Selected Topics of Mathematical Statistics: Quiz 17

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Quiz 17: Question

Proof of Theorem 37

For each $-\infty < x < \infty$,

$$\sqrt{n}\{F_n(x)-F(x)\}\stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\to}N[0,F(x)\{1-F(x)\}]$$

where $F_n(x)$ is the empirical distribution function of an *iid* sequence $\{X_i\}$ with cdf F.

 $oxed{oxed}$ Set $Yi:= \mathbf{I}(X_i \leqslant x)$, $i \in \mathbb{N}$. $\{Y_i\}$ is therefore also an iid sequence, since $\{Y_i\}$ is iid and indicate function is measurable, and

$$E[Y_i] = E[I(X_i \leqslant x)] = P(X_i \leqslant x) = F(x)$$

$$Var(Y_i) = E[\underbrace{(I(X_i \le x))^2}_{I(X_i \le x)}] - (E[I(X_i \le x)])^2$$
$$= F(x) - (F(x))^2 = F(x)(1 - F(x))$$

(i) If $F(x) \in (0,1)$, we can get from Theorem 31 that

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{Y}_n - F(x)) = \sqrt{n}(F_n(x) - F(x)) \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\to} N(0, F(x)(1 - F(x))$$

where

$$\bar{Y}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_i \leqslant x) = F_n(x)$$



(ii) If $F(x) = P(X_i \leqslant x) = 0$, so that $Y_i = I(X_i \leqslant x) = 0$ a.s. That means

$$F_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_i \leqslant x) = 0$$
 a.s.

So that

$$\sqrt{n}(F_n(x) - F(x)) \stackrel{a.s.}{\rightarrow} 0$$

and thus

$$\sqrt{n}(F_n(x)-F(x))\stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\to} 0$$



(iii) If $F(x) = P(X_i \leqslant x) = 1$, so that $Y_i = I(X_i \leqslant x) = 1$ a.s. That means

$$F_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathsf{I}(X_i \leqslant x) = \frac{n}{n} = 1$$
 a.s.

So that

$$\sqrt{n}(F_n(x) - F(x)) \stackrel{a.s.}{\rightarrow} 0$$

and thus

$$\sqrt{n}(F_n(x)-F(x))\stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\to} 0$$

