

Questions 1.

Suppose $X_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} F$, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Let $\hat{F}_n(t) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon(t - X_i)$ where $\varepsilon(x) = 1$ if $x \geq 0$ and $= 0$ otherwise.

1. Suppose t is fixed. Find $\mathbb{E} [\hat{F}_n(t)]$ and $\mathbb{V} [\hat{F}_n(t)]$. **(5 marks)**

Solution:

2. Suppose $\alpha_n \rightarrow \infty$ and $\alpha_n/\sqrt{n} \rightarrow 0$. Show that for any fixed t

$$P \left[\sqrt{\frac{n}{\alpha_n}} |\hat{F}_n(t) - F(t)| > \varepsilon \right] \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \forall \varepsilon > 0,$$

suggesting that $|\hat{F}_n(t) - F(t)| \xrightarrow{P} 0$ as fast as $n^{-1/2}$.

(5 marks)

Solution:

3. Suppose $\{t_i\}_{i=1}^{k_n}$ is a fixed sequence of t_i 's where $k_n = o(\alpha_n)$, i.e. $k_n/\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$. Use part (b) to show that

$$P \left[\sqrt{\frac{n}{\alpha_n}} \max_{1 \leq i \leq k_n} |\hat{F}_n(t_i) - F(t_i)| > \varepsilon \right] \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \forall \varepsilon > 0.$$

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Solution: