

1) Let X_1, \dots, X_n be independent and identically distributed (iid) from a $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ distribution. Let $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.

a) Find the limiting distribution of $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)$.

$$\xrightarrow{D} N(0, \sigma^2) \text{ by CLT}$$

b) Find the limiting distribution of

$$\sqrt{n} \left[\frac{1}{\bar{X}} - c \right]$$

for appropriate constant c . You may assume $\mu \neq 0$.

$$\text{Let } g(x) = \frac{1}{x} = x^{-1}.$$

$$\text{Then } g'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} \text{ and } [g'(\mu)]^2 = \frac{1}{\mu^4}.$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{1}{\bar{X}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\mu}}_c \right) \xrightarrow{D} N(0, [g'(\mu)]^2 \sigma^2) \\ \sim N\left(0, \frac{\sigma^2}{\mu^4}\right)$$

$$g''(x) = \frac{d}{dx} -x^{-2} = 2x^{-3}, \quad g''(0) \text{ does not exist}$$

2nd order Delta Method fails

2) Let Y_1, \dots, Y_n be independent and identically distributed (iid) from a distribution with probability density function

$$f(y) = \frac{2y}{\theta^2}$$

for $0 < y \leq \theta$ and $f(y) = 0$, otherwise. Then $E(Y) = 2\theta/3$ and $V(Y) = \theta^2/18$.

a) Find the limiting distribution of $\sqrt{n} (\bar{Y} - c)$ for appropriate constant c .

$$\sqrt{n} \left(\bar{Y} - \underbrace{\frac{2\theta}{3}}_c \right) \xrightarrow{D} N \left(0, \frac{\theta^2}{18} \right)$$

by CLT.

29 b) Find the limiting distribution of $\sqrt{n} (\log(\bar{Y}) - d)$ for appropriate constant d .

$$\text{Let } g(\mu) = \log(\mu),$$

$$g'(\mu) = \frac{1}{\mu} \quad \text{and } \mu = \frac{2\theta}{3}$$

$$\text{So } g' \left(\frac{2\theta}{3} \right) = \frac{3}{2\theta} \quad \text{and } (g'(\mu))^2 = \frac{9}{4\theta^2}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{n} \left(\log(\bar{Y}) - \underbrace{\log\left(\frac{2\theta}{3}\right)}_d \right) \xrightarrow{D}$$

$$N \left(0, (g'(\mu))^2 \frac{\theta^2}{18} \right) \sim$$

$$N \left(0, \frac{9}{4\theta^2} \frac{\theta^2}{18} \right) \sim N \left(0, \frac{1}{8} \right)$$