

## 2006 Fall Midterm for Advanced Probability for Communications

Each problem costs you 10 points.

1. (Section 6)
  - (a) Bernstein's Theorem uses the binomial distribution as a base to construct a polynomial function to uniformly approximate a compact-support continuous function. By following similar technique, find another distribution (other than the binomial one) that yields a polynomial approximate of a compact-support continuous function, which converges uniformly to the desired function. (Hint: Give the approximate polynomial formula and provide the proof.)
  - (b) Is there any connection between the Bernstein-like Theorem and the Sampling Theorem in communication area (where a bandlimited function can be distortionlessly re-constructed from its samples). (Hint: The Bernstein-like Theorem is still "valid" even if the distribution of  $X$  is not a polynomial function of  $x$ .)

### Proof:

- (a) Denote  $f$  to be a continuous function whose support is  $[0, 1]$ . Let  $\hat{f}(x) = f(x/2)$ . Then,  $\hat{f}$  is a continuous function with support  $[0, 2]$ .

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be discrete i.i.d. random variables taking values from  $\{0, 1, 3\}$  with

$$\begin{cases} \Pr[X_1 = 0] = 1 - x/2, \\ \Pr[X_1 = 1] = x/4, \\ \Pr[X_1 = 3] = x/4 \end{cases}$$

Define

$$S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n \quad \text{and} \quad g_n(k, x) = \Pr[S_n = k].$$

Note that  $g_n(k, n)$  is a polynomial of  $x$ . Then,  $\hat{f}$  can be approximated by

$$B_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{2n} g_n(k, x) \hat{f}(k/n)$$

and this approximate converges to  $\hat{f}(x)$  uniformly on  $[0, 2]$ . The proof is as follows.

Let

$$M = \sup_{x \in [0, 2]} |\hat{f}(x)|$$

and

$$\delta(\varepsilon) = \sup_{\{(x, y) \in [0, 2] \times [0, 2] : |x - y| \leq \varepsilon\}} |\hat{f}(x) - \hat{f}(y)|.$$

By the continuity of  $\hat{f}(\cdot)$  over a closed and bounded (hence, compact) set  $[0, 2]$ ,

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \delta(\varepsilon) = 0.$$

For convenience, denote  $\mathbb{N}_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |B_n(x) - \hat{f}(x)| &= |E[f(S_n/n)] - \hat{f}(x)| \\ &= |E[f(S_n/n) - \hat{f}(x)]| \\ &\leq E[|f(S_n/n) - \hat{f}(x)|] \\ &= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_n} |f(k/n) - \hat{f}(x)| \Pr[S_n = k] \\ &= \sum_{\{k \in \mathbb{N}_n : |k/n - x| < \varepsilon\}} |f(k/n) - \hat{f}(x)| \Pr[S_n = k] \\ &\quad + \sum_{\{k \in \mathbb{N}_n : |k/n - x| \geq \varepsilon\}} |f(k/n) - \hat{f}(x)| \Pr[S_n = k] \\ &\leq \sum_{\{k \in \mathbb{N}_n : |k/n - x| < \varepsilon\}} \delta(\varepsilon) \Pr[S_n = k] \\ &\quad + \sum_{\{k \in \mathbb{N}_n : |k/n - x| \geq \varepsilon\}} (2M) \Pr[S_n = k] \\ &= \delta(\varepsilon) \Pr[|S_n/n - x| < \varepsilon] + (2M) \Pr[|S_n/n - x| \geq \varepsilon] \\ &\leq \delta(\varepsilon) + (2M) \frac{\text{Var}[X_1]}{n\varepsilon^2} \quad (\text{by Chebyshev's ineq.}) \\ &\leq \delta(\varepsilon) + (2M) \frac{E[X_1^2]}{n\varepsilon^2} \\ &\leq \delta(\varepsilon) + \frac{18M}{n\varepsilon^2}, \quad (X_1 \leq 3) \end{aligned}$$

for which the upper bound is independent of  $x$  (and hence, is a uniform bound).

The proof is completed by noting that for  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$B_n(2x) = \sum_{k=1}^{2n} g_n(k, 2x) f\left(\frac{k}{2n}\right)$$

well-approximate  $f(x)$  and converges to  $f(x)$  uniformly.

(b) No unique or formal solution. □

2. (Section 9)

(a) If  $\Pr[X_n \geq 1 + Y_n \text{ i.o. in } n] = 1$ , and  $\Pr[Y_n \geq 0 \text{ i.o. in } n] = 1$ , then can we say  $\Pr[X_n \geq 1 \text{ i.o. in } n] = 1$ ?

(b) By considering the case in 2(a), is the proof of the last displayed equation of the law of iterated logarithm (cf. slide 9-77) rigorous?

(c) If

$$\Pr[X_n \geq 1 + Y_n \text{ i.o. in } n] = 1,$$

and

$$\Pr[Y_n \geq 0 \text{ for sufficiently large } n] = 1,$$

then can we say  $\Pr[X_n \geq 1 \text{ i.o. in } n] = 1$ ? (Hint: “sufficiently large” means that there exist  $N$  such that the argument is true for every  $n \geq N$ .)

(d) Suppose that  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  is zero-mean Gaussian i.i.d. with unit variance. Then,

$$\frac{X_1 + \cdots + X_n}{\sqrt{2n \log \log(n)}}$$

is zero-mean Gaussian distributed with variance  $2/\log \log(n)$ . Hence, it will converge to a degenerated zero-mean Gaussian with zero variance. Does the above fact contradict to the law of iterative logarithm? (Hint: That  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent Gaussian distributed does not imply that  $\max\{X, Y\}$  is Gaussian distributed.)

**Proof:**

- (a) The answer is “not necessary”, since the former may occur only when  $n$  is odd, while the latter may occur only at  $n$  even. For example, let  $X_n$  and  $Y_n$  be defined over the same probability space ( $\Omega = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $\mathcal{F} = 2^\Omega$ ,  $P$ ). Define  $Y_{2k}(\omega) = \omega$  and  $Y_{2k-1}(\omega) = -2$ . Then,

$$\{\omega \in \Omega : Y_n(\omega) \geq 0 \text{ i.o. in } n\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} \{\omega \in \Omega : Y_k(\omega) \geq 0\} = \{0, 1\}$$

since  $Y_n(0) \geq 0$  and  $Y_n(1) \geq 0$  for every even  $n$ . Define  $X_n(\omega) = -1$ . Then,

$$\{\omega \in \Omega : X_n(\omega) \geq 1 + Y_n(\omega) \text{ i.o. in } n\} = \{0, 1\}$$

since  $X_n(0) \geq 1 + Y_n(0)$  and  $X_n(1) \geq 1 + Y_n(1)$  for every odd  $n$ . However,

$$\{\omega \in \Omega : X_n(\omega) \geq 0 \text{ i.o. in } n\} = \emptyset.$$

- (b) On slide 9-75, the proof shows that

$$\Pr \left\{ S_{n_k} - S_{n_{k-1}} \geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{\xi}\right) \sqrt{2n_k \log \log(n_k)} \text{ i.o. in } k \right\} = 1.$$

On slide 9-76, the proof shows that

$$\Pr \left\{ S_{n_k} \geq -\frac{2}{\sqrt{\xi}} \sqrt{2n_k \log \log(n_k)} \text{ i.o. in } k \right\} = 1.$$

These two do not necessarily imply the inference on slide 9-77 from 2(a), i.e.,

$$\Pr \left\{ S_{n_{k-1}} \geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{\xi}\right) \sqrt{2n_k \log \log(n_k)} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{\xi}} \sqrt{2n_k \log \log(n_k)} \text{ i.o. in } k \right\} = 1.$$

Hence, this step is **not** rigorous.

- (c) Yes. (Comment: From this, you learn how “difficult” to provide a “completely flawless” rigorous proof.)
- (d) The stated fact does not contradict to the law of iterative logarithm.

The law of iterative logarithm deals with the **limit supremum** of

$$\frac{X_1 + \cdots + X_n}{\sqrt{2n \log \log(n)}}.$$

In its original form, **limit supremum** is defined as:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{k \geq n} \frac{X_1 + \cdots + X_k}{\sqrt{2k \log \log(k)}}.$$

Thus, even if  $\frac{X_1 + \cdots + X_k}{\sqrt{2k \log \log(k)}}$  is Gaussian distributed for each  $k$ ,

$$\sup_{k \geq n} \frac{X_1 + \cdots + X_k}{\sqrt{2k \log \log(k)}}$$

is no longer Gaussian distributed. □

3. (Section 20)

- (a) Fix a probability space  $(\Omega = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}, \mathcal{F} = \{\emptyset, \Omega\}, P)$ . Define a random variable  $X$  that is well-defined over this probability space. (Hint: The event  $[\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \leq x]$  must lie in  $\mathcal{F}$  for any real  $x$ .)
- (b) For a probability space  $(\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}, \mathcal{F}, P)$ , and a random variable satisfying  $X(1) = X(3) = X(5) = -1$  and  $X(2) = X(4) = X(6) = 1$ , find the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $X$ .

**Answer:**

- (a)  $X(n) = 1$  for all  $n \in \Omega$ .
- (b)  $[\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \leq x] = \begin{cases} \emptyset, & x < -1; \\ \{1, 3, 5\}, & -1 \leq x < 1; \\ \Omega, & x > 1 \end{cases}$

Hence, the smallest  $\sigma$ -field that contains  $\emptyset$ ,  $\{1, 3, 5\}$  and  $\Omega$  is

$$\{\emptyset, \{1, 3, 5\}, \{2, 4, 6\}, \Omega\}.$$

4. (Section 21)

(a) Prove that for non-negative random variable  $X$  with density  $f(x)$ ,

$$E[X] = \int_0^{\infty} \Pr[X > t]dt = \int_0^{\infty} \Pr[X \geq t]dt.$$

(b) Generalize the above formula to random variance  $X$  with  $\Pr[X \leq x_0] = 0$  for some (possibly negative)  $x_0$ . In other words, determine the mean of  $X$  in terms of the complementary cdf of  $X$ .

(c) Generalize the above formula to determine  $E[X \cdot I_{[X \geq x_0]}]$  for arbitrary random variance  $X$  (that is possibly statistically unbounded from below), where  $I_{[\cdot]}$  is the set indicator function, and  $x_0 < 0$ .

**Proof:**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} \Pr[X > t]dt &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_t^{\infty} f(x)dxdt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^x f(x)dt dx \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} x f(x)dx \\ &= E[X]. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Let  $Y = X - x_0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= E[Y] + x_0 \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \Pr[Y > t]dt + x_0 \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \Pr[X > t + x_0]dt + x_0. \end{aligned}$$

(c) Again, let  $Y = X \cdot I_{[X \geq x_0]}$ . Then, for any  $x_0 < 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E[XI_{[X \geq x_0]}] &= E[Y] \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \Pr[Y > t + x_0]dt + x_0 \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \Pr[X > t + x_0]dt + x_0. \end{aligned}$$

5. (Sections 22 & 25)

- (a) Theorem 22.1 and the theorem on slide 22-11 state that if  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are **pair-wise** independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.), whose marginal mean exists, then

$$\frac{S_n}{n} \rightarrow E[X_1] \quad \text{with probability 1,}$$

where  $S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$ . However, since the mean of Cauchy distributions does not exist, the above result does not apply. Then, what can we say about the limit

$$\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n}$$

for i.i.d. Cauchy variables? (Hint: In what sense  $S_n/n$  converges?)

- (b) Can we find any constant  $a$  such that

$$\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n}$$

converges in probability to  $a$  for this i.i.d. Cauchy normalized sum?

- (c) Show that for i.i.d. variables with symmetric pdf (symmetric with respect to some point  $x_0$ ), if  $S_n/n$  converges in distribution to degenerated distribution at  $x_0$ , then  $S_n/n$  converges to  $x_0$  in probability.

**Answer:**

- (a) Slide 21-32 shows that the Cauchy distributions are closure under both convolution and scaling operation. Hence,

$$\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n}$$

has density

$$\gamma_\alpha(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\alpha}{x^2 + \alpha^2} \quad \text{on } \mathfrak{R},$$

if each  $X_i$  has the same density. Hence,  $S_n/n$  converges in distribution to Cauchy distribution with parameter  $\alpha$ .

(b) The cdf of Cauchy distribution is  $\tan^{-1}(x/\alpha)/\pi + 1/2$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[|S_n/n - a| > \varepsilon] &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{a + \varepsilon}{\alpha} \right) - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{a - \varepsilon}{\alpha} \right) + \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{a + \varepsilon}{\alpha} \right) + \frac{1}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{a - \varepsilon}{\alpha} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

If  $S_n/n$  converges in probability to  $a$ , the quantity (1) must reduce to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , which is not true for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Therefore, there exists no  $a$  such that  $S_n/n$  converges in probability to  $a$ .

(c) Let  $F_X(\cdot)$  represent the cdf of variable  $X$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[|S_n/n - x_0| > \varepsilon] &= 1 - F_{S_n/n}(x_0 + \varepsilon) + F_{S_n/n}(x_0 - \varepsilon) \\ &= 1 - F_{S_n/n - x_0}(\varepsilon) + F_{S_n/n - x_0}(-\varepsilon) \\ &= 2F_{S_n/n - x_0}(-\varepsilon) \\ &\rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality holds due to symmetry, and the last convergence is valid since  $-\varepsilon$  is the continuous point of the limiting degenerated cdf.

6. (Section 25)

(a) When will equality hold for

$$\Pr[A \leq a] - \Pr[|A - B| \geq b] \leq \Pr[B < a + b]?$$

(b) Given the cdfs of  $X$  and  $Y$ , and suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  have no point mass, what can we say about the cdf of  $|X - Y|$  without the knowledge of joint statistical relationship between  $X$  and  $Y$ ?

(c) Can we find a bound for  $E[|X - Y|]$ ? (Hint: Problem 4.)

(d) Comment on the goodness of the bound in (c) by examples.

**Answer:**



(a)

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr[A \leq a] - \Pr[|A - B| \geq b] \\ &= \Pr[(A \leq a) \wedge (|A - B| \geq b)^c] - \Pr[(|A - B| \geq b) \wedge [A \leq a]^c] \\ &\leq \Pr[(A \leq a) \wedge (|A - B| \geq b)^c] \\ &= \Pr[(A \leq a) \wedge (|A - B| < b)] \\ &= \Pr[(A + b \leq a + b) \wedge (A - b < B < A + b)] \\ &\leq \Pr[B < a + b] \end{aligned}$$

So equality holds if, and only if,

$$\Pr[(|A - B| \geq b) \wedge [A > a]] = 0$$

and

$$\Pr[(B < a + b) \wedge ((A > a) \vee (|A - B| \geq b))] = 0.$$

Or equivalently,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[(|A - B| \geq b) \wedge (A > a)] &= 0 \\ \Pr[(B < a + b) \wedge (A > a)] &= 0 \\ \Pr[(B < a + b) \wedge (|A - B| \geq b)] &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Or equivalently,  $[|A - B| \geq b]$ ,  $[A > a]$  and  $[B < a + b]$  are statistically disjoint events in the sense that

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr([|A - B| \geq b] \vee [A > a] \vee [B < a + b]) \\ &= \Pr(|A - B| \geq b) + \Pr(A > a) + \Pr(B < a + b). \end{aligned}$$

(b) Let  $F_X(\cdot)$ ,  $F_Y(\cdot)$  and  $F_Z(\cdot)$  denote the cdfs of  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z = |X - Y|$ . Then, by using the inequality in (a),

$$1 - F_Z(b) = \Pr[|X - Y| \geq b] \geq \max_{a \in \mathfrak{R}} \{F_X(a) - F_Y(a + b), F_Y(a) - F_X(a + b)\}.$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} E[Z] &= \int_0^\infty (1 - F_Z(b)) db \\ &\geq \int_0^\infty \max_{a \in \mathfrak{R}} \{F_X(a) - F_Y(a + b), F_Y(a) - F_X(a + b)\} db. \end{aligned}$$

(d) No formal solution is provided.

For example, if  $X$  and  $Y$  has the same marginal cdf, then this bound is trivial (and perhaps, useless).

7. (Section 26)

(a) Suppose that a random variable  $X$  has bounded support on  $[0, 2\pi)$ . Then, its cdf can be uniquely determined by  $\varphi_X(m)$  for integer  $m$ , where  $\varphi_X(t)$  is the characteristic function of  $X$ . How to reconstruct  $\varphi_X(t)$  in terms of  $\{\varphi_X(m)\}_{m \text{ integer}}$ .

(b) Sampling theorem tells us that a real signal  $s(t)$  whose spectrum  $S(f)$  is non-negative, symmetric with respect to  $f = 0$  and bandlimited to  $W$  can be distortionlessly reconstructed by its samples with sampling rate  $2W$ . Can we determine  $\int_a^b |S(f)|df$  for any  $-W < a < b < W$  in terms of these samples? (Note: Show that  $S(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s(t)e^{-i2\pi ft}dt$  is real.)

(c) What does  $\int_a^b S(f)df$  represent if  $S(f)$  is a power spectrum density?

(d) If  $\theta$  (in  $\theta, 2\theta, 3\theta, \dots$ ) in the example of uniformly distributed modulo 1 is a non-zero rational number, what distribution will the counting measure  $\mu_n$  converge to?

**Answer:**

(a) By sampling theorem, we can use sinc functions to interpolate  $\varphi_X(m)$  to obtain  $\varphi_X(t)$ . Details are omitted.

(b) First, notice that  $\text{Im}\{S(f)\} = [S(f) - S^*(f)]/2 = [S(f) - S(-f)]/2 = 0$ , where  $S^*(f) = S(-f)$ . Hence,  $|S(f)| = S(f)$ . Then, by treating  $S(f)$  as a distribution, we can determine  $\int_a^b S(f)df$  using the theorem introduced in class.

(c) Power lies within  $a$  Hz and  $b$  Hz.

(d) Let  $\theta = p/q$  for some integers  $p$  and  $q$  with  $\text{gcd}(p, q) = 1$ . Then,  $c_m(n) = 1$  when  $m$  is a multiple of  $q$ , and converges to zero, otherwise. Hence,  $c_m = 1$  when  $m$  is a multiple of  $q$ , and zero, otherwise. As a result,  $\mu$  is a measure that has mass  $1/q$  at point

$0, 2\pi/q, 4\pi/q, 6\pi/q, \dots, 2(q-1)\pi/q$ . Notably,

$$c_m = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{imx} \mu(dx) = \frac{1}{q} \sum_{k=0}^{q-1} e^{i2\pi mk/q} = \begin{cases} 1, & m \text{ is a multiple of } q; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

This example tells us that when we are forced to choose a rational “seed”, it is better to choose one that yields “large”  $q$ .

8. (Section 27)

- (a) Suppose  $\dots, X_{-3}, X_{-2}, X_{-1}, X_0, X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots$  are i.i.d. sequence with mean  $m$ , variance  $\sigma^2$  and finite 12th moment. Let  $Y_n = \sum_{k=0}^K h_k X_{n-k}$ . Prove that

$$\frac{Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_n - E[Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_n]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}[Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_n]}} \Rightarrow N.$$

- (b) What is the limit of  $\text{Var}[Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_n]/n$ ?
- (c) Is it fair to say that the output due to stable linear time-invariant filter and i.i.d. input with finite 12th marginal moment satisfies the central limit theorem?

**Answer:**

- (a) Firstly, show that  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots$ , is  $\alpha$ -mixing with  $\alpha_n = 0$ . Secondly, show that

$$E[(Y_n - E[Y_n])^{12}] = E \left[ \left( \sum_{k=1}^K h_k (X_{n-k} - m) \right)^{12} \right] < \infty$$

Then, apply Theorem 27.4.

- (b) Put  $\varphi_Y(k) = E[(Y_1 - E[Y_1])(Y_{1+k} - E[Y_k])]$  and

$$\Psi_Y(f) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi_Y(k) e^{-i2\pi kf}$$

the autocovariance function and power spectrum density of  $Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots$ , respectively. Then, according to Theorem 27.4,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \text{Var}[Y_1 + \dots + Y_n] &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi_Y(k) \\ &= \Psi_Y(0) \\ &= \Psi_X(0) |H(0)|^2 \\ &= \sigma^2 \left( \sum_{k=0}^K h_k \right)^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $H(f) = \sum_{k=0}^K h_k e^{-i2\pi kf}$ .

(c) Certainly.

9. (In general)

- (a) Prove that the only differentiable function satisfying  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$  is  $f(x) = -\alpha x$  for some  $\alpha$ .
- (b) What is the distribution of a non-negative random variable with differentiable cdf and satisfying  $P[X > x + y | X > x] = P[X > y]$ ?
- (c) Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be i.i.d. sequence with marginal distribution in 9(b). Denote  $N_t = \max\{n : S_n \leq t\}$ , where  $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$ . Find the distribution of  $P[N_t = n]$  for non-negative integer  $n$ .

**Proof:**

(a) Since

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{h} = \frac{f(h)}{h},$$

we have  $f'(x) = \lim_{h \downarrow 0} f(h)/h$  is a constant, independent of  $x$ . This completes the proof.

(b)  $P[X > x + y] = P[X > x]P[X > y]$  implies  $\log P[X > x + y] = \log P[X > x] + \log P[X > y]$ . By (a), we know that  $\log P[X > x] = -\alpha x$ , which implies  $P[X > x] = e^{-\alpha x}$ .

(c) Event  $[N_t = n]$  is equivalent to event  $[S_n \leq t < S_{n+1}]$ . Through this, you shall be able to prove that

$$P[N_t = n] = e^{-\alpha t} \frac{(\alpha t)^n}{n!}.$$

10. (In general) Theorem 23.2 (cf. slide 28-1) states that for i.i.d.  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots$  with  $\Pr[Z_1 = 1] = \lambda/n$  and  $\Pr[Z_1 = 0] = 1 - \lambda/n$ ,

$$\Pr[S_n = i] \rightarrow e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!}, \quad (2)$$

where  $S_n = Z_1 + Z_2 + \dots + Z_n$ . Theorem 27.2 states that

$$\frac{S_n - E[S_n]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}[S_n]}} = \frac{S_n - \lambda}{\sqrt{\lambda(1 - \lambda/n)}} \Rightarrow N \quad \left( \text{or equivalently, } \frac{S_n - \lambda}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \Rightarrow N \right).$$

Therefore,  $\Pr[S_n/\sqrt{\lambda} - \sqrt{\lambda} = i/\sqrt{\lambda} - \sqrt{\lambda}] = \Pr[S_n = i] \rightarrow 0$ , a contradiction to (2). What's wrong with the above argument?

**Proof:**

$$\frac{S_n - E[S_n]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}[S_n]}} \Rightarrow N$$

is wrong, because  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots$  does not satisfy the Lindeberg condition!! Let  $\tilde{Z}_n = Z_n - \lambda/n$ . Then, taking  $\epsilon = 1/(2\sqrt{\lambda})$  and  $n \geq \max\left\{\frac{4\lambda}{3}, \frac{8\lambda}{\sqrt{17}-1}\right\}$  yields:

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{s_n^2} \int_{|z| \geq \epsilon s_n} z^2 dF_{\tilde{Z}_k}(z) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{s_n^2} E \left[ \tilde{Z}_k^2 I_{\{|\tilde{Z}_k| \geq \epsilon s_n\}} \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\text{Var}[Z_1]} E \left[ \tilde{Z}_1^2 I_{\{|\tilde{Z}_1| \geq \epsilon \sqrt{n \text{Var}[Z_1]}\}} \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\lambda(1 - \lambda/n)} E \left[ (Z_1 - \lambda/n)^2 I_{\{|Z_1 - \lambda/n| \geq \sqrt{(1 - \lambda/n)/2}\}} \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\lambda(1 - \lambda/n)} \cdot \frac{\lambda}{n} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^2 \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$