Problem Set #2

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Question 1

(a) To determine $Pr\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^* - \overline{X}_i^*)^2 = 0 | \{W_i\}\right)$, we need only find $Pr\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^* - \overline{X}_i^* = 0 | \{W_i\}\right)$. Since $X_i \in \{0,1\}$, $X_i^* \in \{0,1\}$, so:

$$Pr\left(X_i^* - \overline{X}_i^* = 0 | \{W_i\}\right) = Pr\left(X_i^* = X_j^* \forall i, j | \{W_i\}\right)$$

Where $Pr(X_i^* = X_i^*) \ge \frac{1}{2} \ \forall i, j$. Then,

$$Pr\left(X_i^* = X_j^* \forall i, j | \{W_i\}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

Where, for finite $n, 2^{-n} > 0$.

(b) If the conditions for the Lindeberg CLT are satisfied, then $\hat{\theta}_n^*$ converges to the same distribution as $\hat{\theta}_n$. Thus, we must show that

$$\sup_{n} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |X_i(s)|^{2+\delta} < \infty$$

For some $\delta > 0$. By the domain of X, this is necessarily satisfied.

(c) Since $\Phi^{-1}(\cdot)$ is a constant,

$$\frac{F_{\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n^* - \hat{\theta}_n)|\{W_i\}}^{-1}\left(0.75|\{W_i\}\right) - F_{\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n^* - \hat{\theta}_n)|\{W_i\}}^{-1}\left(0.25|\{W_i\}\right)}{\Phi^{-1}(0.75) - \Phi^{-1}(0.25)} \to_{p}$$

$$\frac{F_{\mathcal{N}(0,\sigma_u^2/\sigma_X^2)}^{-1}\left(0.75\right) - F_{\mathcal{N}(0,\sigma_u^2/\sigma_X^2)}^{-1}\left(0.25\right)}{\Phi^{-1}(0.75) - \Phi^{-1}(0.25)}$$

Thus,

$$v_n^{iqr} \to_{a.s.} \frac{\sigma_u}{\sigma_X} \left(\Phi^{-1}(0.75) - \Phi^{-1}(0.25) \right) = \sigma_u / \sigma_X$$

(d) First, we can solve for $Var(\hat{\theta}_n^{\dagger}|\{W_i\})$:

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}\left[\hat{\theta}_n^\dagger|\{W_i\}\right] &= \hat{\theta}_n + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X}_n) \hat{u}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X}_n)^2} \mathbb{E}\left[\varepsilon_i|\{W_i\}\right] \\ &= \hat{\theta}_n + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X}_n) \hat{u}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X}_n) \hat{u}_i} \\ \mathbb{E}\left[\hat{\theta}_n^\dagger|\{W_i\}\right]^2 &= \hat{\theta}_n^2 + 2\hat{\theta}_n \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X}_n) \hat{u}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X}_n)^2} + \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X}_n) \hat{u}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X}_n)^2}\right)^2 \\ &(\hat{\theta}_n^\dagger)^2 &= \hat{\theta}_n^2 + 2\hat{\theta}_n \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X}_n) \hat{u}_i \varepsilon_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X}_n) \hat{u}_i \varepsilon_i} + \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X}_n) \hat{u}_i \varepsilon_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X}_n)^2}\right)^2 \\ &Var(\hat{\theta}_n^\dagger|\{W_i\}) &= \mathbb{E}\left[(\hat{\theta}_n^\dagger)^2|\{W_i\}\right] - \mathbb{E}\left[\hat{\theta}_n^\dagger|\{W_i\}\right]^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X}_n) \hat{u}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X}_n) \hat{u}_i}\right)^2 \mathbb{E}\left[\varepsilon_i^2|\{W_i\}\right] \\ &= \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X}_n) \hat{u}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X}_n) \hat{u}_i}\right)^2 \end{split}$$

By the law of large numbers, this converges to its unconditional expectation. By assumption,

$$\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i}-\overline{X}_{n})\hat{u}_{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i}-\overline{X}_{n})^{2}}\right)^{2} \to_{a.s.} \frac{\mathbb{E}\left[(X-\mathbb{E}[X])^{2}\right]}{\mathbb{E}\left[(X-\mathbb{E}[X])^{2}\right]^{4}}\mathbb{E}\left[u^{2}\right] = \sigma_{u}^{2}/\sigma_{X}^{2}$$