $\frac{S_n}{n} \rightarrow 1$  with probability 1
  - (d)  $P(S_n \leq 1 + \sqrt{nx}) \rightarrow P(Y \leq x) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  where  $Y \sim N(0,2)$

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19.  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are independent identically distributed random variables having common density  $f$ . Assume  $f(x) = f(-x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Which of the following statements is correct?
- (a)  $\frac{1}{n}(X_1 + \dots + X_n) \rightarrow 0$  in probability
  - (b)  $\frac{1}{n}(X_1 + \dots + X_n) \rightarrow 0$  almost surely
  - (c)  $P\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}(X_1 + \dots + X_n) < 0\right) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$
  - (d)  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  has the same distribution as  $\sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i X_i$

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20.  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent random variables each having the density  
 $f(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+t^2}; -\infty < t < \infty.$   
 Then the density function of  $\frac{X+Y}{3}$  for  $-\infty < t < \infty$  is given by
- |                                      |                                      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| (a) $\frac{6}{\pi} \frac{1}{4+9t^2}$ | (b) $\frac{6}{\pi} \frac{1}{9+4t^2}$ |
| (c) $\frac{3}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+9t^2}$ | (d) $\frac{3}{\pi} \frac{1}{9+t^2}$  |

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21. Let  $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$  be i.i.d. uniform  $(-1, 2)$  random variables. Which of the following statements are true?  
 (a)  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \rightarrow 0$  almost surely  
 (b)  $\left\{ \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{2i} - \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{2i-1} \right\} \rightarrow 0$  almost surely  
 (c)  $\sup\{X_1, X_2, \dots\} = 2$  almost surely  
 (d)  $\inf\{X_1, X_2, \dots\} = -1$  almost surely

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22. Suppose  $X$  follows an exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda > 0$ . For  $a > 0$ . Define the random variable  $Y$  by  $Y = k$ , if  $ka \leq X < (k+1)a$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$   
 Which of the following statements are correct?  
 (a)  $P(4 < Y < 5) = 0$   
 (b)  $Y$  follows an exponential distribution  
 (c)  $Y$  follows a geometric distribution  
 (d)  $Y$  follows a Poisson distribution.

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23.  $X, Y$  are independent exponential random variables with means 4 and 5, respectively. Which of the following statements is true?  
 (a)  $X + Y$  is exponential with mean 9  
 (b)  $XY$  is exponential with mean 20  
 (c)  $\max(X, Y)$  is exponential  
 (d)  $\min(X, Y)$  is exponential

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24. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent exponential random variables. If  $E[X] = 1$  and  $E[Y] = \frac{1}{2}$   
 then  $P(X > 2Y | X > Y)$  is  
 (a)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{3}$   
 (c)  $\frac{2}{3}$  (d)  $\frac{1}{4}$

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25. Which of the following are correct?  
 (a) If  $X$  and  $Y$  are  $N(0, 1)$  then  $\frac{X+Y}{\sqrt{2}}$  is  $N(0, 1)$   
 (b) If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent  $N(0, 1)$  then  $\frac{X}{Y}$  has  $t$ -distribution

- (c) If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent Uniform  $(0, 1)$  then  $\frac{X+Y}{2}$  is Uniform  $(0, 1)$   
 (d) If  $X$  is Binomial  $(n, p)$  then  $n - X$  is Binomial  $(n, 1 - p)$

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26. For  $n \geq 1$ , let  $X_n$  be a Poisson random variable with mean  $n^2$ . Which of the following are equal to  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^2/2} dx$   
 (a)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\{X_n > (n+1)^2\}$   
 (b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\{X_n \leq (n+1)^2\}$   
 (c)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\{X_n < (n-1)^2\}$   
 (d)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\{X_n < (n-2)^2\}$

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27. Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  is a random sample from a distribution with probability density function  
 $f(x) = 3x^2 I_{(0,1)}(x)$ , where  $I_{(0,1)}(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z \in (0, 1) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$   
 What is the probability density function  $g(y)$  of  $Y = \min\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$ ?  
 (a)  $g(y) = 3ny^{3n-1} I_{(0,1)}(y)$ .  
 (b)  $g(y) = 1 - (1 - y^3)^n I_{(0,1)}(y)$ .  
 (c)  $g(y) = (1 - y^3)^n I_{(0,1)}(y)$ .  
 (d)  $g(y) = 3ny^2 (1 - y^3)^{n-1} I_{(0,1)}(y)$ .

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28. Let  $\{X_i; i \geq 1\}$  be a sequence of independent random variables each having a normal distribution with mean 2 and variance 5. Then which of the followings are true  
 (a)  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  converges in probability to 2  
 (b)  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$  converges in probability to 9  
 (c)  $\left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right)^2$  converges in probability to 4  
 (d)  $\sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{X_i}{n} \right)^2$  converges in probability to 0

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29. Let  $X$  be a random variable with a certain non-degenerate distribution. Then identify the correct statements  
 (a) If  $X$  has an exponential distribution then median  $(X) < E(X)$   
 (b) If  $X$  has a uniform distribution on an interval  $[a, b]$ , then  $E(X) < \text{median}(X)$   
 (c) If  $X$  has a Binomial distribution then  $V(X) < E(X)$   
 (d) If  $X$  has a normal distribution, then  $E(X) < V(X)$

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30. Let  $X_1 \sim N(0, 1)$  and let  $X_2 = \begin{cases} -X_1, & -2 \leq X_1 \leq 2 \\ X_1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$   
 Then identify the correct statement.

- (a)  $\text{corr}(X_1, X_2) = 1$   
 (b)  $X_2$  does not have  $N(0,1)$  distribution.  
 (c)  $(X_1, X_2)$  has a bivariate normal distribution  
 (d)  $(X_1, X_2)$  does not have a bivariate normal distribution  
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31. Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent and identically distributed random variables and let  $Z = X + Y$ . Then the distribution of  $Z$  is in the same family as that of  $X$  and  $Y$  if  $X$  is  
 (a) Normal (b) Exponential  
 (c) Uniform (d) Binomial  
**(DEC. 2015)**

32. Let  $X_i$ 's be independent random variables such that  $X_i$ 's are symmetric about 0 and  
 $\text{Var}(X_i) = 2i - 1$ , for  $i \geq 1$ .  
 Then,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n > n \log n)$   
 (a) does not exist (b) equals  $\frac{1}{2}$   
 (c) equals 1 (d) equals 0  
**(DEC. 2015)**

33. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be independent and identically distributed, each having a uniform distribution on  $(0, 1)$ . Let  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  for  $n \geq 1$ . Then which of the following statements are true?  
 (a)  $\frac{S_n}{n \log n} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  with probability 1  
 (b)  $P\left\{S_n > \frac{2n}{3}\right\}$  occurs for infinitely many  $n$  = 1  
 (c)  $\frac{S_n}{\log n} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  with probability 1  
 (d)  $P\left\{S_n > \frac{n}{3}\right\}$  occurs for infinitely many  $n$  = 1  
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34. Assume that  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$  for some  $n \geq 1$  and  $0 < p < 1$  and  $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$  for some  $\lambda > 0$ . Suppose  $E[X] = E[Y]$ . Then  
 (a)  $\text{Var}(X) = \text{Var}(Y)$   
 (b)  $\text{Var}(X) < \text{Var}(Y)$   
 (c)  $\text{Var}(X) > \text{Var}(Y)$   
 (d)  $\text{Var}(X)$  may be larger or smaller than  $\text{Var}(Y)$  depending on the values of  $n, p$  and  $\lambda$ .  
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35. Suppose  $X_i | \theta_i \sim N(\theta_i, \sigma^2)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are independently distributed. Under the prior distribution,  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are i.i.d  $N(\mu, \tau^2)$ , where  $\sigma^2, \mu$  and  $\tau^2$  are known. Then which of the following is true about the marginal distributions of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ ?  
 (a)  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are i.i.d  $N(\mu, \tau^2 + \sigma^2)$ .  
 (b)  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are not normally distributed.  
 (c)  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are  $N(\mu, \tau^2 + \sigma^2)$  but they are not independent.  
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- (d)  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are normally distributed but are not identically distributed.  
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36. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be independent and identically distributed random variables having an exponential distribution with mean  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ . Let  $S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$  and  $N = \inf\{n \geq 1: S_n > 1\}$ . Then  $\text{Var}(N)$  equals  
 (a) 1 (b)  $\lambda$   
 (c)  $\lambda^2$  (d)  $\infty$   
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37. Suppose  $X$  has density  
 $f(x|\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}}$ ,  $x > 0$  where  $\theta > 0$  is unknown.  
 Define  $Y$  as follows:  
 $Y = k$  if  $k \leq X < k + 1$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$   
 Then the distribution of  $Y$  is  
 (a) Normal (b) Binomial  
 (c) Poisson (d) Geometric  
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38. Let  $(X, Y)$  have the joint discrete distribution such that  $X | Y = y \sim \text{Binomials}(y, 0.5)$  and  $Y \sim \text{poisson}(\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  where  $\lambda$  is an unknown parameter. Let  $T = T(X, Y)$  be any unbiased estimator of  $\lambda$  Then  
 (a)  $\text{Var}(T) \leq \text{Var}(Y)$  for all  $\lambda$   
 (b)  $\text{Var}(T) \geq \text{Var}(Y)$  for all  $\lambda$   
 (c)  $\text{Var}(T) \geq \lambda$  for all  $\lambda$   
 (d)  $\text{Var}(T) = \text{Var}(Y)$  for all  $\lambda$   
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39. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent normal random variables with mean 0 and variance 1. Let the characteristics function of  $XY$  be denoted by  $\varphi$  Then  
 (a)  $\varphi(2) = 1/2$   
 (b)  $\varphi$  is an even function  
 (c)  $\varphi(t)\varphi\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) = |t|$  for all  $t \neq 0$   
 (d)  $\varphi(t) = E(e^{-t^2 y^2 / 2})$   
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40. Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be independent and identically distributed normal random variables with mean 0 and variance 1. Let  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  be independent and identically distributed  $U(0,1)$  random variables independent of  $X_1, X_2$ . Define  $Z = \frac{X_1 U_1 + X_2 U_2}{\sqrt{U_1^2 + U_2^2}}$  then  
 (a)  $E(Z) = 0$  (b)  $\text{Var}(Z) = 1$   
 (c)  $Z$  is standard Cauchy (d)  $Z \sim N(0,1)$   
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41. Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are independent random variables. Assume that  $X_1, X_3, \dots$  are identically distributed with mean  $\mu_1$  and variance  $\sigma_1^2$  and  $X_2, X_4, \dots$  are identically distributed with mean  $\mu_2$  and variance  $\sigma_2^2$ .  
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Let  $S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$ .  
 Then  $\frac{S_n - a_n}{b_n}$  converges in distribution to  $N(0, 1)$  if

- (a)  $a_n = \frac{n(\mu_1 + \mu_2)}{2}$  and  $b_n = \sqrt{n} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}{2}}$
- (b)  $a_n = \frac{n(\mu_1 + \mu_2)}{2}$  and  $b_n = \frac{n(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2)}{2}$
- (c)  $a_n = n(\mu_1 + \mu_2)$  and  $b_n = \sqrt{n} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2}{2}}$
- (d)  $a_n = n(\mu_1 + \mu_2)$  and  $b_n = \sqrt{n} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}{2}}$

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42. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be independent and identically distributed random variables with  $E(X_i) = 0$  and  $\text{Var}(X_i) = 1$  for all  $i$ . Let  $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$ . Let  $\Phi(x)$  denote the cumulative distribution function of a standard normal random variable.

Then, for any  $x > 0$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(-nx < S_n < nx)$  equals

- (a)  $2\Phi(x) - 1$
- (b)  $\Phi(x)$
- (c) 1
- (d)  $1 - \Phi(2x)$

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43. Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are random variables on a common probability space with  $X_n \sim N(\mu_n, \sigma_n^2)$ . Then,  $X_n$  converges in probability to 2 if and only if

- (a)  $\mu_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $\sigma_n^2 \rightarrow 2$
- (b)  $\mu_n \rightarrow 2$  and  $\sigma_n^2 \rightarrow 0$
- (c)  $\mu_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $\sigma_n^2$  converges
- (d)  $\sigma_n^2 \rightarrow 0$  and  $\mu_n$  converges

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44. Suppose that  $X_1, X_2$  and  $X_3$  are independent and identically distributed random variables, each having a Bernoulli distribution with parameter  $1/2$ . Consider the  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 & 0 \\ X_2 & X_3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then,  $P(A \text{ is invertible})$  equals

- (a) 0
- (b) 1
- (c)  $1/4$
- (d)  $3/4$

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45.  $N, A_1, A_2, \dots$  are independent real valued random variables such that

$P(N = k) = (1 - p)p^k, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  where  $0 < p < 1$ , and  $\{A_i; i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is a sequence of independent and identically distributed bounded random variables. Let

$$X(w) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } N(w) = 0 \\ \sum_{j=1}^k A_j & \text{if } N(w) = k, k = 1, 2, \dots \end{cases}$$

Which of the following are necessarily correct?

- (a)  $X$  is a bounded random variable
- (b) Moment  $m_A$  is the moment function  $m_X$  of  $X$  is  $m_X(t) = \frac{(1-p)}{1-p m_A(t)}, t \in \mathbb{R}$ , where  $m_A$  is the moment generating function of  $A_1$ .

(c) Characteristic function  $\varphi_X(t) = \frac{(1-p)}{1-p \varphi_A(t)}, t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

where  $\varphi_A$  is the Characteristic function of  $A_1$ .

(d)  $X$  is symmetric about 0.

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46. Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent random variables each having a  $\text{Bin}\left(\theta, \frac{1}{2}\right)$  distribution. Then

- (a)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k X_k$  converges in distribution to  $N(0, 1)$
- (b)  $N(0, 2)$
- (c)  $N(4, 2)$
- (d)  $N(4, 1)$

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47. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent and identically distributed random variables having a normal distribution with mean 0 and variance 1. Define  $Z$  and  $W$  as follow:

$$\begin{pmatrix} Z \\ W \end{pmatrix} = \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } XY > 0 \\ \begin{pmatrix} -X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } X < 0 \text{ and } Y > 0 \\ \begin{pmatrix} X \\ -Y \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } X > 0 \text{ and } Y < 0 \end{cases}$$

- (a)  $Z$  and  $W$  are independent
- (b)  $Z$  has  $N(0, 1)$  distribution
- (c)  $W$  has  $N(0, 1)$  distribution
- (d)  $\text{Cov}(Z, W) > 0$

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48. Let  $X_n$  be distributed as a Poisson random variable with parameter  $n$ . Then which of the following statements are correct?

- (a)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X_n > n + \sqrt{n}) = 0$
- (b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X_n \leq n + \sqrt{n}) = 0$
- (c)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X_n \leq n) = \frac{1}{2}$
- (d)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X_n \leq n) = 1$

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49. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two independent  $N(0, 1)$  random variables. Define  $U = \frac{X}{Y}$  and  $V = \frac{X}{|Y|}$  then

- (a)  $U$  and  $V$  have the same distribution
- (b)  $V$  has  $t$  distribution
- (c)  $E\left(\frac{U}{V}\right) = 0$
- (d)  $U$  and  $V$  are independent

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50. Suppose  $D \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $U = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } D \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } D < 0 \end{cases}$ . Then the correlation coefficient between  $|D|$  and  $U$  is equal to

- (a) 0.5
- (b) 0.25
- (c) 1
- (d) 0

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51. Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent and identically distributed random variables each having an exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda > 0$ . Let  $X_{(1)} \leq X_{(2)} \leq \dots \leq X_{(n)}$  be the corresponding order statistics. Then the probability distribution of  $\frac{X_{(n)} - X_{(n-1)}}{n\lambda(1)}$  is
- Chi-square with 1 degree of freedom.
  - Beta with parameters 2 and 1.
  - F with parameters 2 and 2.
  - F with parameters 2 and 1.

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52. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be independent and identically distributed random variables each having a uniform distribution on  $[-1, 1]$ . For  $n \geq 1$ , let  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  and let  $Z_n = S_n/n^p$  for some  $p > 0$ . Then, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,
- $Z_n \rightarrow 0$  almost surely for  $p \geq 1$
  - $Z_n \rightarrow 0$  in probability for  $\frac{1}{2} < p < 1$
  - $Z_n$  converges in distribution to a non-degenerate random variable if  $p = \frac{1}{2}$
  - $Z_n \rightarrow \infty$  almost surely for  $p < \frac{1}{2}$

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53. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be independent and identically distributed standard normal random variables. Which of the following is true?
- $\frac{\sqrt{n}X_1}{X_1^2 + \dots + X_n^2}$  has a  $t$ -distribution with  $n - 1$  degrees of freedom
  - $\frac{\sqrt{n}X_1}{X_1^2 + \dots + X_n^2}$  has a  $t$ -distribution with  $n$  degrees of freedom
  - $\frac{\sqrt{n}X_2}{X_1^2 + \dots + X_{n+1}^2}$  has a  $t$ -distribution with  $n - 1$  degrees of freedom
  - $\frac{\sqrt{n}X_2}{X_1^2 + \dots + X_{n+1}^2}$  has a  $t$ -distribution with  $n$  degrees of freedom

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54. Let  $X$  be a geometric random variable with probability mass function given by  $P(X = k) = (1 - p)^{k-1}p$  for  $k \geq 1$  and  $0 < p < 1$ . For all  $m, n \geq 1$  we have
- $P(X > m + n | X > m) = P(X \geq n)$
  - $P(X > m + n | X > m) = P(X > n)$
  - $P(X < m + n | X < m) = P(X < n)$
  - $P(X < m + n | X < m) = P(X \leq n)$

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55. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be independent and identically distributed random variables each having a uniform distribution on  $(0, 1)$ . Consider the histogram of these values with  $k$  equally spaced class intervals given by  $\{(a_i, b_i], i = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$  where  $a_i = \frac{i-1}{k}$  and  $b_i = a_i + \frac{1}{k}$ . Let  $N_i$  be the number of values in the interval  $(a_i, b_i]$ . Then the covariance of  $N_i$  and  $N_k$  is
- 0
  - $-n/k^2$
  - $n/k^2$
  - $1/2$

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56. Let  $U_1, U_2, \dots$  be independent and identically distributed random variables each having a uniform distribution on  $(0, 1)$ . Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (U_1 + \dots + U_n \leq \frac{3}{4}n)$
- does not exist
  - exists and equals 0
  - exists and equals 1
  - exists and equals  $\frac{3}{4}$

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57. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  independent random variables each following a uniform distribution on  $(0, 1)$ . Let  $W = X I_{\{Y \leq X^2\}}$ , where  $I_A$  denotes the indicator function of the set  $A$ . Then which of the following statements are true?
- The cumulative distribution function of  $W$  is given by  $F_W(t) = t^2 I_{\{0 \leq t \leq 1\}} + I_{\{t > 1\}}$
  - $P[W > 0] = \frac{1}{3}$
  - The cumulative distribution function of  $W$  is continuous
  - The cumulative distribution function of  $W$  is given by  $F_W(t) = \left(\frac{2+t^3}{3}\right) I_{\{0 \leq t \leq 1\}} + I_{\{t > 1\}}$

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58. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be independent and identically distributed random variables each following a uniform distribution on  $(0, 1)$ . Denote  $T_n = \max\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$ . Then, which of the following statements are true?
- $T_n$  converges to 1 in probability
  - $n(1 - T_n)$  converges in distribution
  - $n^2(1 - T_n)$  converges in distribution
  - $\sqrt{n}(1 - T_n)$  converges to 0 in probability

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59. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be independent random variables each following a normal distribution with unknown mean  $\mu$  and unknown variance  $\sigma^2 > 0$ . Define  $\bar{X}_{n-2} = \frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} X_i$ ,  $T_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n-2} (X_i - \bar{X}_{n-2})^2}{n-3}$  and  $T_2 = \frac{(X_{n-1} - X_n)}{\sqrt{2}}$ ;  $n > 3$ . Then which of the following statements are correct?



64.  $T_1$  is unbiased for  $\sigma^2$   
 (a)  $\frac{T_1}{\sqrt{n}}$  follows a  $t$  distribution with  $(n-3)$  degrees of freedom  
 (b)  $\frac{T_1^2}{n}$  follows a  $F$  distribution with 1 and  $(n-3)$  degrees of freedom  
 (c)  $\bar{X}_{n-2}$  is consistent for estimating  $\mu$

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65. Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5$  be independent and identically distributed random variables each following a uniform distribution on  $(0, 1)$ , and let  $M$  denote their median. Then which of the following statements are true?  
 (a)  $P(M < \frac{1}{3}) = P(M > \frac{2}{3})$   
 (b)  $M$  is uniformly distributed on  $(0, 1)$   
 (c)  $E(M) = E(X_1)$   
 (d)  $V(M) = V(X_1)$

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66. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be independent random variables each following exponential distribution with mean 1. Then which of the following statements are correct?  
 (a)  $P(X_n > \log n \text{ for infinitely many } n \geq 1) = 1$   
 (b)  $P(X_n > 2 \log n \text{ for infinitely many } n \geq 1) = 1$   
 (c)  $P(X_n > \frac{1}{2} \log n \text{ for infinitely many } n \geq 1) = 0$   
 (d)  $P(X_n > \log n, X_{n+1} > \log(n+1) \text{ for infinitely many } n \geq 1) = 0$

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67. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be i.i.d. standard normal random variables and let  $T_n = \frac{X_1^2 + \dots + X_n^2}{n}$ . Then  
 (a) The limiting distribution of  $T_n - 1$  is  $\chi^2$  with 1 degree of freedom  
 (b) The limiting distribution of  $\frac{T_n - 1}{\sqrt{n}}$  is normal with mean 0 and variance 2  
 (c) The limiting distribution of  $\sqrt{n}(T_n - 1)$  is  $\chi^2$  with 1 degree of freedom  
 (d) The limiting distribution of  $\sqrt{n}(T_n - 1)$  is normal with mean 0 and variance 2

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68. Let  $X$  be a binomial random variable with parameters  $(11, \frac{1}{2})$ . At which value(s) of  $k$  is  $P(X = k)$  maximized?  
 (a)  $k = 2$  (b)  $k = 3$   
 (c)  $k = 4$  (d)  $k = 5$

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69.  $X, Y, Z$  are independent random variables with  $N(0, 1)$  (standard normal) distribution. Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = 1$ , if  $x \geq 0$  and  $f(x) = -1$ , if  $x < 0$ . Let

- $U, V, W$  be defined by  $U = |X| \cdot f(Y), V = |Y| \cdot f(X), W = |Z| \cdot f(X)$ . Then  
 (a)  $U$  and  $V$  are independent each having a  $N(0, 1)$  distribution  
 (b)  $U$  and  $W$  are independent each having a  $N(0, 1)$  distribution  
 (c)  $V$  and  $W$  are independent each having a  $N(0, 1)$  distribution  
 (d)  $U, V$  and  $W$  are independent random variables.

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65. Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be two independent random variables with  $X_1 \sim \text{binomial}(m, \frac{1}{2})$  and  $X_2 \sim \text{binomial}(n, \frac{1}{2}), m \neq n$ . Which of the following are always true?  
 (a)  $2X_1 + 3X_2 \sim \text{binomial}(2m + 3n, \frac{1}{2})$   
 (b)  $X_2 - X_1 + m \sim \text{binomial}(m + n, \frac{1}{2})$   
 (c) Conditional distribution of  $X_2$  given  $(X_1 + X_2)$  is hypergeometric  
 (d) Distribution of  $X_1 - X_2$  is symmetric about 0

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66. Let  $X_1, X_2$  and  $X_3$  be independent with  $X_1 \sim N(1, 1), X_2 \sim N(-1, 1)$  and  $X_3 \sim N(0, 1)$ . Let  
 $q_1 = \frac{X_1^2 + X_2^2 + 2X_1^2 + 2X_1 X_2}{2}$   
 $q_2 = \frac{X_1^2 + X_2^2 - 2X_1 X_2}{2}$   
 Then which of the following statements are always true?  
 (a)  $q_1$  has a central chi-square distribution  
 (b)  $q_2$  has a central chi-square distribution  
 (c)  $q_1 + q_2$  has a central chi-square distribution  
 (d)  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are independent

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67. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  as i.i.d.  $N(1, 1)$  random variables. Let  $S_n = X_1^2 + X_2^2 + \dots + X_n^2$  for  $n \geq 1$ . Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{Var}(S_n)}{n}$  is  
 (a) 4 (b) 6  
 (c) 1 (d) 0

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68. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be independent random variable with  $X_n$  being uniformly distributed between  $-n$  and  $3n, n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Let  $S_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{X_n}{n}$  for  $N = 1, 2, \dots$  and let  $F_N$  be the distribution function of  $S_N$ . Also let  $\Phi$  denote the distribution function of a standard normal random variable. Which of the following is/are true?  
 (a)  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} F_N(0) \leq \Phi(0)$  (b)  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} F_N(0) \geq \Phi(0)$   
 (c)  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} F_N(1) \leq \Phi(1)$  (d)  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} F_N(1) \geq \Phi(1)$

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69. Suppose  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_n$  are i.i.d.  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ . Consider  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  defined  $Y_1 = \mu + \varepsilon_1$ ,  $Y_{i+1} - \mu = \rho(Y_i - \mu) + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} \varepsilon_{i+1}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ .

Let  $T = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$ . Suppose  $0 < \rho < 1$  and  $\sigma^2 > 0$ . Then for  $n \geq 2$

- (a) T has a normal distribution
- (b) T has mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2/n$
- (c)  $E(T) = \mu$ ,  $\text{var}(T) > \sigma^2/n$
- (d) T follows  $N(\mu, \delta^2)$  where  $\delta^2 > \sigma^2/n$