

Sums and extremes

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FIXED SAMPLE SIZE ASYMPTOTICS

X_1, X_2 independent standard Cauchy. Where is (X_1, X_2) when $S_1^2 := X_1 + X_2 > 2t$ for large t ?

$$\begin{aligned} & P(X_1 > t\epsilon, X_2 > t\epsilon \mid S_1^2 > 2t) \\ & \leq \frac{P(X_1 > t\epsilon)P(X_2 > t\epsilon)}{P(\epsilon S_1^2 > 2t)} \\ & \propto \frac{t}{(t\epsilon)^2} \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $\epsilon > 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Only one of the X_i 's is large. $(1, 0) \in \text{span}(e_1)$, $(0, 1) \in \text{span}(e_2)$.

X_1, X_2 independent standard $N(0, 1)$. Set

$$U := \frac{X_1 + X_2}{2}$$

$$V := \frac{X_1 - X_2}{2}$$

independent gaussian centered.

$$\mathcal{L} \left(\left(\frac{X_1}{t}, \frac{X_2}{t} \right) \middle| S_1^2 > 2t \right) = \mathcal{L} \left(\left(\frac{U}{t}, \frac{U}{t} \right) + \left(\frac{V}{t}, \frac{-V}{t} \right) \middle| S_1^2 > 2t \right)$$

Now $U \perp V$ hence

$$\left(\frac{V}{t}, \frac{-V}{t} \right) \rightarrow (0, 0)$$

U Gaussian hence $\left(\frac{U}{t}, \frac{U}{t} \right) \rightarrow (1, 1)$ conditionally on $(U > t)$.

Hence

$$\mathcal{L} \left(\left(\frac{X_1}{t}, \frac{X_2}{t} \right) \middle| S_1^2 > 2t \right) \rightarrow \delta_{(1,1)}$$

as $t \rightarrow \infty$. $(1, 1) \in \text{span}(e_1, e_2)$

X_1, X_2 independent standard exponential.

$$\mathcal{L}((X_1, X_2) | S_1^2 = s) \text{ uniform on } (x_1 + x_2 = s), x_{1,2} > 0$$

Hence P (at least one of the X_i/s is less than $\epsilon | S_1^2 = s$) is twice the normalized distance of the segment from the boundary to $(\epsilon, s - \epsilon)$, hence small for small ϵ (indeed $2\epsilon/s$).

Integrate to get that

$$\mathcal{L}(\text{at least one of the } X_i/t \text{ is less than } \epsilon | S_1^2 > 2t)$$

is small for small ϵ . Although the limit distribution

$\mathcal{L}((X_1/t, X_2/t) | S_1^2 > 2t)$ is not a point mass, all terms are large when the mean is large.

The segment $[(1, 0), (0, 1)] \in \text{span}(e_1, e_2)$.

Assumptions

$$T_n := T(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathbb{R}$$

The upper point of the distribution of T_n is unbounded

There exists $t \rightarrow a(t)$ such that $\mathcal{L}(X_1^n / a(t) | T_n > t) \implies \Pi$
and Π not concentrated at 0.

e_1, \dots, e_n the canonical basis of \mathbb{R}^n .

Π is concentrated on $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_{i_1} = 0, \dots, x_{i_k} = 0\}$ iff $X_1^n / a(t)$ converges to a r.v Y with $Y_{i_1} = 0, \dots, Y_{i_k} = 0$, i.e. $\text{supp}\Pi \subset \text{span}\{e_j, j \notin \{i_1, \dots, i_k\}\}$.

Consider

$$\inf \left\{ n - k : \text{supp}\Pi \subset \bigcup \text{span}(e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_{n-k}}) \right\}$$

where the union is over all i_1, \dots, i_{n-k} included in $(1, \dots, n)$.

Then T_n blows when at least $L = n - k$ of the X_j 's blow.

Definition

$$BN(P_n, T_n) := \inf \left\{ j : \text{supp}\Pi \subset \bigcup \text{span}(e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_j}) \right\}.$$

The estimator T_n is loyal when $BN(P_n, T_n)$ is high. (depends on the sampling scheme)

Definition

(Merriam-Webster) LOYAL: Faithful to the lawful government or to the sovereign to whom one is subject: unswerving in allegiance.

An estimator is loyal under a given probability law will take large value only if a vast majority of the sample will force it to.

$$BN(\text{Cauchy}, S_1^n/n) = 1$$

$$BN(N(0, 1), S_1^n/n) = n$$

$$BN(\text{Exp}(1), S_1^n/n) = n$$

Applications

Homogeneous statistics

$$T(\lambda X_1, \dots, \lambda X_n) = \lambda^\alpha T(X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

$\alpha = 1$: L -estimators, $\alpha = 2$: variance. More generally U statistics with homogeneous kernel, some M estimators, etc

$$w_\beta(u) = c_\beta \exp(-|u|^\beta) \quad u \in \mathbb{R}, \beta > 0$$

$$p_\beta(u) = (\beta + 1)^{-1} u^{-\beta}, u \in (1, \infty), \beta > 1$$

Weibull type tails

Theorem

Let T_n be a homogeneous statistics. Assume that

$$(v_1, \dots, v_n) \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n |v_i|^\beta$$

is minimum at a unique essential point p on the set $\{T_n \geq 1\}$. Then the blowing number of T_n for the i.i.d. sampling is the number of non-zero coordinates of p .

Example

$T_n =$ empirical mean, Blowing number $=n$ when $\beta > 1$, Blowing number $=1$ when $\beta < 1$.

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$T_n =$ empirical variance, Blowing number $=n$ when $\beta > 1$, Blowing number $=1$ when $\beta < 1$.

Pareto tails

Theorem

If T_n is a homogeneous with

$$T_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leq \max(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$T_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leq \theta (x_1 + \dots + x_n) \text{ for some } \theta > 0$$

then $\mathcal{L}((X_1/t, \dots, X_n/t) | T_n > t)$ is tight as $t \rightarrow \infty$ under i.i.d sampling. Any limiting distribution is concentrated on a union of 1-dimensional canonical subspaces. Hence the blowing number is 1.

See Barbe and B (2004), To be compared with breakdown point; Jureckova and Sen (1996), Kusnier and Mizera (1999), etc.

LIMIT RESULTS UNDER EXCEEDANCES

LIGHT TAILS

$$X_1^n := (X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

i.i.d.

Assume that for any fixed n it holds

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} P(X_1^n \in aB_n | S_1^n \geq na) = 0$$

for any Borel set B_n in \mathbb{R}^n such that $(1, \dots, 1) \notin B_n$.

Fix such a sequence B_n and define a_n such that for any $s > a_n$

$$\sup_{s > a_n} P(X_1^n \in sB_n | S_1^n \geq ns) \leq 1/n.$$

QUESTION

For which classes of distributions and for which order of magnitude of the conditioning barrier a_n do we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\cap X_j \in (a_n - \varepsilon_n, a_n + \varepsilon_n) | S_1^n \geq na_n) = 1$$

with

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \infty$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varepsilon_n / a_n = 0$$

Can we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varepsilon_n = 0$$

and , if yes, at which rate?

Such questions are also of interest in many branches of physics; see D Sornette (2004) which handles the notion of so-called "democratic localization" of a sample, (fixed n , $a \rightarrow \infty$). The definition of the "democratic localization" property is : "the extreme tail behaviour of the sum X of N random variables comes mostly from contributions where the individual variables in the sum are all close to X/N " The precise phrasing amounts to assume that the common density of the independent summands is of the form $\exp(-f(x))$ where f satisfies $f'' > 0$ together with $x^2 f''(x) \rightarrow \infty$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$, and the density of the sum is of the form $\exp(-f(x/N))$. Applications in fragmentation processes and in turbulence, among others.

NOTATION, HYPOTHESES

Denote

$$C_n := (S_1^n / n > a_n)$$

and

$$I_n := \cap_{i=1}^n (X_i \in (a_n - \epsilon_n, a_n + \epsilon_n)).$$

The real valued random variables X_1, \dots, X_n are independent copies of a r.v. X with density f whose support is \mathbb{R}^+ . We write

$$f(x) := c \exp(-d(x))$$

Density functions of the form $f(x) = c \exp(-d(x))$ whose exponent functions d are nearly convex functions.

The i.i.d random variables X_1, \dots, X_n have common density f with

$$f(x) = c \exp\left(- (g(x) + q(x))\right)$$

$g(x)$ is a positive convex differentiable function which satisfies

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x)/x = \infty.$$

Let $M(x)$ be some nonnegative continuous function on \mathbb{R}^+ for which

$$-M(x) \leq q(x) \leq M(x) \quad \text{for all positive } x$$

together with

$$M(x) = O(\log g(x)) \tag{1}$$

Recall

$$C_n := (S_1^n / n > a_n)$$

and

$$I_n := \cap_{i=1}^n (X_i \in (a_n - \epsilon_n, a_n + \epsilon_n)).$$

Theorem

Let a_n satisfy

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log g(a_n)}{\log n} > 0$$

then with some control on ϵ_n

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(I_n | C_n) = 1.$$

Example

Let $g(x) := x^\beta$.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \log a_n}{a_n^{\beta-2} \epsilon_n^2} = 0.$$

Case 1: $1 < \beta \leq 2$.

Take $a_n = n^\alpha$ with $a_n > 1/\alpha$, we need ϵ_n be large enough

$$\epsilon_n \gg a_n^{1-\frac{\beta}{2}} \sqrt{n \log a_n}$$

which shows that $\epsilon_n \rightarrow \infty$ and $\epsilon_n/a_n \rightarrow 0$ possible.

Case 2: $\beta > 2$. $a_n = n^\alpha$ with $\alpha > 1/(\beta - 2)$, arbitrary sequences ϵ_n bounded by below away from 0. The sequence ϵ_n may also tend to 0; indeed $\epsilon_n = O(1/\log a_n)$ fits.

Let $g(x) := e^x$. Set $a_n := n^\alpha$ where $\alpha > 0$ and ϵ_n is rapidly decreasing to 0; indeed we may choose $\epsilon_n = o(\exp(-a_n/4))$ together with $\epsilon_n / \sqrt{na_n e^{-a_n}} \rightarrow \infty$.

Example

Almost Log-concave densities 1: f can be written as

$$f(x) = c(x) \exp(-g(x)), \quad 0 < x < \infty$$

with g a twice differentiable convex function with $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x)/x = \infty$ and for some $x_0 > 0$ and constants $0 < c_1 < c_2 < \infty$,

$$c_1 < c(x) < c_2 \quad \text{for} \quad x_0 < x < \infty.$$

Examples of densities which satisfy the above conditions include the Normal, the hyperbolic density, etc.

Almost Log-concave densities 2: when there exist constants $x_0 > 0$, $\alpha > 0$, and A such that

$$f(x) = Ax^{\alpha-1}l(x) \exp(-g(x)) \quad x > x_0$$

where $l(x)$ is slowly varying at infinity.

Erdős-Rényi laws for small increments

Consider a long run X_1, \dots, X_N of i.i.d. r.v's and let F be the c.d.f of X_1 which is assumed to satisfy the light tail conditions.

$$J(x) := \sup_t tx - \log E(\exp(tX_1))$$

the Legendre-Fenchel transform of the m.g.f. $t \rightarrow \log E(\exp(tX_1))$.
Denote $\gamma(u) := J^\leftarrow(u) := x$ such that $J(x) = u$ the asymptotic inverse function of J .

We assume that the function γ is asymptotically equivalent to $u \rightarrow (-\log(1-F))^\leftarrow(u)$ in the sense that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\gamma(-\log(1-F)(x))}{x} = 1.$$

Let $n(N)$, $1 \leq n(N) \leq N$ be an integer sequence and denote

$$M(n(N)) := \max_{0 \leq j \leq N-n(N)} S_{j+1}^{j+n(N)}$$

the maximum of the sums of the X_i 's on blocks of size $n(N)$. Set further (small blocks)

$$c(n(N)) := \frac{\log N}{n(N)} \text{ and } \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} c(n(N)) = \infty.$$

the following result holds

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M(n(N))}{n(N)\gamma(c(n(N)))} = 1 \text{ a.s.}$$

Mason (1989). *The function γ behaves like an upper quantile.*

Lemma

The behaviour of the function γ for large values of the argument is closely related to the upper quantile function of X_1

$$\gamma(\log x) = (1 - F)^{\leftarrow}(1/x) (1 + o(1))$$

as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

Assume this presently.

Fix some sequence $n(N)$ define for any positive δ close to 0

$$a_{n(N),\delta} := (1 - \delta) \gamma(c(n(N))) =: (1 - \delta) a_{n(N)}. \quad (2)$$

Hence $a_{n(N)} = (1 - F)^{\leftarrow}(\exp(-c(n(N))))(1 + o(1))$ as N tends to infinity.

$$\frac{M(n(N))}{n(N)} > a_{n(N),\delta}$$

hold ultimately with probability 1 meaning that that for large N there exists at least one block of consecutive X_i 's with length $n(N)$ whose *empirical mean* exceeds $a_{n(N),\delta}$. Therefore all the summands in $X_{j+1}, \dots, X_{j+n(N)}$ satisfy

$$\left| \frac{X_i}{a_{n(N),\delta}} - 1 \right| \leq \frac{\epsilon_{n(N),\delta}}{a_{n(N),\delta}} \quad (3)$$

with probability going to 1 as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Since δ is arbitrary, the above property holds with $a_{n(N),\delta}$ substituted by $a_{n(N)}$ and $\epsilon_{n(N)}$ defined accordingly.

We may choose the sequences a_n and ϵ_n satisfy

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\epsilon_n(N)}{a_n(N)} = 0.$$

Hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X_i}{a_n(N)} = 1$$

in probability for any i between $j + 1$ and $j + n(N)$.

Aggregate forming in the random walk. This phenomenon holds under quite general hypotheses through a discussion on the condition

$$\gamma(\log x) = (1 - F)^{\leftarrow}(1/x) (1 + o(1))$$

Globally OK if

$$h(x) := g'(x)$$

is smooth regularly varying.

The case when $-\log(1 - F)$ is a regularly varying function

With g a regularly varying function with index $k > 1$, As an example consider the case when X_1 has a Weibull distribution on \mathbb{R}^+ with scale parameter 1 and shape parameter $k > 1$.

Define $n(N)$ and $a_{n(N)}$ through

$$n(N) = (\log N)^{\frac{1}{1+k/\alpha}}$$

and

$$a_{n(N)} := \gamma \left(\frac{\log N}{n(N)} \right)$$

which entails

$$a_{n(N)} = (\log N)^{\frac{1}{\alpha+k}} (1 + o(1))$$

Size of the aggregate with a given height

1-Aggregates with high level: Define for $0 < \gamma \leq 1$

$$a_{n(N)} = (\gamma \log N)^{1/k}.$$

Then $n(N)$ is a constant. The level is of the order of magnitude of the upper quantile of order $N^{-\gamma}$. This result is a limit case since $n(N)$ is bounded; connects with Mason (1989).

2-Aggregates with intermediate level: Define

$$a_{n(N)} = (\log N)^{\frac{1}{\alpha+k}}$$

for positive α . Then

$$n(N) = (\log N)^{\frac{1}{1+k/\alpha}} (1 + o(1)).$$

3-Aggregates with low level: Define

$$a_{n(N)} = (\gamma \log \log N)^{1/k}.$$

Then

$$n(N) = \frac{\log N}{\gamma \log \log N} (1 + o(1))$$

which are long aggregates.

Law of large numbers for extreme values and properties of aggregates

The above choice for the values of $n(N)$ and of $a_{n(N)}$ is not incidental. Consider the case when $n(N) = 1$; this case is not covered by the present results; however by Theorem 1 in Mason (1989), Erdős-Rényi law holds, with $a_1 = \gamma(c(1))$, asymptotically equivalent to the $1/N$ upper quantile of F . In this case the moving block satisfying (3) shrinks to the maximum $X_{N,N}$ of the X_i 's in the sample X_1, \dots, X_N for which it is well known that

$$\frac{X_{N,N}}{a_1} \rightarrow 1$$

a.s. under the current hypotheses. The extension to the case $n(N) = cst$ holds (Mason (1989) and Barbe and B(2004)) for distributions with Weibull type tails, with a_1 substituted by a_{cst} .

The following Proposition, which extends in a weak sense this classical result of the theory of extreme order statistics to the behaviour of aggregates in the long run holds.

Theorem

Under appropriate regularity conditions then with $a_{n(N)} = \gamma(c(n(N)))$ and $c(n(N)) \rightarrow \infty$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \min_{0 \leq j \leq N - n(N)} \left(\max_{j \leq i \leq j + n(N) - 1} \frac{X_i}{a_{n(N)}} \right) = 1 \text{ in probability.} \quad (4)$$

See B and Cao (2014)

LIMIT RESULTS UNDER HEAVY TAILS

Armendariz and Loulakis (2013)

$S_1^n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$ Assume the X_i 's i.i.d. with common measure μ subexponential

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P(X_1 + \dots + X_n > x)}{nP(X_1 > x)} = 1. \quad F(0) = 0$$

Assume μ be Δ -subexponential (Asmussen, Foss, Korshunov, 2003),

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P(X_1 + \dots + X_n \in x + \Delta)}{n\mu(x + \Delta)} = 1$$

and $\Delta := (0, s)$.

Question :

Study

$$\mu_{n,x}^\Delta(A) := P((X_1, \dots, X_n) \in A \mid S_1^n \in x, x + \Delta).$$

Define an operator T

$$T(x_1, \dots, x_n)_k := \begin{cases} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} x_i & \text{if } k = n \\ x_n & \text{if } x_k > \max_{1 \leq i < k} x_i \text{ and } x_k = \max_{i \geq k} x_i \\ x_k & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The operator T exchanges the last and the maximum component of a finite sequence.

Theorem

Suppose G is Δ -subexponential. Then there exists a sequence q_n such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{x > q_n} \sup_{A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^{n-1})} \left| \mu_{n,x}^\Delta \circ T^{-1}(A \times \mathbb{R}) - \mu^{n-1}(A) \right| = 0.$$

Conditioning on $(S_1^n \in x + \Delta)$ affects only the maximum in the limit, and the $n - 1$ smallest values become asymptotically independent.

Since, with $M_n := \max(X_1, \dots, X_n)$

$$\mu_{n,x}^\Delta \left(M_n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (TX)_i \in (x, x+s) \right) = 1$$

when

S_{n-1}/b_n converges to a stable law H

then

$$\frac{M_n - x}{b_n} \rightarrow -H.$$

A direct consequence, with $\Delta = (0, \infty)$

$$\nu_x(A) := P(X_1 \in A | X_1 > x)$$

then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{x > q_n} \left\| \mu_{n,x} \circ T^{-1} - (\mu^{n-1} \times \nu_x) \right\|_{t.v.} = 0.$$

An very interesting discussion on the values of s in Δ which yield different limiting behaviours for the conditional measure of the maximum.

INTEGRAL TRANSFORMS, SUMS AND EXTREMES

KARAMATA TAUBERIAN THEOREM, domains of attraction, heavy tails

X_1, \dots, X_n i.i.d. $F(x) := P(X_1 < x)$, $F(0) = 0$.

$$W_n := \min(X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

Assume $0 < \alpha < 1$ and F regularly varying at 0 with order α

$$F(x) = x^\alpha L(1/x) \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0$$

and

L slowly varying at infinity.

Define

$$M(0) = 0$$
$$1 - M(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 - \alpha)} F(1/t), \quad t > 0$$

Theorem

(e.g. Feller) $M \in D(G_\alpha)$ where G_α stable law of index α on \mathbb{R}^+ : There exists $(\alpha_n)_n > 0, \alpha_n \rightarrow 0$

$$M^{n*}(\alpha_n t) \rightarrow G_\alpha(t), \quad t > 0$$

Define

$$1 - G(x) := \int_0^\infty e^{-tx} dM(t)$$

Hence
$$G(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} x^\alpha \int_0^\infty e^{-u} u^{-\alpha} L(u/x) du$$

Hence (**Karamata**)

$$G(x) \sim x^\alpha L(1/x) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow 0.$$

Now

$$(1 - G)^n (\alpha_n^{-1}x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-tx} dM^{n*}(\alpha_n t) \quad \text{for all } x > 0$$

and

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-tx} dM^{n*}(\alpha_n t) \rightarrow e^{-x^\alpha}$$

Therefore

$$G \in D(\Phi_\alpha) \quad \text{for the minimum.}$$

Further

$$G(x) \sim F(x) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow 0.$$

Hence

$$F \in D(\Phi_\alpha) \quad \text{for the minimum.}$$

For $\alpha \geq 1$, and a part of Gumbel's domain of attraction: the same (change of variables, etc).

All properties for sums translate into properties for extremes

EXAMPLE RATES, rates for stable laws, in the 80'th.

$$D_n := \sup_x \left| P \left(W_n < n^{-1/\alpha} x \right) - \Phi_\alpha(x) \right|$$

$$(H) \quad \frac{|F(x) - Cx^\alpha|}{x^\alpha} < Kx^\delta \quad \text{for} \quad 0 < x < A$$

and $F(x) - Cx^\alpha$ monotone on $V(0)$

Then

α

$$0 < \delta < \alpha \Rightarrow D_n < Kn^{1-1/\alpha}$$

$$0 < \delta < 1 \Rightarrow D_n < K^{1-\delta/\alpha}$$

$$\delta > 1 \Rightarrow D_n < n^{-1-1/\delta}$$

Extensions to maxima, to ≥ 1 , to part of $D(\Lambda)$, etc ...

See B (1987)

MOMENT GENERATING FUNCTIONS, Light tails

Gibbs conditioning principles under extreme deviations

An Abelian type Theorem

HYPOTHESES: NEAR LOG-CONCAVITY

Define the density function $p(x)$,

$$p(x) = c \exp \left(- (g(x) - q(x)) \right) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}_+, \quad (5)$$

where c is some positive constant.

Define $h(x) := g'(x)$, Assume h is smooth regularly varying (nearly Weibull case) or h is smooth rapidly varying ($p(x)$ damps very quickly to 0).

Define the inverse function of h through

$$\psi(u) := h^{\leftarrow}(u) := \inf \{x : h(x) \geq u\}. \quad (6)$$

Juszczak and Nagaev, A. V. (2004), Balkema, Kluppelberg, Resnick (1993).

The i.i.d random variables X_1, \dots, X_n have common density p with

$$p(x) = c \exp \left(- (g(x) - q(x)) \right)$$

$g(x)$ is a positive convex differentiable function which satisfies

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x)/x = \infty.$$

Let $M(x)$ be some nonnegative continuous function on \mathbb{R}^+ for which

$$-M(x) \leq q(x) \leq M(x) \quad \text{for all positive } x \text{ with } M(x) = O(\log g(x))$$

Cramer

$$\Phi(t) := E \exp tX < \infty \text{ on } V(0).$$

The r.v. \mathcal{X}_t has *tilted density* defined on \mathbb{R} with parameter t

$$\pi_t(x) := \frac{\exp tx}{\Phi(t)} p(x).$$

The expectation, the three first centered moments of \mathcal{X}_t defined on \mathcal{N}

$$m(t) := \frac{d}{dt} \log \Phi(t) \quad s^2(t) := \frac{d}{dt} m(t) \quad \mu_j(t) := \frac{d}{dt} s^2(t) \quad , \quad j = 3, 4.$$

Theorem

(Biret, B, Cao, 2014) It holds as $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$m(t) \sim \psi(t), \quad s^2(t) \sim \psi'(t), \quad \mu_3(t) \sim \psi''(t),$$

$$\mu_j(t) \sim M_j s^j(t) \text{ for } j \text{ even } > 3$$

$$\mu_j(t) \sim \frac{M_{j+3} - 3jM_{j-1}}{6} \text{ for } j \text{ odd } > 3$$

where M_j is the j -th moment of standard normal density.

Edgeworth Expansion for some asymptotic array

With t determined by $m(t) = a_n$ define π^{a_n} through

$$\pi^{a_n}(x) = e^{tx} \rho(x) / \Phi(t).$$

Note

$$m(t) \rightarrow \text{essup}(\text{support } P) \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

Define $s := s(t)$ and the normalized density of π^{a_n} by

$$\bar{\pi}^{a_n}(x) = s \pi^{a_n}(sx + a_n),$$

and denote by ρ_n the normalized density of n -convolution $\bar{\pi}_n^{a_n}(x)$,

$$\rho_n(x) := \sqrt{n} \bar{\pi}_n^{a_n}(\sqrt{n}x).$$

Theorem

Denote by $\phi(x)$ the standard normal density, uniformly upon x it holds

$$\rho_n(x) = \phi(x) \left(1 + \frac{\mu_3}{6\sqrt{ns^3}} (x^3 - 3x) \right) + o\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right).$$

Local Gibbs conditional result

$$\pi^{a_n}(x) := e^{tx} p(x) / \Phi(t).$$

Theorem

$$p(X_1 = x | S_1^n = na_n) = \pi^{a_n}(x) (1 + o(1/\sqrt{n}))$$

Extensions: Law of long runs under extreme condition, asymptotic independence, etc. Applications: Rare event simulation, IS

Basic fact: invariance: For all x and all α in the range of X_1

$$p(X_1 = x | S_1^n = na_n) = \pi^\alpha(X_1 = x | S_1^n = na_n)$$

where on the LHS, the r.v.'s X_i 's are sampled i.i.d. under p and on the RHS, sampled i.i.d. under π^α .

Bayes, independence

$$\begin{aligned} p(X_1 = y_1 | S_1^n = na_n - y_1) &= \pi^m(X_1 = y_1 | S_1^n = na_n) \\ &= \pi^a(X_1 = y_1) \frac{\pi^a(S_2^n = na_n - y_1)}{\pi^a(S_1^n = na_n)} = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n-1}} \pi^a(X_1 = y_1) \frac{\widetilde{\pi}_{n-1}(z_1)}{\widetilde{\pi}_n(0)}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\widetilde{\pi}_{n-1}$ is the normalized density of S_2^n under i.i.d. sampling under π^a ; correspondingly, $\widetilde{\pi}_n$ is the normalized density of S_1^n under the same sampling. A r.v. with density π^a has expectation a_n and variance $s^2(t)$ with $m(t) = a_n$. Here $z_1 := (na_n - y_1) / s(t)\sqrt{n-1}$.

Perform a third-order Edgeworth expansion of $\widetilde{\pi}_{n-1}(z_1)$. It follows

$$\widetilde{\pi}_{n-1}(z_1) = \phi(z_1) \left(1 + \frac{\mu_3}{6s^3\sqrt{n-1}}(z_1^3 - 3z_1) \right) + o\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right),$$

The approximation of $\widetilde{\pi}_n(0)$

$$\widetilde{\pi}(0) = \phi(0) \left(1 + o\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \right).$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(X_1 = y_1 | S_1^n = na_n) &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n-1}} \pi^a(X_1 = y_1) (1 + o(1/\sqrt{n})) \right) \\ &= \left(1 + o\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \right) \pi^{a_n}(X_1 = y_1), \end{aligned}$$

The asymptotic location of x under the conditioned distribution

Let \mathcal{X}_t be a r.v. with density π^{a_n} where $m(t) = a_n$. Recall that $E\mathcal{X}_t = a_n$ and $Var\mathcal{X}_t = s^2$. It holds

$$\log E \exp \lambda (\mathcal{X}_t - a_n) / s = -\lambda a_n / s + \log \phi \left(t + \frac{\lambda}{s} \right) - \log \phi (t).$$

$$\log E \exp \lambda (\mathcal{X}_t - a_n) / s = \frac{\lambda^2 s^2 \left(t + \frac{\theta \lambda}{s} \right)}{2 s^2}$$

$t \rightarrow s(t)$ is self neglecting.

$(\mathcal{X}_t - a_n) / s$ converge to a standard normal variable $N(0, 1)$ in distribution, as $n \rightarrow \infty$. This amounts to say that

$$\mathcal{X}_t = a_n + sN(0, 1) + o_{\Pi^{a_n}}(1).$$

Weibull type: $\log p(x) \sim x^\gamma$: $1 < \gamma \leq 2$ the variance of the tilted distribution Π^{a_n} has a non degenerate variance for all a_n (in the standard gaussian case, $\Pi^{a_n} = N(a_n, 1)$), as does the conditional distribution of X_1 given $(S_1^n = na_n)$. If $\gamma > 2$ it concentrates at a_n since $s := s(t) \rightarrow 0$.

Extension to other conditioning events

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be n i.i.d. r.v.'s with common density p defined on \mathbb{R}^d and let f denote a measurable function from \mathbb{R}^d onto \mathbb{R} such that $f(X_1)$ has a density p_f . Assume that

$$p_f(x) = \exp - (g(x) - q(x))$$

and we denote accordingly $\phi_f(t)$ its moment generating function. Denote $\Sigma_1^n := f(X_1) + \dots + f(X_n)$.

Denote for all a in the range of f

$$\pi_f^a(x) := \frac{\exp tf(x)}{\phi_f(t)} p(x)$$

where t is the unique solution of $m(t) := (d/dt) \log \phi_f(t) = a_n$ and $\Pi_f^{a_n}$ the corresponding probability measure. **Denote P_{f,a_n} the conditional distribution of X_1 given $(\Sigma_1^n = na_n)$.**

Theorem

$$\sup_{C \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})} |P_{f,a_n}(C) - \Pi_f^{a_n}(C)| \rightarrow 0$$

Differences between Gibbs principle under LDP and under extreme deviation

Consider the application of the above result to r.v.'s Y_1, \dots, Y_n with $Y_i := (X_i)^2$ where the X_i 's are i.i.d. and are such that Y is light tailed Weibull distribution with parameter larger than 2. By the Gibbs conditional principle under a point conditioning (Diaconis, Freedman 1981), for fixed a , conditionally on $(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i = na)$ the generic r.v. Y_1 has a non degenerate limit distribution

$$p_Y^*(y) := \frac{\exp ty}{E \exp tY_1} p_Y(y)$$

and the limit density of X_1 under $(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 = na)$ is

$$p_X^*(x) := \frac{\exp tx^2}{E \exp tX_1^2} p_X(x)$$

a non degenerate distribution, with $m_Y(t) = a$.

Instead when $a_n \rightarrow \infty$ the distribution of X_1 under the condition $(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 = na_n)$ concentrates sharply at $-\sqrt{a_n}$ and $+\sqrt{a_n}$.

EDP under exceedances

$$p_{A_n}(X_1 = x) := p_{A_n}(X_1 = x | S_1^n > a_n)$$

Then for any family of Borel sets B_n such that

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{A_n}(B_n) > 0$$

it holds

$$P_{A_n}(B_n) = (1 + o(1))\Pi_{a_n}(B_n).$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Csiszar (1984) in the LDP domain, etc

Perspectives: Gibbs measures: Erdős-Rényi under dependence for small increments, etc

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