

HW 2 Solutions

Problem 1. $a_n(X_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \tau^2)$. Let $\phi(u) = |u| \quad \forall u \in \mathbb{R}$.

Case 1: $\theta \neq 0$. Then, $\phi'(\theta) = \text{sgn}(\theta)$.

By the delta method, $a_n(\phi(X_n) - \phi(\theta)) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \tau^2 |\text{sgn}(\theta)|^2)$, i.e., $a_n(|X_n| - |\theta|) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \tau^2)$.

Case 2: $\theta = 0$. Then, $\phi'(0)$ does not exist and we cannot use the delta method.

Note that, ϕ is a continuous function.

By continuous mapping theorem, $a_n(|X_n|) = |a_n(X_n - \theta)| \xrightarrow{d} |N(0, \tau^2)|$

Problem 2. (a) $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^3 = 2Y_1^3 - 3Y_1 Y_2 + Y_3$, $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 = -Y_1^2 + Y_2$. where $(\mu = \mathbb{E}X)$
 $Y_1 := n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu) \xrightarrow{P} 0$, $Y_2 := n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 \xrightarrow{P} \sigma^2$, $Y_3 := n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^3 \xrightarrow{P} \mu_3$. if $\mathbb{E}|X - \mu|^3 < \infty$
Hence. $\ln = \frac{2Y_1^3 - 3Y_1 Y_2 + Y_3}{(-Y_1^2 + Y_2)^{3/2}} \rightarrow \frac{2\cdot 0^3 - 3 \cdot 0 \cdot \sigma^2 + \mu_3}{(-0^2 + \sigma^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{\mu_3}{\sigma^3}$ (Slutsky's Theorem)

(b) By CLT, when $X_i \sim \text{iid } N(0, 1)$,

$$\sqrt{n} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ Y_3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \xrightarrow{d} N_3 \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & 3\sigma^4 \\ 0 & 2\sigma^4 & 0 \\ 3\sigma^4 & 0 & 15\sigma^6 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad (\sigma^2 = 1).$$

$$\ln = \frac{2Y_1^3 - 3Y_1 Y_2 + Y_3}{(-Y_1^2 + Y_2)^{3/2}} := \phi(Y_1, Y_2, Y_3).$$

$$\phi'(0, \sigma^2, 0) = (-3\sigma^{-1}, 0, \sigma^{-3}).$$

By Delta's method,

$$\sqrt{n} \left\{ \phi(Y_1, Y_2, Y_3) - \phi(0, \sigma^2, 0) \right\} \xrightarrow{d} N \left(\langle \phi'(0, \sigma^2, 0), (0, 0, 0) \rangle, \phi'(0, \sigma^2, 0) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & 3\sigma^4 \\ 0 & 2\sigma^4 & 0 \\ 3\sigma^4 & 0 & 15\sigma^6 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \phi'(0, \sigma^2, 0)^T \right)$$

That is,

$$\sqrt{n}(\ln - 0) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 6)$$

Problem 3 . Let $Y_j = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^j$, $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$. ($\mu = E(X)$). Then

$$k_n = \frac{-3Y_1^4 + 6Y_1^2 Y_2 - 4Y_1 Y_3 + Y_4}{(-Y_1^2 + Y_2)^2} := \phi(Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4)$$

By CLT, with $\mu_j = E(X - E(X))^j$,

$$\sqrt{n} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ Y_3 \\ Y_4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \sigma^2 \\ \mu_3 \\ \mu_4 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \xrightarrow{d} N_4 \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \mu_2 - \mu_1^2 & \mu_3 - \mu_1 \mu_2 & \mu_4 - \mu_1 \mu_3 & \mu_5 - \mu_1 \mu_4 \\ \mu_3 - \mu_1 \mu_2 & \mu_4 - \mu_2^2 & \mu_5 - \mu_2 \mu_3 & \mu_6 - \mu_2 \mu_4 \\ \mu_4 - \mu_1 \mu_3 & \mu_5 - \mu_2 \mu_3 & \mu_6 - \mu_3^2 & \mu_7 - \mu_3 \mu_4 \\ \mu_5 - \mu_1 \mu_4 & \mu_6 - \mu_2 \mu_4 & \mu_7 - \mu_3 \mu_4 & \mu_8 - \mu_4^2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$\phi'(0, \sigma^2, \mu_3, \mu_4) = (-4\mu_3 \sigma^{-4}, -2\mu_4 \sigma^{-6}, 0, \sigma^{-4})$$

By Delta's Method.

$$\sqrt{n} \left(k_n - \frac{\mu_4}{\sigma^4} + 3 \right) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \phi'(0, \sigma^2, \mu_3, \mu_4) \Sigma \phi'(0, \sigma^2, \mu_3, \mu_4)^T).$$

Problem 4. Since $X_i \sim \text{iid } N(\mu, 1)$, $\bar{X} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a linear combination of multivariate normal random vectors.

Hence, \bar{X} is normally distributed with $E(\bar{X}) = \mu$ and $\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{1}{n}$. That is, $\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \frac{1}{n})$.

Therefore, $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu) \sim N(0, 1)$. The remaining parts follow directly from Problem 1.

Case 1: $\mu \neq 0$. $\sqrt{n}(|\bar{X}| - |\mu|) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$

Case 2: $\mu = 0$. $\sqrt{n}|\bar{X}| \xrightarrow{d} |N(0, 1)|$.

Problem 5. Let $U_i, V_i \sim \text{iid Poisson}(1)$. Then, $X_n \sim \sum_{i=1}^n U_i$ and $Y_m \sim \sum_{i=1}^m V_i$. Note that $E(U_i) = \text{Var}(U_i) = 1$.

By CLT, $\tilde{X}_n := \sqrt{n}(n^{-1}X_n - 1) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$ and $\tilde{Y}_m := \sqrt{m}(m^{-1}Y_m - 1) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$.

$$\text{Note that } \frac{X_n - Y_m - (n-m)}{\sqrt{n+m}} = \frac{n(n^{-1}X_n - 1) - m(m^{-1}Y_m - 1)}{\sqrt{n+m}} = \sqrt{\frac{n}{n+m}} \tilde{X}_n - \sqrt{\frac{m}{n+m}} \tilde{Y}_m.$$

Let $\tau := \lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+m}$. Then, by Slutsky's theorem,

$$\sqrt{\frac{n}{n+m}} \tilde{X}_n \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \tau) \text{ and } \sqrt{\frac{m}{n+m}} \tilde{Y}_m \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1-\tau).$$

Since $X_n \perp\!\!\!\perp Y_m$, we have $\tilde{X}_n \perp\!\!\!\perp \tilde{Y}_m$ and hence $\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{n}{n+m}} \tilde{X}_n \\ \sqrt{\frac{m}{n+m}} \tilde{Y}_m \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{d} N\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \tau & 0 \\ 0 & 1-\tau \end{pmatrix}\right)$.

Let $\phi(x,y) := x-y$, then $\phi'(x,y) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$. By delta method,

$$\frac{X_n - Y_m - (n-m)}{\sqrt{n+m}} = \sqrt{\frac{n}{n+m}} \tilde{X}_n - \sqrt{\frac{m}{n+m}} \tilde{Y}_m \xrightarrow{d} N\left((1-\tau)\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, (1-\tau)\begin{pmatrix} \tau & 0 \\ 0 & 1-\tau \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}\right) \sim N(0, 1). \quad (\star)$$

By WLLN, $n^{-1}X_n \xrightarrow{P} 1$ and $m^{-1}Y_m \xrightarrow{P} 1$. Hence, $\frac{X_n + Y_m}{\sqrt{n+m}} = \frac{n}{\sqrt{n+m}} n^{-1}X_n + \frac{m}{\sqrt{n+m}} m^{-1}Y_m \xrightarrow{P} \tau + 1-\tau = 1$ and $\sqrt{\frac{X_n + Y_m}{n+m}} \xrightarrow{P} 1$.

Together with (\star) , by Slutsky's theorem, $\frac{X_n - Y_m - (n-m)}{\sqrt{X_n + Y_m}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$.