

Chapter 4 Probability Limit Theorems

In the early days, the aim of probability theory is to reveal the inherent rule of random phenomena caused by a large number of random factors.

Bernoulli first recognized the importance to study an infinite sequence of random trials, and established the first limit theorem in probability theory—the law of large numbers.

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de Moivre and Laplace presented that the observed error can be regarded as the summation of a large number of independent and slight errors, and proved that the distribution of the observed error is approximated by a normal distribution—the central limit theorem.

Central limit theorems

Let S_n denote the number of successes in n Bernoulli trials, then $P(S_n = k) = b(k; n, p)$. In practice, people are usually interested to calculate

$$P(\alpha < S_n \leq \beta) = \sum_{\alpha < k \leq \beta} b(k; n, p).$$

The computation of the right hand side of the equality is generally very complex. However, it is found by de Moivre and Laplace that the binomial distribution can be well approximated by normal distribution when $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Theorem

(de Moivre-Laplace) Let $\Phi(x)$ be the standard normal distribution function. We have for $-\infty < x < \infty$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\frac{S_n - np}{\sqrt{npq}} \leq x\right) = \Phi(x).$$

When n is big enough, p is moderate, then

$$\begin{aligned} & P(\alpha \leq S_n \leq \beta) \\ &= P\left(\frac{\alpha - np}{\sqrt{npq}} < \frac{S_n - np}{\sqrt{npq}} \leq \frac{\beta - np}{\sqrt{npq}}\right) \\ &\approx \Phi\left(\frac{\beta - np}{\sqrt{npq}}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{\alpha - np}{\sqrt{npq}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

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如果把 α 和 β 替换成 $\alpha - \frac{1}{2}$ 和 $\beta + \frac{1}{2}$, 则概率的近似结果更加精确,

$$P(\alpha \leq S_n \leq \beta) \approx \Phi\left(\frac{\beta + \frac{1}{2} - np}{\sqrt{npq}}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{\alpha - \frac{1}{2} - np}{\sqrt{npq}}\right).$$

Remark. Suppose $S_n \sim B(n, p)$.

- $np_n \rightarrow \lambda$, then

$$S_n \dot{\sim} P(np),$$

(in practical, if p is close to 0 (or 1), and np is not big (or not small), we use $P(\lambda)$ to approximate $B(n, p)$);

- fixed $0 < p < 1$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$S_n \dot{\sim} N(np, npq),$$

(in practical, if p is moderate, we use the normal distribution to approximate $B(n, p)$).

Definition

Let $\{\xi_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of random variables. If there exist two sequences of constants $B_n > 0$ and A_n such that

$$P\left(\frac{1}{B_n} \sum_{k=1}^n \xi_k - A_n \leq x\right) \rightarrow \Phi(x), \quad \forall x,$$

then we say that $\{\xi_n\}$ obeys the central limit theorem.

Theorem

(Lindeberg-Lévy) Let $\{\xi_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables. Let $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \xi_k$, $E\xi_1 = a$, $Var\xi_1 = \sigma^2$. Then the central limit theorem holds true, i.e., for any x ,

$$P\left(\frac{S_n - na}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \leq x\right) \rightarrow \Phi(x) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

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Lemma

Suppose $F_n(x)$ and $F(x)$ have c.f.s $f_n(t)$ and $f(t)$, respectively.

If $f_n(t) \rightarrow f(t)$ for each t , then

for each continuous point x of F , $F_n(x) \rightarrow F(x)$.

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$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{1}{2}f''(0)x^2 + o(x^2) \\ &= 1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}x^2 + o(x^2) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

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Therefore

$$f_n(t) = \left(1 - \frac{t^2}{2n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)^n \rightarrow e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}}.$$

The later is the c.f. of $N(0, 1)$. Then Theorem 6 follows from the Lemma.

Example

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One may usually estimate the error of $\sum_{k=1}^n x_k$ by the sum of ξ'_k s upper bounds, that is $0.5 \cdot n \cdot 10^{-m}$. When n is very big, this number is also very big.

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$$P\left(\left|\sum_{k=1}^n \xi_k\right| \leq x\sqrt{n}\sigma\right) \approx 2\Phi(x) - 1$$

by Theorem 6. The above probability is 0.997 when $x = 3$. The probability that the error of the sum exceeds

$3\sigma\sqrt{n} = 0.5 \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{n} \cdot 10^{-m}$ is only 0.003. Obviously, for large n , the error bound is far smaller than $0.5 \cdot n \cdot 10^{-m}$.

Non i.i.d. case: Let $B_n^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n \text{Var}\xi_k$.

Theorem

(Lindeberg-Feller) Suppose that $\{\xi_k, k \geq 1\}$ is a sequence of indept. r.v.s. If the Lindeberg condition is satisfied:

$$\frac{1}{B_n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{|x - E\xi_k| \geq \varepsilon B_n} (x - E\xi_k)^2 dF_k(x) \rightarrow 0 \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \quad (1)$$

then for each x ,

$$P\left(\frac{\sum_{k=1}^n (\xi_k - E\xi_k)}{B_n} \leq x\right) \rightarrow \Phi(x). \quad (2)$$

Note

$$\begin{aligned} Var(\xi_k) &= \int_{|x-E\xi_k|<\epsilon B_n} |x-E\xi_k|^2 dF_k(x) + \int_{|x-E\xi_k|\geq\epsilon B_n} |x-E\xi_k|^2 dF_k(x) \\ &\leq \epsilon^2 B_n^2 + \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{|x-E\xi_k|\geq\epsilon B_n} |x-E\xi_k|^2 dF_k(x). \end{aligned}$$

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Conversely, if (2) and (3) hold, then (1) holds.

Theorem

(Lyapunov) Suppose that $\{\xi_k, k \geq 1\}$ is a sequence of indep. r.v.s, which satisfy

$$\frac{1}{(\sum_{k=1}^n \text{Var} \xi_k)^{1+\delta/2}} \sum_{k=1}^n E|\xi_k - E\xi_k|^{2+\delta} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

then the central limit theorem holds true.

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Example

An insurance company issues two kinds of one-year-term life insurance with random claim amounts 10,000 yuan and 20,000 yuan respectively. The claim probability q_k and the number of insurant n_k are denoted Table below.

Type k	q_k	claim amounts b_k	n_k
1	0.02	1	500
2	0.02	2	500
3	0.10	1	300
4	0.10	2	500

The insurance company hopes that the probability that the sum of claims exceeds the total premium is only 0.05. Now the premium is priced according to the expectation value principle, that is, the premium of policy i is $\pi(X_i) = (1 + \theta)EX_i$, it is required to estimate the value of θ .

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$$\begin{aligned} Var S &= \sum_{i=1}^{1800} Var X_i = \sum_{k=1}^4 n_k b_k^2 q_k (1 - q_k) \\ &= 500 \cdot 1^2 \cdot 0.02 \cdot 0.98 + 500 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 0.02 \cdot 0.98 \\ &\quad + 300 \cdot 1^2 \cdot 0.10 \cdot 0.90 + 500 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 0.10 \cdot 0.90 \\ &= 256. \end{aligned}$$

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According to the request, we have $P(S \leq (1 + \theta)ES) = 0.95$, that is

$$P\left(\frac{S - ES}{\sqrt{VarS}} \leq \frac{\theta ES}{\sqrt{VarS}}\right) = P\left(\frac{S - ES}{\sqrt{VarS}} \leq 10\theta\right) = 0.95.$$

Since,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(\text{Var}(S))^{3/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n E[|X_i - E[X_i]|^3] \\ &= \frac{\sum_{k=1}^4 n_k \{b_k^3 |1 - q_k|^3 q_k + b_k^3 |-q_k|^3 (1 - q_k)\}}{\{\sum_{k=1}^4 n_k b_k^2 q_k (1 - q_k)\}^{3/2}} \\ &\leq \frac{n \max_{k=1, \dots, 4} b_k^3}{n^{3/2} \{\min_k b_k^2 q_k (1 - q_k)\}^{3/2}} \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

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By the Lyapunov CLT,

$$P\left(\frac{S - ES}{\sqrt{\text{Var} S}} \leq x\right) \rightarrow \Phi(x).$$

One can approximately regard $\frac{S-ES}{\sqrt{VarS}}$ as a standard normal variable.
We have $10\theta = 1.645$, that is $\theta = 0.1645$.

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In the central limit theorem,

$$P\left(\frac{S_n - na}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \leq x\right) \rightarrow \Phi(x), \quad \text{for all } x,$$

means that the distribution of $\frac{S_n - na}{\sqrt{n}\sigma}$ converges to the standard normal distribution. This kind of convergence is called convergence in distribution.

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Definition

Let F be a cdf, $\{F_n, n \geq 1\}$ a sequence of cdfs. We say that F_n converges weakly to F , denoted by $F_n \xrightarrow{w} F$, if $F_n(x) \rightarrow F(x)$ holds at **every continuity point** x of F as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Let ξ be a r.v., $\{\xi_n, n \geq 1\}$ a sequence of r.v.s, we say $\{\xi_n\}$ converges in distribution to ξ , denoted by $\xi_n \xrightarrow{d} \xi$, if the cdfs ξ_n 's converges weakly to the cdf of ξ .

Remark 1. The limit function of a sequence of distribution functions is not necessarily a distribution function. For example, let

$$F_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < n, \\ 1, & x \geq n. \end{cases}$$

This distribution function converges pointwise to 0, but $F(x) \equiv 0$ is not a distribution function.

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Remark 2. Since the set of discontinuous points of a distribution function F is at most countable, $F_n \xrightarrow{w} F$ means that F_n converges everywhere to F in a dense subset of \mathbf{R} .

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Theorem

(Helly's first theorem) Let $\{F_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of distribution functions. Then there exists a non-decreasing right-continuous function F (not necessarily a distribution function) with $0 \leq F(x) \leq 1$, $x \in \mathbf{R}$, and a subsequence F_{n_k} , such that $F_{n_k}(x) \rightarrow F(x)$ for every continuity point x of F as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

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However, the subsequence $\{n_m\}$ may depend on the value of x , i.e., $n_m = n_m(x)$. What we want to do is to find an "uniform" sequence $\{n_m\}$ which does depend on x such the above convergence holds.

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Proof. Let r_1, r_2, \dots , denote the set of rational numbers. That $0 \leq F(x) \leq 1$ means that $\{F_n(r_1)\}$ is a bounded sequence. So, there exists a convergent subsequence $\{F_{n_m}^{(1)}(r_1)\}$. Denote the limit by

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Then, consider the bounded sequence $\{F_{n_m^{(1)}}(r_2)\}$. There exists a further convergent subsequences $\{F_{n_m^{(2)}}(r_2)\}$. Denote the limit by

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Repeating the procedure, we obtain

$$\{F_{n_m^{(k)}}\} \subset \{F_{n_m^{(k-1)}}\}, \quad G(r_k) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F_{n_m^{(k)}}(r_k), \quad k \geq 2.$$

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Now, consider the diagonal sequence $\{F_{n_m^{(m)}}\}$. Obviously,

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F_{n_m^{(m)}}(r_k) = G(r_k), \quad \forall k \geq 1.$$

In addition, $F_n \nearrow \implies G(r) \nearrow$ and also $0 \leq G(r) \leq 1$.

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Let

$$F(x) = \lim_{r_j \downarrow x} G(r_j) = \inf_{r_j > x} G(r_j), \quad x \in \mathbf{R}.$$

Then $F(x) \nearrow$ and also $0 \leq F(x) \leq 1$, and $F(x)$ is right-continuous. Further, if $r < x < s$ and r, s are rational numbers, then

$$G(r) \leq F(x) \leq G(s).$$

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Now for any continuous point x of F and $h > 0$, there are $r_i < r_j$ such that

$$x - h < r_i < x < r_j < x + h.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_{n_m^{(m)}}(r_i) & \leq F_{n_m^{(m)}}(x) \leq & F_{n_m^{(m)}}(r_j) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ F(x - h) \leq G(r_i) & & G(r_j) \leq F(x + h). \end{array}$$

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Theorem

(Helly's second theorem) Let F be a cdf, $\{F_n, n \geq 1\}$ a sequence of cdfs such that $F_n \xrightarrow{w} F$. If $g(x)$ is a bounded continuous function in \mathbf{R} , then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dF_n(x) \longrightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dF(x).$$

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Main idea of Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dF_n(x) \\ & \approx \sum g(x_{i-1}) [F_n(x_i) - F_n(x_{i-1})] \\ & \rightarrow \sum g(x_{i-1}) [F(x_i) - F(x_{i-1})] \\ & \quad (\text{if } x'_i \text{'s are continuous points of } F) \\ & \approx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dF(x). \end{aligned}$$

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$-a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_m = a$ such that x_i s are continuous points of F and $|\Delta x| =: \max_i |x_i - x_{i-1}| < \delta$. Let

$$g_m(x) = \begin{cases} g(x_{i-1}), & \text{if } x_{i-1} < x \leq x_i, \\ 0, & \text{if } x \leq -a \text{ or } x > a. \end{cases}$$

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It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dF(x) - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_m(x) dF(x) \right| \\ \leq & \left| \int_{-\infty}^{-a} g(x) dF(x) \right| + \left| \int_a^{\infty} g(x) dF(x) \right| \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^m \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} |g(x) - g(x_{i-1})| dF(x) \\ \leq & c[F(-a) + 1 - F(a)] + \max_i \max_{x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_i} |g(x) - g(x_{i-1})|. \end{aligned}$$

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Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dF_n(x) - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_m(x) dF_n(x) \right| \\ & \leq c[F_n(-a) + 1 - F_n(a)] + \max_i \max_{x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_i} |g(x) - g(x_{i-1})|. \end{aligned}$$

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While

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_m(x) dF_n(x) - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_m(x) dF(x) \right| \\ & \leq \sum_{i=0}^m |g(x_{i-1})| [|F_n(x_i) - F(x_i)| + |F_n(x_{i-1}) - F(x_{i-1})|] \\ & \leq 2cm \max_i |F_n(x_i) - F(x_i)|. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\max_{i=0,\dots,m} |F_n(x_i) - F(x_i)| < \epsilon/(12cm) \quad n \geq N.$$

The proof is now completed.

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The second proof. Let $U \sim U(0, 1)$. Then $\xi_n = F_n^{-1}(U) \sim F_n$, $\xi = F^{-1}(U) \sim F$. Then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dF_n(x) = E g(\xi_n) = \int_0^1 g(F_n^{-1}(y)) dy,$$
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It can be shown that

$$F_n \xrightarrow{w} F \iff F_n^{-1}(y) \rightarrow F^{-1}(y) \quad \forall y \in C(F^{-1}),$$

where $C(F^{-1})$ is the set of continuity points of F^{-1} .

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Remark.

- If $F_n(x), F(x) \nearrow$ are right continuous, and for any continuous point x of F , $F_n(x) \rightarrow F(x)$, then for continuous points $A < B$ of F , and continuous $g(\cdot)$,

$$\int_A^B g(x) dF_n(x) \longrightarrow \int_A^B g(x) dF(x).$$

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Proof. For F , we redefine it as

$$F^*(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \geq B, \\ \frac{F(x)-F(A)}{F(B)-F(A)}, & A \leq x \leq B, \\ 0, & x \leq A; \end{cases}$$

and for a function $g(x)$, we redefine it as $g^*(x) = g(B)$, $x \geq B$; $g^*(x) = g(x)$, $A \leq x \leq B$; $g^*(x) = g(A)$, $x \leq A$. Then

$$F_n^* \xrightarrow{w} F^*,$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g^*(x) dF_n^*(x) \rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g^*(x) dF^*(x).$$

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Remark.

- If $g(x)$ is continuous, and $\{g_t(x)\}$ satisfy $|g_t(x)| \leq c$ and $|g_t(x) - g_t(y)| \leq |g(x) - g(y)|$, then uniformly in t ,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_t(x) dF_n(x) \longrightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_t(x) dF(x).$$

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Proof

$$\left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_t(x) dF_n(x) - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_t(x) dF(x) \right|$$

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Proof

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_t(x) dF_n(x) - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_t(x) dF(x) \right| \\ &= \left| \int_0^1 g_t(F_n^{-1}(y)) dy - \int_0^1 g_t(F^{-1}(y)) dy \right| \\ &\leq \int_0^1 |g_t(F_n^{-1}(y)) - g_t(F^{-1}(y))| dy \\ &\leq \end{aligned}$$

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Theorem

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Theorem

(The converse limit theorem) Let $f_n(t)$ be characteristic function of distribution function $F_n(x)$, if for every t , $f_n(t) \longrightarrow f(t)$, and $f(t)$ is continuous on $t = 0$, then $f(t)$ must be a characteristic function of some distribution function F , and $F_n \xrightarrow{w} F$.

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Before the proof, we need a lemma.

Lemma

If $f(t)$ is the characteristic function of a distribution function F , then

$$\int_{|x| \geq 2/u} dF(x) \leq \frac{1}{u} \int_{-u}^u (1 - f(t)) dt.$$

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Proof. For any $u > 0$,

$$\frac{1}{2u} \int_{-u}^u (1 - f(t)) dt = \frac{1}{2u} \int_{-u}^u \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (1 - e^{itx}) dF(x) dt$$

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Proof.

We want to prove that there exists a cdf F such that for any subsequence $\{n'\}$ there is a further subsequence $\{n''\}$ for which

$$F_{n''} \xrightarrow{w} F.$$

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It suffices to prove that for any subsequence $\{n'\}$ there is a further subsequence $\{n''\}$ and a cdf $F(x)$ (which may depend on the subsequence) such that

$$F_{n''} \xrightarrow{w} F. \quad (*)$$

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In fact, if (*) holds then

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Now, by Helly's first theorem, there exists a non-decreasing right-continuous function F (not necessarily a distribution function) with $0 \leq F(x) \leq 1$, $x \in \mathbf{R}$, and a subsequence $\{n''\} \subset \{n'\}$ such that

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Next, it suffices to show that $F(x)$ is a cdf, i.e.,
 $F(+\infty) - F(-\infty) = 1$.

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Notice that if $a > 0$ and $\pm a$ are continuous points of F , then

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We need only to show that for any given $\epsilon > 0$, if a is sufficiently large, then

$$\limsup_n \int_{|x| \geq a} dF_n(x) \leq \epsilon. \quad (**)$$

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So,

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_n \int_{|x| \geq 2/u} dF_n(x) \\ & \leq \limsup_n \frac{1}{u} \int_{-u}^u |1 - f_n(t)| dt \\ & \leq \frac{1}{u} \int_{-u}^u |1 - f(t)| dt \end{aligned}$$

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Since $f(t)$ is continuous at $t = 0$, we can choose $u > 0$ small enough such that $|1 - f(t)| < \epsilon/2$ whenever $|t| \leq u$. And then (**) is proved.

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Summary: The following are equivalent:

① $F_n \xrightarrow{w} F \quad (\xi_n \xrightarrow{d} \xi);$

②

$$\begin{aligned} \int g(x) dF_n(x) &\rightarrow \int g(x) dF(x) \\ (E[g(\xi_n)] &\rightarrow E[g(\xi)]) \end{aligned} \quad (\#)$$

for every bounded, continuous function g ;

③ $(\#)$ holds for every bounded, uniformly continuous function;

④ $(\#)$ holds for every bounded, continuous function g having bounded, continuous derivatives of each order;

⑤ $f_n(t) \rightarrow f(t)$ for all t .

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Multi-dimensional Case:

Definition

Let $\{F, F_n; n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of CDF on \mathbb{R}^d ,

$$C_F = \{\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d) : F_j(x_j) = F_j(x_j + 0), j = 1, \dots, d\}.$$

If

$$F_n(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow F(\mathbf{x}), \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in C_F,$$

then call F_n is weakly convergent to F , written as $F_n \xrightarrow{d} F$.

If the CDF of \mathbf{X}_n is weakly convergent to the CDF of \mathbf{X} , we call $\mathbf{X}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{X}$.

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Theorem

The following are equivalent:

① $\mathbf{X}_n = (X_{n1}, \dots, X_{nd}) \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_d);$

② *For every bounded, continuous function g*

$$E[g(\mathbf{X}_n)] \rightarrow E[g(\mathbf{X})]; \quad (\#)$$

③ *$(\#)$ holds for every bounded, continuous function g having bounded, continuous derivatives of each order;*

④ $f_n(\mathbf{t}) \rightarrow f(\mathbf{t})$ for all \mathbf{t} .

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Theorem

(Cramér-Wold device) Let $\mathbf{X}_n = (X_{n1}, \dots, X_{nd})$ and $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_d)$ be random vectors. Then $\mathbf{X}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{X}$ if and only if

$$a_1 X_{n1} + \dots + a_d X_{nd} \xrightarrow{d} a_1 X_1 + \dots + a_d X_d, \quad \forall a_1, \dots, a_d \in \mathbb{R}.$$

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Proof. Let $f_n(\mathbf{t})$ and $f(\mathbf{t})$ be the c.f.s of \mathbf{X}_n and \mathbf{X} . Then the c.f.s of $a_1X_{n1} + \cdots + a_dX_{nd}$ and $a_1X_1 + \cdots + a_dX_d$ are $f_n(ta_1, \cdots, ta_d)$ and $f(ta_1, \cdots, ta_d)$. So

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$$\iff a_1X_{n1} + \cdots + a_dX_{nd} \xrightarrow{d} a_1X_1 + \cdots + a_dX_d, \quad \forall \mathbf{a}.$$

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$$f_n(t) = \left(1 + \frac{n \cdot p_n (e^{it} - 1)}{n}\right)^n$$

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(Proof as exercise).

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$$a_{nk} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(e^{\frac{itx}{B_n}} - 1 - \frac{itx}{B_n} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{itx}{B_n} \right)^2 \right) dF_k(x).$$

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$$|e^{ix} - 1 - ix| \leq \frac{x^2}{2},$$

$$|e^{ix} - 1 - ix - \frac{1}{2}(ix)^2| \leq \frac{|x|^3}{6},$$

$$|a_{nk}| \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(tx)^2}{B_n^2} dF_k(x) = \frac{t^2 \sigma_k^2}{B_n^2},$$

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{nk}| &\leq \int_{|tx| < \epsilon B_n} \frac{|tx|^3}{6B_n^3} dF_k(x) + \int_{|tx| \geq \epsilon B_n} \frac{(tx)^2}{B_n^2} dF_k(x) \\ &\leq \epsilon t^2 \frac{\sigma_k^2}{B_n^2} + t^2 \frac{1}{B_n^2} \int_{|tx| \geq \epsilon B_n} x^2 dF_k(x). \end{aligned}$$

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Write

$$\ln(1+z) = z + \theta(z)z^2, |z| \leq \frac{1}{2},$$

where $|\theta(z)| \leq 1$ for $|z| \leq 1/2$.

Hence

$$\ln g_k \left(\frac{t}{B_n} \right) = -\frac{t^2 \sigma_k^2}{2B_n^2} + a_{nk} + \theta_k \left(-\frac{t^2 \sigma_k^2}{2B_n^2} + a_{nk} \right)^2,$$

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$$\sum_{k=1}^n \ln g_k \left(\frac{t}{B_n} \right) \rightarrow -\frac{t^2}{2}.$$

Hence

$$f_n(t) \rightarrow e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}}.$$

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Now, suppose (3) and (2) are satisfied. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=1}^n \left(-\frac{t^2 \sigma_k^2}{2B_n^2} + a_{nk} \right)^2 &\leq 4t^2 \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{\sigma_k^2}{B_n^2} \right)^2 \\ &\leq 4t^2 \frac{\max_k \sigma_k^2}{B_n} \rightarrow 0.\end{aligned}$$

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By the CLT (2),

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \ln g_k \left(\frac{t}{B_n} \right) \rightarrow -\frac{t^2}{2}.$$

So

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Hence

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\cos \left(\frac{tx}{B_n} \right) - 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{tx}{B_n} \right)^2 \right) dF_k(x) \rightarrow 0.$$

Note

$$\cos x - 1 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 = -2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{2}x^2 = \frac{1}{2}x^2 \left(1 - \left(\frac{\sin \frac{x}{2}}{\frac{x}{2}} \right)^2 \right),$$

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$$\frac{1}{B_n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{|tx|/B_n \geq \epsilon} x^2 dF_k(x) \rightarrow 0.$$

(1) is satisfied.

Theorem

Let $\{\xi_n; n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables. Let $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \xi_k$. Suppose

$$\frac{S_n - na}{\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{d} Y \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

Then $\text{Var}\xi_1 = \sigma^2$ is finite, $E\xi_1 = a$ and $Y \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$.

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Proof. Symmetrization: $\{\xi'_n; n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables such that $\xi'_1 \stackrel{d}{=} \xi_1$, and the two sequences $\{\xi_n; n \geq 1\}$ and $\{\xi'_n; n \geq 1\}$ are independent. Then $\{\eta_n =: \xi_n - \xi'_n; n \geq 1\}$ is a sequence of i.i.d symmetric random variables,

$$\frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \eta_k}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \xi_k - na}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \xi'_k - na}{\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{d} Y - Y',$$

where Y, Y' are i.i.d. Denote $Z = Y - Y'$.

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Truncation: for any $c > 0$, by symmetry,

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$$\text{and } \tilde{\eta}_k =: \eta_k I\{|\eta_k| \leq c\} - \eta_k I\{|\eta_k| > c\}$$

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Choose a $x = x_0$ such that $2P(|Z| \geq x) < P(|N(0, 1)| \geq 1)$. Then

$$E[\eta_1^2 I\{|\eta_1| \leq c\}] = \sigma_c^2 \leq x_0^2, \quad \forall c.$$

Letting $c \rightarrow \infty$ yields

$$\iint (x - y)^2 dF_\xi(x) dF_\xi(y) = E(\xi_1 - \xi'_1)^2 = E\eta_1^2 < \infty.$$

So, exists y such that

$$\int (x - y)^2 dF_\xi(x) < \infty.$$

Hence

$$E\xi_1^2 = \int x^2 dF_\xi(x) \leq 2 \int (x - y)^2 dF_\xi(x) + 2y^2 < \infty.$$

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By CLT again,

$$\frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \xi_k - nE\xi_1}{\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \text{Var}(\xi_1)).$$

Hence

$$a = E\xi_1, \quad Y \sim N(0, \text{Var}(\xi_1)).$$