

3. Prove Wald's Second Moment Identity: If X_1, X_2, \dots are i.i.d. random variables with $\mu = E[X_1]$ and $\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X_1) < \infty$ and N is a $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ -valued random variable independent of the $\{X_i\}$ with $E[N] < \infty$, then

$$E[(S_N - N\mu)^2] = \sigma^2 E[N].$$

(As stated, all assumptions needed are given, but you may also assume that all generating functions exist.)

$$\begin{aligned} E[(S_N - N\mu)^2] &= E[(\sum_{i=1}^N X_i - \sum_{i=1}^N \mu)^2] \\ &= E[(\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \mu))^2] \\ &= E[\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \mu)^2] + E[\sum_{i \neq j} (X_i - \mu)(X_j - \mu)] \\ &= E[\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \mu)^2] + \sum_{i \neq j} E[X_i - \mu] E[X_j - \mu] \\ &= E[N] E[(X_1 - \mu)^2] + 0 \\ &= \sigma^2 E[N] \end{aligned}$$

4. Let $\{S_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be a simple random walk with $S_0 = 0$, so that $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ where $\{X_i\}$ are i.i.d. with $P(X_1 = 1) = P(X_1 = -1) = 1/2$.

(a) For fixed n , compute the moment generating function $M_{S_n}(t)$ of S_n .

(b) Show that $n^{-1/2} S_n \Rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$$a) M_{S_n}(t) = E[e^{S_n t}] = E[e^{t \sum_{i=1}^n X_i}] = E[e^{t X_1}]^n = M_{X_1}(t)^n$$

$$M_{X_1}(t) = E[e^{t X_1}] = \frac{e^t + e^{-t}}{2}$$

$$M_{X_1}(t)^n = \left(\frac{e^t + e^{-t}}{2}\right)^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} b) K_{\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}}(t) &= \sqrt{n} \mu t + \frac{(\sigma^2 + \mu^2)t^2}{2} + O\left(\frac{t^3}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2} + O\left(\frac{t^3}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \quad \text{since } \mu = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} K_{\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}}(t) = \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2} \Rightarrow M_{\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}}(t) = e^{\frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V[n^{-1/2}S_n] &= \frac{1}{n} V[S_n] = \frac{1}{n} V[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i] \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n V[X_i] \\
 &= V[X_1] \\
 &= E[X_1^2] - E[X_1]^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}(1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(-1)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(1) - \frac{1}{2}(-1) = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore n^{-1/2}S_n \Rightarrow N[0, 1] \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$