

STAT 823, Homework 3, due Feb. 25, 2020

1. *Runs of increasing values.* Let X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots be i.i.d. random variables from a continuous distribution, $F(x)$. Let Z_j be one if there is a relative minimum at j , and zero otherwise; that is $Z_j = I(X_{j-1} > X_j < X_{j+1})$. Then $T_n = \sum_{j=1}^n Z_j$ represents the number of relative minima in the sequence of X_i 's. Find the asymptotic distribution of T_n .
2. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be independent and suppose that $X_n = \sqrt{n}$ with probability 0.5 and $X_n = -\sqrt{n}$ with probability 0.5 for $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Find the asymptotic distribution of \bar{X}_n . (Check the Lindeberg Condition).
3. *Records.* Let Z_1, Z_2, \dots be i.i.d. continuous random variables. We say a record occurs at k if $Z_k > \max_{i < k} Z_i$. Let $R_k = 1$ if a record occurs at k , and let $R_k = 0$ otherwise. Show that R_1, R_2, \dots are independent Bernoulli random variables with $P(R_k = 1) = 1 - P(R_k = 0) = 1/k$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots$. Let $T_n = \sum_{k=1}^n R_k$ denote the number of records in the first n observations. Find $E(T_n)$ and $Var(T_n)$, and show that $(T_n - E\{T_n\})/\sqrt{Var(T_n)}$ converges to $N(0, 1)$ in distribution.
4. Let Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_{n+1} be i.i.d. exponential random variables with mean 1, and let $S_j = \sum_{i=1}^j Y_i$ for $j = 1, \dots, n+1$. Then the conditional joint distribution of

$$\left(\frac{S_1}{S_{n+1}}, \dots, \frac{S_n}{S_{n+1}} \right)$$

given S_{n+1} is the same as the order statistics of a i.i.d. sample of size n from $\text{Uniform}(0, 1)$.