

5.5 Convergence Concepts

Def: A seqⁿ of r.v.'s $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges in probability to a r.v. X if, for every $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n - X| > \varepsilon) = 0$$

or

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n - X| < \varepsilon) = 1$$

Theorem 5.5.2: (Weak law of Large Numbers)

Let $X_1, X_2, \dots \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} X$

$E[X_i] = \mu$ and $\text{var}(X_i) = \sigma^2 < \infty$

Define $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. Then

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| < \varepsilon) = 1$$

that \bar{X}_n converges in Probability to μ .

Proof:

Apply Chebyshev's inequality.

$$P(|\bar{X} - \mu| \geq \varepsilon)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(|\bar{X} - \mu|^2 \geq \varepsilon^2) \leq \frac{E[(\bar{X} - \mu)^2]}{\varepsilon^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(|\bar{X} - \mu|^2 \geq \varepsilon^2) \leq \frac{\text{Var}(\bar{X})}{\varepsilon^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(|\bar{X} - \mu| \geq \varepsilon) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{n\varepsilon^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(|\bar{X} - \mu| < \varepsilon) \geq 1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{n\varepsilon^2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|\bar{X} - \mu| < \varepsilon) \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|\bar{X} - \mu| < \varepsilon) = 1$$

Ex S.S.3

$$S_n^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}_n)^2$$

$$E[S_n^2] = \sigma^2$$

$$P(|S_n^2 - \sigma^2| \geq \varepsilon) \leq \frac{E[(S_n^2 - \sigma^2)^2]}{\varepsilon^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(|S_n^2 - \sigma^2| \geq \varepsilon) \leq \frac{\text{Var}(S_n^2)}{\varepsilon^2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|S_n^2 - \sigma^2| \geq \varepsilon) \leq \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Var}(S_n^2)}{\varepsilon^2}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n^2 \longrightarrow \sigma^2$$

Theorem S.S.4.1

Suppose that X_1, X_2, \dots converges
in Prob to a random variable X
and that h is a continuous function.
Then $h(X_1), h(X_2), \dots$ converges
in Prob to $h(X)$

Proof: Since h is continuous,

$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ such that

$$|X_n - X| < \delta \Rightarrow |h(X_n) - h(X)| < \varepsilon$$

We know

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n - X| < \delta) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|h(X_n) - h(X)| < \varepsilon) = 1$$

Almost Sure Convergence

Def S.S.6:

A seqⁿ of r.v.'s x_1, x_2, \dots converges almost surely to a r.v. x if, $\forall \varepsilon > 0$

$$IP \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x_n - x| < \varepsilon \right) = 1$$

Ex S.S.7

$S = [0, 1]$ sample space.
with uniform probability.

$$X_n(s) = s + s^n$$

$$X(s) = s$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall s \in [0, 1], s^n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$X_n(s) \rightarrow s = X(s) \quad \forall s \in [0, 1]$$

$$\text{But } X_n(i) = 2 \neq X(i) = 1$$

But we know

$$IP(X=1) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } IP([0,1]) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X$$

Theorem S.S.9 (Strong Law of Large
numbers)

Let x_1, x_2, \dots be iid r.v.'s with $IE[x_i] = \mu$

and $\text{Var}(x_i) = \sigma^2 < \infty$, and define

$$\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \text{ Then, } \forall \varepsilon > 0$$

$$IP\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\bar{X}_n - \mu| < \varepsilon\right) = 1$$

$$\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} \mu$$

Def 5.5.10:

A seq of r.v. X_1, X_2, \dots
Converges in distribution to a r.v. X
if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{X_n}(x) = F_X(x)$$

at all points x where $F_X(x)$
is continuous.

Theorem 5.5.14 (Central Limit theorem)

let X_1, X_2, \dots be a seqⁿ of iid r.v.'s
whose mgf's exists in a neighbourhood
of 0

$$\text{let } E[X_i] = \mu \quad \text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2 > 0$$

(Both μ, σ^2 are finite)

$$\text{then } \bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i. \quad \text{let } G_n(x)$$

denote the cdf of $\frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma}$

$$E[X] = \mu \quad \text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$$

$$E[\bar{X}] = \mu \quad \text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

$$E[\bar{X} - \mu] = 0 \quad \text{Var}(\bar{X} - \mu) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

$$E\left[\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma}\right] = 0 \quad \text{Var}\left(\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$E\left[\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma}\right] = 0 \quad \text{Var}\left[\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma}\right] = 1$$

$\Rightarrow G_n(x)$ is cdf of $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma}$

where its mean = 0, var = 1

then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G_n(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy.$$

Proof: we will show for $|t| < h$

the mgf of $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma}$ is

$O\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right)$, the mgf of $N(0,1)$

define

$$Y_i = \frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma}$$

\Rightarrow M_{Y_i} are common mgf of Y_i

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left(\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n - n\mu}{\sigma} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left(\frac{X_1 - \mu}{\sigma} + \frac{X_2 - \mu}{\sigma} + \dots + \frac{X_n - \mu}{\sigma} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (Y_1 + Y_2 + Y_3 + \dots + Y_n)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{\frac{\sum y_i}{\sum n}}(t) &= E \left[e^{t \cdot \frac{\sum y_i}{\sum n}} \right] \\
 &= E \left[e^{\frac{t}{\sum n} y_1} \right] E \left[e^{\frac{t}{\sum n} y_2} \right] \\
 &= \left(E \left[e^{\frac{t}{\sum n} y_1} \right] \right)^n \dots \\
 &= \left[M_Y \left(\frac{t}{\sum n} \right) \right]^n
 \end{aligned}$$

Taylor Series expansion
around a

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= f(a) + f'(a) \frac{(x-a)}{1} \\
 &\quad + f''(a) \frac{(x-a)^2}{2!} \\
 &\quad + f'''(a) \frac{(x-a)^3}{3!} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_Y\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right) &= M_Y(0) + \underbrace{M_Y'(0)}_{1!} \cdot \left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \\
 &\quad + \underbrace{M_Y''(0)}_{2!} \cdot \left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^2 \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{M_Y^{(k)}(0)}{k!} \cdot \left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^k
 \end{aligned}$$

we have $M_Y(0) = E[1] = 1$

$$M_Y'(0) = E[Y] = 0$$

$$M_Y''(0) = \text{Var}(Y) = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow M_Y\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right) &= 1 + 0 + \left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2!} \\
 &\quad + R_Y\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \\
 &\qquad\qquad\qquad \parallel 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_Y\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = 1 + \frac{t^2}{2n} + R_Y\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow M_{\frac{\sum x}{\sqrt{n}}} = \left[M_Y\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \right]^n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_{\frac{\sum x}{\sqrt{n}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[1 + \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} + n R_Y\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \right) \right]^n$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[1 + \frac{t^2}{2} \right]^n$$

$$= e^{\frac{t^2}{2}}$$

$$= M_Z(t)$$

Example 5.5.16 (Normal approximation of)
Binomial distribution

Soln

X_1, X_2, \dots i.i.d X

$X \sim \text{binomial}(n, p)$

$$P(X=x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$

$x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$E[\bar{X}] = \frac{\sigma(1-p)}{p}$$

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma(1-p)}{p^2}$$

$$\sqrt{n} \left(\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma} \right) \sim N(0,1)$$

$$\sigma = 10, \quad p = \frac{1}{2}, \quad n = 30.$$

$$P(\bar{X} < 11) = P\left(\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{30}}{30} < 11\right)$$

$$= P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{30} X_i < 330\right)$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^{330} \binom{300+x-1}{x} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{300} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$$

very difficult

$$E[X] = \frac{\sigma(1-p)}{p} = \frac{10 \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}} = 10$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{\sigma(1-p)}{p^2} = \frac{10 \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{4}} = 20$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow P(\bar{X} < 11) &= P\left(\frac{\bar{X} - 10}{\sqrt{20}} < \frac{11 - 10}{\sqrt{20}}\right) \\ &= P\left(\sqrt{30}\left(\frac{\bar{X} - 10}{\sqrt{20}}\right) < \frac{\sqrt{30}}{\sqrt{20}}\right) \\ &= P\left(\sqrt{30}\left(\frac{\bar{X} - 10}{\sqrt{20}}\right) < 1.2247\right) \\ &\approx P(Z < 1.2247) \end{aligned}$$

Theorem S.S.17 (Slutsky's theorem)

if $X_n \rightarrow X$ in distribution
and $Y_n \rightarrow a$, a is constant,
in probability, then

(a) $Y_n X_n \rightarrow aX$ in distribution

(b) $X_n + Y_n \rightarrow X + a$ in distribution.

The Delta method

Ex S.S.19:

X_1, X_2, \dots iid X

$X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$

* Parameter of interest = p

another popular parameter = $\frac{p}{1-p}$

ie $p = \frac{2}{3}$ then 2:1 (ratio)

to estimate $\frac{p}{1-p}$ we might

start with

$$\hat{p} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

and then calculate

$$\frac{\hat{p}}{1-\hat{p}}$$

so, what's the sampling distribution of $\frac{\hat{p}}{1-\hat{p}}$, and its variance?