

1. We begin with stating the theorem we are trying to prove. Let $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of independent random variables with $\mathbb{E}(X_k) = \mu_k$ and $\text{Var}(X_k) = \sigma_k^2 < \infty$. Define $s_n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_k^2$ and for some $\delta > 0$ define the following quantity

$$L_3(n) := \frac{1}{s_n^{2+\delta}} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[|X_i - \mu_i|^{2+\delta}]$$

The Lyapunov condition is satisfied if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_3(n) = 0$. We will call this condition L_3 . The Lyapunov CLT states that if L_3 holds then

$$\frac{1}{s_n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_i) \xrightarrow{D} N(0, 1)$$

Recall by the Lindeberg CLT, we showed that $L_2 \iff L_1 + CLT$. Therefore it suffices to show that $L_3 \implies L_2$. Consider the following

$$\begin{aligned} L_2(n) &= \frac{1}{s_n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[|X_i - \mu_i|^2 \mathbf{1}_{|X_i - \mu_i| > \epsilon s_n}] \\ &= \frac{1}{s_n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[|X_i - \mu_i|^{2+\delta} |X_i - \mu_i|^{-\delta} \mathbf{1}_{|X_i - \mu_i| > \epsilon s_n}] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{s_n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\epsilon s_n)^{-\delta} \mathbb{E}[|X_i - \mu_i|^{2+\delta} \mathbf{1}_{|X_i - \mu_i| > \epsilon s_n}] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\epsilon^\delta} \frac{1}{s_n^{2+\delta}} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[|X_i - \mu_i|^{2+\delta}] \\ &= \frac{1}{\epsilon^\delta} L_3(n) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_2(n) \leq \frac{1}{\epsilon^\delta} L_3(n)$$

Therefore, if $L_3(n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ then $L_2(n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ and by the Lindeberg CLT

$$\frac{1}{s_n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_i) \xrightarrow{D} N(0, 1)$$

2. Using Boole's inequality we can write the following

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P} \left[\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |X_k - \mu_k| \geq \epsilon s_n \right] &= \mathbb{P} \left[\bigcup_{k=1}^n \{|X_k - \mu_k| \geq \epsilon s_n\} \right] \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{P}[|X_k - \mu_k| \geq \epsilon s_n] = \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{1}_{|X_k - \mu_k| \geq \epsilon s_n}] \end{aligned}$$

Now, in this expectation we have

$$|X_k - \mu_k| > \epsilon s_n \implies (X_k - \mu_k)^2 > \epsilon^2 s_n^2 \implies \frac{|X_k - \mu_k|}{\epsilon^2 s_n^2} > 1$$

Using this fact we see that we can write

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{E} [\mathbf{1}_{|X_k - \mu_k| \geq \epsilon s_n}] \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{|X_k - \mu_k|}{\epsilon^2 s_n^2} \mathbf{1}_{|X_k - \mu_k| \geq \epsilon s_n} \right] = \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} L_2(n)$$

Hence,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P} \left[\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |X_k - \mu_k| \geq \epsilon s_n \right] \leq \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_2(n)$$

Therefore, under the Lindeberg conditions, $L_2(n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ and we see that

$$\mathbb{P} \left[\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |X_k - \mu_k| \geq \epsilon s_n \right] \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

This shows that no single variable's variance can dominate s_n under the Lindeberg conditions.

3. (a) Suppose $X \sim f$ where $f(x) = |x|^{-3} \mathbf{1}_{(\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)}(x)$. Using the second order Taylor approximation, and the fact that f is symmetric we can write the following

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t) &= \mathbb{E}[e^{itX}] = \mathbb{E}\left[1 + itX + \frac{(itX)^2}{2} + \mathcal{O}(t^2)\right] = 1 + \frac{(itX)^2}{2} + \mathcal{O}(t^2) \\ &= 1 - t^2 \left(\frac{\mathbb{E}(X^2)}{2} + \mathcal{O}(1) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now notice that

$$\mathbb{E}(X^2) = \int_{(\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)} \frac{x^2}{|x|^3} dx = 2 \int_1^\infty \frac{x^2}{x^3} dx = 2 \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_1^{1/t} \frac{1}{x} dx = 2 \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \log \left(\frac{1}{|t|} \right)$$

Using this representation we see

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t) &= 1 - t^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} * 2 \log \left(\frac{1}{|t|} \right) + \mathcal{O}(1) \right) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow 0 \\ &= 1 - t^2 \left(\log \frac{1}{|t|} + \mathcal{O}(1) \right) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) To show the result, we will show that $\phi_{S_n/\sqrt{n \log(n)}}(t) \rightarrow e^{-t^2/2}$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

First consider the following,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{S_n/\sqrt{n \log(n)}}(t) &= \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left\{ \frac{it}{\sqrt{n \log(n)}} \sum_{k=1}^n X_k \right\} \right] \stackrel{\text{ind.}}{=} \prod_{k=1}^n \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left\{ \frac{it}{\sqrt{n \log(n)}} X_k \right\} \right] \\ &= \prod_{k=1}^n \phi_{X_k} \left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n \log(n)}} \right) \stackrel{i.d.}{=} \left[\phi_{X_1} \left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n \log(n)}} \right) \right]^n \end{aligned}$$

Using the expression from part (a) above, we can continue to write

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{S_n/\sqrt{n \log(n)}}(t) &= \left[1 - \frac{t^2}{n \log(n)} \left(\log \frac{\sqrt{n \log(n)}}{|t|} + \mathcal{O}(1) \right) \right]^n \\ &= \left[1 - \frac{1}{n} \times \frac{t^2 \log(\sqrt{n \log(n)}/|t|)}{\log(n)} + \frac{\mathcal{O}(t^2)}{n \log(n)} \right]^n\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, in the limit we see that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi_{S_n/\sqrt{n \log(n)}}(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[1 - \frac{t^2}{n} \times \frac{\log(\sqrt{n \log(n)}/|t|)}{\log(n)} \right]^n$$

Now, recall that if $c_n \rightarrow c$ then $(1 + \frac{c_n}{n})^n \rightarrow e^c$. Therefore, it suffices to show that

$$\frac{\log(\sqrt{n \log(n)}/|t|)}{\log(n)} \rightarrow 1/2$$

Seeing that the numerator and denominator go to infinity as $n \rightarrow \infty$ we use L'Hopital's Rule to write

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(\sqrt{n \log(n)}/|t|)}{\log(n)} &\stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{|t|}{\sqrt{n \log(n)}} \frac{1}{2|t|} (n \log(n))^{-1/2} [\log(n) + 1]}{1/n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2 \log(n)} [\log(n) + 1] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2 \log(n)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we conclude $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi_{S_n/\sqrt{n \log(n)}}(t) = e^{-t^2/2}$ and as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n \log(n)}} \xrightarrow{D} N(0, 1)$$