

$N(0, 1)$ αν η Τ.Μ. X ακολουθεί την τυποποιημένη κανονική κατανομή $N(0, 1)$, τότε η Τ.Μ. X^2 ακολουθεί την κατανομή χ^2 με $(n=1)$ ένα βαθμό ελευθερίας.

► Let Z be a standard normal variable and let X be its square. Then, we have to demonstrate that

$$X \sim \chi^2_1$$

► Given that $X = Z^2$, we have that $X \geq 0$.

► Problem solving Strategy:

(a) Try to derive the cumulative distribution function of X , $F_X(x)$. (cdf)

(b) Try to derive the probability distribution function of X , $f_X(x)$ (pdf)

► The cumulative distribution function or distribution function of X , is given by:

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) \quad (1) \rightarrow$$

$$F_X(x) = P(Z^2 \leq x) \quad (2) \rightarrow$$

• At this point, we need to re-express inequality

$$z^2 \leq x \text{ in terms of } z.$$

• We have that: $z^2 \leq x \Rightarrow z^2 - x \leq 0 \Rightarrow$

$$z^2 - (\sqrt{x})^2 \leq 0 \Rightarrow (z - \sqrt{x})(z + \sqrt{x}) \leq 0$$

• Thus, we have a second-degree polynomial with respect to z , such that:

$$Q(z) = (z - \sqrt{x})(z + \sqrt{x})$$

• Determining the two roots of $Q(z)$, yields that:

$$Q(z) = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} z_+ = +\sqrt{x}, \\ z_- = -\sqrt{x} \end{cases} \quad (\text{Remember that } x \geq 0)$$

• Therefore, we may write that:

z	$-\sqrt{x}$	0	$+\sqrt{x}$
$Q(z)$	$+$	$-$	$+$

• By considering the sign of $Q(z)$ when $z=0$, we can determine the sign of the polynomial between its roots, i.e. when $-\sqrt{x} < z < \sqrt{x}$. Thus, we have that $Q(0) = -\sqrt{x} \cdot \sqrt{x} = -x \leq 0$

• Therefore, demanding $Q(z) \leq 0$ is equivalent to demanding that

$$-\sqrt{x} \leq z \leq +\sqrt{x}$$

★ In this context, Eq. (2) is equivalent to:

$$F_X(x) = \mathbb{P}(-\sqrt{x} \leq Z \leq +\sqrt{x}) \quad (3)$$

★ However, we know that the random variable Z is a standardized normal variable with the following probability distribution function:

$$f_Z(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} \quad (4)$$

★ In this setting, Eq. (3) can be re-written as:

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\sqrt{x}}^{+\sqrt{x}} f_Z(z) dz \quad (5)$$

★ We also know that for $x < 0$, $F_X(x) = 0$, since being a square cannot result in taking negative values.

★ At this point, we will exploit the fact the density function of a random variable is the first derivative of its distribution function.

⊛ Therefore, we may write that:

$$f_x(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_x(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{-r_x}^{+r_x} f_z(z) dz \quad (6)$$

⊛ At this point we are going to utilize Leibnitz's integral rule which states as follows:

⊛ LEIBNITZ'S INTEGRAL RULE:

If $f(x, \theta)$, $a(\theta)$ and $b(\theta)$ are differentiable with respect to θ , then the following holds:

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \int_{a(\theta)}^{b(\theta)} f(x, \theta) dx = f(b(\theta), \theta) \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta} b(\theta) - f(a(\theta), \theta) \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta} a(\theta) + \int_{a(\theta)}^{b(\theta)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x, \theta) dx$$

Apparently, if $a(\theta)$ and $b(\theta)$ are constant (i.e. not functions of θ), the previous formula can be re-expressed as:

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \int_a^b f(x, \theta) dx = \int_a^b \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x, \theta) dx$$

• Thus, in this particular case we have that:

$$f_x(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{-\sqrt{x}}^{+\sqrt{x}} f_z(z) dz$$

$\uparrow \theta$ $\leftarrow B(\theta)$ $\leftarrow a(\theta)$

④ We also have that:

$$f(x, \theta) = f(x)$$

which yields that function $f(\cdot)$ does not depend on θ .

④ In our case, function $f_z(z)$ does not depend on x .

④ A direct application of Leibnitz's integration rule gives:

$$f_x(x) = f_z(\sqrt{x}) \frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{x} - f_z(-\sqrt{x}) \frac{d}{dx} (-\sqrt{x}) + \int_{-\sqrt{x}}^{+\sqrt{x}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_z(z) dz \rightarrow$$

$$f_x(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{x})^2\right] \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(-\sqrt{x})^2\right] \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}\right) \rightarrow$$

$$f_x(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \cdot \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}x\right] + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \cdot \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}x\right] \rightarrow$$

$$f_x(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \cdot \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}x\right] \rightarrow$$

$$f_x(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot x^{-1/2} \cdot \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}x\right] \rightarrow$$

$$f_x(x) = \frac{1}{2^{1/2} \cdot \Gamma(1/2)} \cdot x^{1/2-1} \cdot e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \quad (\text{since } \sqrt{\pi} = \Gamma(1/2))$$

④ For $x < 0$, it is trivial to say that $f_x(x) = 0$.

⊛ Finally, we may write that:

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2^{1/2} \Gamma(1/2)} \cdot x^{\frac{1}{2}-1} \cdot e^{-\frac{x}{2}}, & x > 0; \\ 0, & x \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

⊛ The acquired density function corresponds to the pdf of a chi-squared distribution with $n=1$ degrees of freedom.

⊛ Note: The pdf for a random variable $X \sim \chi_v^2$ is given by:

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2^{v/2} \Gamma(v/2)} \cdot x^{\frac{v}{2}-1} \cdot e^{-\frac{x}{2}}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x = 0. \end{cases}$$