

2. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim f$  and let  $\hat{f}_n$  be the kernel density estimator using the boxcar kernel:

$$K(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(a) Show that

$$\mathbb{E}(\hat{f}(x)) = \frac{1}{h} \int_{x-(h/2)}^{x+(h/2)} f(y) dy$$

$$\hat{f}(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{h} K\left(\frac{x-X_i}{h}\right)$$

**Definition 8.2.** The kernel density estimator with bandwidth  $h$  and kernel  $K$ :

$$\hat{f}_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{h} K\left(\frac{x-X_i}{h}\right)$$

$$\mathbb{E} \hat{f}(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{h} \mathbb{E} K\left(\frac{x-X_i}{h}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{h} \int_{\left|\frac{x-y_i}{h}\right| \leq \frac{1}{2}} f(y_i) dy_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{h} \int_{x-\frac{1}{2}h}^{x+\frac{1}{2}h} f(y_i) dy_i = \frac{1}{h} \int_{x-\frac{1}{2}h}^{x+\frac{1}{2}h} f(y) dy$$

and

$$\mathbb{V}(\hat{f}(x)) = \frac{1}{nh^2} \left[ \int_{x-(h/2)}^{x+(h/2)} f(y) dy - \left( \int_{x-(h/2)}^{x+(h/2)} f(y) dy \right)^2 \right].$$

$$\mathbb{E} \hat{f}^2(x) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j} \frac{1}{h^2} K\left(\frac{x-X_i}{h}\right) K\left(\frac{x-X_j}{h}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2 h^2} \left[ \sum_{i=j}^n \mathbb{E} K\left(\frac{x-X_i}{h}\right) + \sum_{i \neq j}^n \mathbb{E} K\left(\frac{x-X_i}{h}\right) K\left(\frac{x-X_j}{h}\right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{nh^2} \int_{x-\frac{1}{2}h}^{x+\frac{1}{2}h} f(y) dy - \frac{n-1}{nh^2} \left( \int_{x-\frac{1}{2}h}^{x+\frac{1}{2}h} f(y) dy \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(\hat{f}(x)) = \mathbb{E} \hat{f}^2(x) - (\mathbb{E} \hat{f}(x))^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{nh^2} \left[ \int_{x-\frac{1}{2}h}^{x+\frac{1}{2}h} f(y) dy - \left( \int_{x-\frac{1}{2}h}^{x+\frac{1}{2}h} f(y) dy \right)^2 \right]$$

(b) Show that if  $h \rightarrow 0$  and  $nh \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  then  $\hat{f}_n(x) \xrightarrow{P} f(x)$ .

Fix any  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$P\{|\hat{f}_n(x) - f(x)| > \varepsilon\}$$

$$P(|X - \mathbb{E}X| > \epsilon) \leq \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{\epsilon^2}$$

$$= P\{|\hat{f}_n(x) - \mathbb{E}\hat{f}_n(x) + \mathbb{E}\hat{f}_n(x) - f(x)| > \varepsilon\}$$

$$\leq P\{|\hat{f}_n(x) - \mathbb{E}\hat{f}_n(x)| + |\mathbb{E}\hat{f}_n(x) - f(x)| > \varepsilon\}$$

$$P\{|\hat{f}_n(x) - \mathbb{E}\hat{f}_n(x)| > \varepsilon\} \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \text{Var}(\hat{f}_n(x)) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left( \frac{1}{nh} f(x) - \frac{1}{n} f^2(x) \right)$$

$\rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   
 $nh \rightarrow \infty$

$$\mathbb{E}\hat{f}_n(x) = \frac{1}{h} \int_{x-\frac{1}{2}h}^{x+\frac{1}{2}h} f(y) dy \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{dx} \int_{x-\frac{1}{2}h}^{x+\frac{1}{2}h} f(y) dy = f(x)$$

$$P\{|\hat{f}_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon\} \rightarrow 1 \Rightarrow \hat{f}_n(x) \xrightarrow{P} f(x)$$

4. Prove equation 6.35.

$$\hat{J}(h) = \frac{1}{hn^2} \sum_i \sum_j K^* \left( \frac{X_i - X_j}{h} \right) + \frac{2}{nh} K(0) + O \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \right) \quad (6.35)$$

where  $K^*(x) = K^{(2)}(x) - 2K(x)$  and  $K^{(2)}(z) = \int K(z-y)K(y)dy$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{J}(h) &= \int \hat{f}^2(x) dx - \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{f}_i(X_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2 h^2} \int \left[ \sum_{i,j=1}^n K^2 \left( \frac{x-X_i}{h} \right) + \sum_{i \neq j} K \left( \frac{x-X_i}{h} \right) K \left( \frac{x-X_j}{h} \right) \right] dx \\ &\quad - \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(n-1)h} \sum_{j \neq i} K \left( \frac{x-X_i}{h} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2 h} \sum_i \sum_j \int K \left( \frac{x-X_i}{h} \right) K \left( \frac{x-X_j}{h} \right) dx - \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(n-1)h} \sum_{j \neq i} K \left( \frac{x-X_i}{h} \right) \end{aligned}$$

By Taylor expansion,

$$= \frac{1}{n^2 h} \sum_i \sum_j K^{(2)}\left(\frac{X_i - X_j}{h}\right) - 2K\left(\frac{X_i - X_i}{h}\right) + \frac{2}{nh} K(0) + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)$$