

*Hint:* Condition on  $|T|$ .

3. Show that if  $P[|X| \leq 1] = 1$ , then  $\text{Var}(X) \leq 1$  with equality iff  $X = \pm 1$  with probability  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

*Hint:*  $\text{Var}(X) \leq EX^2$ .

4. *Comparison of Bounds:* Both the Hoeffding and Chebychev bounds are functions of  $n$  and  $\epsilon$  through  $\sqrt{n\epsilon}$ .

(a) Show that the ratio of the Hoeffding function  $h(\sqrt{n\epsilon})$  to the Chebychev function  $c(\sqrt{n\epsilon})$  tends to 0 as  $\sqrt{n\epsilon} \rightarrow \infty$  so that  $h(\cdot)$  is arbitrarily better than  $c(\cdot)$  in the tails.

(b) Show that the normal approximation  $2\Phi\left(\frac{\sqrt{n\epsilon}}{\sigma}\right) - 1$  gives lower results than  $h$  in the tails if  $P[|X| \leq 1] = 1$  because, if  $\sigma^2 \leq 1$ ,  $1 - \Phi(t) \sim \varphi(t)/t$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Note:* Hoeffding (1963) exhibits better bounds for known  $\sigma^2$ .

5. Suppose  $\lambda: R \rightarrow R$  has  $\lambda(0) = 0$ , is bounded, and has a bounded second derivative  $\lambda''$ . Show that if  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d.,  $EX_1 = \mu$  and  $\text{Var} X_1 = \sigma^2 < \infty$ , then

$$E\lambda(\bar{X} - \mu) = \lambda'(0) \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

*Hint:*  $\sqrt{n}E(\lambda(|\tilde{X} - \mu|) - \lambda(0)) = E\lambda'(\tilde{0})\sqrt{n}|\tilde{X} - \mu| + E\left(\frac{\lambda''}{2}(\tilde{X} - \mu)(\tilde{X} - \mu)^2\right)$  where  $|\tilde{X} - \mu| \leq |\bar{X} - \mu|$ . The last term is  $\leq \sup_x |\lambda''(x)|\sigma^2/n$  and the first tends to  $\lambda'(0)\sigma \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |z|\varphi(z)dz$  by Remark B.7.1(2).

### Problems for Section 5.2

1. Using the notation of Theorem 5.2.1, show that

$$\sup\{P_{\mathbf{p}}(|\hat{p}_n - \mathbf{p}| \geq \delta) : \mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{S}\} \leq k/4n\delta^2.$$

2. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d.  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ . Show that for all  $n \geq 1$ , all  $\epsilon > 0$

$$\sup_{\sigma} P_{(\mu, \sigma)}[|\bar{X} - \mu| \geq \epsilon] = 1.$$

*Hint:* Let  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$ .

3. Establish (5.2.5).

*Hint:*  $|\hat{q}_n - q(\mathbf{p})| \geq \epsilon \Rightarrow |\hat{p}_n - \mathbf{p}| \geq \omega^{-1}(\epsilon)$ .

4. Let  $(U_i, V_i)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , be i.i.d.  $\sim P \in \mathcal{P}$ .

(a) Let  $\gamma(P) = P[U_1 > 0, V_1 > 0]$ . Show that if  $P = \mathcal{N}(0, 0, 1, 1, \rho)$ , then

$$\rho = \sin 2\pi \left( \gamma(P) - \frac{1}{4} \right).$$

(b) Deduce that if  $P$  is the bivariate normal distribution, then

$$\tilde{\rho} \equiv \sin \left\{ 2\pi \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n 1(X_i > \bar{X})1(Y_i > \bar{Y}) \right) \right\}$$

is a consistent estimate of  $\rho$ .

(c) Suppose  $\rho(P)$  is defined generally as  $\text{Cov}_P(U, V) / \sqrt{\text{Var}_P U \text{Var}_P V}$  for  $P \in \mathcal{P} = \{P : E_P U^2 + E_P V^2 < \infty, \text{Var}_P U \text{Var}_P V > 0\}$ . Show that the sample correlation coefficient continues to be a consistent estimate of  $\rho(P)$  but  $\tilde{\rho}$  is no longer consistent.

5. Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d.  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma_0^2)$  where  $\sigma_0$  is known.

(a) Show that condition (5.2.8) fails even in this simplest case in which  $\bar{X} \xrightarrow{P} \mu$  is clear.

*Hint:*  $\sup_{\mu} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{(X_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma_0^2} - \left( 1 + \frac{(\mu - \mu_0)^2}{\sigma_0^2} \right) \right) \right| = \infty.$

(b) Show that condition (5.2.14)(i),(ii) holds.

*Hint:*  $K$  can be taken as  $[-A, A]$ , where  $A$  is an arbitrary positive and finite constant.

6. Prove that (5.2.14)(i) and (ii) suffice for consistency.

7. (Wald) Suppose  $\theta \rightarrow \rho(X, \theta)$  is continuous,  $\theta \in R$  and

(i) For some  $\epsilon(\theta_0) > 0$

$$E_{\theta_0} \sup\{|\rho(X, \theta') - \rho(X, \theta)| : |\theta - \theta'| \leq \epsilon(\theta_0)\} < \infty.$$

(ii)  $E_{\theta_0} \inf\{\rho(X, \theta) - \rho(X, \theta_0) : |\theta - \theta_0| \geq A\} > 0$  for some  $A < \infty$ .

Show that the maximum contrast estimate  $\hat{\theta}$  is consistent.

*Hint:* From continuity of  $\rho$ , (i), and the dominated convergence theorem,

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} E_{\theta_0} \sup\{|\rho(X, \theta') - \rho(X, \theta)| : \theta' \in S(\theta, \delta)\} = 0$$

where  $S(\theta, \delta)$  is the  $\delta$  ball about  $\theta$ . Therefore, by the basic property of maximum contrast estimates, for each  $\theta \neq \theta_0$ , and  $\epsilon > 0$  there is  $\delta(\theta) > 0$  such that

$$E_{\theta_0} \inf\{\rho(X, \theta') - \rho(X, \theta_0) : \theta' \in S(\theta, \delta(\theta))\} > \epsilon.$$

By compactness there is a finite number  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_r$  of sphere centers such that

$$K \cap \{\theta : |\theta - \theta_0| \geq \lambda\} \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^r S(\theta_j, \delta(\theta_j)).$$

Now

$$\inf \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \{\rho(X_i, \theta) - \rho(X_i, \theta_0)\} : \theta \in K \cap \{\theta : |\theta - \theta_0| \geq \lambda\} \right\}$$

$$\geq \min_{1 \leq j \leq r} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \inf \{ \rho(X_i, \theta') - \rho(X_i, \theta_0) \} : \theta' \in S(\theta_j, \delta(\theta_j)) \right\}.$$

For  $r$  fixed apply the law of large numbers.

8. The condition of Problem 7(ii) can also fail. Let  $X_i$  be i.i.d.  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ . Compact sets  $K$  can be taken of the form  $\{|\mu| \leq A, \epsilon \leq \sigma \leq 1/\epsilon, \epsilon > 0\}$ . Show that the log likelihood tends to  $\infty$  as  $\sigma \rightarrow 0$  and the condition fails.

9. Indicate how the conditions of Problem 7 have to be changed to ensure uniform consistency on  $K$ .

10. Extend the result of Problem 7 to the case  $\theta \in R^p, p > 1$ .

### Problems for Section 5.3

1. Establish (5.3.9) in the exponential model of Example 5.3.1.

2. Establish (5.3.3) for  $j$  odd as follows:

(i) Suppose  $X'_1, \dots, X'_n$  are i.i.d. with the same distribution as  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  but independent of them, and let  $\bar{X}' = n^{-1} \sum X'_i$ . Then  $E|\bar{X} - \mu|^j \leq E|\bar{X} - \bar{X}'|^j$ .

(ii) If  $\epsilon_i$  are i.i.d. and take the values  $\pm 1$  with probability  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and if  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  are constants, then by Jensen's inequality, for some constants  $M_j$ ,

$$E \left| \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \epsilon_i \right|^j \leq E^{\frac{j}{j+1}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \epsilon_i \right)^{j+1} \leq M_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \right)^{\frac{j}{2}}.$$

(iii) Condition on  $|X_i - X'_i|, i = 1, \dots, n$ , in (i) and apply (ii) to get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv)} \quad E \left| \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - X'_i) \right|^j &\leq M_j E \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - X'_i)^2 \right]^{\frac{j}{2}} \leq \\ &M_j n^{\frac{j}{2}} E \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - X'_i)^2 \right]^{\frac{j}{2}} \leq M_j n^{\frac{j}{2}} E \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum |X_i - X'_i|^j \right) \leq M_j n^{\frac{j}{2}} E |X_1 - \mu|^j. \end{aligned}$$

3. Establish (5.3.11).

*Hint:* See part (a) of the proof of Lemma 5.3.1.

4. Establish Theorem 5.3.2. *Hint:* Taylor expand and note that if  $i_1 + \dots + i_d = m$

$$\begin{aligned} E \left| \prod_{k=1}^d (\bar{Y}_k - \mu_k)^{i_k} \right| &\leq m^{m+1} \sum_{k=1}^d E |\bar{Y}_k - \mu_k|^m \\ &\leq C_m n^{-k/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $a_d \geq 0$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq m$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^d i_j = m$  then

$$\begin{aligned} a_1^{i_1}, \dots, a_d^{i_d} &\leq [\max(a_1, \dots, a_d)]^m \leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^m a_j \right)^m \\ &\leq m^{m-1} \sum_{j=1}^m a_j^m. \end{aligned}$$

5. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d.  $R$  valued with  $EX_1 = 0$ . Show that

$$\sup\{|E(X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_j})| : i_1, \dots, i_j; j = 1, \dots, n\} = E|X_1|.$$

6. Show that if  $E|X_1|^j < \infty$ ,  $j \geq 2$ , then  $E|X_1 - \mu|^j \leq 2^j E|X_1|^j$ .

*Hint:* By the iterated expectation theorem

$$\begin{aligned} E|X_1 - \mu|^j &= E\{|X_1 - \mu|^j \mid |X_1| \geq |\mu|\}P(|X_1| \geq |\mu|) \\ &\quad + E\{|X_1 - \mu|^j \mid |X_1| < |\mu|\}P(|X_1| < |\mu|). \end{aligned}$$

7. Establish 5.3.28.

8. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_{n_1}$  be i.i.d.  $F$  and  $Y_1, \dots, Y_{n_2}$  be i.i.d.  $G$ , and suppose the  $X$ 's and  $Y$ 's are independent.

(a) Show that if  $F$  and  $G$  are  $\mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$ , respectively, then the LR test of  $H : \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$  versus  $K : \sigma_1^2 \neq \sigma_2^2$  is based on the statistic  $s_1^2/s_2^2$ , where  $s_1^2 = (n_1 - 1)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} (X_i - \bar{X})^2$ ,  $s_2^2 = (n_2 - 1)^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} (Y_j - \bar{Y})^2$ .

(b) Show that when  $F$  and  $G$  are normal as in part (a), then  $(s_1^2/\sigma_1^2)/(s_2^2/\sigma_2^2)$  has an  $\mathcal{F}_{k,m}$  distribution with  $k = n_1 - 1$  and  $m = n_2 - 1$ .

(c) Now suppose that  $F$  and  $G$  are not necessarily normal but that

$$G \in \mathcal{G} = \left\{ F \left( \frac{\cdot - a}{b} \right) : a \in R, b > 0 \right\}$$

and that  $0 < \text{Var}(X_1^2) < \infty$ . Show that if  $m = \lambda k$  for some  $\lambda > 0$  and

$$c_{k,m} = 1 + \sqrt{\frac{\kappa(k+m)}{km}} z_{1-\alpha}, \quad \kappa = \text{Var}[(X_1 - \mu_1)/\sigma_1]^2, \quad \mu_1 = E(X_1), \quad \sigma_1^2 = \text{Var}(X_1).$$

Then, under  $H : \text{Var}(X_1) = \text{Var}(Y_1)$ ,  $P(s_1^2/s_2^2 \leq c_{k,m}) \rightarrow 1 - \alpha$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

(d) Let  $\hat{c}_{k,m}$  be  $c_{k,m}$  with  $\kappa$  replaced by its method of moments estimate. Show that under the assumptions of part (c), if  $0 < EX_1^8 < \infty$ ,  $P_H(s_1^2/s_2^2 \leq \hat{c}_{k,m}) \rightarrow 1 - \alpha$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

(e) Next drop the assumption that  $G \in \mathcal{G}$ . Instead assume that  $0 < \text{Var}(Y_1^2) < \infty$ . Under the assumptions of part (c), use a normal approximation to find an approximate critical value  $q_{k,m}$  (depending on  $\kappa_1 = \text{Var}[(X_1 - \mu_1)/\sigma_1]^2$  and  $\kappa_2 = \text{Var}[(X_2 - \mu_2)/\sigma_2]^2$ ) such that  $P_H(s_1^2/s_2^2 \leq q_{k,m}) \rightarrow 1 - \alpha$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

(f) Let  $\hat{q}_{k,m}$  be  $q_{k,m}$  with  $\kappa_1$  and  $\kappa_2$  replaced by their method of moment estimates. Show that under the assumptions of part (e), if  $0 < EX_1^8 < \infty$  and  $0 < EY_1^8 < \infty$ , then  $P(s_1^2/s_2^2 \leq \hat{q}_{k,m}) \rightarrow 1 - \alpha$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

9. In Example 5.3.6, show that

(a) If  $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 1$ ,  $\sqrt{n}((\hat{C} - \rho), (\hat{\sigma}_1^2 - 1), (\hat{\sigma}_2^2 - 1))^T$  has the same asymptotic distribution as  $n^{1/2}[n^{-1}\sum X_i Y_i - \rho, n^{-1}\sum X_i^2 - 1, n^{-1}\sum Y_i^2 - 1]^T$ .

(b) If  $(X, Y) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \rho)$ , then  $\sqrt{n}(r^2 - \rho^2) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, 4\rho^2(1 - \rho^2)^2)$  and, if  $\rho \neq 0$ , then  $\sqrt{n}(r - \rho) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, (1 - \rho^2)^2)$ .

(c) Show that if  $\rho = 0$ ,  $\sqrt{n}(r - \rho) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .

*Hint:* Use the central limit theorem and Slutsky's theorem. Without loss of generality,  $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$ ,  $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = 1$ .

10. Show that  $\frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{1+\rho}{1-\rho} \right)$  is the variance stabilizing transformation for the correlation coefficient in Example 5.3.6.

*Hint:* Write  $\frac{1}{(1-\rho)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{1-\rho} + \frac{1}{1+\rho} \right)$ .

11. In survey sampling the *model-based* approach postulates that the population  $\{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$  or  $\{(u_1, x_1), \dots, (u_N, x_N)\}$  we are interested in is itself a sample from a superpopulation that is known up to parameters; that is, there exists  $T_1, \dots, T_N$  i.i.d.  $P_\theta$ ,  $\theta \in \Theta$  such that  $T_i = t_i$  where  $t_i \equiv (u_i, x_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . In particular, suppose in the context of Example 3.4.1 that we use  $T_{i_1}, \dots, T_{i_n}$ , which we have sampled at random from  $\{t_1, \dots, t_N\}$ , to estimate  $\bar{x} \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$ . Without loss of generality, suppose  $i_j = j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Consider as estimates

(i)  $\bar{X} = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n}$  when  $T_i \equiv (U_i, X_i)$ .

(ii)  $\hat{X}_R = \hat{b}_{\text{opt}}(\bar{U} - \bar{u})$  as in Example 3.4.1.

Show that, if  $\frac{n}{N} \rightarrow \lambda$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , and if  $EX_1^2 < \infty$  (in the supermodel), then

(a)  $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \bar{x}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, \tau^2(1 - \lambda))$  where  $\tau^2 = \text{Var}(X_1)$ .

(b) Suppose  $P_\theta$  is such that  $X_1 = bU_1 + \epsilon_1$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$  where the  $\epsilon_i$  are i.i.d.,  $E\epsilon_i = 0$ ,  $\text{Var}(\epsilon_i) = \sigma^2 < \infty$  and  $\text{Var}(U) > 0$ . Show that  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{X}_R - \bar{x}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, (1 - \lambda)\sigma^2)$ ,  $\sigma^2 < \tau^2$ .

*Hint:* (a)  $\bar{X} - \bar{x} = (1 - \frac{n}{N})(\bar{X} - \bar{X}^c)$  where  $\bar{X}^c = \frac{1}{N-n} \sum_{i=n+1}^N X_i$ .

(b) Use the delta method for the multivariate case and note  $(\hat{b}_{\text{opt}} - b)(\bar{U} - \bar{u}) = o_p(n^{-1/2})$ .

12. (a) Suppose that  $E|Y_1|^3 < \infty$ . Show that  $|E(\bar{Y}_a - \mu_a)(\bar{Y}_b - \mu_b)(\bar{Y}_c - \mu_c)| \leq Mn^{-2}$ .

(b) Deduce formula (5.3.14).

Hint: If  $U$  is independent of  $(V, W)$ ,  $EU = 0$ ,  $E(WV) < \infty$ , then  $E(UVW) = 0$ .

13. Let  $S_n$  have a  $\chi_n^2$  distribution.

(a) Show that if  $n$  is large,  $\sqrt{S_n} - \sqrt{n}$  has approximately a  $\mathcal{N}(0, \frac{1}{2})$  distribution. This is known as *Fisher's approximation*.

(b) From (a) deduce the approximation  $P[S_n \leq x] \approx \Phi(\sqrt{2x} - \sqrt{2n})$ .

(c) Compare the approximation of (b) with the central limit approximation  $P[S_n \leq x] = \Phi((x - n)/\sqrt{2n})$  and the exact values of  $P[S_n \leq x]$  from the  $\chi^2$  table for  $x = x_{0.90}$ ,  $x = x_{0.99}$ ,  $n = 5, 10, 25$ . Here  $x_q$  denotes the  $q$ th quantile of the  $\chi_n^2$  distribution.

14. Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is a sample from a population with mean  $\mu$ , variance  $\sigma^2$ , and third central moment  $\mu_3$ . Justify formally

$$E[h(\bar{X}) - E(h(\bar{X}))]^3 = \frac{1}{n^2} [h'(\mu)]^3 \mu_3 + \frac{3}{n^2} h''(\mu) [h'(\mu)]^2 \sigma^4 + o(n^{-3}).$$

Hint: Use (5.3.12).

15. It can be shown (under suitable conditions) that the normal approximation to the distribution of  $h(\bar{X})$  improves as the coefficient of skewness  $\gamma_{1n}$  of  $h(\bar{X})$  diminishes.

(a) Use this fact and Problem 5.3.14 to explain the numerical results of Problem 5.3.13(c).

(b) Let  $S_n \sim \chi_n^2$ . The following approximation to the distribution of  $S_n$  (due to Wilson and Hilferty, 1931) is found to be excellent

$$P[S_n \leq x] \approx \Phi \left\{ \left[ \left( \frac{x}{n} \right)^{1/3} - 1 + \frac{2}{9n} \right] \sqrt{\frac{9n}{2}} \right\}.$$

Use (5.3.6) to explain why.

16. *Normalizing Transformation for the Poisson Distribution.* Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is a sample from a  $\mathcal{P}(\lambda)$  distribution.

(a) Show that the only transformations  $h$  that make  $E[h(\bar{X}) - E(h(\bar{X}))]^3 = 0$  to terms up to order  $1/n^2$  for all  $\lambda > 0$  are of the form  $h(t) = ct^{2/3} + d$ .

(b) Use (a) to justify the approximation

$$P \left[ \bar{X} \leq \frac{k}{n} \right] \approx \Phi \left\{ \sqrt{n} \left[ \left( \frac{k + \frac{1}{2}}{n} \right)^{2/3} - \lambda^{2/3} \right] / \frac{2}{3} \lambda^{1/6} \right\}.$$

17. Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent, each with Hardy-Weinberg frequency function  $f$  given by

$x$	0	1	2
$f(x)$	$\theta^2$	$2\theta(1-\theta)$	$(1-\theta)^2$

where  $0 < \theta < 1$ .

- (a) Find an approximation to  $P[\bar{X} \leq t]$  in terms of  $\theta$  and  $t$ .
- (b) Find an approximation to  $P[\sqrt{\bar{X}} \leq t]$  in terms of  $\theta$  and  $t$ .
- (c) What is the approximate distribution of  $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu) + \bar{X}^2$ , where  $\mu = E(X_1)$ ?

**18. Variance Stabilizing Transformation for the Binomial Distribution.** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be the indicators of  $n$  binomial trials with probability of success  $\theta$ . Show that the only variance stabilizing transformation  $h$  such that  $h(0) = 0$ ,  $h(1) = 1$ , and  $h'(t) \geq 0$  for all  $t$ , is given by  $h(t) = (2/\pi) \sin^{-1}(\sqrt{t})$ .

**19.** Justify formally the following expressions for the moments of  $h(\bar{X}, \bar{Y})$  where  $(X_1, Y_1), \dots, (X_n, Y_n)$  is a sample from a bivariate population with  $E(X) = \mu_1$ ,  $E(Y) = \mu_2$ ,  $\text{Var}(X) = \sigma_1^2$ ,  $\text{Var}(Y) = \sigma_2^2$ ,  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2$ .

(a)

$$E(h(\bar{X}, \bar{Y})) = h(\mu_1, \mu_2) + O(n^{-1}).$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(h(\bar{X}, \bar{Y})) \cong & \frac{1}{n} \{ [h_1(\mu_1, \mu_2)]^2 \sigma_1^2 \\ & + 2h_1(\mu_1, \mu_2)h_2(\mu_1, \mu_2)\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 + [h_2(\mu_1, \mu_2)]^2 \sigma_2^2 \} + O(n^{-2}) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$h_1(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} h(x, y), \quad h_2(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} h(x, y).$$

*Hint:*  $h(\bar{X}, \bar{Y}) - h(\mu_1, \mu_2) = h_1(\mu_1, \mu_2)(\bar{X} - \mu_1) + h_2(\mu_1, \mu_2)(\bar{Y} - \mu_2) + O(n^{-1})$ .

**20.** Let  $B_{m,n}$  have a beta distribution with parameters  $m$  and  $n$ , which are integers. Show that if  $m$  and  $n$  are both tending to  $\infty$  in such a way that  $m/(m+n) \rightarrow \alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , then

$$P \left[ \sqrt{m+n} \frac{(B_{m,n} - m/(m+n))}{\sqrt{\alpha(1-\alpha)}} \leq x \right] \rightarrow \Phi(x).$$

*Hint:* Use  $B_{m,n} = (m\bar{X}/n\bar{Y})[1 + (m\bar{X}/n\bar{Y})]^{-1}$  where  $X_1, \dots, X_m, Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  are independent standard exponentials.

**21.** Show directly using Problem B.2.5 that under the conditions of the previous problem, if  $m/(m+n) - \alpha$  tends to zero at the rate  $1/(m+n)^2$ , then

$$E(B_{m,n}) = \frac{m}{m+n}, \quad \text{Var } B_{m,n} = \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)}{m+n} + R_{m,n}$$

where  $R_{m,n}$  tends to zero at the rate  $1/(m+n)^2$ .



22. Let  $S_n \sim \chi_n^2$ . Use Stirling's approximation and Problem B.2.4 to give a direct justification of

$$E(\sqrt{S_n}) = \sqrt{n} + R_n$$

where  $R_n/\sqrt{n} \rightarrow 0$  as in  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Recall *Stirling's approximation*:

$$\Gamma(p+1)/(\sqrt{2\pi}e^{-p}p^{p+\frac{1}{2}}) \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } p \rightarrow \infty.$$

(It may be shown but is not required that  $|\sqrt{n}R_n|$  is bounded.)

23. Suppose that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is a sample from a population and that  $h$  is a real-valued function of  $\bar{X}$  whose derivatives of order  $k$  are denoted by  $h^{(k)}$ ,  $k > 1$ . Suppose  $|h^{(4)}(x)| \leq M$  for all  $x$  and some constant  $M$  and suppose that  $\mu_4$  is finite. Show that  $Eh(\bar{X}) = h(\mu) + \frac{1}{2}h^{(2)}(\mu)\frac{\sigma^2}{n} + R_n$  where  $|R_n| \leq \frac{h^{(3)}(\mu)|\mu_3|}{6n^2} + \frac{M(\mu_4 + 3\sigma^2)}{24n^2}$ .

*Hint:*

$$\left| h(x) - h(\mu) - h^{(1)}(\mu)(x - \mu) - \frac{h^{(2)}(\mu)}{2}(x - \mu)^2 - \frac{h^{(3)}(\mu)}{6}(x - \mu)^3 \right| \leq \frac{M}{24}(x - \mu)^4.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| Eh(\bar{X}) - h(\mu) - h^{(1)}(\mu)E(\bar{X} - \mu) - \frac{h^{(2)}(\mu)}{2}E(\bar{X} - \mu)^2 \right| \\ & \leq \frac{|h^{(3)}(\mu)|}{6}|E(\bar{X} - \mu)^3| + \frac{M}{24}E(\bar{X} - \mu)^4 \\ & \leq \frac{|h^{(3)}(\mu)|}{6} \frac{|\mu_3|}{n^2} + \frac{M}{24} \frac{(\mu_4 + 3\sigma^4)}{n^2}. \end{aligned}$$

24. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a sample from a population with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2 < \infty$ . Suppose  $h$  has a second derivative  $h^{(2)}$  continuous at  $\mu$  and that  $h^{(1)}(\mu) = 0$ .

(a) Show that  $\sqrt{n}[h(\bar{X}) - h(\mu)] \rightarrow 0$  while  $n[h(\bar{X}) - h(\mu)]$  is asymptotically distributed as  $\frac{1}{2}h^{(2)}(\mu)\sigma^2V$  where  $V \sim \chi_1^2$ .

(b) Use part (a) to show that when  $\mu = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $n[\bar{X}(1 - \bar{X}) - \mu(1 - \mu)] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} -\sigma^2V$  with  $V \sim \chi_1^2$ . Give an approximation to the distribution of  $\bar{X}(1 - \bar{X})$  in terms of the  $\chi_1^2$  distribution function when  $\mu = \frac{1}{2}$ .

25. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a sample from a population with  $\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X) < \infty$ ,  $\mu = E(X)$  and let  $T = \bar{X}^2$  be an estimate of  $\mu^2$ .

(a) When  $\mu \neq 0$ , find the asymptotic distribution of  $\sqrt{n}(T - \mu^2)$  using the delta method.

(b) When  $\mu = 0$ , find the asymptotic distribution of  $nT$  using  $P(nT \leq t) = P(-\sqrt{t} \leq \sqrt{n}\bar{X} \leq \sqrt{t})$ . Compare your answer to the answer in part (a).

(c) Find the limiting laws of  $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)^2$  and  $n(\bar{X} - \mu)^2$ .