

Homework 3.

(Problem 6E.3, modified). Let w_k , $k = 1, \dots, M$, be independent random variables, all with mean values μ and variances $E(w_k - \mu)^2 = \lambda_k$. Consider

$$w = \sum_{k=1}^M \alpha_k w_k$$

Determine α_k , $k = 1, \dots, M$ so that

- (a) $Ew = \mu$.
- (b) $E(w - \mu)^2$ is minimized.
- (c) What is a statistical implication of this result?