

Question 2 part (c)

Maintain the assumption that $\theta_1 = 0$. Then

$$Cov(\bar{X}, S^2) = \frac{1}{2n^2(n-1)} E \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n X_k \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (X_i - X_j)^2 \right\}$$

The double sum over i and j has $n(n-1)$ nonzero terms. For each of these, the entire expectation is nonzero for only two values of k (when k matches either i or j). Thus

$$Cov(\bar{X}, S^2) = \frac{2n(n-1)}{2n^2(n-1)} E \left[X_i (X_i - X_j)^2 \right] = \frac{1}{n} \theta_3,$$

and \bar{X} and S^2 are uncorrelated if $\theta_3 = 0$.