

Continuous Mapping Theorem {or asymptotic distribution of function of $Z_n \equiv \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)$ }

$$\boxed{\text{If } Z_n \xrightarrow{d} Z \implies h(Z_n) \xrightarrow{d} h(Z) \quad \text{if } h(\cdot) \text{ is continuous}}$$

(*) If we know the asymptotic distribution of Z_n then with CMT we find the asymptotic distribution of $h(Z_n)$

(*) A special case of CMT is the Slutsky's Theorem:

$$\boxed{\text{If } Z_n \xrightarrow{d} Z \implies \begin{aligned} Z_n + c_n &\xrightarrow{d} Z + c \\ c_n &\xrightarrow{p} c \\ Z_n \cdot c_n &\xrightarrow{d} Z \cdot c \\ Z_n / c_n &\xrightarrow{d} Z / c \end{aligned}}$$

Delta Method {or asymptotic distribution of function of \bar{X}_n }

We cannot use CMT to calculate directly the $h(\bar{X}_n) \xrightarrow{d}$ as we don't know $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{d}$!

What we know is only $Z_n \equiv \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma^2)$. Thus we can prove that:

$$\boxed{\text{For } Z_n \equiv \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \xrightarrow{d} Z \sim N(0, \sigma^2) \implies \sqrt{n}(h(\bar{X}_n) - h(\mu)) \xrightarrow{d} h'(\mu) \cdot Z \sim N(0, h'^2(\mu) \sigma^2) \quad \text{if } h(\cdot) \text{ is continuous}}}$$

where $h' \equiv \frac{dh}{d\mu}$

and thus we can say that $h(\bar{X}_n) \overset{a}{\sim} N(h(\mu), h'^2(\mu) \sigma^2 / n)$

$$(*) \left\{ \begin{aligned} &\text{CMT} \quad \forall \mu, \bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{p} \mu \implies \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma^2) \implies \sqrt{n}(h(\bar{X}_n) - h(\mu)) \xrightarrow{d} h'(\mu) \cdot Z \\ &\text{or } h(\bar{X}_n) - h(\mu) = h'(\bar{X}_n) \cdot \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \implies \sqrt{n}(h(\bar{X}_n) - h(\mu)) = h'(\bar{X}_n) \cdot \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \xrightarrow{d} h'(\mu) \cdot Z \end{aligned} \right\}$$

(*) To practically use the asymptotic distribution we need an estimation of the variance $h'^2(\mu) \sigma^2$

We choose the plug-in estimator $\hat{h}^2(\bar{X}_n) \cdot \hat{\sigma}^2 \equiv h'^2(\bar{X}_n) \cdot s^2$ which can be proven to be consistent {WLLN: $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{p} \mu$ AND CMT: $h(\bar{X}_n) \xrightarrow{p} h(\mu)$, Thus CMT: $h'(\bar{X}_n) \cdot s^2 \xrightarrow{p} h'(\mu) \cdot \sigma^2$ }

(*) Asymptotic distribution of t-statistic

$$t \equiv \frac{Z_n}{\sqrt{V_h}} = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}{\sqrt{V_h}} \xrightarrow{d} \frac{N(0, V_h)}{\sqrt{V_h}} \equiv N(0, 1)$$

(Slutsky) (Gaussian property)