

13.8 Set

$$\mu = \mathbb{E}[X], \quad \sigma^2 = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^2].$$

In the first step we will simplify $\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^4]$ and $\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^3]$ so that we can express the non-central moments $\mathbb{E}[X^4]$ and $\mathbb{E}[X^3]$ in terms of the central moments $\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^4]$ and $\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^3]$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^3] &= \mathbb{E}[X^3 - 3\mu X^2 + 3\mu^2 X - \mu^3] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X^3] - 3\mu(\mu^2 + \sigma^2) + 2\mu^3 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X^3] - 3\mu\sigma^2 - \mu^3, \end{aligned}$$

and therefore,

$$\mathbb{E}[X^3] = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^3] + 3\mu\sigma^2 + \mu^3.$$

For the fourth central moment we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^4] &= \mathbb{E}[X^4 - 4\mu X^3 + 6\mu^2 X^2 - 4\mu^3 X + \mu^4] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X^4] - 4\mu\mathbb{E}[X^3] + 6\mu^2(\mu^2 + \sigma^2) - 3\mu^4 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X^4] - 4\mu\mathbb{E}[X^3] + 3\mu^4 + 6\mu^2\sigma^2, \end{aligned}$$

and consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X^4] &= \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^4] + 4\mu\mathbb{E}[X^3] - 3\mu^4 - 6\mu^2\sigma^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^4] + 4\mu(\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^3] + 3\mu\sigma^2 + \mu^3) - 3\mu^4 - 6\mu^2\sigma^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^4] + 4\mu\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^3] + 6\mu^2\sigma^2 + \mu^4. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Now substitute (1) into the expression for $\text{Var}(X^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X^2) &= \mathbb{E}[X^4] - (\mathbb{E}[X^2])^2 = \mathbb{E}[X^4] - (\sigma^2 + \mu^2)^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^4] + 4\mu\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^3] + 4\mu^2\sigma^2 - \sigma^4 \\ &= \sigma^4 \left(\frac{\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^4]}{\sigma^4} - 1 + 4\frac{\mu}{\sigma} \frac{\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^3]}{\sigma^3} + 4\left(\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2 \right) \\ &= \sigma^4 \left(\text{Kurt}(X) - 1 + 4\frac{\mu}{\sigma} \text{Skew}(X) + 4\left(\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$