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## ADVANCED PROBABILITY OVERVIEW

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LAST TIME: BERRY-ESSEEN CLT

ASSUME A TRIANGULAR ARRAY SETTING  $X_{n,k} \sim (\mu_{n,k}, \sigma_{n,k}^2)$   
INDEPENDENT WITHIN EACH ROW OF THE ARRAY.

LET

$$Y_k = \frac{X_{n,k} - \mu_{n,k}}{\left( \sum_{k=1}^{r_n} \sigma_{n,k}^2 \right)^{1/2}}$$

$$\text{AND } W_n = \sum_{k=1}^{r_n} Y_k \sim (0,1)$$

SMALL UNIVERSAL CONSTANT  $< 1/2$

THEN

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \left| P_n(W_n \leq x) - P_n(Z \leq x) \right| \leq C \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{r_n} \mathbb{E}[|X_{n,k} - \mu_{n,k}|^3]}{\left( \sum_{k=1}^{r_n} \sigma_{n,k}^2 \right)^{3/2}}$$

$\downarrow$   
 $N(0,1)$

IF  $X_{n,k} = X_k \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} (0, \sigma^2)$  S.T.  $\mathbb{E}[|X|^3] = \mu_3$

THE BERRY-ESSEEN BOUND IS

ADDITIONAL 3<sup>rd</sup> MOMENT ASSUMPTION

$$C \frac{\mu_3}{(n\sigma^2)^{3/2}} = C \frac{\mu_3}{\sqrt{n} \sigma^3} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{AS } n \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{LIKE } \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

EXAMPLE:  $X_1, X_2, \dots \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$   $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \xrightarrow{D} \frac{\bar{X}_n - p}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}} \xrightarrow{D} N(0, 1) \quad \text{FOR EACH } p \quad \text{POINTWISE RESULT} \quad (*)$$

LF CONDITION:  $\frac{1}{p(1-p)} \mathbb{E} \left[ (X-p)^2 \mathbb{1}_{\{|X-p| > \varepsilon \sqrt{np(1-p)}\}} \right] \rightarrow 0$

WHAT IF WE WANT CONVERGENCE UNIFORMLY IN  $p$ ?

LF CONDITION  $(*) \leq \frac{1}{p(1-p)} \max \{p^2, (1-p)^2\} \mathbb{P}(|X-p| > \varepsilon \sqrt{np(1-p)})$

SO SINCE UNIFORMITY IN  $p$  MEANS WE CAN ALLOW  $p$  TO CHANGE WITH  $n$ , WE CONSIDER SEQUENCE OF  $p$ 's  $\{p_n\}$  AND

OBTAIN FROM THE LF CONDITION THAT

$$\sqrt{n} \frac{\bar{X}_n - p_n}{\sqrt{p_n(1-p_n)}} \xrightarrow{D} N(0, 1)$$

AS LONG AS  $n p_n (1-p_n) \rightarrow \infty$

TO GET A CONVERGENCE RATE, USE BERRY-ESSEEN BOUND:

LET  $\varepsilon_n$  BE S.T.  $p_n \in [\varepsilon_n, 1-\varepsilon_n]$  AND  $\varepsilon_n \rightarrow 0$

WRITING  $p = p_n$  THEN  $\mathbb{E} [|X-p|^3] = p(1-p) \underbrace{[(1-p)^2 + p^2]}_{< 1} < p(1-p)$

SO  $\frac{\mathbb{E} [|X-p|^3]}{(p(1-p))^{2/3}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_n(1-\varepsilon_n)}}$

AND THE BERRY-ESSEEN BOUND:

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{S_n - np_n}{\sqrt{n p_n (1-p_n)}} \leq x \right) - \mathbb{P}(Z \leq x) \right| \leq C \frac{1}{\sqrt{n \varepsilon_n (1-\varepsilon_n)}}$$

WHICH VANISHES AS LONG AS  $n \varepsilon_n (1 - \varepsilon_n) \rightarrow \infty$ .

IF  $\varepsilon_n = \frac{1}{n^\alpha}$  OR  $n^{-\alpha} \propto \varepsilon \in (0, 1)$



MULTIVARIATE CLT

CENTERED

CONSIDER A TRIANGULAR ARRAY OF RANDOM VECTORS IN  $\mathbb{R}^d$

$$Y_{n,1}, Y_{n,2}, \dots, Y_{n,r_n}$$

THAT ARE ASSUMED INDEPENDENT AND S.T.

$$\sum_{k=1}^{r_n} \mathbb{E} \left[ \|Y_{n,k}\|^2 \mathbb{1}_{\{\|Y_{n,k}\| > \varepsilon\}} \right] \rightarrow 0 \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0$$

AND

$$\sum_{k=1}^{r_n} \text{COV} [Y_{n,k}] \rightarrow \sum_{d \times d}$$

THEN

$$\sum_{k=1}^{r_n} Y_{n,k} \xrightarrow{D} N(0, \Sigma)$$

EXAMPLE: LINEAR REGRESSION WITH DETERMINISTIC COVARIATES

$$Y = X\beta + \varepsilon$$

$\downarrow$   $\searrow$   $\rightarrow$   
 $n \times 1$   $n \times d$   $d \times 1$   $n \times 1$   
 DETERMINISTIC MATRIX OF UNKNOWN REGRESSION COEFF. VECTOR CONSISTING OF iid  $(0, \sigma^2)$

WE OBSERVE  $(Y, X)$  AND ESTIMATE  $\beta$  WITH

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$$

ASSUME THAT  $X$  IS OF FULL RANK  $d$ .

$$\mathbb{E} [\hat{\beta}] = \underbrace{(X^T X)^{-1} X^T X}_{=I} \beta + \underbrace{\mathbb{E} [(X^T X)^{-1} X^T \varepsilon]}_{=0} = \beta$$

$$\text{ALSO } \text{COV}[\hat{\beta}] = \sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1} X^T X (X^T X)^{-1} = \sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1}$$

TO GET A CLT FOR  $\hat{\beta}$ :

$$(X^T X)^{-1/2} (\hat{\beta} - \beta) = \underbrace{(X^T X)^{-1/2} X^T}_{A_n} \varepsilon = A_n \varepsilon = \sum_{i=1}^n A_{n,i} \varepsilon_i$$

$\downarrow$   
 $A_{n,i}$ :  $i$ th column of  $A_n$

so LF condition is

$$\underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \|A_{n,i}\|^2 \mathbb{E} \left[ \varepsilon_i^2 \mathbb{1}_{\{\|A_{n,i}\| |\varepsilon_i| > \eta\}} \right]}_{(*)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{FOR EACH } \eta > 0$$

THIS IS SATISFIED IF

$$\max_i \|A_{n,i}\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{BECAUSE } (*) \text{ IS BOUNDED BY}$$

$$\max_i \mathbb{E} \left[ \varepsilon_i^2 \mathbb{1}_{\{\|A_{n,i}\| |\varepsilon_i| > \eta\}} \right]$$

$$\text{BECAUSE } \sum_{i=1}^n \|A_{n,i}\|^2 = \text{tr}(A_n A_n^T) = \text{tr}(I_d) = d$$

$$\text{FOR EXAMPLE, IF } d = 2 \quad Y_n = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_n + \varepsilon_n$$

$$n=1, \dots, n \quad x_n \in \mathbb{R} \quad \rightarrow \text{DETERMINISTIC}$$

$$(X^T X)^{-1/2} X^T$$

THEN

$$A_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \bar{X}_n \\ \bar{X}_n & \bar{X}_n^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ x_1 & x_1 & \dots & x_n & x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

so LF condition holds if  $\bar{X}_n^2$  is bounded

$$\text{AND } \max_i |x_i| = o(\sqrt{n})$$

So by CLT, under conditions on  $A_n$ ,

$$(X^T X)^{1/2} (\hat{\beta} - \beta) \xrightarrow{D} N(0, \sigma^2 I_d)$$

IF  $\sigma^2 \frac{d \times n \quad n \times d}{n} (X^T X) \rightarrow \sum_{d \times d} \quad \text{AS } n \rightarrow \infty$

THEN, BY SLUTSKY'S THEOREM,

$$\sqrt{n} (\hat{\beta} - \beta) \xrightarrow{D} N(0, \underbrace{\Sigma}_{\sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1}})$$

REMARK: WE WANT TO SHOW JUST CONSISTENCY OF  $\hat{\beta}$ , THEN THE CALCULATIONS ARE SIMPLER. ASSUMING  $\sigma^2 \frac{X^T X}{n} \rightarrow \Sigma$

THEN

$$\hat{\beta} - \beta = \left( \frac{X^T X}{n} \right)^{-1} \frac{X^T \varepsilon}{n} \xrightarrow{P} 0$$

BECAUSE  $\frac{X^T \varepsilon}{n} \xrightarrow{P} 0$  AND SLUTSKY'S THEOREM

$$\downarrow$$

BECAUSE  $\text{COV} \left( \frac{X^T \varepsilon}{n} \right) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \underbrace{\frac{X^T X}{n}}_{\rightarrow \Sigma} \rightarrow 0$

BERRY-ESSEEN BOUNDS FOR THE MULTIVARIATE CLT

$$X_1, X_2, \dots \stackrel{iid}{\sim} (\mu, \Sigma)$$

LET  $\mathcal{A}$  BE A COLLECTION OF SUBSETS OF  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . A HIGH-DIM CLT

STATEMENT LOOK LIKE

$$\underbrace{e_n(\mathcal{A})}_{\text{error}} = \sup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \left| P_n(\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \in A) - P_n(Z \in A) \right| \leq \text{SOME BOUND!} \quad \xrightarrow{D} N(0, \Sigma)$$

WHEN  $d=1$  THEN WE TOOK  $\mathcal{A} = \{(-\infty, x], x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

PUNCHLINE: WHEN  $d > 1$  THE BOUND WE OBTAIN DEPENDS ON  $\mathcal{A}$  !!

BENTkus (2003)  $\mu=0$   $\Sigma = I_d$   $\mathcal{A}$  "WELL BEHAVED"

$$p_n(A) \leq C(d, \mathcal{A}) \frac{\mathbb{E}[\|X\|^3]}{\sqrt{n}}$$

WHERE  $C(d, \mathcal{A})$  IS GAUSSIAN ISOPERIMETRIC CONSTANT FOR  $\mathcal{A}$

NOTICE  $\mathbb{E}[\|X\|^3] = \mathbb{E}[(\|X\|^2)^{3/2}]$

BY JENSEN  $\leftarrow \geq \left(\mathbb{E}[\|X\|^2]\right)^{3/2} = d^{3/2}$

WHAT ABOUT  $C(d, \mathcal{A})$ ? THIS CONSTANT IS SUCH THAT

$\xrightarrow{N(0, I_d)}$   
 $P_n(Z \in A^\varepsilon \setminus A) \leq C(d, \mathcal{A}) \varepsilon$

$P_n(Z \in A \setminus A^{-\varepsilon}) \leq C(d, \mathcal{A}) \varepsilon$

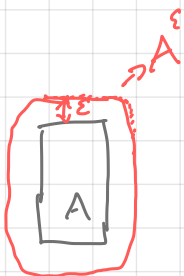
$\forall A \in \mathcal{A}$   
 $\forall \varepsilon > 0$

WHERE FOR ANY SET  $A$  AND  $\varepsilon > 0$

$A^\varepsilon = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : d(x, A) \leq \varepsilon\}$

$A^{-\varepsilon} = \{x \in A : B(x, \varepsilon) \subset A\}$

$\downarrow$   
 $y: \|x - y\| \leq \varepsilon$



IF  $\mathcal{A}$  IS THE CLASS OF EUCLIDEAN BALLS, THEN  $C(d, \mathcal{A}) = \text{CONSTANT!}$

$\mathcal{A}$  IS THE CLASS OF CONVEX SETS THEN  $C(d, \mathcal{A}) \propto d^{1/4}$

$\downarrow$   
 LEADS TO A BOUND ON  
 $p_n(A)$  OF ORDER  $\sqrt{\frac{d^7}{n}}$

IT TURNS OUT THAT IF  $\mathcal{A}$  IS THE CLASS OF HYPER-RECTANGLES

THEN ASSUMING BOUNDED RANDOM VECTORS YOU CAN GET A

BOUND OF ORDER  $\frac{\log^{\alpha} d \sqrt{\log n}}{\sqrt{n}}$  SOME  $\alpha > 0$

↓  
VANISHES EVEN IF  $d \gg n$ .

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## CONDITIONAL EXPECTATION

Def LET  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  BE A PROBABILITY SPACE AND  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$   
A SUB- $\sigma$ -FIELD. LET  $X$  BE A RV THAT IS  $\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{B}^1$   
MEAS. S.T.  $E|X| < \infty$ . LET  $E[X|\mathcal{C}]$  STANDS FOR  
ANY FUNCTION  $h: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  THAT IS  $\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{B}^1$  MEAS.

S.T.

$\rightarrow \int_{\mathcal{C}} h dP = \int_{\mathcal{C}} X dP \quad \text{FOR ALL } \mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{C}.$

WE CALL SUCH A FUNCTION  $h$  A VERSION OF THE CONDITIONAL  
EXPECTATION OF  $X$  GIVEN  $\mathcal{C}$ .