1 Basic convergence concepts and preliminary theorems

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1.1 Modes of convergence of a sequence of random variables

Definition 1.1.1 (convergence in probability).

Example 1.1.1. Bernoulli trials, derive expectations and variance, using chebyshev to derive \xrightarrow{p}

$$\boldsymbol{X}_n \xrightarrow{p} \boldsymbol{X} if \|\boldsymbol{X}_n - \boldsymbol{X}\| \xrightarrow{p} 0$$

$$X_n \xrightarrow{p} X \iff component - wise convergence$$

$$X_n = E(X_n) + O_p(\sqrt{\operatorname{Var}(X_n)})$$

Definition 1.1.2 (bounded in probability). for any ϵ , there exists a k, $s.t.\sqrt{P(|X_n| > k)} \le \epsilon$ $X_n = O_p(1)$

Definition 1.1.3 (convergence with probability one).

characterization: $\lim_{n\to\infty} P(|X_m - X| < \epsilon, \forall m \ge n) = 1, every \epsilon$

Example 1.1.2. iid $U(0,1), X_{(n)} = \max X_1, \dots, X_n, \text{ see } X_{(n)} \xrightarrow{wp1} 1.$

Definition 1.1.4 (convergence in rth mean). $\lim_{n\to\infty} E|X_n-X|^r=0$

The bigger the r is, the stronger the convergence is. (By Jensen: $EY^{\frac{r}{s}} \geq (EY)^{\frac{r}{s}}$, where $Y = |X_n - X|^s$)

Definition 1.1.5 (convergence in distribution(in law)). $\lim_{n\to\infty} F_{X_n}(t) = F_X(t)$, at every continuity point of F_X

Example 1.1.3. $X_n \sim Uniform(\frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{n-1}{n}, 1)$, then for any $t \in [\frac{i}{n}, \frac{i+1}{n})$, $F_{X_n} = \frac{i}{n}$, $F_X(t) = t$, so we have $\stackrel{d}{\rightarrow}$

Example 1.1.4. $X_n \sim N(0, 1 + n^{-1}), \lim_n F_{X_n}(x) = \phi(x)$

joint convergence in law versus(stronger than)marginal convergence

Example 1.1.5. $X \sim U(0,1)$, so $1-X \sim U(0,1)$, let $Y_n = X$ for n odd and $Y_n = 1-X$ for n even.

Suppose X_n, X are integer-valued r.v., we have: $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \iff P(X_n = k) \to P(X = k)$

1.2 Fundamental results and theorems on convergence

1.2.1 Relationship

Theorem 1.2.1. the four relationship between the four convergence and the proof respectively.

Example 1.2.1. $X_i's \overset{i.i.d}{\sim} N(0,1)$, by the above and Markov ineq. we have: $X_n \xrightarrow{wp1} 0$

1.2.2 Transformations

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Theorem 1.2.2 (Continuous Mapping Theorem). Note that we need the joint convergence especially when convergence in law!

Example 1.2.2. (i) (ii) If $(X_n, Y_n) \xrightarrow{d} N_2(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_2)$, then $\max\{X_n, Y_n\} \xrightarrow{d} \max\{X, Y\}$, which has the $CDF \ [\phi(x)]^2$

Corollary 1.2.1. linear and quadratic forms of CMT. If we have joint convergence, then $AX_n \to AX$, so as the quadratic form. Proof can be conduct using the fact that they are all functions of X_n

Example 1.2.3. (i)(ii) When we have marginal convergence of wp1 or probability, we have the corresponding convergence of their sum and products. The anagolous statement is wrong in terms of $\stackrel{d}{\rightarrow}$, for the joint convergence is needed.

Example 1.2.4. (i)For non-degenerate distribution, the function can be non-continous at countable points. $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \sim N(0,1)$, then $\frac{1}{X_n} \xrightarrow{d} Z = \frac{1}{X}$

(ii)if $(X_n, Y_n) \xrightarrow{d} N_2(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_2)$, then $\frac{X_n}{Y_n} \xrightarrow{d}$ standard Cauchy. The ratio of two independent standard normal rv. and request the joint convergence.

Example 1.2.5.
$$\overline{X}_n \xrightarrow{p} \theta \Rightarrow \overline{X}_n^{1/2} \xrightarrow{p} \theta^{1/2}$$

Theorem 1.2.3 (Slutsky's Theorem). Marginal convergence is needed for convergence in law in the case of: $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X, Y_n \xrightarrow{p} c$, then we have the corresponding convergence of their sum and products and ratio. Think of the proof.

 $Y_n = X_n + o_p(1)$, then we can investigate Y_n by investigating X_n . It suffixes to show that $Y_n - X_n = o_p(1)$

Example 1.2.6. $X_n \xrightarrow{p} c \iff X_n \xrightarrow{d} c$, can be proved by definition of \xrightarrow{p} and the degenerate distribution of c.

Example 1.2.7. Gamma distribution, omited

Example 1.2.8. the asymptotic distribution of t-statistic can be derived by CLT, WLLN and Slutsky.

1.2.3 WLLN and SLLN

Theorem 1.2.4. $X_i's \stackrel{iid}{\sim} F$

(i) WLLN:
$$\lim_{x\to\infty} x[1 - F(x) + F(-x)] = 0$$

(ii) $SLLN: E[X_1]$ is finite.

Example 1.2.9. $X_i's \sim t(2)$, can use WLLN above.

Theorem 1.2.5. X_1, X_2, \ldots with finite expectations.

(i) WLLN: uncorrelated and $\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{1}{n^2}\sum_{i=1}^n\sigma_i^2=0$

(ii)SLLN: independent and $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sigma_i^2}{c_i^2} < \infty$, (special: $c_{=i}$), where c_n ultimately monotone and $c_n \to \infty$ ∞ , then:

$$c_n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_i) \xrightarrow{wp1} 0.$$

(iii)SLLN with common mean: $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sigma_i^{-2} = \infty$

Example 1.2.10. Consider the BLUE of the $X_i \stackrel{indep}{\sim} (\mu, \sigma_i^2)$, fitted (iii) above.

Example 1.2.11. When $(X_i's, Y_i's)$ are iid bivariate samples, then we have: $X_iY_i's$ are iid and are fit for SLLN. We can derive the asymptotic distribution of r_n by this, SLLN and CMT.

Characterization of convergence in law

Theorem 1.2.6. (i)(The Portmanteau) $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \iff E[g(X_n)] \to E[g(X)]$

(ii)(Levy-Cramer continuity)Let ϕ denote the CHF, then $X_n \stackrel{d}{\to} X \iff \lim_{n \to \infty} \phi_{X_n}(t) =$ $\phi_X(t), \forall t$

 $(iii)(Cramer-Wold\ device)X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \iff c'X_n \xrightarrow{d} c'X, \forall c$

(iii) can be proved by (ii). (iii) is often used when calculating the joint distribution

We can get: $X_N \xrightarrow{d} X, Y_n \xrightarrow{d} c \Rightarrow (X_n, Y_n) \xrightarrow{d} (X, c)$ using Slutsky and (iii) above.

Example 1.2.12. Example 1.1.3 revisted. Let $g(x) = x^{10}$ and use (i) above.

Example 1.2.13. Bernstein polynomials, using WLLN and (i) above.

Note the the r.v. of Bin(n,p) can be seen as sum of iid, so we can use LLN or CLT!

Example 1.2.14. (Proof of LLN and CLT)

$$X_i's \ iid \ and \ T_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_n$$
. So we have: $\left[\frac{\partial \phi_X(t)}{\partial t}\right]\Big|_{t=0} = \sqrt{-1}EX, \left[\frac{\partial^2 \phi_X(t)}{\partial t^2}\right]\Big|_{t=0} = -EX^2,$

(i) We use first-order Taylor, then:

$$\phi_{\frac{T_n}{n}}(t) = [\phi_{X_1}(\frac{t}{n})]^n = [1 + \frac{\sqrt{-1}\mu t}{n} + o(|t|n^{-1})]^n \to exp\{\sqrt{-1}\mu t\} = \phi_{\mu}(t)$$

(ii) We use first-order Taylor and suppose $\mu = 0$ then:

$$\phi_{\frac{T_n}{\sqrt{n}}}(t) = [\phi_{X_1}(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}})]^n = [1 - \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2n} + o(t^2 n^{-1})]^n \to exp\{-\sigma^2 t^2/2\} = \phi_{N(0,\sigma^2)}(t)$$

(iii)

Theorem 1.2.7.
$$(i)(Prohorov's)X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \Rightarrow X_n = O_p(1)$$

$$(ii)(Polya's)"F_{X_n} \Rightarrow F_X + continuity \ of \ F_X" \Rightarrow \sup_x |F_{X_n} - F_X| \to 0$$

Proof of (ii) used cutting of the interval, which can turn a uncountable set into a countable object set. We divide the value range of F_x i.e. [0,1] into k pieces, with the monotonicity of F and the convergence of F_{X_n} at every point in the domain, then let $k \to \infty$

Theorem 1.2.8. (Scheffe) $\lim_n f_n(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}), \forall \mathbf{x}, + f \text{ and } f_n \text{ is density}, \Rightarrow \lim_n \int |f_n(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x})| d\mathbf{x} = 0$

The sketch of the proof: the integration equals and we let $g_n(\mathbf{x}) = [f - f_n]I_{f \ge f_n}$ and use dominated convergence theorem.

Theorem 1.2.9 (Frechet and Shohat). Note the Carleman condition at P19

1.2.5 Results on o_p and O_p

$$R_n o_p(1) = o_p(R_n), R_n O_p(1) = O_p(R_n).$$

Lemma 1.2.1. The key of the proof is $f(t) = \frac{g(t)}{\|t\|^r}$

1.3 The central limit theorem

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Definition 1.3.1. $\xrightarrow{X_n-\mu_n} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1)$, written by X_n is $AN(\mu_n, \sigma_n)$

1.3.1 The CLT for the iid case

Theorem 1.3.1 (Lindeberg-Levy). *iid*, *finite variance*.

Example 1.3.1 (Confidence intervals). namely Wald intervals, when σ is known

Example 1.3.2 (Sample variance). iid and finite fourth moments. We can derive the AS distribution by using: $Y_n = X_n + o_p(1)$. We want the AS distribution of X_n to be known.

$$\sqrt{n}(S_n^2 - \sigma^2) = \sqrt{n}(\frac{1}{n-1}\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 - \sigma^2) - \sqrt{n}\frac{n}{n-1}(\overline{X}_n - \mu)^2.$$

iid sum, so we can use CLT above.

$$\sqrt{n}(S_n^2 - \sigma^2) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \mu_4 - \sigma^4)$$

where $\mu_4 - \sigma^4 = \text{Var}[(X_1 - \mu)^2]$

Example 1.3.3 (Level of the Chi-square test). For we can take χ_n^2 as sum of iid, we can use CLT to derive the AS distribution of it. So simply we have: $\frac{\chi_{n-1}^2 - (n-1)}{\sqrt{2(n-1)}} \stackrel{d}{\to} N(0,1)$

Moreover, we have: $\sqrt{n}(\frac{S_n^2}{\sigma^2} - 1) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \kappa + 2)$, where $\kappa = \frac{\mu_4}{\sigma^2} - 3$ is the kurtosis. Simply we derive, $P_{H_0}(\frac{nS_n^2}{\sigma^2} > \chi_{n-1,\alpha}^2) \to 1 - \phi(\frac{z_\alpha\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{k+2}})$

Theorem 1.3.2 (Multivariate CLT for iid case). Proved by univariate CLT and Cramer-Wold device.

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Example 1.3.4. We want to find the joint distribution of (\overline{X}_n, Z_n) . Then $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{Var}(X_1) & \operatorname{Cov}(X_1, I\{X_1 = 0\}) \\ * & \operatorname{Var}(I\{X_1 = 0\}) \end{pmatrix}$ Finally we have:

$$\sqrt{n}(\overline{X}_n, Z_n) - (E\overline{X}_n, EZ_n) \xrightarrow{d} N_2(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma)$$

Definition 1.3.2. Slowly varying at ∞ , if $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{g(tx)}{g(x)} = 1, \forall t > 0$

Examples: $\log x$, $\frac{x}{1+x}$

Theorem 1.3.3 (CLT when variance do not exist). iid, $v(x) = \int_{-x}^{x} y^2 dF(y)$ is slowly varying at ∞ **Example 1.3.5.** $X_1, \ldots \stackrel{iid}{\sim} t(2)$

1.3.2 The CLT for the independent not necessarily iid case

Theorem 1.3.4 (Lindeberg-Feller). independent and finite variance, and the L-F condition:

$$\frac{1}{s_n^2} \sum_{j=1}^n \int_{|x-\mu_j| > \epsilon s_n} (x - \mu_j)^2 dF_j(x) \to 0$$

i.e.

$$\frac{1}{s_n^2} \sum_{j=1}^n E[(X_j - \mu_j)^2 I_{|X_j - \mu_j| > \epsilon s_n}]$$

where: $s_n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2$

Example 1.3.6. X_1, \ldots are independent, and $X_j \sim U(-j, j)$

Theorem 1.3.5 (Liapounov). independent, finite variance, Liapounov condition:

$$\frac{1}{s_n^{2+\delta}} \sum_{j=1}^{n} E|X_j - \mu_j|^{2+\delta}$$

Usually choose $\delta = 1$ or 2. If X_n is uniformly bounded and $s_n \to \infty$, then choose $\delta = 1$ and finish.

Example 1.3.7. independent, $X_i \sim BIN(p_i, 1)$. The condition above hold with $\delta = 1$ if $s_n \to \infty$

Theorem 1.3.6 (Hajek-Sidak). iid, finite variance, condition:

$$\max_{1 \le i \le n} \frac{c_{ni}^2}{\sum_{j=1}^n c_{nj}^2} \to 0$$

Then,

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_{ni}(X_i - \mu)}{\sigma \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{n} c_{nj}^2}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$$

Example 1.3.8 (Simplest linear regression). Essential! Calculate $\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1$ and use the theorem above.

Theorem 1.3.7 (Lindeberg-Feller multivariate). See

Example 1.3.9 (multivariate regression). Note that $a_{ni} \sim n^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

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1.3.3 CLT for a random number of summands

Theorem 1.3.8 (Anscombe-Renyi).

Example 1.3.10. Coupon

1.3.4 CLT for dependent sequences

Example 1.3.11. stationary Gaussian sequence, common mean and variance, long-run variance exists. $\operatorname{Var}(\sqrt{n}(\overline{X}_n - \mu)) = \sigma + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \neq j} \operatorname{Cov}(X_i X_j) = \sigma^2 + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (n-i)\gamma_i$

Definition 1.3.3 (m-dependent). for a given fixed m if (X_1, \ldots, X_i) and X_j, X_{j+1}, \ldots are independent whenever j - i > m

Theorem 1.3.9 (m-dependent sequence). X_i 's is m-dependent with common mean and variance, then

$$\sqrt{n}(\overline{X}_n - \mu) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \tau^2)$$

where $\tau^2 = \sigma^2 + 2\sum_{i=2}^{m+1} Cov(X_i, X_j)$

See Homework for a proof.

Example 1.3.12. Suppose Z_i are iid with a finite variance σ^2 , let $X_i = (Z_i + Z_{i+1})/2$, we can write: $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i = \sum_{i=2}^n Z_i + \frac{Z_1 + Z_{n+1}}{2}$, that's the $Y_n = X_n + o_p(1)$

Example 1.3.13. None

Theorem 1.3.10. sample without replacement

Example 1.3.14. None

1.3.5 Accuracy of CLT

Theorem 1.3.11 (Berry-Esseen). (i) The speed of convergence of CLT is $n^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ (ii) omited

1.3.6 Edgeworth expansions

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2 Transformations of given statistics: The delta method

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2.1 Basic result

Theorem 2.1.1 (Delta Theorem). The core of this is: If

 $\sqrt{n}(T_n - \theta) = O_p(1)$ and g be once differentiable at θ with $g'(\theta) \neq 0$ then we have:

$$\sqrt{n}[g(T_n) - g(\theta)] = \sqrt{n}(T_n - \theta)g'(\theta) + o_p(1)$$

This can be proved by Taylor expansion w.r.t. $g(T_n)$ at θ .

Special case is when $\sqrt{n}(T_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma^2(\theta))$

We can use Delta theorem with Slutsky, for $T_n \xrightarrow{p} \theta$.

Even more generally, we can replace all the \sqrt{n} with any a_n which is a sequence of positive numbers with $a_n \to \infty$

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Example 2.1.1. For the iid CLT case with $g(x) = x_2$, we should discuss whether $\mu = 0$, for Delta Theorem requests $g'(\mu) \neq 0$.

When $\mu=0$, we can get the AS distribution by CMT. $(\sqrt{n}\overline{X}_n/\sigma \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1) \Rightarrow n\overline{X}_n^2/\sigma^2 \sim \chi_1^2)$

Example 2.1.2. Note that r.v. of Bin(n,p) can be seen as sum of iid., then we can use CLT.

Example 2.1.3. Suppose T_n is the normal case with g(x) = |x|. We need to discuss whether $\theta = 0$ as well, for Delta Theorem requests g be once differentiable at θ .

When $\theta = 0$, we can determine the limit behaviour of $|T_n|$ directly.

$$P(\sqrt{n}|T_n| < a) = P(-a < \sqrt{n}T_n < a)$$

 $\to \phi(\frac{a}{\sigma}) - \phi(-\frac{a}{\sigma})$

2.2 Higher-order expansions

Using Taylor expansion, we can easily show that:

Theorem 2.2.1. $\sqrt{n}(T_n - \theta) = O_p(1)$ and g is differentiable k at θ with $g^{(k)}(\theta) \neq 0$ but $g^{(j)}(\theta) = 0$ for j < k Then:

$$g(T_n) = g(\theta) + \frac{(T_n - \theta)^k}{k!} g^{(k)}(\theta) + o_p((T_n - \theta)^k)$$
$$(\sqrt{n})^k [g(T_n) - g(\theta)] = \frac{1}{k!} [g^{(k)}(\theta)] [\sqrt{n}(T_n - \theta)]^k + o_p(1)$$

Example 2.2.1. (i)Example 2.1.1 revisited, for $\mu = 0, n\overline{X}_n^2/\sigma^2 \xrightarrow{d} \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot [N(0,1)]^2$ (ii)If $\sqrt{n}\overline{X}_n \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1)$, then $-2n(\cos \overline{X}_n - 1) \xrightarrow{d} \chi_1^2$

2.3 Multivariate version of delta theorem

Theorem 2.3.1. $\sqrt{n}(\boldsymbol{T}_n - \boldsymbol{\theta}) \xrightarrow{d} N_k(\boldsymbol{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\boldsymbol{\theta}))$ and g be once differentiable at $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ with $\nabla g(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ Then:

$$\sqrt{n}(g(\boldsymbol{T}_n) - g(\boldsymbol{\theta})) \xrightarrow{d} N_m(\boldsymbol{0}, \nabla^T g(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \nabla g(\boldsymbol{\theta}))$$

It can be shown by Cramer-Wold device, which can derive multivariate distribution by turning it into univariate distribution.

Or just make the first-order Taylor expansion:

$$g(\mathbf{T}_n) = g(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \nabla^T g(\boldsymbol{\theta})(\mathbf{T}_n - \boldsymbol{\theta}) + o_p(\|\mathbf{T}_n - \boldsymbol{\theta}\|).$$

with Corollary 1.2.1 and we can simply obtain the AS distribution.

Example 2.3.1 (Sample variance revisited(Example 1.3.2)). iid with finite fourth moments. Taking:

$$\boldsymbol{T}_n = (\overline{X}_n, \overline{X_n^2}), \boldsymbol{\theta} = (EX_1, EX_1^2)^T, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{Var}(X_1) & \operatorname{Cov}(X_1, X_1^2) \\ * & \operatorname{Var}(X_1^2) \end{pmatrix}$$

Then we can use multivariate CLT. Taking $g(u, v) = v - u^2$, we may as well assume $\mu = 0$ (or equivalently working with $X_i - \mu$) for the sample variance does not depend on location.

Finally we can see that: $\sqrt{n}(S_n^2 - \sigma^2) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \mu_4 - \sigma^4)$. After another univariate Delta theorem, we can derive the AS distribution of S_n

Example 2.3.2 (The joint limit distribution). (i)By using multivariate Delta theorem like the example above, we can get:

$$\sqrt{n} \begin{pmatrix} \overline{X}_n - \mu \\ S_n^2 - \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{d} N_x \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & \mu_3 \\ \mu_3 & \mu_4 - \sigma^4 \end{pmatrix}$$

When $\mu_3 = 0$ (normal distribution for example), we say they are AS independent.

(ii) After gaining the joint AS distribution of (\overline{X}_n, S_n^2) , we can use Multivariate delta th w.r.t. (\overline{X}_n, S_n^2) to obtain the AS distribution of $(S_n^2, \frac{\overline{X}_n}{S_n})$

2.4 Variance-stabilizing transformations(VST)

From the delta theorem, we have: If $\sqrt{n}(T_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma^2(\theta))$, then:

$$\sqrt{n}(g(T_n) - g(\theta)) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, [g'(\theta)]^2 \sigma^2(\theta))$$

If we want the variance in the asymptotic distribution of $g(T_n)$ to be constant, we set:

$$[g'(\theta)]^2\sigma^2(\theta)=k^2$$

for some constant k. Therefore, we choose the function g as:

$$g(\theta) = k \int \frac{1}{\sigma(\theta)} d\theta$$

Example 2.4.1. iid from Poisson, choose $g(\theta) = \int \frac{k}{\sqrt{\theta}} d\theta = 2k\sqrt{\theta} = \sqrt{\theta}$

Then we can calculate the Wald confidence interval for θ

Example 2.4.2 (Sample correlation revisited). By taking: $T_n = (\overline{X}_n, \overline{Y}_n, \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2, \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i^2, \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Y_i)$ we can derive the AS distribution of the sample correlation r_n by multivariate delta theorem. If (X_i, Y_i) are iid bivariate Gaussian, then:

$$\sqrt{n}(r_n - \rho) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, (1 - \rho^2)^2)$$

Now we can use VST to calculate the confidence interval of ρ .

$$g(\rho) = \int \frac{1}{1 - \rho^2} d\rho = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1 + \rho}{1 - \rho} = \operatorname{arctanh}(\rho)$$

which is known as Fisher's z.

2.5 Approximation of moments

The core of this section is Taylor expansion as well.

Theorem 2.5.1. $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ for some $X + \sup_n E|X_n|^{k+\delta} < \infty$ for some $\delta > 0 \Rightarrow E(X_n^r) \to E(X^r), \forall 1 \le r \le k$

Theorem 2.5.2 (von Bahr). iid and finite variance, and for some k, $E|X_1|^k < \infty$. Suppose $Z \sim N(0,1)$, then:

$$E(\frac{\sqrt{n}(\overline{X}_n - \mu)}{\sigma})^r = E(Z^r) + O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}), \forall r \leq k$$

Proposition 2.5.1. iid, finite fourth moment, g has four uniformly bounded derivatives.

$$(i)E(g(\overline{X}_n)) = g(\mu) + \frac{g''(\mu)\sigma^2}{2n} + O(n^{-2})$$

$$(ii)\operatorname{Var}(g(\overline{X}_n)) = \frac{(g'(\mu))^2 \sigma^2}{n} + O(n^{-2})$$

we can simply prove them by Taylor expansion w.r.t. $g(\overline{X}_n)$ at μ

Example 2.5.1 (去年考了). iid, $Poisson(\mu)$ and wish to estimate $P(X_1 = 0) = e^{-\mu}$.

See the MLE $e^{-\overline{X}_n}$, we estimate its MSE, so we should estimate its expectation and variance using the proposition above. We have: $\operatorname{Bias}(e^{-\overline{X}_n}) = \frac{\mu e^{-\mu}}{2n} + O(n^{-2})$. So $\operatorname{MSE}(e^{-\overline{X}_n}) = \frac{\mu e^{-2\mu}}{n} + O(n^{-2})$

See the sign statistic $T = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} I(X_i = 0)$, which is unbiased.

For:

$$I(X_i = 0)I(X_j = 0) \ge I^2(X_i = 0) = I(X_i = 0)(i \ne j)$$

Then:

$$MSE(T) = Var(T) = ET^2 \ge \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot n^2 \cdot E(I(X_1 = 0)) = P(X_1 = 0) = e^{-\mu}$$

Now we can compare these two statistics.

2.6 Multivariate-version Edgeworth expansion

3 The basic sample statistics

P55 empirical cumulative distribution function: ECDF

$$F_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n I_{\{X_i \le x\}}$$

3.1 The sample distribution

3.1.1 Basic properties

Proposition 3.1.1. Note that

$$nF_n(x) \sim BIN(F(x), n)$$

then we have: $AS \xrightarrow{wp1}, \xrightarrow{2nd}$ and AS distribution.

3.1.2 Kolmogorov-Smirnov distance

$$D_n = \sup_{-\infty < x < \infty} |F_n(x) - F(x)|.$$

can be denoted as $||F_n(x) - F(x)||_{\infty}$

Theorem 3.1.1 (DKW's inequality). F_n is the ECDF, then exists a positive constant C s.t.

$$P(D_n > z) \le Ce^{-2nz^2}, z > 0, \forall n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

Or:

$$P(\sqrt{n}D_n > z) \le Ce^{-2z^2}, z > 0, \forall n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

which clearly demonstrate that:

$$\sqrt{n}D_n = O_p(1)$$

Theorem 3.1.2 (Massart). If $nz^2 \ge \frac{\log 2}{2}$, then C can equal to 2.

Corollary 3.1.1. Let
$$h_{\epsilon} = e^{-2\epsilon^2}$$
, $P(\sup_{m \geq n} D_m > \epsilon) \leq \frac{C}{1 - h_{\epsilon}} h_{\epsilon}^n$
Using: $0 \leq \sum$

Theorem 3.1.3 (Glivenko-Cantelli).

$$D_n \xrightarrow{wp1} 0$$

Theorem 3.1.4 (Kolmogorov). Let F be continuous, then:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} P(\sqrt{n}D_n \le z) = 1 - 2\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{j+1} e^{-2j^2 z^2}, z > 0$$

This is the null AS distribution of K-S statistics! No need to remember.

Proposition 3.1.2. Let F be continuous, then $\sqrt{n}D_n$ is distribution-free w.r.t. F.

proof: choose $x_i's$ s.t. $F(x_i) = \frac{i}{n}, i = 1, \ldots, n$. Then $\sup_{x \in (x_{i-1}, x_i)} |F_n(x) - F(x)| = \max\{\frac{i}{n} - F(x), F(x) - \frac{i-1}{n}\}$, so we have: $\sqrt{n}d_n \stackrel{\mathrm{d}}{=} \sqrt{n} \max_{0 \le i \le n} \max(\frac{i}{n} - U_{(i)}, U_{(i)} - \frac{i-1}{n})$, where $U_{(1)} \le \ldots \le U_{(n)}$ are order statistics of an indep sample from U(0,1)

A consequence: given $\alpha \in (0,1)$, there is a well-defined $d = d_{\alpha,n}$ such that, for any continuous CDF F, $P_F(\sqrt{n}D_n > d) = \alpha$

Example 3.1.1 (Kolmogorov-Smirnov confidence intervals). We choose a $d = d_{\alpha,n}$ like above, then:

$$1 - \alpha = P_F(\sqrt{n}D_n \le d) = P_F(\sqrt{n}||F_n - F||_{\infty} \le d)$$
$$= P_F(|F_n - F| \le \frac{d}{\sqrt{n}}, \forall x)$$
$$= P_F(F_n(x) - \frac{d}{\sqrt{n}} \le F(x) \le F_n(x) + \frac{d}{\sqrt{n}}, \forall x)$$

3.1.3 Applications: Kolmogorov-Smirnov and other ECDF-based GOF(goodness-of-fit)tests

 D_n, C_n, A_n , for Sparse, Dense respectively.

Proposition 3.1.3. C_n, A_n are both distribution-free

Power to 1.

consider a CDF F_1 , so that there exists η such that $F_1(\eta) \neq F_0(\eta)$. Let $G_n^{-1}(1-\alpha)$ denote the $(1-\alpha)$ th quantile of the distribution of $\sqrt{n}D_n$ under F_0 and by Th 3.1.4 it is an O(1). Note that under F_1 , there is $\sqrt{n}(F_n(\eta) - F_1(\eta)) = O_p(1)$ We write the D_n by definition and plug in the $F_1(t)$, then goes to η . We have:

$$P_{F_1}(\sqrt{n}D_n > G_n^{-1}(1-\alpha)) \ge P_{F_1}(|\sqrt{n}(F_n(\eta) - F_1(\eta)) + \sqrt{n}(F_1(\eta) - F_0(\eta))| > G_n^{-1}(1-\alpha)) \to 1$$

Example 3.1.2 (The Berk-Jones procedure).

$$H_0: F = F_0$$

For any given x, we have: $nF_n(x) \sim \text{Bin}(n, F(x))$, if we write p for F(x) and p_0 for $F_0(x)$, that's to test $p = p_0$. The likelihood maximized at $F(x) = F_n(x)$. So the likelihood ratio statistic is:

$$\lambda_n(x) = \frac{F_n(x)^{nF_n(x)} (1 - F_n(x))^{n - nF_n(x)}}{F_0(x)^{nF_0(x)} (1 - F_0(x))^{n - nF_0(x)}}$$

So the Berk-Jones statistic is: $R_n = n^{-1} \sup_x \log \lambda_n(x)$

Example 3.1.3 (The two-sample case). anagolous to one-sample case, we have $D_{m,n}, A_{m,n}$

3.1.4 The Chi-square test

Suppose X_1, \ldots, X_n are iid from F, and $F = F_0$, F_0 being completely specified. Let S be the support of F_0 , and given k, A_{ki} , $i = 1, \ldots, k$ be a partition of S. Let $p_{0i} = P_{F_0}(A_{ki})$ and $n_i = \#\{j : x_j \in A_{ki}\}$, i.e. the observed frequency of the partition set A_{ki} . Therefore, under $H_0, E(n_i) = np_{0i}$, with which we compare n_i .

$$K^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{(n_{i} - np_{0i})^{2}}{np_{0i}}$$

Theorem 3.1.5 (The asymptotic null distribution). Under $H_0, K^2 \xrightarrow{d} \chi^2_{k-1}$

This proof is essential, on P62.

 $\boldsymbol{n} = (n_1, \dots, n_k)^T = \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{Z}_i$ is iid. So by multivariate CLT, there is $\frac{\boldsymbol{n} - n\boldsymbol{p}_0}{\sqrt{n}} \stackrel{d}{\to} N_k(\boldsymbol{0}, diag(\boldsymbol{p}_0) - \boldsymbol{p}_0\boldsymbol{p}_0^T)$

And $K^2 = \mathbf{Y} = diag^{-1}(\mu) \frac{\mathbf{n} - n\mathbf{p}_0}{\sqrt{n}}$, where $\mu = (\sqrt{p_{01}}, \dots, \sqrt{p_{0k}})^T$, and $\mathbf{Y} \stackrel{\text{d}}{=} N_k(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma})$, where $\Sigma = \mathbf{I}_k - \mu \mu^T$

The following is an important proof for $K^2 = \boldsymbol{Y}^T \boldsymbol{Y} \xrightarrow{d} \chi^2_{k-1}$.

For $\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{\Sigma}) = k - 1$, and $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ is symmetric and idempotent, there exists an orthogonal matrix \mathbf{P} s.t. $\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{P} = diag(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k)$, where there is only one 0 in $\lambda_i' s$, the others are all 1. Let $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X}$, we have $K^2 = \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i w_i$ with $w_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \chi_1^2$, namely $K^2 \stackrel{d}{\to} \chi_{k-1}^2$

Example 3.1.4 (The Hellinger statistic). For $\sqrt{n}(\boldsymbol{g}(\overline{\boldsymbol{Z}}_n) - \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{p}_0)) \stackrel{d}{=} \sqrt{n} \nabla \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{p}_0) (\overline{\boldsymbol{Z}}_n - \boldsymbol{p}_0)$, so that in Pearson's χ^2 , we may replace $\sqrt{n}(\overline{\boldsymbol{Z}}_n - \boldsymbol{p}_0)$ by $\sqrt{n} \nabla^{-1} \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{p}_0) (\boldsymbol{g}(\overline{\boldsymbol{Z}}_n) - \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{p}_0))$. When we take $\boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{x}) = (\sqrt{x_1}, \sqrt{x_k})^T$, we have the Hellinger statistic.

See F_1 for Pearson's χ^2 .

Proposition 3.1.4. Under F_1 , there is $\frac{n_i}{n} \stackrel{\mathcal{P}}{\longrightarrow} p_{1i}$, so according to CMT, we have $\frac{K^2}{n} \stackrel{\mathcal{P}}{\longrightarrow} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{(p_{1i} - p_{0i})^2}{p_{0i}}$

Local alternatives:

$$p_{1i} = p_{0i} + \delta_i n^{-1/2}$$

where:

$$\mathbf{1}^T \boldsymbol{\delta} = \sum_i \delta_i = 0$$

Theorem 3.1.6 (The asymptotic alternative distribution). Under H_1 , say $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}_1 = \mathbf{p}_0 + \boldsymbol{\delta} n^{-1/2}$. Then $K^2 \xrightarrow{d} \chi_{k-1}^2(\lambda)$, where $\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\delta_i^2}{p_{0i}}$ is the noncentrality parameter.

See homework for a proof.

3.2 The sample moments

We define kth moment and central moment of F as:

$$\alpha_k = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_k dF(x) = EX_1^k$$

$$\mu_k = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \alpha_1)^k dF(x) = E[(X_1 - \alpha_1)^k]$$

The sample moments:

$$a_k = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_k dF_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^k$$

$$m_k = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \alpha_1)^k dF_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - a_1)^k$$

Proposition 3.2.1. $a_k \xrightarrow{wp1} \alpha_k$; $E(a_k) = \alpha_k$; $Var(a_k) = \frac{\alpha_{2k} - \alpha_k^2}{n}$

Proposition 3.2.2. $\sqrt{n}(a_1-\alpha_1,\ldots,a_k-\alpha_k)^T$ is $AN_k(\mathbf{0},\mathbf{\Sigma})$, where $\mathbf{\Sigma}=(\sigma_{ij})_{k\times k}$ with $\sigma_{ij}=\alpha_{i+j}-\alpha_i\alpha_j$.

Proposition 3.2.3. The same as 3.2.2. It's the properties for $b_k = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \alpha_1)^k$

Proposition 3.2.4. Properties for μ_k , we find the connection between m_k and b'_js using the binomial theorem. And use CMT and multivariate Delta Th.

3.3 The sample quantiles

Definition of quantile:

$$F^{-1}(p) \equiv \xi_p = \inf\{x : F(x) \ge p\}.$$

$$F_n^{-1}(p) \equiv \hat{\xi}_p = \inf\{x : F_n(x) \ge p\}$$

3.3.1 Basic results

Theorem 3.3.1.

$$P(|\hat{\xi}_p - \xi_p| > \epsilon) \le 2Ce^{-2n\delta_{\epsilon}^2}$$

using DKW's inequality to prove it. We can get strong consistency from it as well.

For $P(\hat{\xi}_p \leq t) = P(F_n(t) \geq p)$, and $nF_n(t)$ is binomial, so we can get the distribution of $\hat{\xi}_p$

Theorem 3.3.2. The AS distribution of $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\xi}_p - \xi_p)$ exists when F is continuous at ξ_p . When $F'(\xi_p) > 0$ exists, we can get the conclusion we derive in the Bahadur.

proof is omited.

3.3.2 Bahadur's representation

Theorem 3.3.3 (Bahadur's representation). Let X_1, \ldots, X_n be iid random variables from a CDF F. Suppose that $F'(\xi_p)$ exists and is positive. Then

$$\hat{\xi}_p = \xi_p + \frac{F(\xi_p) - F_n(\xi_p)}{F'(\xi_p)} + o_p(n^{-1/2})$$

This proof in at P71, representing a pattern for proof. The lemma below is used.

Lemma 3.3.1. X_n bounded in probability+ $\lim_n [P(X_n \le t, Y_n \ge t + \epsilon) + P(X_n \ge t + \epsilon, Y_n \le t)] = 0 \Rightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{p} Y_n$

plug in
$$|X_n - Y_n| \le \epsilon$$

Corollary 3.3.1.

$$\sqrt{n}[(\hat{\xi}_{p1},\ldots,\hat{\xi}_{pm})-(\xi_{p1},\ldots,\xi_{pm})] \xrightarrow{d} N_m(0,\boldsymbol{D})$$

where,

$$D_{ij} = p_i(1-p_i)/[F'(\xi_{pi})F'(\xi_{pj})]$$

The proof is important, see the homework for the idea of the proof.

Example 3.3.1 (Interquartile range; IQR). $IQR = \hat{\xi}_{0.75} - \hat{\xi}_{0.25}$, we can derive the AS distribution using the idea of the corollary above. When the sample comes from Gaussian distribution, we can use IQR/1.35 to estimate σ .

Example 3.3.2 (Gastwirth estimate). $F(x - \mu), F(-x) = 1 - F(x)$, wish to estimate μ . One idea is to use L-statistics, i.e. a convex combination of order statistics. Gastwirth is: $0.3X_{(n/3)} + 0.4X_{(n/2)} + 0.3X_{(2n/3)}$

Corollary 3.3.2.
$$\sqrt{n}(\overline{X}_n - \mu, F_n^{-1}(p) - \xi_p) \xrightarrow{p} N_2(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma)$$

Vital. See homework for the proof.

Hint:
$$-\sqrt{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{0} x \phi(x) dx = 1$$

3.3.3 Confidence intervals for quantiles

Hint:

$$(F(X_{(1)}, F_{X_{(2)}}), \dots, F(X_{(n)})) \stackrel{\mathrm{d}}{=} (U_{(1)}, U_{(2)}, \dots, U_{(n)})$$

We want to derive a distribution-free confidence for ξ_p

We can derive the AS distribution of $\sqrt{n}\hat{\xi}_p$ and then the wald CI of ξ_p , but it is not distribution-free. One idea is to involve the $X_{(i)}$ in.

Theorem 3.3.4. Bahadur's condition+integer sequence $k_n + 1 \le k_n \le n$ " + " $k_n/n = p + cn^{-1/2} + o(n^{-1/2})$ with a constant c. Then, $\sqrt{n}(X_{(k_n)} - \hat{\xi}_p) \stackrel{p}{\to} \frac{c}{F'(\xi_n)}$

Similar proof as Theorem 3.3.3.

Corollary 3.3.3. k_{1n} and k_{2n} satisfy the condition above with $c=-z_{\alpha/2}\sqrt{p(1-p)}$ and $z_{\alpha/2}\sqrt{p(1-p)}$ respectively. Then:

$$P_F(X_{(k_{1n})} \le \xi_p \le X_{(k_{2n})}) = P_F(F(X_{(k_{1n})}) \le p \le F(X_{(k_{2n})})) = P(U_{(k_{1n})} \le p \le U_{(k_{2n})}) \to \alpha$$

3.3.4 Quantile regression

fit along the pth quantile.

4 Asymptotics in parametric inference

4.1 Asymptotic efficient estimation

$$(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n - \boldsymbol{\theta}) \sim AN_k(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{V}_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}))$$

If $V_{1n}(\theta) \leq V_{2n}(\theta)$, say $\hat{\theta}_{1n}$ is asymptotically more efficient than $\hat{\theta}_{2n}$

Definition 4.1.1. Assume the Fisher information matrix:

$$\boldsymbol{I}_{n}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = E\left\{\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{i} \log f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(X_{i}) \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{i} \log f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(X_{i})\right]^{T}\right\}$$

is well defined and positive definite for every n. A sequence of estimators $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n$ satisfying the one above is sard to be asymptotically efficient iff $\boldsymbol{V}_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = [\boldsymbol{I}_n(\boldsymbol{\theta})]^{-1}$

When $\beta = g(\theta)$, we deal with it by Delta theorem.

The information inequality is right under regularity conditions, and MLE asymptotically reaches CR bounds. A famous example can be seen at P81 to P82.

4.2 Maximum likelihood estimation

Let $X = \{X_1, \ldots, X_n\}$ be iid with distribution F_{θ} belonging to a family $F = \{F_{\theta} : \theta = (\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_k)^T\}$. Then the likelihood function is:

$$L(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \boldsymbol{X}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(X_i).$$

And the MLE is given by: $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \boldsymbol{\Theta}} \log L(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \boldsymbol{X})$. We say MLE must be a root of the likelihood equation(RLE):

$$\left. \frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta_i} \right|_{\theta = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}} = 0$$

But RLE may not be an MLE. We focus on the case of k=1(one-dimension) for simplicity.

Regularity condition at P83

Theorem 4.2.1. Assume regularity conditions on the family F. Consider iid observations on F_{θ_0} , with $\theta_0 \in \Theta$. Then with probability 1, the likelihood equations admit a sequence of solutions $\{\hat{\theta}_n\}$ satisfying:

(i) strong consistency: $\hat{\theta}_n \to \theta_0$

(ii) asymptotic normality and efficiency: $\hat{\theta}_n$ is $AN(\theta_0, [nI(\theta_0)]^{-1})$

We first write the important definition and properties.

Definition of score function:

$$s(\boldsymbol{X}, \theta) = \frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; \boldsymbol{X})}{\partial \theta} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial \log f_{\theta}(X_i)}{\partial \theta}$$

By CLT(it's iid sum), we have:

$$\sqrt{n}s(\boldsymbol{X}, \theta_0) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, I(\theta_0))$$

for

$$E_{\theta_0}[s(\boldsymbol{X}, \theta_0)] = E_{\theta_0}\left[\frac{\partial \log f_{\theta_0}(X_1)}{\partial \theta_0}\right] = \int \frac{1}{f_{\theta_0}(x)} \frac{\partial f_{\theta_0}(x)}{\partial \theta_0} f_{\theta_0}(x) dx = 0$$

$$\operatorname{Var}\left(\frac{\partial \log f_{\theta_0}(X_1)}{\partial \theta_0}\right) = E_{\theta_0}\left(\frac{\partial \log f_{\theta_0}(X_1)}{\partial \theta_0}\right)^2 = -E_{\theta_0}\left(\frac{\partial^2 \log f_{\theta_0}(X_1)}{\partial \theta_0^2}\right) = -E_{\theta_0}[s'(\boldsymbol{X}, \theta_0)] = I(\theta_0)$$

where we can prove the essential ineq by:

$$E_{\theta}(\frac{\partial^2 \log f_{\theta_0}(x)}{\partial \theta_0^2}) = E_{\theta}(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(\frac{1}{f_{\theta}(x)}\frac{\partial f_{\theta}(x)}{\partial \theta}))$$

Note that according to regularity condition, we have:

$$|s''(\boldsymbol{X}, \theta)| \le \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |\frac{\partial^{3} \log f_{\theta}(X_{i})}{\partial \theta^{3}}| \le \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |H(X_{i})| \equiv \overline{H}(\boldsymbol{X})$$

Consider Taylor's expandion to the score function:

$$s(\boldsymbol{X}, \hat{\theta}_n) = s(\boldsymbol{X}, \hat{\theta}_n) = s(\boldsymbol{X}, \theta_0) + s'(\boldsymbol{X}, \theta_0)(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) + \frac{1}{2}\overline{H}(\boldsymbol{X})\eta^*(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0)^2,$$

where $|\eta^*| = \frac{|s''(\boldsymbol{X},\xi)|}{\overline{H}(\boldsymbol{X})} \leq 1$. Thus:

$$\sqrt{n}s(\boldsymbol{X}, \theta_0) = \sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) \left(-s'(\boldsymbol{X}, \theta_0) - \frac{1}{2}\overline{H}(\boldsymbol{X})\eta^*(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) \right)$$

for $(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) \xrightarrow{wp1} 0$ and the properties above, we can use Slutsky Theorem and get:

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, I^{-1}(\theta_0))$$

4.3 Improving the sub-efficient estimates

Method of moments may not be asymptotically efficient, while sometimes $s(\mathbf{X}, \theta) = 0$ is difficult to solve. We consider Newton's method using the estimates based on the method of moments or sample quantiles as the initial guess.

Generally, we use:

$$\hat{\theta}^{(k+1)} = \hat{\theta}^{(k)} - [s'(\boldsymbol{X}, \hat{\theta}^{(k)})]^{-1} s(\boldsymbol{X}, \hat{\theta}^{(k)}), k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

If Fisher information is available, then $s'(\boldsymbol{X}, \hat{\theta}^{(k)}) \xrightarrow{wp1} -I(\theta^0)$, then we can also use:

$$\hat{\theta}^{(k+1)} = \hat{\theta}^{(k)} + [I(\hat{\theta}^{(k)})]^{-1} s(\boldsymbol{X}, \hat{\theta}^{(k)}), k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

This method is the method of scoring. The scores, $[I(\hat{\theta}^{(k)})]^{-1}s(\boldsymbol{X},\hat{\theta}^{(k)})$ are increments added to an estimate to improve it.

Example 4.3.1 (Logistic distribution). Omited

One-step MLE:

$$\hat{\theta}^{(1)} = \hat{\theta}^{(0)} - [s'(\boldsymbol{X}, \hat{\theta}^{(0)})]^{-1} s(\boldsymbol{X}, \hat{\theta}^{(0)})$$

Theorem 4.3.1. The conditions in Theorem 4.2.1 hold and that $\hat{\theta}^{(0)}$ is \sqrt{n} -consistent for θ . Then:

- (i) The one-step MLE is asymptotically efficient
- (ii) The one-step MLE obtained by replacing $s'(\mathbf{X}, \hat{\theta}^{(0)})$ with its expected value, $-I(\hat{\theta}^{(0)})$, is asymptotically efficient.

We mainly want to study that $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}^{(1)} - \hat{\theta}_n) \stackrel{p}{\to} 0$. By definition, we have $(\hat{\theta}^{(1)} - \hat{\theta}_n) = (\hat{\theta}^{(0)} - \hat{\theta}_n) - [s'(\hat{\theta}^{(0)})]^{-1}s(\hat{\theta}^{(0)})$ with $s(\hat{\theta}_n) = 0$. We conduct taylor expansion to $s(\hat{\theta}^{(0)})$ at $\hat{\theta}_n$, we can get a approximation of $(\hat{\theta}^{(0)} - \hat{\theta}_n)$. Prove that $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}^{(0)} - \hat{\theta}_n) = O_p(1)$ and we get the result.

4.4 Hypothesis testing by likelihood method

$$H_0: \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta_0 \text{ versus } H_1: \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta_1$$

The likelihood ratio test(LRT) rejects H_0 for small values of: $\Lambda_n = \frac{\sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta_0} L(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \boldsymbol{X})}{\sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} L(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \boldsymbol{X})}$ and $\lambda_n = -2 \log \Lambda_n$ is often used.

Example 4.4.1. We can test t-test is LRT equivalently.

If we have r constraints on $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ and only k-r components of it are free to change, which can be denoted as $\boldsymbol{\vartheta} = (\vartheta_1, \dots, \vartheta_{k-r})$ without loss of generality. We can write that:

$$H_0: \boldsymbol{\theta} = g(\boldsymbol{\vartheta})$$

Theorem 4.4.1 (Wilks). Assume the conditions in Theorem 4.2.1 hold, then under $H_0, \lambda_n \xrightarrow{d} \chi_r^2$

We conduct Taylor expansion to $2 \log L(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n)$ at $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0$, and using the Taylor expansion in the proof of Theorem 4.2.1 to approximate $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0$. The operation before is conduct to the case under H_0 as well.

Finally we get $\lambda_n = n[s(g(\boldsymbol{\vartheta}_0))]^T ([\boldsymbol{I}(g(\boldsymbol{\vartheta}))]^{-1} - [\boldsymbol{D}(\boldsymbol{\vartheta})]^T [\tilde{\boldsymbol{I}}(\boldsymbol{\vartheta})]^{-1} \boldsymbol{D}(\boldsymbol{\vartheta})) s(g(\boldsymbol{\vartheta}_0)) + o_p(1)$. Note the $s(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)$ is asymptotically normal by CLT. So we need only to check the matrix in the middle is idempotent and symmetrix with trace=r. Then by proof of Theorem 3.1.5, we can get the result.

Example 4.4.2. Under H_1 , the λ_n in the last example is to infinity.

4.5 The Wald and Rao score tests

$$H_0: R(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = 0$$

The Wald test:

$$W_n = [R(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n)]^T \left\{ [C(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n)]^T [\boldsymbol{I}_n(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n)]^{-1} C(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n)^{-1} \right\} R(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n)$$

where $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n$ is an MLE or RLE of θ , $C(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{\partial R(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}}$.

The Rao score test:

$$R_n = n[s(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n)]^T [\boldsymbol{I}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n)]^{-1} s(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n)$$

Theorem 4.5.1. Assume the conditions in Theorem 4.2.1 hold. Under H_0 we have:

- $(i)W_n \xrightarrow{d} \chi_r^2$
- $(ii)R_n \xrightarrow{d} \chi_r^2$
- (i) We know the asymptotic distribution of the MLE by theorem 4.2.1, and with Delta theorem and Slutsky theorem, we can simply get the result. Note that under $H_0, R(\theta_0) = 0$.
- (ii) By Lagrange multipliers and Taylor expansion on $R(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n)$ at $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0$ and $s(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n)$ at $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0$, where $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n$ is from the Lagrange. see P96 and P96-.

Thus Wald's test, Rao's test and LRT are asymptotically equivalent. Wald needs $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n$, Rao needs $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n$, and LRT needs both.

4.6 Confidence sets based on likelihoods

Suppose $A(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)$ is the acceptance region of a size α test for H_0 and then $C(\boldsymbol{X}) = \{\boldsymbol{\theta} : \boldsymbol{X} \in A(\boldsymbol{\theta})\}$ is a $1 - \alpha$ asymptotically correct confidence set for $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ due to $P_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_0}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0 \in C(x)) = 1 - \alpha$.

5 Asymptotics in nonparametric inference

5.1 Sign test (Fisher)

5.1.1 Test procedure

$$H_0: \theta = 0$$
 versus $H_1: \theta > 0$

or

$$H_0: \theta = \theta_0 \text{ versus } H_1: \theta > \theta_0$$

The sign test is a test for the median θ . Sign test:

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_i > \theta_0)$$

Large value of S_n leads to reject H_0 . And we have:

$$S_n \overset{H_{kjkj0}}{\sim} \mathrm{BIN}(n,\frac{1}{2})$$

And the p-value is $P(BIN(n, \frac{1}{2}) \ge S_n)$

In the case of $\theta_0 = 0$, we can derive the power of S_n by $\frac{S_n - np_{\theta}}{[np_{\theta}(1-p_{\theta})]_{1/2}} = \frac{S_n - n(1-F(0))}{[n(1-F(0))(F(0))]^{1/2}}$

5.1.2 Asymptotic Properties

Definition 5.1.1 (Consistency). Let $\{\phi_n\}$ be a sequence of tests for $H_0: F \in \Omega_0$ versus $H_1: F \in \Omega_1$. Then ϕ_n is consistent against the alternatives Ω_1 if

- (i) $E_F(\phi_n) \to \alpha \in (0,1), \forall \in \Omega_0$
- (ii) $E_F(\phi_n) \to 1, \forall F \in \Omega_1$

Example 5.1.1. X_1, \ldots, X_n is an iid sample from $Cauchy(\theta, 1)$, then \overline{X}_n obeys $Cauchy(\theta, 1)$. Let k be the α th quantile of the Cauchy(0, 1), then we can derive the power of the test for the case $\theta_0 = 0$.

$$P_{\theta}(\overline{X}_n > k) = P(C(\theta, 1) > k) = P(\theta + C(0, 1) > k) = P(C(0, 1) > k - \theta)$$

which is a fixed number unrelated to n.

Theorem 5.1.1. If F is a continuous CDF with unique median θ , then the sign test is consistent for tests on θ .

Note that $\frac{1}{n}S_n - p_\theta \xrightarrow{p} 0$ under any F. We choose the critical value under H_0 as $k_n = \frac{n}{2} + z_\alpha \sqrt{\frac{n}{4}}$. So under H_1 , it follows that $\frac{1}{n}k_n - p_\theta < 0$ for large n $(p_\theta = P_\theta(X_1 > \theta_0) > \frac{1}{2})$

If $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_{1n}-\theta) \xrightarrow{d} N(0,\sigma_1^2(\theta))$ and $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_{2n}-\theta) \xrightarrow{d} N(0,\sigma_2^2(\theta))$, then the asymptotic relative efficiency (ARE) of $\hat{\theta}_{2n}$ with respect to $\hat{\theta}_{1n}$ is $\frac{\sigma_1^2(\theta)}{\sigma_2^2(\theta)}$

The idea of comparing two tests: the threshold sample size to reach the size and power. Suppose we use statistics T s.t. large values of them correspond to rejection of H_0 , α , β is the type one error and the power of the test. Suppose $n(\alpha, \beta, \theta, T)$ is the smallest sample size s.t.

$$P_{\theta_0}(T_n \ge c_n) \le \alpha, P_{T_n > c_n} \ge \beta$$

Then two tests based on statistics T_{1n} and T_{2n} can be compared through:

$$e(T_2, T_1) = \frac{n(\alpha, \beta, \theta, T_1)}{n(\alpha, \beta, \theta, T_2)}$$

which is called Pitman ARE, and T_{1n} is preferred if the ratio is less than 1.

Theorem 5.1.2. Let $-\infty < h < \infty$ and $\theta_n = \theta_0 + \frac{h}{\sqrt{n}}$. Consider the following conditions: (i)exists $\mu(\theta), \sigma(\theta), s.t.$, for all h, $\frac{\sqrt{n}(T_n - \mu(\theta_n))}{\sigma(\theta_n)} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$ (ii) $\mu'(\theta_0) > 0$ (iii) $\sigma(\theta_0) > 0$ Then:

$$e(T_2, T_1) = \frac{\sigma_1^2(\theta_0)}{\sigma_2^2(\theta_0)} [\frac{\mu_2'(\theta_0)}{\mu_1'(\theta_0)}]^2$$

The proof is possibly to occur in the exam.

证明.

$$\frac{\sqrt{n_1}(T_1-\mu_1(\theta_n))}{\sigma_1(\theta_n)}\xrightarrow{H_1} N(0,1), \frac{\sqrt{n_1}(T_1-\mu_1(\theta_0))}{\sigma_1(\theta_0)}\xrightarrow{H_0} N(0,1)$$

We can get the critical value: $c_1 = \mu_1(\theta_0) + z_\alpha \frac{\sigma_1(\theta_0)}{\sqrt{n_1}}$

Then the power under H_1 is:

$$\begin{split} P_{H_1}(T_1 > c_1) &= P_{H_1}(T_1 > \mu_1(\theta_0) + z_\alpha \frac{\sigma_1(\theta_0)}{\sqrt{n_1}}) \\ &= P_{H_1}(\frac{\sqrt{n_1}(T_1 - \mu_1(\theta_n))}{\sigma_1(\theta_n)} > \frac{\sqrt{n_1}(\mu_1(\theta_0) - \mu_1(\theta_n))}{\sigma_1(\theta_n)} + z_\alpha \frac{\sigma_1(\theta_0)}{\sigma_1(\theta_n)}) \\ &\to \phi(-\frac{\sqrt{n_1}(\mu_1(\theta_0) - \mu_1(\theta_n))}{\sigma_1(\theta_n)} - z_\alpha \frac{\sigma_1(\theta_0)}{\sigma_1(\theta_n)}). \text{ (Since the distribution is symmetric.)} \end{split}$$

Since $\sigma_1(\theta_n) \xrightarrow{p} \sigma_1(\theta_0)$, $\mu_1(\theta_n) - \mu_1(\theta_0) \xrightarrow{p} \mu_1'(\theta_0)(\theta_n - \theta_0)$, (By Taylor expansion), then:

$$P_{H_1}(T_1 > c_1) \to \phi(-z_\alpha + \frac{\sqrt{n_1}\mu_1'(\theta_0)(\theta_n - \theta_0)}{\sigma_1(\theta_0)})$$

$$P_{H_1}(T_2 > c_2) \to \phi(-z_\alpha + \frac{\sqrt{n_2}\mu_2'(\theta_0)(\theta_n - \theta_0)}{\sigma_2(\theta_0)})$$

By the definition of Pitman ARE, we let $P_{H_1}(T_1 > c_1) = P_{H_1}(T_2 > c_2)$, deriving $e(T_2, T_1) = \frac{n_1}{n_2}$. Since:

$$\frac{\sqrt{n_1}\mu_1'(\theta_0)(\theta_n-\theta_0)}{\sigma_1(\theta_0)} = \frac{\sqrt{n_2}\mu_2'(\theta_0)(\theta_n-\theta_0)}{\sigma_2(\theta_0)}$$

Then we can solve out: $e(T_2, T_1) = \frac{n_1}{n_2} = \frac{\sigma_1^2(\theta_0)}{\sigma_2^2(\theta_0)} \left[\frac{\mu_2'(\theta_0)}{\mu_1'(\theta_0)} \right]^2$

Corollary 5.1.1. In the case of $\theta_0 = 0$, suppose $F(0) = \frac{1}{2}$ and X_1, \ldots, X_n iid from $F(x - \theta)$. For $T_2 = \frac{S_n}{n}$, since $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_i > \theta_0)$, then $\mu_2(\theta) = 1 - F(-\theta)$ and $\sigma_2^2(\theta) = \frac{F(-\theta)(1 - F(-\theta))}{n}$. Let $\theta = \theta_0 = 0$, we get:

$$e(S_n, \overline{X}_n) = 4\sigma_F^2 f^2(0)$$

The sign test cannot be arbitrarily bad with respect to the t-test, which is bound by $\frac{1}{3}$, but the t-test can be arbitrarily bad with respect to the sign test.

5.2 Signed rank test (Wilcoxon)

5.2.1 Procedure

 X_1, \ldots, X_n are iid observed from some location parameter distribution $F(x-\theta)$ and F is symmetric. Let $\theta = \text{median}(F)$, we want to test: $H_0: \theta = 0$ versus $H_1: \theta > 0$.

We start by ranking $|X_i|$ from the smallest to the largest, giving the units ranks R_1, \ldots, R_n and order statistics $|X|_{(1)}, \ldots, |X|_{(n)}$

We define the Wilcoxon signed-rank statistic:

$$T_n = \sum_{i=1}^n R_i I(X_i > 0)$$

where $R_iI(X_i > 0)$ can be called the positive signed rank of X_i . When θ is greater than 0, T_n is expected to be large.

There is no information loss when using the positive signed rank, for positive signed rank+positive signed rank= $\sum_{i=1}^{n} R_i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

Now we try to derive the null distribution of T_n .

Define:

$$W_i = I(|X|_{(i)} \text{ corresponds to some positive } X_j)$$

Then T_n can be written as:

$$T_n = \sum_{i=1}^n iW_i$$

Proposition 5.2.1. Under H_0, W_1, \ldots, W_n are i.i.d. BIN $(1, \frac{1}{2})$ variables.

By the symmetric assumption, $E(W_i) = \frac{1}{2}$.

Then we can simply get $E_{H_0}(T_n) = \frac{n(n+1)}{4}$ and $\operatorname{Var}_{H_0}(T_n) = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{24}$

Theorem 5.2.1. Under $H_0, \frac{T_n - \frac{n(n+1)}{4}}{\sqrt{\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{24}}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1)$

Now we use U-statistics to derive the asymptotic distribution of T_n under H_1

Proposition 5.2.2. T_n can also be written as:

$$T_n = \sum_{i \le j} I\left(\frac{X_i + X_j}{2} > 0\right) = \sum_{i \le j} I\left(X_i + X_j > 0\right)$$

Define the anti-rank to prove this:

$$D_k = \{i : R_i = k, 1 \le i \le n\}$$

$$\sum_{i \le j} I\left(\frac{X_i + X_j}{2} > 0\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_i > 0) + \sum_{i < j} I\left(\frac{X_{D_i + D_j}}{2} > 0\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_i > 0) + \sum_{i < j} I(X_{D_j} > 0)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n I(X_j > 0) + \sum_{j=1}^n (j-1)I(X_{D_j} > 0)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n jI(X_{D_j} > 0) = \sum_{i=1}^n iW_i$$

We define the kernel function $h(x_1, x_2, ..., x_r)$ and assume $n \ge r$, where r is called the order. We want to estimate about the parameter $\theta = \theta(F) = E_F h(X_1, X_2, ..., X_r)$

A better unbiased estimate than $h(X_1, \ldots, X_r)$ itself is the U-statistics:

$$U = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{r}} \sum_{1 \le i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_r \le n} h(X_{i_1}, X_{i_2}, \dots, X_{i_r})$$

Example 5.2.1. Let r=1, then sample moments and $F_n(x_0)$ is a U-statistic. Let r=2, $h(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1 - x_2)^2$, then the sample variance is a U-statistic.

Example 5.2.2. Let $h(X_1, X_2) = I(X_1 + X_2 > 0)$, then $U = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{2}} \sum_{i < j} I(X_i + X_j > 0)$ and can be related to Wilcoxon statistic.

For $k = 1, \ldots, r$, let

$$h_k(x_1, \dots, x_k) = E[h(X_1, \dots, X_r) | X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_k = x_k]$$

= $E[h(x_1, \dots, x_k, X_{k+1}, \dots, X_r)]$

Define $\zeta_k = \operatorname{Var}(h_k(X_1, \dots, X_k))$

It can be shown that:

$$U_n - \theta = \frac{r}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (h_1(X_i) - \theta) + o_p(n^{-1/2})$$

The iid sum occurs!

Theorem 5.2.2. Suppose $Eh^2(X_1,\ldots,X_r)<\infty, 0<\zeta_1<\infty$. Then:

$$\frac{U-\theta}{\sqrt{\operatorname{Var}(U)}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1)$$

where $Var(U) = \frac{1}{n}r^2\zeta_1 + O(n^{-2})$

Theorem 5.2.3.

$$\frac{T_n - E[T_n]}{\sqrt{\operatorname{Var}(T_n)}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$$

证明.

$$\frac{1}{\binom{n}{2}} T_n = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{2}} \sum_{i \le j} I(X_i + X_j > 0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\binom{n}{2}} \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_i > 0) + \frac{1}{\binom{n}{2}} \sum_{i < j} I(X_i + X_j > 0)$$

The first is $o_p(1)$ and second is asymptotically normal as Theorem 5.2.2

Theorem 5.2.4. If F is a continous symmetric CDF with unique median θ , then the signed rank test is consistent for tests on θ

证明. We can derive the critical value by the Theorem above. $t_n = E[T_n] + z_\alpha \sqrt{\operatorname{Var}(T_n)}$, and we can directly derive that: $\frac{t_n}{\binom{n}{n}} \to \frac{1}{2}$. Then the power is:

$$Q_n = P_F(T_n \ge t_n) = P_F\left(\frac{1}{\binom{n}{2}}T_n - p_{\theta} \ge \frac{1}{\binom{n}{2}}t_n - p_{\theta}\right)$$

where $p_{\theta} = P_{\theta}(X_1 + X_2 > 0) > \frac{1}{2}$ under H_1 . According to Theorem 5.2.2, $\frac{1}{\binom{n}{2}}T_n - p_{\theta} \xrightarrow{p} 0$ under any F. Then $Q_n \to 1$.

Theorem 5.2.5. (i) The Pitman ARE is

$$e(T_n, \overline{X}_n) = 12\sigma_F^2 \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^2(u) du \right)^2$$

(ii) $\inf_{F \in \mathcal{F}} e(T_n, \overline{X}_n) = \frac{108}{125} \approx 0.864$, where \mathcal{F} is the family of CDFs satisfying continuous, symmetric and $\sigma_F^2 < \infty$. The equality is attained at F s.t. $f(x) = b(a^2 - x^2), |x| < a$, where $a = \sqrt{5}, b = \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{20}$

证明. (i) Let $T_{2n} = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{2}} T_n$, since:

$$E\left[\frac{1}{\binom{n}{2}}T_n\right] \xrightarrow{p} E\left[\frac{1}{\binom{n}{2}}\sum_{i < j}I(X_i + X_j > 0)\right] = E_F(I(X_1 + X_2 > 0)) = P_\theta(X_1 + X_2 > 0)$$

Using conditional expectation to calaculate this:

$$E_F(I(X_1 + X_2 > 0)|X_2 = x) = P(X_1 > -x)$$

= 1 - F(-x - \theta) = F(x + \theta) (by symmetric.)

Then $E_F[I(X_1 + X_2 > 0)|X_2] = F(X_2 + \theta)$, then:

$$P_{\theta}(X_1 + X_2 > 0) = E[E_F[I(X_1 + X_2 > 0)|X_2]] = \int F(x + \theta)f(x - \theta)dx.$$

Then $\mu'_n(\theta) = 2 \int f(x+\theta) f(x-\theta) dx$ and $\mu'_n(0) = 2 \int f^2(u) du > 0$ According to Theorem 5.2.2., we have: $(h(x_1, x_2) = I(X_1 + X_2 > 0))$ here)

$$Var(T_{2n}) = \frac{1}{n}r^{2}\zeta_{1} + O(n^{-2})$$

$$= \frac{1}{n}2^{2} Var(h_{1}(X_{1})) + O(n^{-2})$$

$$= \frac{4}{n} \left\{ E[E^{2}(h(X_{1}, X_{2})|X_{1})] - [E[E(h(X_{1}, X_{2})|X_{1})]]^{2} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{4}{n} \left\{ E[1 - F(-X_{1})]^{2} - E^{2}h(X_{1}, X_{2}) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{4}{n} \left\{ \int [1 - F(-x - \theta)]^{2} f(x - \theta) dx - \left(\int [1 - F(-x - \theta)] f(x - \theta) dx \right)^{2} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{4}{n} \left\{ \int F^{2}(x + \theta) f(x - \theta) dx - \left(\int F(x + \theta) f(x - \theta) dx \right)^{2} \right\}$$

So we have: $\sigma_n(0) = \frac{4}{n} \operatorname{Var}_F[F(X)] = \frac{4}{n} \frac{1}{12} = \frac{1}{3n}$. For $T_{1n} = \overline{X}_n$, we have: $\mu_n(\theta) = \theta$, $\sigma_n^2(\theta) = \frac{\sigma_F^2}{n}$. Then the result follows from Theorem 5.1.2.