

# Machine Learning Theory: Introduction

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## 1 Something different: Gradient descend convergence for $\beta$ -smooth function

You need three definitions and theorems for  $\beta$ -smooth function:

1. **definition** of convex function:

$$f(y) \geq f(x) + \langle \nabla f(x), y - x \rangle \quad (1)$$

2. **definition** of  $\beta$ -smooth convex function requires:

$$\|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\| \leq \beta \|x - y\|^2 \quad (2)$$

**QUESTION:** what kind of function is  $\nabla f(\cdot)$ ?

3. **Theorem 1** if convex function  $f$  is  $\beta$ -smooth, then for gradient descend  $x_{t+1} = x_t - \eta \nabla f(x_t)$  and when  $\eta = \frac{1}{\beta}$ , we have:

$$f(x_{t+1}) \leq f(x_t) - \frac{\eta}{2} \|\nabla f(x_t)\|_2^2 \quad (3)$$

**QUESTION:** what does it tell you about  $\beta$ -smooth convex function guarantees?

**Theorem 2** if convex function  $f$  is  $\beta$ -smooth, for gradient descend  $x_{t+1} = x_t - \eta \nabla f(x_t)$ , with learning rate  $\eta = \frac{1}{\beta}$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} \implies \epsilon \equiv f(x_T) - f(x^*) &\leq \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} f(x_{t+1}) - f(x^*) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{T} \frac{1}{2\eta} \left( \|x_0 - x^*\|_2^2 - \|x_T - x^*\|_2^2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

1. which means  $\epsilon(t) = O(\frac{1}{t})$ , in word, it says it takes  $t \times$  “some constant” iterations to achieve error  $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$
2. first inequality line is due to **Theorem 1**

The **proof** began by Eq.(3), conditioned on  $\eta = \frac{1}{\beta}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_{t+1}) &\leq f(x_t) - \frac{\eta}{2} \|\nabla f(x_t)\|_2^2 \\ &\leq \textcolor{red}{f(x^*)} + \langle \nabla f(x_t), x_t - x^* \rangle - \frac{\eta}{2} \|\nabla f(x_t)\|_2^2 \quad \text{we need to bring in } x^* \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

**QUESTION:** how do you get the **red** part?

$$\begin{aligned} f(y) &\geq f(x) + \langle \nabla f(x), y - x \rangle \\ f(x^*) &\geq f(x_t) + \langle \nabla f(x_t), x^* - x_t \rangle \\ \implies -f(x^*) &\leq -f(x_t) + \langle \nabla f(x_t), x_t - x^* \rangle \\ \implies f(x_t) &\leq f(x^*) + \langle \nabla f(x_t), x_t - x^* \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

looking at Eq.(5), we need to expand  $\langle \nabla f(x_t), x_t - x^* \rangle$ . The **first attempt** is:

$$\begin{aligned} \|a - b\|_2^2 &= \|a\|_2^2 - 2\langle a, b \rangle + \|b\|_2^2 \\ \implies \langle a, b \rangle &= \frac{\|a\|_2^2 + \|b\|_2^2 - \|a - b\|_2^2}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

so by letting  $a = x_t - x^*$ , and  $b = \nabla f(x_t)$ , we have:

$$f(x_{t+1}) \leq f(x^*) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \|x_t - x^*\|_2^2 + \|\nabla f(x_t)\|_2^2 - \|x_t - x^* - \nabla f(x_t)\|_2^2 - \eta \|\nabla f(x_t)\|_2^2 \right) \quad (8)$$

the above still not very useful, so **second attempt** is to make a little modification, where  $a \rightarrow a$ , and  $b \rightarrow \eta b$

$$\begin{aligned} \|a - \eta b\|_2^2 &= \|a\|_2^2 - 2\langle a, \eta b \rangle + \|\eta b\|_2^2 \\ \implies \eta \langle a, b \rangle &= \frac{\|a\|_2^2 + \|\eta b\|_2^2 - \|a - \eta b\|_2^2}{2} \\ \implies \langle a, b \rangle &= \frac{\|a\|_2^2 + \|\eta b\|_2^2 - \|a - \eta b\|_2^2}{2\eta} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

instead, i.e.,  $a = x_t - x^*$ , and  $\eta b = \eta \nabla f(x_t)$ , brings nice cancellation:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_{t+1}) &\leq f(x^*) + \frac{1}{2\eta} \left( \|x_t - x^*\|_2^2 + \cancel{\|\eta \nabla f(x_t)\|_2^2} - \|x_t - x^* - \eta \nabla f(x_t)\|_2^2 - \cancel{\|\eta \nabla f(x_t)\|_2^2} \right) \\ &= f(x^*) + \frac{1}{2\eta} \left( \|x_t - x^*\|_2^2 - \|x_t - x^* - \eta \nabla f(x_t)\|_2^2 \right) \\ &= f(x^*) + \frac{1}{2\eta} \left( \|x_t - x^*\|_2^2 - \underbrace{\|x_t - \eta \nabla f(x_t) - x^*\|_2^2}_{x_{t+1}} \right) \\ \implies f(x_{t+1}) - f(x^*) &= \frac{1}{2\eta} \left( \|x_t - x^*\|_2^2 - \underbrace{\|x_t - \eta \nabla f(x_t) - x^*\|_2^2}_{x_{t+1}} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

finally:

$$\begin{aligned}
\epsilon \equiv f(x_T) - f(x^*) &\leq \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} f(x_{t+1}) - f(x^*) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \frac{1}{2\eta} \left( \|x_t - x^*\|_2^2 - \|x_{t+1} - x^*\|_2^2 \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{T} \frac{1}{2\eta} \left( \|x_0 - x^*\|_2^2 - \|x_T - x^*\|_2^2 \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

**QUESTION:** why can we conclude  $f(x_T) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} f(x_{t+1}) - f(x^*)$ ?

## 2 what concentration inequality is about?

imagine we have an “exact” (but un-achievable) bound, i.e., concentration equality

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(X > \epsilon) &= \beta \quad \text{or} \\ \Pr(X < \epsilon) &= 1 - \beta \quad \text{or}\end{aligned}\tag{12}$$

then, let’s look at concentration inequality:

### 3 To bound a positive random variable: Markov Inequality

**Theorem 3** if  $X$  has support in  $\mathcal{R}^+$ :

$$\Pr(X \geq s) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}(X)}{s} \quad (13)$$

**proof** for this can be understood by:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(X) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xp(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} xp(x) dx \quad \text{since } x > 0 \\ &= \int_0^s xp(x) dx + \int_s^{\infty} xp(x) dx \quad \text{pick arbitrary bound } s \\ &\geq \int_s^{\infty} xp(x) dx \quad x > 0 \implies \int_0^s xp(x) dx > 0 \\ &\geq \int_s^{\infty} sp(x) dx \\ &= s \int_s^{\infty} p(x) dx \\ &= s\Pr(X \geq s) \\ \implies \Pr(X \geq s) &\leq \frac{\mathbb{E}(X)}{s} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

#### 3.1 second proof

$$\begin{cases} \text{when } X < a : \mathbb{1}_{(X \geq a)} = 0 \implies a\mathbb{1}_{(X \geq a)} = \underbrace{0 \leq X}_{\text{due to support of } X \geq 0} \\ \text{when } X \geq a : \mathbb{1}_{(X \geq a)} = 1 \implies a\mathbb{1}_{(X \geq a)} = \underbrace{a \leq X}_{\text{due to condition } (X \geq a)} \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

in both cases, we have:  $a\mathbb{1}_{(X \geq a)} \leq X$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} a\mathbb{1}_{(X \geq a)} &\leq X \\ \implies \mathbb{E}[a\mathbb{1}_{(X \geq a)}] &\leq \mathbb{E}[X] \\ \implies a\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_{(X \geq a)}] &\leq \mathbb{E}[X] \\ \implies a\Pr(X \geq a) &\leq \mathbb{E}[X] \\ \text{think } \mathbb{1}_A \text{ is Bernoulli R.V. with parameter } \Pr(A) &\implies \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_A] = \Pr(A) \\ \implies \mathbb{E}[X] &\geq \frac{\Pr(X \geq a)}{a} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

## 4 Chebyshev's inequality

Chebyshev's inequality is the absolute version of Tail bound, as oppose to Chernoff bound (without absolute value):

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(|X - \mathbb{E}(X)| \geq \epsilon) &= \Pr((X - \mathbb{E}(X))^2 \geq \epsilon^2) \\ &\leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}(X))^2]}{\epsilon^2} \\ &= \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{\epsilon^2}\end{aligned}\tag{17}$$

### 4.1 Useful Fact

1.  $\Pr(|X - \mathbb{E}(X)| \geq \epsilon) = \Pr((X - \mathbb{E}(X))^2 \geq \epsilon^2)$ , so you do not need to deal with  $|\cdot|$ . This fact can be used generically.
2. Although it's obvious, but only if you can prove symmetry, i.e.,:

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(X - \mathbb{E}[X] \geq \epsilon) &\leq C \\ \Pr(\mathbb{E}[X] - X \geq -\epsilon) &\leq C\end{aligned}\tag{18}$$

then you can claim:

$$\Pr(|X - \mathbb{E}(X)| \geq \epsilon) \leq 2C\tag{19}$$

### 4.2 alternative expressions of Chebyshev's inequality

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(|X - \mathbb{E}(X)| \geq \epsilon) &\leq \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{\epsilon^2} \\ \implies \Pr\left(\left|\frac{X - \mathbb{E}(X)}{\sigma(X)}\right| \geq \epsilon\right) &\leq \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \quad \text{standardize R.V. s.t. its variance is 1} \\ \implies \Pr(|X - \mathbb{E}(X)| \geq \epsilon\sigma(X)) &\leq \frac{1}{\epsilon^2}\end{aligned}\tag{20}$$

### 4.3 application of Chebyshev's inequality

we can use it to derive weak law of large number:

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| \leq \epsilon) = 1\tag{21}$$

this means that  $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{P} \mu$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , i.e.,  $\bar{X}_n$  converge in probability to  $\mu$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(\bar{X}) &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 \text{var}(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 (\sigma^2 + \sigma^2 + \dots + \sigma^2) \quad (\text{since the } X_i\text{'s are independent}) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 n\sigma^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\end{aligned}\tag{22}$$

using **Chebyshev's inequality**, let:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(|X - \mathbb{E}(X)| \geq \epsilon) &\leq \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{\epsilon^2} \\ \implies \Pr(|\bar{X}_n - \mathbb{E}(\bar{X})| \geq \epsilon) &\leq \frac{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}{\epsilon^2} \quad \text{sub } \text{Var}(X) \rightarrow \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{n\epsilon^2} \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

this means that  $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{P} \mathbb{E}(\bar{X})$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , i.e.,  $\bar{X}_n$  converge in probability to  $\mathbb{E}(\bar{X})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   
note that the tail probability  $\Pr(|X - \mathbb{E}(X)| \geq \epsilon)$  is decaying  $O(\frac{1}{n})$  so it's actually quite slow.

## 5 Different types of Convergence

$$X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X \implies X_n \xrightarrow{P} X \implies X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \quad (24)$$

### 5.1 Convergence in probability

these are equivalent:

$$\begin{aligned} & X_n \xrightarrow{P} X \\ & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(|X_n - X| \leq \epsilon) = 1, \quad \forall \epsilon \\ & \forall \epsilon, \delta \quad \exists N_{\epsilon, \delta} \quad \text{s.t. } P(|X_n - X| \geq \epsilon) \leq \delta \quad \forall n > N_{\epsilon, \delta} \quad \text{note there is no limit} \\ & X_n = o_p(1) \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

### 5.2 Example of $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ : Central Limit Theorem

**Theorem 4** if  $X_i$  (**any arbitrary distribution**) has finite non-zero variance  $\sigma^2$ , for large  $n$ ,  $\bar{X}_n$  approximately has a normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$

We can put **Theorem(4)** in equation:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr\left(a \leq \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \leq b\right) = \Phi(b) - \Phi(a) \quad (26)$$

**QUESTION:** what type of convergence is above?

this is an example of  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ : means that the limit of CDF of  $\frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$  must be equal that of Gaussian, for any interval  $(a, b)$ :

### 5.3 Show CLT implies WLLN

Let  $a = -\frac{c}{\sigma}$  and  $b = \frac{c}{\sigma}$ , and use Eq.(26)

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr\left(-\frac{c}{\sigma} \leq \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{c}{\sigma}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(-\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) \\ & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(-c \leq \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \leq c) = \Phi\left(\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(-\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) \\ & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr\left(-\frac{c}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \bar{X}_n - \mu \leq \frac{c}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(-\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) \\ & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr\left(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| \leq \frac{c}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(-\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

think about the above: When  $n$  is small, probability for  $\bar{X}_n - \mu$  to fall between  $\left(\frac{-c}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{c}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$  **may** be less than  $\Phi\left(\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(-\frac{c}{\sigma}\right)$

1. As  $n$  becomes larger, we have a threshold  $N_{\epsilon, \delta}$  such that,  $\forall n > N_{\epsilon, \delta}$ :

$$\Pr\left(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| \leq \frac{c}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \geq \Phi\left(\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(-\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) - \frac{\delta}{2} \quad (28)$$



2.  $\forall n \geq N_{\epsilon, \delta} \implies \frac{c}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{c}{\sqrt{N}} \leq \epsilon$ , and  $c > 0$  is not arbitrary, we can always select  $c$  such that:

$$\Phi\left(-\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) \leq \frac{\delta}{4} \quad (29)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| \leq \epsilon) &\geq \Pr\left(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| \leq \frac{c}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \quad \text{LHS is looser bound} \\ &\geq \Phi\left(\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(-\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) - \frac{\delta}{2} \\ &\geq 1 - \frac{2\delta}{4} - \frac{\delta}{2} \quad \text{QUESTION: how may you derive this?} \\ &= 1 - \delta \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

for symmetric pdf:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi\left(\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) + \Phi\left(-\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) &= 1 \\ \implies \Phi\left(\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) &= 1 - \Phi\left(-\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) \\ \Phi\left(\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(-\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) &= 1 - 2\Phi\left(-\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) \\ &\geq 1 - \frac{\delta}{2} \quad \text{using } \Phi\left(-\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) \leq \frac{\delta}{4} \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

**QUESTION:** what if we change the relationship between  $c$  and  $\delta$  to be  $\Phi\left(-\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) \leq \frac{\delta}{3}$  instead?

### 5.3.1 explain the arbitrary choice of $\epsilon$ and $\delta$

$$\forall \epsilon, \delta \quad \exists N_{\epsilon, \delta} \quad \text{s.t. } P(|X_n| \geq \epsilon) \leq \delta \quad \forall n > N_{\epsilon, \delta} \quad (32)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \rightarrow 0 &\implies c \rightarrow \text{large} \quad \text{as } \Phi\left(-\frac{c}{\sigma}\right) \leq \frac{\delta}{4} \\ \epsilon \rightarrow 0 &\implies n \rightarrow \text{large} \quad \text{as } \frac{c}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \epsilon \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

note that as expected,  $\delta$  is not computed as a function of  $\epsilon$ . the two are obtained independently, via changing value of  $c, n$ , (the special case is not just  $n$ )

## 6 Moment Generation Function

Introduction to MGF

### 6.1 Using MGF to prove Central Limit Theorem

**Theorem 5** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d R.V with  $\mathbb{E}[X_k] = \mu$  and  $\text{Var}(X_k) = \sigma^2 \leq \infty$ , and  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu) &\xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2) \\ \implies \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma} \right) &\xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

note  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  refer to a single R.V.

note that  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$  means convergence in distribution, i.e.,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr_n(X_n \leq x) = \Pr(X \leq x) \tag{35}$$

in words, as  $n$  goes to infinity, CDF of  $X_n$  converge to that of the  $X$

#### 6.1.1 proof

**QUESTION:** How do you proof convergence by distribution via MGF?  
if we can prove:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MGF}_{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma} \right)}(\lambda) &= \text{MGF}_{X_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)}(\lambda) \\ &= \exp \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \right) \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

we begin, to remove notation clarity, we remove  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{MGF}_{\sqrt{n}\left(\frac{\bar{X}-\mu}{\sigma}\right)}(\lambda) &= \mathbb{E}\left[\exp^{\lambda\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma}(\bar{X}-\mu)\right)}\right] \\
&= \text{MGF}_{(\bar{X}-\mu)}\left(\frac{\lambda\sqrt{n}}{\sigma}\right) \\
&= \text{MGF}_{\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n\mu}{n}\right)}\left(\frac{\lambda\sqrt{n}}{\sigma}\right) \\
&= \text{MGF}_{(\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu))}\left(\frac{\lambda}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}\right) \\
&= \left(\text{MGF}_{(X_i - \mu)}\left(\frac{\lambda}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}\right)\right)^n \quad \text{property of MGF}
\end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

so we use Taylor approximation of  $\text{MGF}_{(X_i - \mu)}\left(\frac{\lambda}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}\right)$  at  $\lambda_0 = 0$ . We need to use Taylor expansion here, as we are not after a specific moment.

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}\left[f_\lambda(0) + \lambda f'_\lambda(0) + \frac{1}{2!}\lambda^2 f''_\lambda(0) + \frac{1}{3!}\lambda^3 f'''_\lambda(0) + O(\cdot)\right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}\left[1 + \frac{\lambda}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}(X_i - \mu) + \frac{\lambda^2}{2\sigma^2 n}(X_i - \mu)^2 + \frac{\lambda^3}{3!\sigma^2 n^{3/2}}(X_i - \mu)^3 O(\cdot)\right] \\
&= 1 + \frac{\lambda}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[(X_i - \mu)]}_{=0} + \frac{\lambda^2}{2\sigma^2 n} \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[(X_i - \mu)^2]}_{\sigma^2} + \frac{\lambda^3}{3!\sigma^2 n^{3/2}} \mathbb{E}[(X_i - \mu)^3] + O(\cdot) \\
&= 1 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2n} + O(\cdot)
\end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

taking limit and higher order terms will disappear as faster as  $n$  in denominator, and also substitute  $X_i \rightarrow \bar{X}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
&\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{MGF}_{(\bar{X}-\mu)}\left(\frac{\lambda}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}\right) \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2n}\right)^n \\
&= \exp\left(\frac{\lambda^2}{2}\right) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n = \exp(x)
\end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

**QUESTION:** just for fun: let's try  $X_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , and MGF of general 1-D Gaussian is  $\exp^{\lambda\mu + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\lambda^2}$  using Eq.(37):

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{MGF}_{\sqrt{n}\left(\frac{\bar{X}-\mu}{\sigma}\right)}(\lambda) &= \left(\text{MGF}_{(X_i - \mu)}\left(\frac{\lambda}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}\right)\right)^n \quad \text{property of MGF} \\
&= \left(\exp^{\frac{\sigma^2\left(\frac{\lambda}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}\right)^2}{2}}\right)^n \quad \text{using MGF of Gaussian } \exp^{\lambda\mu + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\lambda^2} \\
&= \left(\exp\left(\frac{\lambda^2}{2n}\right)\right)^n \\
&= \exp\left(\frac{\lambda^2}{2}\right)
\end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

note that there is no need to even take  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}$

## 7 references

in this tutorial, I have paraphrased a number of existing courses and notes, I encourage people to see the original notes too.

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