

Homework 5

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Problem 1 Let X, X_1, \dots, X_n i.i.d $\sim F$, find kernel $h(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ such that $E_F h(X_1, X_2, X_3) = E(X - E_F X)^3$

Solution

Let's consider the following equations

$$T = E(X - EX)^3 = EX^3 - 3EXEX^2 + 2(EX)^3.$$

So

$$E(X_1 + X_2 + X_3)^3 = 3EX^3 + 18EXEX^2 + 6(EX)^3.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} T &= -\frac{1}{6}E(X_1 + X_2 + X_3)^3 + \frac{3}{2}EX^3 + 3(EX)^3 \\ &= E\left(-\frac{1}{6}(X_1 + X_2 + X_3)^3 + \frac{1}{2}(X_1^3 + X_2^3 + X_3^3) + 3(X_1X_2X_3)\right) \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$h(x_1, x_2, x_3) = -\frac{1}{6}(x_1 + x_2 + x_3)^3 + \frac{1}{2}(x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_3^3) + 3(x_1x_2x_3)$$

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Problem 2 Prove the $\zeta_1 = 1/9$ in slide (page 25).

Solution

Let $X \sim F(x), Y \sim G(y)$. Because X and Y are independent, $\tau = 0$. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_1 &= Cov(h(P_1, P_2), h(P_1, P_3)) \\ &= E[h(P_1, P_2)h(P_1, P_3)] \\ &= 1 \times P(h(P_1, P_2)h(P_1, P_3) = 1) + (-1) \times P(h(P_1, P_2)h(P_1, P_3) = -1) \\ &= 2P(h(P_1, P_2)h(P_1, P_3) = 1) - 1 \end{aligned}$$

Denote $P_i = (X_i, Y_i), i = 1, 2, 3$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &P(h(P_1, P_2)h(P_1, P_3) = 1 | P_1, h(P_1, P_2) = 1) \\ &= P(h(P_1, P_3) = 1 | P_1) \\ &= P(X_3 > X_1, Y_3 > Y_1 \text{ or } X_3 < X_1, Y_3 < Y_1) \\ &= (1 - F(X_1))(1 - G(Y_1)) + F(X_1)G(Y_1) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& P(h(P_1, P_2)h(P_1, P_3) = 1 | P_1, h(P_1, P_2) = -1) \\
& = P(h(P_1, P_3) = -1 | P_1) \\
& = P(X_3 < X_1, Y_3 > Y_1 \text{ or } X_3 > X_1, Y_3 < Y_1) \\
& = F(X_1)(1 - G(Y_1)) + (1 - F(X_1))G(Y_1)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& P(h(P_1, P_2)h(P_1, P_3) = 1 | P_1) \\
& = P(h(P_1, P_2) = 1, h(P_1, P_3) = 1 | P_1) + P(h(P_1, P_2) = -1, h(P_1, P_3) = -1 | P_1).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
& P(h(P_1, P_2)h(P_1, P_3) = 1) \\
& = E[P(h(P_1, P_2)h(P_1, P_3) = 1 | P_1)] \\
& = \int \int [(1 - F(X_1))(1 - G(Y_1)) + F(X_1)G(Y_1)]^2 + \\
& \quad [F(X_1)(1 - G(Y_1)) + (1 - F(X_1))G(Y_1)]^2 dF dG \\
& = \frac{5}{9}
\end{aligned}$$

So, we have $\zeta_1 = 1/9$. ■

Problem 3 Let X_1, \dots, X_n i.i.d $\sim \text{Uniform}(0, \tau)$ kernel $h(x, y) = |x - y|$ and U-statistics $G_n = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{2}} \sum_{i < j} |X_i - X_j|$, find the limit distribution of G_n .

Solution

G_n is a U-statistic of order $r = 2$ with kernel $h(x_1, x_2) = |x_1 - x_2|$ can also an unbiased estimate of $E|X_1 - X_2|$ ([Dasgupta, 2008](#)).

From the CLT for U-statistics, it follows that

$$\sqrt{n}(G_n - E|X_1 - X_2|) \rightsquigarrow N(0, r^2 \zeta_1)$$

where ζ_1 can be calculated as following.

We have $F(x) = x/\tau$, $x \in (0, \tau)$ because $X \sim \text{Uniform}(0, \tau)$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
Eh(x, X_2) &= E|x - X_2| \\
&= \int_0^\tau |x - y| \frac{1}{\tau} dy \\
&= \frac{1}{\tau} \left(\int_0^x x - y dy + \int_x^\tau y - x dy \right) \\
&= \frac{x^2}{\tau} - x + \frac{\tau}{2},
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
Eh(X_1, X_2) &= E[E[h(X_1, X_2)|X_1]] \\
&= E\left[\frac{X_1^2}{\tau} - X_1 + \frac{\tau}{2}\right] \\
&= \int_0^\tau \frac{1}{\tau} \left(\frac{x^2}{\tau} - x + \frac{\tau}{2}\right) dx \\
&= \frac{\tau}{3},
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$h_1(x) = Eh(x, Y) - \frac{\tau}{6} = \frac{x^2}{\tau} - x + \frac{\tau}{6}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\zeta_1 &= E[h_1^2(x)] \\
&= E\left(\frac{x^2}{\tau} - x + \frac{\tau}{6}\right)^2 \\
&= \frac{\tau^2}{180}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\sqrt{n}\left(G_n - \frac{\tau}{3}\right) \rightarrow N\left(0, \frac{\tau^2}{45}\right)$$

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References

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