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Chapter 3.7.1

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Bootstrap

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- 2. Define bootstrap empirical measure/process

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Spoiler: We will show that the bootstrap is valid for Donsker classes.

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• Problem: $(M_{n,1}, \ldots, M_{n,n}) \sim \text{Multinomial}(n, n^{-1}, \ldots, n^{-1})$ $\Rightarrow \xi_i = (M_{n,i} - 1)$ are dependent.

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- 4. Make everything super general (and technical).

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• Instead of n, take $N_n \sim \text{Poisson}(n)$ replicates. Chapter 3.6.2:

$$M_{N_n,1} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_n} \mathbb{1}\{\hat{X}_i = X_1\}, \dots, M_{N_n,n} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_n} \mathbb{1}\{\hat{X}_i = X_n\}$$

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Clarification

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• Mathematically the convergence statement means

$$\sup_{h\in BL_1} \bigl| \mathrm{E}_\xi h(\tilde{\mathbb{G}}_n) - \mathrm{E} h(\mathbb{G}) \bigr| \to 0.$$

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- (i) ⇔ (ii) follows from Theorems 2.9.6 and 2.9.7.
- For (i) + (ii) \Rightarrow (iii), we must show that

$$P\Big(\|\hat{\mathbb{Y}}_n - \hat{\mathbb{G}}_n\|_{\mathcal{F}} > \epsilon \mid X_1, \dots X_n\Big) \to 0$$
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We will do this by constructing a coupling of the two processes.

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It follows that (i)+(ii) and (iii) are equivalent (in both theorems) provided $\mathcal F$ is Glivenko-Cantelli. If (i)+(ii) holds, then $\mathcal F$ is Donsker and certainly Glivenko-Cantelli. Thus, the proof of the theorem in the most interesting direction is complete.

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Lemma 3.7.6

For fixed elements x_1, \ldots, X_n of a set \mathcal{X} , let

$$\hat{X}_1,\ldots,\hat{X}_k\stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathbb{P}_n=n^{-1}\sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{x_i}$$

and

$$N_1, N'_1, \ldots, N_n, N'_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(0.5k/n).$$

Then for every class ${\mathcal F}$

$$\mathbb{E}_{\hat{X}} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{\kappa} (\delta_{\hat{X}_j} - \mathbb{P}_n) \right\|_{\mathcal{F}} \leq 4 \mathbb{E}_{N,N'} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{n} (N_i - N_i') \delta_{\hat{x}_i} \right\|_{\mathcal{F}}.$$

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$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} \epsilon_{j} \delta_{\hat{X}_{j}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (N - N'_{i}) \delta_{x_{i}}.$$

Lemma 3.7.7

For arbitrary stochastic processes Z_1, \ldots, Z_n , every exchangeable random vector (ξ_1, \ldots, ξ_n) independent of Z_1, \ldots, Z_n and any $1 \le n_0 \le n$,

where (R_1, \ldots, R_n) is uniformly distributed on the set of all permutations of $\{1, \ldots, n\}$ and independent of Z_1, \ldots, Z_n .

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- Continue as in Lemma 2.9.1.

Theorem 3.7.3 (w/o measurability)

If \mathcal{F} is Donsker, then for every $k_n \to \infty$,

$$\sup_{h\in\mathcal{B}L_1}\left|\mathrm{E}_Mh(\hat{\mathbb{G}}_{n,k_n})-\mathrm{E}h(\mathbb{G})\right|\overset{\mathrm{P}}{\to}0.$$

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• We bound the two terms separately.

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- First term: $T_1 = (n_0 1) \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathrm{E}_{\varepsilon} \| \varepsilon_i \delta_{X_i} \|_{\mathcal{F}_{\delta}}^* \mathrm{E} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \frac{|\tilde{N}_i|}{\sqrt{k}}$
- Problem 3.7.4: $\mathbb{E} \max_{1 \le i \le n} |\tilde{N}_i| / \sqrt{k} = O((n \land k)^{-1/4}).$
- Hence, $T_1 = o(1) \times \mathbb{P}_n F \stackrel{a.s.}{\rightarrow} 0$.

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$$\bullet \text{ Second term: } \mathcal{T}_2 = \sqrt{\frac{n}{k}} \|\tilde{\mathcal{N}}_1\|_{2,1} \max_{n_0 \leq k \leq n} \mathbf{E}_{\varepsilon,R} \left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{j}} \sum_{i=n_0}^j \varepsilon_i \delta_{X_{R_i}} \right\|_{\mathcal{F}_\delta}^*$$

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• Hence,

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- Define $U_j = \mathrm{E}_{\varepsilon} \left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{j}} \sum_{i=1}^J \varepsilon_i \delta_{X_i} \right\|_{\mathcal{F}_{\delta}}^*$
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where S_n is σ -field generated by functions symmetric in first n coordinates.

• By the Hewitt-Savage zero-one law $S_n \setminus S$ where the latter consists of sets of probability 0 or 1 only.

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and $E(\max_{n_0 < i} U_i) \to 0$ by dominated convergence.