

Exchangeable Pairs
and
Multivariate Normal Approximation.

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Stein's method: the characterizing operator

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Given a probability measure P_0 on \mathbb{R} , a characterizing operator

T_0 for P_0 is an operator on real-valued functions s.t.

1.
$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} T_0 f(x) dP_0(x) = 0 \quad \forall f \text{ s.t. } \int_{\mathbb{R}} |T_0 f(x)| dP_0(x) < \infty.$$

2. If P is another p.m. on \mathbb{R} s.t.

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} T_0 f(x) dP(x) = 0 \quad \forall f \text{ with } \int_{\mathbb{R}} |T_0 f(x)| dP(x) < \infty,$$

then $P = P_0$.

Idea: Starting with a random variable W of interest and a probability measure P_0 conjectured to approximate W well, find a characterizing operator T_0 for P_0 and estimate $|\mathbb{E} T_0 f(W)|$ for a large class of f .

Why should this be enough?

Try to solve

$$T_0 u_0 = I - \mathbb{E}_0$$

(i.e., given f , find $u_0 f$ s.t. $T_0 u_0 f(x) = f(x) - \mathbb{E}_0 f$)

If you can do this, then

$$|\mathbb{E} T_0 u_0 f(W)| = |\mathbb{E} f(W) - \mathbb{E}_0 f|.$$

Note:

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$$\bullet d_{T.V.}(X, Y) = \sup_f \frac{1}{2} |\mathbb{E}f(X) - \mathbb{E}f(Y)|$$

total variation

where the supremum is over continuous f vanishing at ∞ and bounded by 1.

$$\bullet d_W(X, Y) = \sup_f |\mathbb{E}f(X) - \mathbb{E}f(Y)|$$

Wasserstein

where the supremum is over f with Lipschitz constant bd. by 1.

$$\bullet d_{L^*}(X, Y) = \sup_f |\mathbb{E}f(Y) - \mathbb{E}f(X)|$$

dual-Lipschitz

where the class of f is bd. by 1 and 1-Lipschitz.

\Rightarrow estimate $|\mathbb{E}T_0 U_0 f(W)|$ in terms of bounds on f and its derivatives to get rates of convergence in metrics like these.

Characterizing operators : Examples

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* If P_0 has a density w.r.t. Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R} or a subset of \mathbb{R} , then T_0 is usually a differential operator.

If P_0 is a measure on a discrete set (e.g. \mathbb{Z} , \mathbb{N} , discrete circle ...)

T_0 is usually a difference operator

• Gaussian : $P_0 = \frac{e^{-x^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx$ on \mathbb{R}

$$T_0 f(x) = f'(x) - x f(x)$$

• Exponential $P_0 = e^{-x} dx$ on \mathbb{R}^+

$$T_0 f(x) = f'(x) - f(x)$$

• Poisson : $P_0(n) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!}$ on \mathbb{Z}^+

$$T_0 f(k) = \lambda f(k+1) - k f(k).$$

So what??

Instead of trying to estimate $|E_f(W) - E_0 f|$,

now we want to estimate

$$|E_{T_0} u_0 f(W)|.$$

How is that any easier?

Exchangeable Pairs:

From W , make a "small random change" to get W' , such that (W, W') is

an exchangeable pair: $(W, W') \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{=} (W', W)$

Use the pair (W, W') to approximate

derivatives by difference quotients, and

use the exchangeability and the way

you got W' from W (possibly by conditioning

on W) to analyze what you get.

Example: The classical C.L.T.

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Let $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$ be i.i.d., $\mathbb{E}X_i = 0$, $\mathbb{E}X_i^2 = 1$.

Let $W = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. $P_0 = \frac{e^{-x^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$ dx on \mathbb{R} ,

$$T_0 f(x) = f'(x) - x f(x)$$

$$U_0 f(x) = e^{x^2/2} \int_{-\infty}^x [f(t) - \mathbb{E}f(Z)] e^{-t^2/2} dt$$

1. $\mathbb{E}T_0 f(Z) = 0$ (integration by parts)
2. $T_0 U_0 f(x) = f(x) - \mathbb{E}f(Z)$ (easy to check)

A little calculus shows:

- $\|U_0 f\|_\infty \leq \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \|f - \mathbb{E}f(Z)\|_\infty$
- $\|(U_0 f)'\|_\infty \leq 2 \|f - \mathbb{E}f(Z)\|_\infty$
- $\|(U_0 f)''\|_\infty \leq 2 \|f'\|_\infty$.

We'll bound $|\mathbb{E}T_0 g(W)|$ (using exchangeable pairs) in terms of g , then use these bounds to take $g = U_0 f$ and get bounds in terms of f .

Exchangeable pair: pick $I \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ (7)
uniformly, independent of $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$, and
replace X_I with an independent
copy X'_I . Then

$$W' = W - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} X_I + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} X'_I.$$

We want to estimate

$$|\mathbb{E} T_0 g(W)| = |\mathbb{E}(g'(W) - Wg(W))|.$$

Start from (W, W') and try to get here:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \mathbb{E}[(W' - W)(g(W') + g(W))] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(W' - W)(g(W') - g(W)) + 2g(W)(W' - W)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\underbrace{(W' - W)^2}_{\text{R}} \underbrace{g'(W)} + \underbrace{2g(W)(W' - W)}_{\text{R}}] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[g'(W) \mathbb{E}[(W' - W)^2 | W] - g(W) \mathbb{E}[2(W - W') | W] \\ &\quad + \text{R}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}[W - W' | W] &= \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}[X_I - X'_I | W] \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[X_i - X'_i | W] \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} W
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}[(W' - W)^2 | W] &= \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}[(X'_I - X_I)^2 | W] \\
 &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[(X'_i)^2 - 2X_i X'_i + X_i^2 | W] \\
 &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n [1 + \mathbb{E}[X_i^2 | W]] \\
 &= \frac{2}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[X_i^2 - 1 | W]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\frac{2}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[X_i^2 - 1 | W]\right) g'(W) - \frac{2}{n} W g(W) + R\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \mathbb{E}\left[g'(W) - W g(W) + g'(W) \left(\frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[X_i^2 - 1 | W]\right) + \frac{n}{2} R\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}T_0 g(W) = \mathbb{E}\left[-g'(W) \left(\frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[X_i^2 - 1 | W]\right) - \frac{n}{2} R\right]$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left| \frac{1}{2n} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^2 - 1) \mid W \right] \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2n} \mathbb{E} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^2 - 1) \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2n} \left(\mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^2 - 1)(X_i^2 - 1) \right] \right)^{1/2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2n} \left(\mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^4 - 1) \right] \right)^{1/2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} \sqrt{\mathbb{E} X_1^4 - 1}$$

Now, $R \pm (W' - W)^2 g'(W) - (W' - W)(g(W') - g(W))$
 $= -(W' - W) [g(W') - g(W) - g'(W)(W' - W)]$

$$\Rightarrow |R| \leq \frac{1}{2} \|g''\|_{\infty} |W' - W|^3$$

$$\mathbb{E} |W' - W|^3 = \frac{1}{n^{3/2}} \mathbb{E} |X'_I - X_I|^3$$

$$\leq \frac{8}{n^{3/2}} \mathbb{E} |X_1|^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{2} \mathbb{E} |R| \leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} \|g''\|_{\infty} \mathbb{E} |X_1|^3$$

$$\Rightarrow |E T_0 u_0 f(W)|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} \sqrt{E X_1^4 - 1} \| (u_0 f)' \|_\infty + \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} E |X_1|^3 \| u_0 f \|_\infty$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} \sqrt{E X_1^4 - 1} \cdot 2 \| f - E f(z) \|_\infty$$

$$+ \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} E |X_1|^3 \cdot 2 \| f' \|_\infty$$

$$\Rightarrow d_{L^*}(W, z) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} [2\sqrt{E X_1^4 - 1} + 4 E |X_1|^3].$$

Example: Poisson - binomial trials

$$P_0(n) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} \text{ for } n \geq 0.$$

$$T_0 f(k) = \lambda f(k+1) - k f(k)$$

$$u_0 f(k) = \frac{(k-1)!}{\lambda^k} \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} \frac{\lambda^l}{l!} (f(l) - E_0 f)$$

Easy to check:

$$1. E_0 T_0 f = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} T_0 f(k) \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda} = 0$$

$$2. T_0 u_0 f(j) = f(j) - E_0 f.$$

Boundedness (Barbour & Eagleson):

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For $f: \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow [0, 1]$,

$$|u_0 f(j)| \leq \min \{1, 1.4 \lambda^{-1/2}\}$$

$$|u_0 f(j+1) - u_0 f(j)| \leq \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda}}{\lambda}$$

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be i.i.d. with $P(X_i = 1) = p$,

$P(X_i = 0) = 1 - p$. Let $\lambda = pn$ and $W = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.

Want to estimate

$$|E T_0 f(W)| = |E[\lambda f(W+1) - W f(W)]|.$$

Same idea as last time. Exchangeable

pair: pick $I \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ at random, independent of $\{X_i\}$, and replace X_I with an independent copy X'_I : $W' = W - X_I + X'_I$.

Again, we'll start by writing down an anti-symmetric expression in W, W' .

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \mathbb{E} [f(W') \mathbb{1}(W=W'-1) - f(W) \mathbb{1}(W'=W-1)] \quad (12) \\
 &= \mathbb{E} [f(W+1) \mathbb{1}(W'=W+1) - f(W) \mathbb{1}(W'=W-1)] \\
 &= \mathbb{E} [P[W'=W+1|W] f(W+1) - P[W'=W-1|W] f(W)]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P[W'=W+1|W] = \binom{n-W}{n} p = \frac{\lambda}{n} - \frac{pW}{n}$$

$$P[W'=W-1|W] = \binom{W}{n} (1-p) = \frac{W}{n} - \frac{pW}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \mathbb{E} \left[\left(\frac{\lambda}{n} - \frac{pW}{n} \right) f(W+1) - \left(\frac{W}{n} - \frac{pW}{n} \right) f(W) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \mathbb{E} [\lambda f(W+1) - W f(W) - pW (f(W+1) - f(W))]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \mathbb{E} [\lambda f(W+1) - W f(W)] &= \mathbb{E} [T_0 f(W)] \\
 &= p \mathbb{E} [W (f(W+1) - f(W))].
 \end{aligned}$$

$$|\mathbb{E} T_0 u_{\circ} g(W)| \leq p \sup_k |u_{\circ} g(k+1) - u_{\circ} g(k)| \mathbb{E}[W]$$

$$\leq \frac{\lambda}{n} \left(\frac{1 - e^{-\lambda}}{\lambda} \right) \cdot \lambda$$

$$= \frac{\lambda(1 - e^{-\lambda})}{n}, \quad \text{for } g: \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow [0, 1].$$

Abstract Normal Approximation Theorem

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Typically, one doesn't go through the whole method each time as was done here, but proves an abstract approximation theorem.

The following was proved by an argument similar to the one given for the classical C.L.T.

Theorem (Stein): Let (W, W') be an exchangeable pair of random variables s.t.

$\mathbb{E}W = 0$, $\mathbb{E}W^2 = 1$, and suppose that there is a $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ s.t.

$$\mathbb{E}[W - W' | W] = \lambda W.$$

Then for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$|\mathbb{P}(W \leq t) - \Phi(t)| \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \sqrt{\text{Var}(\mathbb{E}[(W' - W)^2 | W])} + \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{1/4} \lambda^{1/2}} \sqrt{\mathbb{E}|W' - W|^3}.$$

Multivariate Normal Approximation

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(joint with Sourav Chatterjee)

Same idea as before: find a characterizing operator for multi-variate Gaussian.

Let $Z = (Z_1, \dots, Z_n)$ be a random vector with i.i.d. $N(0,1)$ components. Define T_0 by

$$T_0 f(x) = \Delta f(x) - x \cdot \nabla f(x)$$

Then $\mathbb{E} T_0 f(Z) = 0$.

Compare with the univariate: $T_0 f(x) = f'(x) - x f(x)$.

$$U_0 f(x) = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2t} [\mathbb{E} f(\sqrt{t}x + \sqrt{1-t}Z) - \mathbb{E} f(Z)] dt;$$

$T_0 U_0 f(x) = f(x) - \mathbb{E} f(Z)$. Further:

- $\| \frac{\partial (U_0 f)}{\partial x_i} \|_\infty \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \|f\|_\infty$
- $\| \text{Hess}_{U_0 f}(x) \|_{\text{H.S.}} \leq \sqrt{2} \| |\nabla f| \|_\infty$
- $\| \frac{\partial^2 (U_0 f)}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \|_\infty \leq \| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} \|_\infty$
- $\| \text{Hess}_{U_0 f}(x) \|_{\text{op}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \| |\nabla f| \|_\infty$
- $\| \frac{\partial^3 (U_0 f)}{\partial x_i \partial x_j \partial x_k} \|_\infty \leq \| \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_j \partial x_k} \|_\infty$

Abstract Normal Approximation Theorem (Chatterjee, M.)

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Let X, X' be random vectors in \mathbb{R}^k with

$\mathcal{L}(X) = \mathcal{L}(X')$, and let $Z = (Z_1, \dots, Z_k)$ be a

standard Gaussian random vector. Suppose $\exists \lambda \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$(i) \mathbb{E}[X' - X | X] = -\lambda X$$

$$(ii) \mathbb{E}[(X'_i - X_i)(X'_j - X_j) | X] = 2\lambda \delta_{ij} + E_{ij}$$

for some random variables E_{ij} .

Then for $g \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^k)$,

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbb{E}g(X) - \mathbb{E}g(Z)| &\leq \min \left\{ \frac{\|g\|_1}{2\lambda} \sum_{i,j} \mathbb{E}|E_{ij}|, \frac{\sqrt{k} \|g\|_\infty}{2\lambda} \mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{i,j} E_{ij}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \\ &\quad + \frac{k^2 \|g\|_2}{6\lambda} \sum_i \mathbb{E}|X'_i - X_i|^3. \end{aligned}$$

Examples

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① A multi-variate C.L.T.

Let X be a random vector with i.i.d.

components. Let $\{\theta_i\}_{i=1}^k$ be k orthonormal vectors in \mathbb{R}^n . Define the random vector W

by

$$W_i = \langle \theta_i, X \rangle = \sum_{r=1}^n \theta_{i,r} X_r$$

for $1 \leq i \leq k$.

W is a rank k projection of X onto $\text{span}\{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k\}$.

So long as the θ_i are "reasonable" and k isn't too big, then W should be approximately a standard normal random vector; i.e., have approximately independent Gaussian components.

Two Extensions of this

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1. Let $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ have independent (not necessarily identically distributed) components with $\mathbb{E}X_i = 0, \mathbb{E}X_i^2 = 1 \forall i$. Then for $g \in C_c^2(\mathbb{R}^k)$,

$$|\mathbb{E}g(W) - \mathbb{E}g(Z)| \leq \frac{\sqrt{k}}{2} \|\nabla g\|_\infty \sqrt{\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \mathbb{E}X_i^4 - 1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \|\theta_i\|_4^2 \right) + \frac{4}{3} k^2 |g|_2 \left(\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \mathbb{E}|X_i|^3 \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \|\theta_i\|_3^3 \right).$$

Special case:

Suppose $|\theta_i^r| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ for each r, i ; i.e., the θ_i are orthonormal vectors in directions of corners of the hypercube.

$$\text{Then } \|\theta_i\|_4^2 = \left(\sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{n} \right)^{1/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^k \|\theta_i\|_4^2 = \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\|\theta_i\|_3^3 = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{n^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^k \|\theta_i\|_3^3 = \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}$$

\Rightarrow If $k = o(n^{1/4})$, then $W \sim Z$.

2. For $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ a finite exchangeable sequence and $\{\theta_i\}_{i=1}^k$ orthonormal vectors in \mathbb{R}^n s.t. $\sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i^r = 0$ for each i . Then there are absolute constants a, b, c such that for $g \in C_c^2(\mathbb{R}^k)$,

$$|\mathbb{E}g(W) - \mathbb{E}g(Z)| \leq ak |g|_1 \left(\sqrt{|\mathbb{E}X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4|} + \sqrt{|\mathbb{E}(X_1^2 - 1)(X_2^2 - 1)|} \right) \\ + b |g|_1 \sqrt{|\mathbb{E}X_1^4|} \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \|\theta_i\|_4 \right)^2 + ck^2 |g|_2 |\mathbb{E}X_1|^3 \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \|\theta_i\|_3 \right)^3.$$

Note: $|\mathbb{E}X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4|$ small (\Rightarrow) "weak dependence"
 Same for $|\mathbb{E}(X_1^2 - 1)(X_2^2 - 1)|$.

Idea of Proof of 2.

Use the exchangeability of X :

Pick a random transposition $\tau = (IJ)$ from S^n .

Let $X' = (X_{\tau(1)}, \dots, X_{\tau(n)})$. Then

$$W_i' = W_i - \theta_i^I X_I + \theta_i^J X_I - \theta_i^J X_J + \theta_i^I X_J \\ = W_i + (\theta_i^J - \theta_i^I)(X_I - X_J).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[W_i' - W_i | X] &= \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \sum_{r,s}' (\theta_i^r X_s - \theta_i^r X_r + \theta_i^s X_r - \theta_i^s X_s) \quad (22) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \sum_{r,s} (\theta_i^r X_s - \theta_i^r X_r + \theta_i^s X_r - \theta_i^s X_s) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n(n-1)} [-2n \sum_r \theta_i^r X_r] \\
 &= -\frac{2}{n-1} W_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\lambda = \frac{2}{n-1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Finding and estimating the E_{ij} is rather more involved, but along the same lines.

Hoefding's Combinatorial CLT

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Let $W = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \pi(i)$ for π a random permutation and $A = (a_{ij})$ a fixed matrix with some normalization conditions. Then

$W \approx Z$ for large n . (rate of convergence by Boltzmann)

Note: This can also be phrased in terms of matrices and projections: let $M(\pi)$ be the

permutation matrix $m_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \pi(j) = i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Then $W = \text{tr}(AM)$. W is a rank 1

projection of $S^n \subseteq GL(n)$ onto $\text{span}(A^t)$.

Multivariate version: Take A_1, \dots, A_k s.t.

$\text{tr}(A_i A_j^t) = (n-1) \delta_{ij}$ and with all row & column

sums equal to zero. Define $W = (\text{tr}(A_1 M), \dots, \text{tr}(A_k M))$

Then for $g \in C_c^2(\mathbb{R}^k)$,

$$|\mathbb{E}g(W) - \mathbb{E}g(Z)| \leq \frac{c_1 \|g\|_1}{\sqrt{n}} \left(k + \sum_{i,j=1}^k \left(\sum_{\ell,m=1}^n (A_i)_{\ell m}^2 (A_j)_{\ell m}^2 \right)^{1/2} \right) \\ + \|g\|_2 \left(\frac{c_2 k^2}{n} \sum_{i,j=1}^k \sum_{\ell,m=1}^n |(A_i)_{\ell m}|^3 \right).$$

Continuous version of the abstract normal approximation theorem:

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Let X be a random vector in \mathbb{R}^k and for each $\varepsilon > 0$, let X_ε be a random vector s.t. $\mathcal{D}(X) = \mathcal{D}(X_\varepsilon)$ and $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} X_\varepsilon = X$ a.s. Suppose $\exists \lambda \in (0, 1)$, deterministic functions h and k with

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon^{-2} h(\varepsilon) = 0 = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon^{-2} k(\varepsilon),$$

measurable α, β with $\mathbb{E}|\alpha(X)| < \infty$, $\mathbb{E}|\beta(X)| < \infty$, and random variables E_{ij} such that

1. $\mathbb{E}[(X_\varepsilon - X)_i | X] = -\lambda \varepsilon^2 X_i + h(\varepsilon) \alpha(X)$
2. $\mathbb{E}[(X_\varepsilon - X)_i (X_\varepsilon - X)_j | X] = 2\lambda \varepsilon^2 \delta_{ij} + \varepsilon^2 E_{ij} + k(\varepsilon) \beta(X)$
3. $\mathbb{E}|X_\varepsilon - X|^3 = o(\varepsilon^2)$.

Then

$$d_W(X, Z) \leq \min \left\{ \frac{1}{2\lambda} \sum_{i,j=1}^k \mathbb{E}|E_{ij}|, \frac{\sqrt{k}}{2\lambda} \mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^k E_{ij}^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\}.$$

If, further, $E_{ij} = E_i F_j + \delta_{ij} R_i$, then

$$d_W(X, Z) \leq \frac{1}{\lambda \sqrt{2\pi}} \mathbb{E}(|E| \cdot |F|) + \frac{1}{\lambda} \mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{i=1}^k |R_i| \right).$$

Examples:

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Let Y be a spherically symmetric random variable such that $EY^2 = 1$.

Assume \exists a s.t. $\text{Var}(|Y|^2) \leq a$.

Fix k , and let $P_k: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (x_1, \dots, x_k)$$

Then there is a c s.t.

$$d_W(P_k(Y), Z_k) \leq \frac{ck}{n}.$$

Exchangeable pair: small random rotation.

Fix ε , and let

$$R_\varepsilon = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2} & \varepsilon \\ -\varepsilon & \sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2} \end{bmatrix} \oplus I_{n-2}.$$

Let $U \in O(n)$ be random, independent of Y .

Let $Y_\varepsilon = (UR_\varepsilon U^T)Y$. Then

(Y, Y_ε) is exchangeable by the spherical symmetry of Y .