

CHAPTER 3

THE LIMIT DISTRIBUTION OF U



3.1 DEFINITION OF U

Let

$$\begin{aligned}
 & X_{11}, X_{12}, \dots, X_{1n_1} \\
 & X_{21}, X_{22}, \dots, X_{2n_2} \\
 & \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \\
 & X_{l1}, X_{l2}, \dots, X_{ln_l}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.1}$$

be independent random variables such that the random variables in the same row have the same distribution.

Let  $f(x_1, \dots, x_l)$  be a real-valued function which is bounded and integrable. For  $1 \leq i_1 \leq n_1, \dots, 1 \leq i_l \leq n_l$ , put

$$(3.2) \quad U(i_1, \dots, i_l) = f(X_{1i_1}, \dots, X_{li_l}).$$

In this chapter we shall study the asymptotic distribution of

$$(3.3) \quad U = \sum_{i_1=1}^{n_1} \dots \sum_{i_l=1}^{n_l} U(i_1, \dots, i_l).$$

In section 3.3 we show that U is asymptotically normally distributed when  $n_1, \dots, n_l$  are large. Moreover, if  $f_1, \dots, f_k$  are bounded integrable function of l variables, we also show that asymptotic distribution of the random vector

$$U = (U_1, \dots, U_k),$$

where

$$U_p = \sum_{i_1=1}^{n_1} \dots \sum_{i_1=1}^{n_1} f_p(x_{1i_1}, \dots, x_{li_1}), \quad p = 1, \dots, k,$$

is a k-variate normal distribution.

### 3.2 MOMENTS OF U

DEFINITION 3.2.1  $U(i_1, \dots, i_l)$  and  $U(i'_1, \dots, i'_l)$  are said to be linked if and only if there exists  $k$  such that  $1 \leq k \leq l$  and  $i_k = i'_k$ . A pair of such  $U(i_1, \dots, i_l)$ ,  $U(i'_1, \dots, i'_l)$  will be called a link. Note that if  $U(i_1, \dots, i_l)$  and  $U(i'_1, \dots, i'_l)$  are not linked then they are Stochastically independent.

DEFINITION 3.2.2 Any set  $S$  of  $U(i_1, \dots, i_l)$ 's is said to be a connected if and only if for any  $U$  and  $U'$  in  $S$  there exists a finite sequence  $U^{(1)}, \dots, U^{(n)}$  in  $S$  such that  $U = U^{(1)}$ ,  $U' = U^{(n)}$  and for each  $k = 1, \dots, n-1$ ,  $U^{(k)}$  and  $U^{(k+1)}$  are linked.

DEFINITION 3.2.3 Let  $S, S'$  be any sets of  $U(i_1, \dots, i_l)$ . We say that  $S, S'$  are separated if for each  $U \in S$ ,  $U' \in S'$ ,  $U$  and  $U'$  are not linked.

DEFINITION 3.2.4 Any family of sets of  $U(i_1, \dots, i_l)$  is said to be a family of separated sets if every two sets in it are separated.

PROPOSITION 3.2.1 If  $\{S_1, \dots, S_u\}$  is a family of separated sets

of  $U(i_1, \dots, i_l)$ 's, then  $E(\prod_{U \in \bigcup_{k=1}^u S_k} U) = \prod_{k=1}^u E(\prod_{U \in S_k} U)$ .

Proof Since  $S_1, \dots, S_u$  are separated, hence  $\prod_{U \in S_1} U, \dots, \prod_{U \in S_u} U$

are functions of disjoint sets of independent random variables.

Therefore, they are independent. So, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 E\left(\prod_u U\right) &= (E \prod_{U \in S_1} U) \cdot (E \prod_{U \in S_2} U) \cdots (E \prod_{U \in S_u} U) \\
 &= \prod_{k=1}^u E\left(\prod_{U \in S_k} U\right) .
 \end{aligned}$$

PROPOSITION 3.2.2 Let  $S$  be a connected set consisting of  $t$  elements,  $U(i_{1p}, \dots, i_{lp})$ ,  $p = 1, \dots, t$ . If  $j_k$  is the number of distinct values of  $i_k$ 's occurring among  $U(i_{1p}, \dots, i_{lp})$  in  $S$ . Then

$$\sum_{k=1}^l j_k \leq (l-1)t + 1 .$$

Proof Since  $S$  is connected and has  $t$  elements, there must exist at least  $t-1$  links among the  $U(i_1, \dots, i_l)$ . For each link, there correspond an equal value of  $i_k$  in the pair of  $U(i_1, \dots, i_l)$ 's that are linked. Hence to the  $t-1$  links there correspond  $t-1$  equal values of  $i_k$ 's.

Hence there are at most  $lt - (t-1) = (l-1)t + 1$  distinct  $i_k$  among the  $U(i_1, \dots, i_l)$ 's in  $S$ . Hence we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^l j_k \leq (l-1)t + 1 .$$

PROPOSITION 3.2.3 Let  $A(t ; n_1, \dots, n_l)$  denote the number of ways that we can form a connected set consisting of exactly  $t$  of the  $U(i_1, \dots, i_l)$ ,  $i_k = 1, \dots, n_k$ ;  $k = 1, \dots, l$ , not necessary distinct. Then

$$A(t ; n_1, \dots, n_l) \leq c(l, t) \sum_{j_1 + \dots + j_l \leq (l-1)t + 1} \sum_{n_1^{j_1} n_2^{j_2} \dots n_l^{j_l}} \text{ways,}$$

where  $c(l,t)$  is a number depending only on  $l$  and  $t$ .

Proof There are  $j_k$  values of  $i_k$ . We can assign  $j_k$  values to  $i_k$  in the  $t$  U's in

$$\sum_{a_1 + \dots + a_{j_k} = t} \frac{t!}{a_1! \dots a_{j_k}!} n_k(n_k-1) \dots (n_k - j_k + 1) \text{ ways.}$$

Hence there are at most

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j_1 + \dots + j_l \leq (l-1)t+1} \prod_{k=1}^l \sum_{a_1 + \dots + a_{j_k} = t} \frac{t!}{a_1! \dots a_{j_k}!} n_k(n_k-1) \dots (n_k - j_k + 1) \\ &= \sum_{j_1 + \dots + j_l \leq (l-1)t+1} \prod_{k=1}^l n_k(n_k-1) \dots (n_k - j_k + 1) \sum_{a_1 + \dots + a_{j_k} = t} \frac{t!}{a_1! \dots a_{j_k}!} \\ &= \sum_{j_1 + \dots + j_l \leq (l-1)t+1} \prod_{k=1}^l n_k(n_k-1) \dots (n_k - j_k + 1) (j_k)^t \\ &= \sum_{j_1 + \dots + j_l \leq (l-1)t+1} \left( \prod_{k=1}^l (j_k)^t \right) \left( \prod_{k=1}^l n_k(n_k-1) \dots (n_k - j_k + 1) \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{j_1 + \dots + j_l \leq (l-1)t+1} \prod_{k=1}^l (j_k)^t n_1^{j_1} n_2^{j_2} \dots n_l^{j_l}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } c(l,t) = \max_{j_1 + \dots + j_l \leq (l-1)t+1} \prod_{k=1}^l (j_k)^t, \text{ then}$$

$$\sum_{j_1 + \dots + j_l \leq (l-1)t+1} \prod_{k=1}^l (j_k)^t n_1^{j_1} \dots n_l^{j_l} \leq c(l,t) \sum_{j_1 + \dots + j_l \leq (l-1)t+1} n_1^{j_1} \dots n_l^{j_l}.$$

Hence there are at most  $c(1,t) \sum_{j_1+\dots+j_l \leq (1-1)t+1} n_1^{j_1} \dots n_l^{j_l}$  ways of assigning

values to  $i_1, \dots, i_l$  in the  $t$  U's to have a connected set with  $t$  U's.

Hence  $A(t; n_1, \dots, n_l) = c(1,t) \sum_{j_1+\dots+j_l \leq (1-1)t+1} n_1^{j_1} \dots n_l^{j_l}$ .

LEMMA 3.2.1 Let  $n_k = a_k n$  where  $a_k$ 's are constants for  $k = 1, \dots, l$ .

Let  $N(t_1, \dots, t_u)$  be the number of ways of forming families of  $u$  separated connected set  $S_1, \dots, S_u$  such that

$$(1) |S_j| = t_j \geq 2 \text{ for all } j,$$

$$(2) |S_j| = t_j \geq 3 \text{ for some } j,$$

$$(3) |US_j| = m,$$

then  $N(t_1, \dots, t_u) \leq O(n^{\frac{m(2l-1)-1}{2}})$ .

Proof Let  $S_j = \left\{ U^{(k)} \mid T_{j-1} + 1 \leq k \leq T_j \right\}$

such that

$$T_0 = 0$$

and

$$T_j = T_{j-1} + t_j \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, u \text{ and } k = 1, \dots, m.$$

From (1) and (2) we obtain

$$(4) 2u + 1 \leq t_1 + \dots + t_u.$$

Since  $S_j$  are separated, hence  $\sum_{j=1}^u t_j = |US_j|$ .



Therefore, from (3) and (4) we obtain

$$2u + 1 \leq m$$

so we have

$$(5) \quad u \leq \frac{m-1}{2}.$$

Since connected set  $S_j$  has  $t_j$  elements, so from Proposition 3.2.2, the number of distinct values of  $i_k$ 's occurring among  $U$ 's in  $S_j$  is at most  $(l-1)t_j + 1$ , then the number of ways of forming  $S_j$  is  $A(t_j; n_1, \dots, n_l)$ . Hence the number of ways of partition  $m$   $U$ 's into  $u$

separated sets  $S_j$ 's is at most  $\prod_{j=1}^u A(t_j; n_1, \dots, n_l)$ , which is less

$$\text{than or equal to } \prod_{j=1}^u \left[ c(l, t_j) \sum_{j_1 + \dots + j_u \leq (l-1)t_j + 1} \sum_{n_1^{j_1} \dots n_l^{j_l}} \right].$$

The last expression is a polynomial in  $n_1, \dots, n_l$  of degree

$$\sum_{j=1}^u \left[ (l-1)t_j + 1 \right] = (l-1) \sum_{j=1}^u t_j + u = \frac{m(2l-1)-1}{2}.$$

When each  $n_k$  is replaced by  $a_k n$ , this expression is a polynomial in  $n$  of degree  $\frac{m(2l-1)-1}{2}$ . Hence we have

$$N(t_1, \dots, t_u) \leq O\left(n^{\frac{m(2l-1)-1}{2}}\right).$$

LEMMA 3.2.2 Let  $n_k = a_k n$  where  $a_k$ 's are constants for  $k = 1, \dots, l$ .

Define  $V(i_1, \dots, i_l) = U(i_1, \dots, i_l) - E[U(i_1, \dots, i_l)]$ .

and 
$$V = \sum_{i_1=1}^{n_1} \dots \sum_{i_l=1}^{n_l} V(i_1, \dots, i_l).$$

Then 
$$\mu_{2k}(V) = \frac{(2k)! n^{k(2l-1)} (a_1 \dots a_l)^{2k}}{2^k (k!)} \left( \sum_{q=1}^l \frac{\delta_q}{a_q} \right)^k + o(n^{k(2l-1)}),$$

where 
$$\delta_q = E [V(i_1, \dots, i_l) V(i'_1, \dots, i'_l)]$$

with 
$$i'_j = i_j \text{ if and only if } j = q.$$

Proof For convenience, let us introduce some notations.

Let

$$I = I_1 \times I_2 \times \dots \times I_l,$$

where 
$$I_q = \{1, 2, \dots, n_q\}, \quad q = 1, \dots, l.$$

For each  $\alpha = (i_1, \dots, i_l) \in I$  we denote  $V(i_1, \dots, i_l)$  by  $V(\alpha)$ .

Hence 
$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{2k}(V) &= E(V^{2k}) \\ &= E \left[ \sum_{\alpha \in I} V(\alpha) \right]^{2k} \\ &= E \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{2k} \left( \sum_{\alpha_j \in I} V(\alpha_j) \right) \right] \\ &= \sum_{\alpha_{2k} \in I} \dots \sum_{\alpha_1 \in I} E \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{2k} V(\alpha_j) \right] \\ &= \sum^{(1)} E \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{2k} V(\alpha_j) \right] + \sum^{(2)} E \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{2k} V(\alpha_j) \right] + \sum^{(3)} E \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{2k} V(\alpha_j) \right], \end{aligned}$$

where

$\sum^{(1)}$  is extended over the expectation of the products of  $2k V(\alpha_j)$ s which can be formed into a family of separated connected sets such that in the family there exists at least one separated set which has one element.

$\sum^{(2)}$  is extended over the expectation of the products of  $2k V(\alpha_j)$ s which can be formed into a family of separated connected sets such that any set in it has exactly two elements.

$\sum^{(3)}$  is extended over the expectation of the products of  $2k V(\alpha_j)$ s which can be formed into a family of separated connected sets such that every set in it has at least two elements and there exists at least one separated connected set which has at least three elements.

Note that each term in the summation  $\sum^{(1)}$  has  $E(V(\alpha_j))$ , which is zero, as a factor. Hence

$$(1) \quad \sum^{(1)} E \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{2k} V(\alpha_j) \right] = 0.$$

Each term  $E \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{2k} V(\alpha_j) \right]$  in  $\sum^{(2)}$  can be factored

into the form

$$E \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{2k} V(\alpha_j) \right] = E[V(\alpha_{j_1})V(\alpha_{j_2})] E[V(\alpha_{j_3})V(\alpha_{j_4})] \dots E[V(\alpha_{j_{2t-1}})V(\alpha_{j_{2t}})]$$



where  $V(d_{j_{2t-1}})$ ,  $V(d_{j_{2t}})$  are linked. Here  $j_1, \dots, j_{2k}$  is a permutation of  $1, 2, \dots, 2k$ . To each permutation

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & 2k \\ j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_{2k} \end{pmatrix},$$

let

$$\sum^{(p)} \prod_{t=1}^k E [V(d_{j_{2t-1}}) V(d_{j_{2t}})]$$

denote the sum of all  $\prod_{t=1}^k E [V(d_{j_{2t-1}}) V(d_{j_{2t}})]$  such that each pair  $V(d_{j_{2t-1}})$ ,  $V(d_{j_{2t}})$  are linked but each of them is not linked with any other  $V(d_j)$ .

Note that distinct permutations may give rise to the same sum in  $\sum^{(2)}$ , for example

$$p_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & \dots & 2k \\ a & b & c & d & j_5 & j_6 & \dots & j_{2k} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$p_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & \dots & 2k \\ b & a & c & d & j_5 & j_6 & \dots & j_{2k} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$p_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & \dots & 2k \\ c & d & b & a & j_5 & j_6 & \dots & j_{2k} \end{pmatrix},$$

will give rise the same sum. Observe that

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & 2k \\ j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_{2k} \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$p' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & 2k \\ j'_1 & j'_2 & \dots & j'_{2k} \end{pmatrix},$$

will give rise to distinct sums  $\sum^{(p)}$ ,  $\sum^{(p')}$  if and only if  $\left\{ \{j_1, j_2\}, \dots, \{j_{2k-1}, j_{2k}\} \right\}$  and  $\left\{ \{j'_1, j'_2\}, \dots, \{j'_{2k-1}, j'_{2k}\} \right\}$  are distinct permutations of  $\{1, 2, \dots, 2k\}$ . Since there are precisely

$\frac{(2k)!}{2^k(k!)}$  such partitions of  $\{1, 2, \dots, 2k\}$ , hence we have exactly

$\frac{(2k)!}{2^k(k!)}$  permutation  $p$  that give rise to different  $\sum^{(p)}$ . Let  $P$

denote a set of such permutations. Then

$$\sum^{(2)} E \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{2k} v(\alpha_j) \right] = \sum_{p \in P} \sum^{(p)} \prod_{t=1}^k v(\alpha_{j_{2t-1}}) v(\alpha_{j_{2t}}).$$

Observe that  $\sum^{(p)} \prod_{t=1}^k [v(\alpha_{j_{2t-1}}) v(\alpha_{j_{2t}})]$  are the same for all

$p \in P$ . Hence

$$\sum^{(2)} E \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{2k} v(\alpha_j) \right] = \frac{(2k)!}{2^k(k!)} \sum^{(p_0)} \prod_{j=1}^k [v(\alpha_{2j-1}) v(\alpha_{2j})],$$

where  $p_0$  is the identity permutation. The summation  $\sum^{(p_0)}$  is

taken over all  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2k} \in I$  such that  $V(\alpha_{2j-1}), V(\alpha_{2j})$  are linked but each is not linked to any other  $\alpha'$  s.

Let  $J$  denote the set of all  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2k})$  such that  $\alpha_{2j-1}, \alpha_{2j}$  have at least one common component but each has no common component with any other  $\alpha'$  s. Hence we may write

$$\sum \binom{p_0}{j=1}^k \prod_E [V(\alpha_{2j-1})V(\alpha_{2j})] = \sum_{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2k}) \in J} \prod_{j=1}^k [V(\alpha_{2j-1})V(\alpha_{2j})].$$

To each  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2k}) \in J$ , let  $k_q$  be the number of  $j$ 's such that  $\alpha_{2j-1}, \alpha_{2j}$  have common  $q^{\text{th}}$  component,  $q = 1, \dots, 2k$ . Hence for  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2k}) \in J$  we have

$$\sum_{q=1}^1 k_q \geq k.$$


Let  $J_1$  denote the set of  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2k})$  such that

$$\sum_{q=1}^1 k_q = k,$$

and  $J_2$  denote the set of  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2k})$  such that

$$\sum_{q=1}^1 k_q > k.$$

So that we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^{(p_0)k} \prod_{j=1}^k E [v(\alpha_{2j-1})v(\alpha_{2j})] = \sum_{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2k}) \in J_1} \prod_{j=1}^k E [v(\alpha_{2j-1})v(\alpha_{2j})]$$


$$+ \sum_{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2k}) \in J_2} \prod_{j=1}^k E [v(\alpha_{2j-1})v(\alpha_{2j})].$$

When  $2k = 2$ , we have

$$\sum_{(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in J_1} E [v(\alpha_1)v(\alpha_2)] = \sum_{i_1=1}^{n_1} \dots \sum_{i_1=1}^{n_1} \sum_{i_1=1}^{n_1} \dots \sum_{i_1=1}^{n_1} E [v(i_1, \dots, i_1)v(i_1, \dots, i_1)].$$

where the summation is taken over all values of  $i_1, \dots, i_1, i_1, \dots, i_1$

such that one and only one of the following's occurs :

$$i_1 = i_1', \dots, i_1 = i_1'$$

There are

- $n_1 n_2 (n_2 - 1) \dots n_1 (n_1 - 1)$  terms in which  $i_1 = i_1'$ ,
- $n_1 (n_1 - 1) n_2 n_3 (n_3 - 1) \dots n_1 (n_1 - 1)$  terms in which  $i_2 = i_2'$ ,
- .....
- .....
- $n_1 (n_1 - 1) \dots n_{l-1} (n_{l-1} - 1) n_l$  terms in which  $i_l = i_l'$ .

Hence, we have

$$\sum_{(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in J_1} E [v(\alpha_1)v(\alpha_2)] = n_1 n_2 (n_2 - 1) \dots n_1 (n_1 - 1) \delta_1$$

$$+ n_1 (n_1 - 1) n_2 n_3 (n_3 - 1) \dots n_1 (n_1 - 1) \delta_2$$

$$+ \dots$$

$$+ n_1 (n_1 - 1) \dots n_{l-1} (n_{l-1} - 1) n_l \delta_l .$$

Setting  $n_1 = a_1 n$ ,  $n_2 = a_2 n, \dots, n_l = a_l n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} \sum_{J_1} E[V(\alpha_1)V(\alpha_2)] &= [n^{2l-1} + o(n^{2l-1})] [a_1^2 a_2^2 \dots a_1^2 \delta_1 + \dots + a_1^2 \dots a_{l-1}^2 a_1 \delta_l] \\ &= [n^{2l-1} + o(n^{2l-1})] [(a_1^2 \dots a_1^2) \frac{\delta_1}{a_1} + \dots + (a_1^2 \dots a_1^2) \frac{\delta_l}{a_1}] \\ &= n^{2l-1} (a_1 \dots a_1)^2 \sum_{q=1}^l \frac{\delta_q}{a_q} + o(n^{2l-1}). \end{aligned}$$

In general, it can be shown that

$$\sum_{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2k})} \sum_{J_1} \prod_{j=1}^k E[V(\alpha_{2j-1})V(\alpha_{2j})] = n^{k(2l-1)} (a_1 \dots a_1)^{2k} \left( \sum_{q=1}^l \frac{\delta_q}{a_q} \right)^k + o(n^{k(2l-1)}).$$

By a similar argument, it can be shown that

$$\sum_{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2k})} \sum_{J_2} \prod_{j=1}^k E[V(\alpha_{2j-1})V(\alpha_{2j})] = o(n^{k(2l-1)}).$$

Hence

$$(2) \quad \sum_{j=1}^{2k} E \prod_{j=1}^{2k} V(\alpha_j) = \frac{(2k)!}{2^k (k!)} n^{k(2l-1)} (a_1 \dots a_1)^{2k} \left( \sum_{q=1}^l \frac{\delta_q}{a_q} \right)^k + o(n^{k(2l-1)}).$$

By Lemma 3.2.1, we see that the number of terms in  $\sum^{(3)}$  is at most  $O(n^{\frac{2k(2l-1)-1}{2}})$ . Hence

$$(3) \quad \sum_{j=1}^{2k} E \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{2k} V(\alpha_j) \right] \leq O(n^{\frac{2k(2l-1)-1}{2}}) = o(n^{k(2l-1)}).$$

From (1), (2) and (3) we obtain

$$\mu_{2k}(V) = \frac{(2k)!}{2^k(k!)} n^{k(2l-1)} (a_1 \dots a_l)^{2k} \left( \sum_{q=1}^l \frac{\gamma_q}{a_q} \right)^k + o(n^{k(2l-1)}).$$

LEMMA 3.2.3 Let  $n_k = a_k n$  where  $a_k$ 's are constants for  $k = 1, \dots, l$ .

We claim that 
$$\mu_{2k+1}(V) = o\left(n^{\frac{(2k+1)(2l-1)}{2}}\right),$$

where 
$$V = \sum_{i_1=1}^{n_1} \dots \sum_{i_l=1}^{n_l} V(i_1, \dots, i_l)$$

and 
$$V(i_1, \dots, i_l) = U(i_1, \dots, i_l) - E[U(i_1, \dots, i_l)].$$

Proof Let  $I, \alpha, V(\alpha)$  be the same as in Lemma 3.2.2.

Hence 
$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{2k+1}(V) &= E[V^{2k+1}] \\ &= E\left[\sum_{\alpha \in I} V(\alpha)\right]^{2k+1} \\ &= E\left[\prod_{j=1}^{2k+1} \sum_{\alpha_j \in I} V(\alpha_j)\right] \\ &= \sum_{\alpha_{2k+1} \in I} \dots \sum_{\alpha_1 \in I} E\left[\prod_{j=1}^{2k+1} V(\alpha_j)\right] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{(1)} E\left[\prod_{j=1}^{2k+1} V(\alpha_j)\right] + \sum_{j=1}^{(2)} E\left[\prod_{j=1}^{2k+1} V(\alpha_j)\right], \end{aligned}$$

where

$\sum^{(1)}$  is extended over the expectation of the products of  $2k+1$   $V(\alpha_j)$ s which can be formed into a family of separated connected sets such that in the family there exists at least one separated set which has exactly one element.

$\sum^{(2)}$  is extended over the expectation of the products of  $2k+1$   $V(\alpha_j)$ s which can be formed into a family of separated connected sets such that any set in it has at least two elements.

Note that each term in the summation  $\sum^{(1)}$  has  $E[V(\alpha_j)]$ , which is zero, as a factor. Hence  $\sum^{(1)} E \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{2k+1} V(\alpha_j) \right] = 0$ .

Since  $2k+1$  is odd, we may apply Lemma 3.2.1 to obtain an upper bound for the number of terms in  $\sum^{(2)}$ . It can be seen that there are at most  $O(n^{\frac{(2k+1)(2l-1)-1}{2}})$  terms in  $\sum^{(2)}$ . Hence

$$\sum^{(2)} E \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{2k+1} V(\alpha_j) \right] \leq O(n^{\frac{(2k+1)(2l-1)-1}{2}}) = o(n^{\frac{(2k+1)(2l-1)}{2}}).$$

Therefore,

$$\mu_{2k+1}(V) = o(n^{\frac{(2k+1)(2l-1)}{2}}).$$

### 3.3 THE ASYMPTOTIC DISTRIBUTION OF U

THEOREM 3.3.1 For each positive integer  $n$ , let  $F_n$  be the distribution function of  $X = \frac{U - E(U)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(U)}}$ , where  $U$  is defined as

in (3.3) with  $n_q = a_q n$ , where  $a_1, \dots, a_l$  are positive constants.

Let  $\chi_q$  be as defined in Lemma 3.2.2. If  $\sum_{q=1}^l \frac{\chi_q}{a_q} \neq 0$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt.$$

Proof Let  $V = U - E(U)$ . Hence  $\text{Var}(V) = \text{Var}(U)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore } \mathcal{M}_m(X) &= E \left[ \frac{V}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(V)}} \right]^m \\ &= \frac{E(V)^m}{(\text{Var}(V))^{\frac{m}{2}}}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that Lemma 3.2.2 and Lemma 3.2.3 are applicable to our random variable  $V$ . When  $m$  is replaced by  $2k$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{2k}(X) &= \frac{(2k)!}{2^k(k!)} \frac{n^{k(2l-1)} (a_1 \dots a_l)^{2k} \left( \sum_{q=1}^l \frac{\chi_q}{a_q} \right)^k + o(n^{k(2l-1)})}{\left[ n^{(2l-1)} (a_1 \dots a_l)^2 \sum_{q=1}^l \frac{\chi_q}{a_q} + o(n^{2l-1}) \right]^k} \\ &= \frac{(2k)!}{2^k(k!)} + o(1), \end{aligned}$$

hence  $\mathcal{M}_m(X) = \frac{m!}{2^{\frac{m}{2}}(\frac{m}{2})!} + o(1)$ , when  $m$  is an even integer.



When  $m$  is replaced by  $2k+1$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{2k+1}(X) &= \frac{\frac{(2k+1)(2l-1)}{2} \cdot o(n)}{\left[ n^{(2l-1)} (a_1 \dots a_l)^2 \sum_{q=1}^l \frac{\delta_q}{a_q} + o(n^{(2l-1)}) \right]^{\frac{2k+1}{2}}} \\ &= o(1), \end{aligned}$$

hence  $\mu_m(X) = o(1)$  when  $m$  is an odd integer.

So we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_m(X) = \begin{cases} \frac{m!}{2^{\frac{m}{2}} (\frac{m}{2})!} & \text{when } m \text{ is even integer,} \\ 0 & \text{when } m \text{ is odd integer,} \end{cases}$$

so by Corollary 2.1 we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt.$$

**THEOREM 3.3.2** Let  $f_p$ ,  $p = 1, \dots, k$ , be bounded integrable

function of  $l$  variables and let  $(X_{ji})$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, l$

be a system of independent random variables such that for each  $j$ ,

$X_{ji}$  are identically distributed. For  $p = 1, \dots, k$ , let

$$U_p = \sum_{i_1=1}^{n_1} \dots \sum_{i_l=1}^{n_l} f_p(X_{1i_1}, \dots, X_{li_1}).$$

Assume that the covariance

matrix  $(\sigma_{pq})$  of  $(U_1, \dots, U_k)$  is non-singular.

Let  $\delta_q(t_1, \dots, t_k)$  be  $d_q$  of Lemma 3.2.2 with

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \sum_{p=1}^k \frac{t_p}{\sqrt{\sigma_{pq}}} f_p(x_1, \dots, x_k) .$$

If  $n_q = a_q n$ , where  $a_1, \dots, a_k$  are positive constants such that

$$\sum_{q=1}^k \frac{\delta_q(t_1, \dots, t_k)}{a_q} \neq 0$$

for all  $(t_1, \dots, t_k) \neq (0, \dots, 0)$ , then  $(U_1, \dots, U_k)$  is asymptotically normally distributed when  $n$  is large.

Proof Let  $\varphi_n(t_1, \dots, t_k)$  be the characteristic function of the joint distribution of  $\frac{U_p - E(U_p)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(U_p)}}$  for  $p = 1, \dots, k$ .

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_n(t_1, \dots, t_k) &= E \left\{ e^{i \left[ \frac{U_1 - E(U_1)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(U_1)}} t_1 + \dots + \frac{U_k - E(U_k)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(U_k)}} t_k \right]} \right\} \\ &= E (e^{iXt}) , \end{aligned}$$

where

$$X = \frac{\frac{t_1 U_1}{\sqrt{\sigma_{11}}} + \dots + \frac{t_k U_k}{\sqrt{\sigma_{kk}}}}{\sqrt{\text{Var}\left(\frac{t_1 U_1}{\sqrt{\sigma_{11}}} + \dots + \frac{t_k U_k}{\sqrt{\sigma_{kk}}}\right)}}$$

and

$$t = \sqrt{\text{Var}\left(\frac{t_1 U_1}{\sqrt{\sigma_{11}}} + \dots + \frac{t_k U_k}{\sqrt{\sigma_{kk}}}\right)} .$$

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Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{t_1 U_1}{\sqrt{\sigma_{11}}} + \dots + \frac{t_k U_k}{\sqrt{\sigma_{kk}}} &= \sum_{i_1=1}^{n_1} \dots \sum_{i_1=1}^{n_1} \left[ \frac{t_1}{\sqrt{\sigma_{11}}} f_1(x_{1i_1}, \dots, x_{1i_1}) + \dots + \frac{t_k}{\sqrt{\sigma_{kk}}} f_k(x_{1i_1}, \dots, x_{1i_1}) \right] \\ &= \sum_{i_1=1}^{n_1} \dots \sum_{i_1=1}^{n_1} f(x_{1i_1}, \dots, x_{1i_1}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $f(x_1, \dots, x_1) = \frac{t_1}{\sqrt{\sigma_{11}}} f_1(x_1, \dots, x_1) + \dots + \frac{t_k}{\sqrt{\sigma_{kk}}} f_k(x_1, \dots, x_1)$

which is also bounded and integrable.

Let  $U = \sum_{i_1=1}^{n_1} \dots \sum_{i_1=1}^{n_1} f(x_{1i_1}, \dots, x_{1i_1})$ , then

$$X = \frac{U - E(U)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(U)}}.$$

Hence by Theorem 2.1.2, Theorem 2.2.4, Theorem 2.2.6 and Theorem 3.3.1, we see that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(e^{iXt}) = e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}}$$

i.e.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_n(t_1, \dots, t_k) = e^{-\frac{1}{2} \text{Var} \left[ \frac{t_1 U_1}{\sqrt{\sigma_{11}}} + \dots + \frac{t_k U_k}{\sqrt{\sigma_{kk}}} \right]}$ .

But  $\text{Var} \left[ \frac{t_1 U_1}{\sqrt{\sigma_{11}}} + \dots + \frac{t_k U_k}{\sqrt{\sigma_{kk}}} \right] = \sum_{q=1}^k \sum_{p=1}^k \frac{t_p t_q \sigma_{pq}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{pp} \sigma_{qq}}}$ ,

$$\text{hence } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_n(t_1, \dots, t_k) = e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{q=1}^k \sum_{p=1}^k \frac{t_p t_q \sigma_{pq}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{pp} \sigma_{qq}}}},$$

which is the characteristic function of the multivariate normal distribution.

We see that  $\varphi_n(t_1, \dots, t_k)$ , which is the characteristic

function of  $\frac{U_p - E(U_p)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(U_p)}}$  for  $p = 1, \dots, k$ , has its limit as the

characteristic function of multivariate normal distribution,

hence  $(U_1, \dots, U_k)$  is asymptotically normally distributed when  $n$  is large.