

(5) (a) **Delta method**

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be i.i.d. from normal distribution with unknown mean μ and known variance σ^2 . Let $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. Find the limiting distribution of $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}^3 - c)$ for an appropriate constant c .

(b) **Logit transformation**

Let $X_n \sim \text{bin}(n, p)$. Consider the logit transformation, defined by

$$\text{logit}(y) = \ln \frac{y}{1-y}, \quad 0 < y < 1.$$

Determine the approximate distribution of $\text{logit}\left(\frac{X_n}{n}\right)$.

a) By the CLT, $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}{\sigma} \xrightarrow{d} Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

$Y_n := \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma}, \quad \theta := \frac{\mu}{\sigma}, \text{ then } \sqrt{n}(Y_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

$g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}: y \mapsto (\sigma y)^3, \Rightarrow g'(y) = 3\sigma^3 y^2$, and by the delta method,

$\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n^3 - \mu^3) = \sqrt{n}((\sigma Y_n)^3 - (\sigma \theta)^3) = \sqrt{n}(g(Y_n) - g(\theta)) \xrightarrow{d} g'(\theta)Y = 3\sigma^3 \theta^2 Y$

and $3\sigma^3 \theta^2 Y = 3\sigma^3 \frac{\mu^2}{\sigma^2} Y = 3\sigma \mu^2 Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, (3\sigma \mu^2)^2)$

b) let $Y_1, \dots, Y_n \sim \text{bin}(1, p); \quad X_n = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \sim \text{bin}(n, p), \quad \mathbb{E}(X_n) = np, \quad \text{Var}(X_n) = np(1-p)$

$\mathbb{E}(Y_i) = p, \quad \text{Var}(Y_i) = p(1-p)$

* For $p \in (0, 1)$

By CLT: $\sqrt{n} \frac{\frac{X_n}{n} - p}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}} = \frac{\sqrt{n}(X_n - np)}{n\sqrt{p(1-p)}} = \frac{X_n - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}} \xrightarrow{d} Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

We define $Z_n := \frac{X_n}{n\sqrt{p(1-p)}}$ and $\theta := \sqrt{\frac{p}{1-p}}$, then

$\sqrt{n}(Z_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, we define $g: (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}: z \mapsto \text{logit}(\sqrt{p(1-p)} z)$, hence

$g'(z) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{p(1-p)} z}{z} \left(\frac{\sqrt{p(1-p)}}{1 - \sqrt{p(1-p)} z} + z \sqrt{p(1-p)} (1 - \sqrt{p(1-p)} z)^{-2} \sqrt{p(1-p)} \right)$
 $= \frac{1 - \sqrt{p(1-p)} z}{\sqrt{p(1-p)} z} \frac{\sqrt{p(1-p)} (1 - \sqrt{p(1-p)} z) + z p(1-p)}{(1 - \sqrt{p(1-p)} z)^2} = \frac{1}{z(1 - \sqrt{p(1-p)} z)}$ and $g(\theta) = \log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)$

by application of the delta method we obtain and

$\sqrt{n}(\text{logit}\left(\frac{X_n}{n}\right) - \text{logit}(p)) = \sqrt{n}(g(Z_n) - g(\theta)) \xrightarrow{d} g'(\theta)Z = \frac{\sqrt{1-p}}{\sqrt{p}(1-p)} Z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}} Z \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{1}{p(1-p)}\right)$

hence, $\text{logit}\left(\frac{X_n}{n}\right) \approx \mathcal{N}\left(\text{logit}(p), \frac{1}{np(1-p)}\right)$