

1. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a Probability space.. Let $\{X_n\}$ be a sequence of i.i.d. samples on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$. Consider \bar{X}_n , the empirical mean given by

$$\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n X_k.$$

Let for $u \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$s(u) = \sup_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n} \log \mathbb{P}(\bar{X}_n \geq u)$$

and for $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

$$p(\lambda) = \log E[e^{\lambda X_1}].$$

We shall work in $\mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\} \cup \{\infty\}$. In this worksheet we will prove the result: For all $\lambda \geq 0$,

$$p(\lambda) = \sup_{u \in \mathbb{R}} (\lambda u + s(u)) \quad (1)$$

- (a) Show (1) for $\lambda = 0$. i.e.

$$\sup_{u \in \mathbb{R}} s(u) = 0 = p(0).$$

- (b) Show that

$$P(\{\bar{X}_n > u\}) \leq (E[e^{\lambda X_1}])^n e^{-n\lambda u}$$

for $\lambda \geq 0$ and conclude that

$$p(\lambda) \geq \sup_{u \in \mathbb{R}} (\lambda u + s(u)) \quad (2)$$

for all $\lambda > 0$

- (c) Show that for $K > 0$ large enough and any $\lambda > 0$

$$-\lambda K < \sup_{u \in \mathbb{R}} (\lambda u + s(u)) \quad (3)$$

- (d) Let $\lambda > 0$ and $K > 0$ prove each of the (in)equalities below:

$$\begin{aligned} \log E[e^{\lambda X_1} \mathbf{1}(|X_1| \leq K)] &\leq \frac{1}{n} \log E[e^{n\lambda \bar{X}_n} \mathbf{1}(|\bar{X}_n| \leq K)] \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \log E\left[\left(e^{-n\lambda K} + \int_{-K}^{\bar{X}_n} e^{n\lambda u} n \lambda du\right) \mathbf{1}(|\bar{X}_n| \leq K)\right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n} \log \left(e^{-n\lambda K} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E\left[\mathbf{1}(-K \leq u \leq \bar{X}_n) \mathbf{1}(|\bar{X}_n| \leq K) e^{n\lambda u} n \lambda du\right]\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n} \log \left(e^{-n\lambda K} + \int_{-K}^K E\left[e^{n(\lambda u + s(u))} n \lambda du\right]\right) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

- (e) Using (3) and (4) show that

$$\log E[e^{\lambda X_1} \mathbf{1}(|X_1| \leq K)] \leq \frac{1}{n} \log(1 + 2Kn\lambda) + \sup_{u \in \mathbb{R}} (\lambda u + s(u)) \quad (5)$$