

**Statistics 581**  
**Problem Set 5 Solutions**  
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1. Suppose that  $X_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  are independent. (a) Show that if

$$(1) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n p_i(1-p_i) \rightarrow \infty,$$

then

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \bar{p}_n)}{\sqrt{n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i(1-p_i)}} \rightarrow_d N(0, 1).$$

(b) Give one example  $\{p_i\}_{i \geq 1}$  for which (1) holds and another example for which it fails.

(c) Compare the condition (1) to the condition for ‘‘Poisson approximation’’ given by  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_{n,i}^2 \rightarrow 0$  given by Le Cam’s inequality (see Ferguson, ACILST, problem 5, page 18). Can both conditions hold?

**Solution:** With  $X_{ni} \equiv X_i - p_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n, \dots$  we have  $E(X_{ni}) = 0$ ,  $\sigma_{ni}^2 = \text{Var}(X_{ni}) = p_i(1-p_i)$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{ni} &= E|X_{ni}|^3 = E|X_i - p_i|^3 = |1-p_i|^3 p_i + |0-p_i|^3 (1-p_i) \\ &\leq p_i(1-p_i)\{(1-p_i)^2 + p_i^2\} \leq 2p_i(1-p_i), \end{aligned}$$

so that  $\sigma_n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i(1-p_i)$  and  $\gamma_n \leq 2 \sum_{i=1}^n p_i(1-p_i)$ . hence

$$\frac{\gamma_n}{\sigma_n^3} \leq \frac{2}{\{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i(1-p_i)\}^{1/2}} \rightarrow 0$$

if  $\sum_1^n p_i(1-p_i) \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence it follows from the Liapunov CLT that

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - p_i)}{\sqrt{\sum_1^n p_i(1-p_i)}} \rightarrow_d N(0, 1),$$

and this is equivalent to the stated conclusion.

If  $p_i = 1/i^r$  with  $r > 1$ , then the assumption fails:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n p_i(1-p_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n i^{-r} - \sum_{i=1}^n i^{-2r} \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i^{-r} - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i^{-2r} < \infty.$$

On the other hand, if  $p_i = 1/i$ , then it holds:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n p_i(1-p_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n i^{-1} - \sum_{i=1}^n i^{-2} \rightarrow \infty - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i^{-2} = \infty.$$

2. Suppose that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent with common mean  $\mu$ , but with variances  $\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2$  respectively.

(a) Show that  $\bar{X}_n$  is a consistent estimator of  $\mu$  if  $\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 = o(n^2)$ .

(b) Now suppose that  $X_i = \mu + \sigma_i \epsilon_i$  where  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n$  are i.i.d. with some distribution function  $F$  with  $E(\epsilon_1) = 0$  and  $Var(\epsilon_1) = 1 < \infty$ . Show that if

$$(2) \quad \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sigma_i^2 / \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 \rightarrow 0$$

then with  $\bar{\sigma}_n^2 \equiv n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2$ ,

$$(3) \quad \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}{\bar{\sigma}_n} \rightarrow_d N(0, 1).$$

Hence show that if both (2) and

$$(4) \quad \bar{\sigma}_n^2 \rightarrow \text{“something”} \equiv \sigma_0^2,$$

then

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \rightarrow_d N(0, \sigma_0^2).$$

(c) Show that (2) holds but that (4) fails if  $\sigma_i^2 = Ai^r$  with  $r < 1$ . Hence show that in this case  $n^{(1-r)/2}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) = O_p(1)$ .

**Solutions:** (a) Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Note that

$$P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| > \epsilon) \leq \frac{Var(\bar{X}_n)}{\epsilon^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2}{n^2 \epsilon^2} \rightarrow 0$$

if  $\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 = o(n^2)$ .

(b) For clarity, change notation by letting  $\sigma_i \equiv a_i$ . Set  $X_{ni} \equiv X_i - \mu = a_i \epsilon_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Then  $E(X_{ni}) = 0$ ,  $\sigma_{ni}^2 = Var(X_{ni}) = a_i^2$ , and  $\sigma_n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2$ . To check the Lindeberg condition we compute

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sigma_n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n E|X_{ni}|^2 1_{[|X_{ni}| > \delta \sigma_n]} &= \frac{1}{\sigma_n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n E\{a_i^2 \epsilon_i^2 1_{|a_i \epsilon_i| \geq \delta \sigma_n}\} \\ &\leq E\{\epsilon_1^2 1_{[|\epsilon_1| > \delta \sigma_n / \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} a_i]}\} \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

if (2) holds. Thus (3) follows from the Lindeberg-Feller CLT.

(c) If  $a_i^2 = Ai^r$ , then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 = A \sum_{i=1}^n i^r \sim \frac{An^{r+1}}{r+1} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

(since  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (i/n)^r \rightarrow \int_0^1 x^r dx = 1/(r+1)$ ). Thus

$$\frac{\max_{i \leq n} a_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2} = \frac{On^r}{n^{r+1}} \rightarrow 0,$$

but

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 \sim \frac{An^r}{r+1} \rightarrow \infty.$$

3. Suppose that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent with common mean  $\mu$ , but with variances  $\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2$  respectively, exactly as in problem 2 above. Consider estimators of  $\mu$  of the form  $T_n \equiv T_n(w) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ni} X_i$  where  $w = w_n = (w_{n1}, \dots, w_{nn})$  is a vector of weights with  $\sum_{i=1}^n w_{ni} = 1$ .

(a) Show that all the estimators  $T_n(w)$  are unbiased, and that the choice of weights which minimizes  $Var(T_n(w))$  is

$$(5) \quad w_{ni}^{opt} = \frac{1/\sigma_i^2}{\sum_{j=1}^n (1/\sigma_j^2)} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n.$$

(b) Compute  $Var(T_n(w^{opt}))$  and show that  $T_n(w^{opt})$  is a consistent estimator of  $\mu$  if  $\sum_{j=1}^n (1/\sigma_j^2) \rightarrow \infty$ .

(c) Now suppose that  $X_i = \mu + \sigma_i \epsilon_i$  where  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n$  are i.i.d. with some distribution function  $F$  with  $E(\epsilon_1) = 0$  and  $Var(\epsilon_1) = 1 < \infty$  as in 2(b) above. Show that

$$(6) \quad \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (1/\sigma_i^2)} (T_n(w^{opt}) - \mu) \rightarrow_d N(0, 1)$$

if

$$\frac{\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} (1/\sigma_i^2)}{\sum_{j=1}^n (1/\sigma_j^2)} \rightarrow 0.$$

(d) Compute  $Var[T_n(w^{opt})]/Var[\bar{X}_n]$  in the case  $\sigma_i^2 = Ai^r$  for  $r = .25, .50, .75, 1$  and  $n = 5, 10, 20, 50, 100$ , and  $\infty$ .

**Solution:** (a) Unbiasedness of the estimators  $T_n(w)$  is trivial:

$$E(T_n(w)) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ni} E(X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ni} \mu = \mu \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ni} = \mu.$$

By direct calculation,

$$Var(T_n(w)) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ni}^2 \sigma_i^2$$

and we want to minimize this subject to  $\sum_{i=1}^n w_{ni} = 1$ . Thus define

$$V^2(w, \lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ni}^2 \sigma_i^2 + \lambda \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ni} - 1 \right).$$

Thus

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_{ni}} V^2(w, \lambda) = 2w_{ni} \sigma_i^2 + \lambda, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

and setting this equal to 0 for all  $i$  yields

$$w_{ni} = -\frac{\lambda/2}{\sigma_i^2}$$

where, in order to satisfy the constraint,

$$1 = \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ni} = -\frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}$$

and hence

$$\lambda = \frac{-2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (1/\sigma_i^2)}.$$

Thus the optimal choice of the weights  $w_{ni}$  is given by

$$w_{ni}^{opt} = \frac{1/\sigma_i^2}{\sum_{j=1}^n (1/\sigma_j^2)}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

Here is a more geometric proof involving a “dual” optimization problem. Write  $w_i \equiv w_{ni}$ . We want to minimize

$$\sum_{i=1}^n w_i^2 \sigma_i^2 = w^T \text{diag}(\sigma_i^2) w$$

subject to the constraint  $\sum_1^n w_i = w^T \mathbf{1} = 1$ . Alternatively, letting  $v_i \equiv w_i \sigma_i$ , we want to minimize

$$v^T v \quad \text{subject to} \quad \langle v, 1/\sigma \rangle = 1$$

where  $1/\sigma = (1/\sigma_1, \dots, 1/\sigma_n)^T$ . Geometrically this amounts to finding the radius of the smallest ball which intersects the hyperplane determined by the vector  $1/\sigma$  and the magnitude constant 1. Now the dual problem is: maximize

$$\langle v, 1/\sigma \rangle \quad \text{subject to} \quad v^T v \leq C^2.$$

Geometrically this amounts to finding the hyperplane with the largest magnitude constant which intersects the ball with radius  $C$ . But the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,

$$(7) \quad \langle v, 1/\sigma \rangle \leq \sqrt{v^T v (1/\sigma)^T (1/\sigma)} \leq C \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (1/\sigma_i^2)} = 1$$

if  $C = 1/\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (1/\sigma_i^2)}$ , and equality holds in the first inequality of (7) if  $v = A(1/\sigma)$  for some  $A$ . Translating back to  $w$  gives  $w_i = w_{ni}$  as in the first solution.

(b) The resulting minimal variance is

$$\text{Var}[T_n(w^{opt})] = \sum_{i=1}^n [w_{ni}^{opt}]^2 \sigma_i^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (1/\sigma_i^2)}{(\sum_{i=1}^n (1/\sigma_i^2))^2} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n (1/\sigma_i^2)}.$$

Hence by Chebychev's inequality

$$P(|T_n(w^{opt}) - \mu| > \epsilon) \leq \frac{\text{Var}[T_n(w^{opt})]}{\epsilon^2} = \frac{1}{\epsilon^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (1/\sigma_i^2)} \rightarrow 0$$

for every  $\epsilon > 0$  if  $\sum_1^n (1/\sigma_i^2) \rightarrow \infty$ .

(c) When  $X_i = \mu + \sigma_i \epsilon_i$ , and we want to show that

$$\sqrt{\sum_1^n (1/\sigma_i^2)} (T_n(w^{opt}) - \mu) \rightarrow_d N(0, 1),$$

it is convenient (for clarity in avoiding clashes with the notation of the Lindeberg-Feller CLT) to temporarily relabel the  $\sigma_i$  as  $a_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Note that then the quantity on the left side in the last display becomes

$$\sqrt{\sum_1^n (1/a_i^2)} (T_n(w^{opt}) - \mu) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (1/a_i^2) a_i \epsilon_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (1/a_i^2)}} = \sum_{i=1}^n c_{ni} \epsilon_i$$

where

$$c_{ni} = \frac{1/a_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (1/a_i^2)}}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

By the same argument we have used several times now for weight sums of i.i.d. random variables with mean zero and finite variance, the Lindeberg condition holds if

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |c_{ni}| = \frac{\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} (1/a_i)}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (1/a_i^2)}} \rightarrow 0,$$

and we conclude that (6) holds.

(d) When  $\sigma_i^2 = A i^r$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  We have

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}_n) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2}{n^2} = \frac{A \sum_{i=1}^n i^r}{n^2},$$

while

$$\text{Var}[T_n(w^{opt})] = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n (1/\sigma_i^2)} = \frac{A}{\sum_{i=1}^n i^{-r}}.$$

Hence

$$\frac{\text{Var}[T_n(w^{opt})]}{\text{Var}[\bar{X}_n]} = \frac{n^2}{(\sum_{i=1}^n i^{-r})(\sum_{i=1}^n i^r)}.$$

Computing this for  $r = .25, .50, .75, 1$  and  $n = 5, 10, 20, 50, 100$ , and  $\infty$ , and noting that the above ratio equals

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(n^{-1} \sum_1^n (i/n)^{-r})(n^{-1} \sum_1^n (i/n)^r)} \\ & \rightarrow \frac{1}{\int_0^1 x^{-r} dx \int_0^1 x^r dx} = (1-r)(1+r) = 1-r^2 \end{aligned}$$

(where the convergence holds for  $0 < r \leq 1$  even though the first integral in the denominator is infinite for  $r = 1$ ), yields the following table.

Table 1: Efficiencies of  $\bar{X}_n$  relative to  $T_n(w^{opt})$

| $n$       | 5    | 10   | 20   | 50   | 100  | $\infty$ |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|----------|
| $r = .25$ | .980 | .970 | .961 | .952 | .948 | .9375    |
| $r = .50$ | .923 | .886 | .854 | .820 | .801 | .7500    |
| $r = .75$ | .836 | .763 | .700 | .633 | .595 | .4375    |
| $r = 1.0$ | .730 | .621 | .529 | .436 | .382 | 0        |

4. Suppose that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d. Cauchy(0, 1); so the density of each  $X_i$  with respect to Lebesgue measure on  $R$  is  $f(x) = \pi^{-1}(1+x^2)^{-1}$ ,  $x \in R$ .
- Compute the distribution function  $F$  of the  $X_i$ 's.
  - Compute and plot the inverse distribution function  $F^{-1}$  corresponding to  $F$ .
  - For what values of  $r > 0$  is  $E|X_1|^r < \infty$ ?
  - Find the distribution function of  $M_n \equiv \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i$ .
  - For what values of  $r$  is  $E|M_n|^r < \infty$ ?
  - Find a sequence of constants  $b_n$  so that  $M_n/b_n \rightarrow_d$  and find the limiting distribution. [Hint: see Ferguson, ACLST, Theorem 14, page 95.]

**Solution:** (a)  $F(x) = (1/\pi) \int_{-\infty}^x (1+t^2)^{-1} dt = (1/\pi)\{\arctan(x) + \pi/2\}$ .

(b) Setting  $F(x) = u$  and solving for  $x = F^{-1}(u)$  yields  $F^{-1}(u) = \tan(\pi(u - 1/2))$ . Note that  $F^{-1}(1/2) = \tan(0) = 0$ ;  $F^{-1}(1) = \tan(\pi/2) = \infty$ , and  $F^{-1}(0) = \tan(-\pi/2) = -\infty$ .

(c) We compute

$$\begin{aligned} E|X_1| &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^r \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left\{ \int_0^1 \frac{x^r}{1+x^2} dx + \int_1^{\infty} \frac{x^r}{1+x^2} dx \right\} \\ &\leq \frac{2}{\pi} \left\{ \int_0^1 \frac{x^r}{1+x^2} dx + \int_1^{\infty} \frac{x^r}{x^2} dx \right\} \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left\{ \int_0^1 \frac{x^r}{1+x^2} dx + \frac{1}{1-r} \right\} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

if  $r < 1$ . Since

$$E|X_1| = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx = \infty,$$

$E|X_1|^r < \infty$  if and only if  $r < 1$ .

(d) Since the  $X_i$ 's are i.i.d. with distribution function  $F$ ,

$$F_{M_n}(x) = P(M_n \leq x) = P(X_1 \leq x, \dots, X_n \leq x) = F(x)^n.$$

(e) First, note that

$$1 - F_{|M_n|}(x) = P(|M_n| > x) = P(\cup_{i=1}^n [|X_i| > x]) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(|X_i| > x) = n(1 - F_{|X_1|}(x))$$

where  $F_{|X_1|}(x) = P(|X_1| \leq x) = F(x) - F(-x)$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} E|M_n|^r &= \int_0^\infty rt^{r-1}(1 - F_{|M_n|}(t))dt \\ &\leq \int_0^\infty rt^{r-1}n(1 - F_{|X|}(t))dt \\ &= nE|X_1|^r < \infty \end{aligned}$$

if  $r < 1$  by part (d). But since  $E|M_n|^r \geq E|X_1|^r = \infty$  if  $r \geq 1$ , we conclude that  $E|M_n|^r < \infty$  if and only if  $r < 1$ .

(f) Note that  $1 - F(x) = \pi^{-1} \int_x^\infty (1+t^2)^{-1} dt \sim 1/(\pi x)$  in the sense that  $x(1 - F(x)) \rightarrow 1/\pi$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . [This follows easily by writing the left side as  $(1 - F(x))/(x^{-1})$  and using L'Hopital's rule.] Hence for  $b_n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $x > 0$

$$F_{M_n/b_n}(x) = P(M_n \leq xb_n) = F(xb_n)^n \quad \text{by part d}$$

and, with  $c_n \equiv xb_n(1 - F(xb_n)) \rightarrow 1/\pi$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} F_{M_n/b_n}(x) &= F(xb_n)^n = (1 - (1 - F(xb_n)))^n \\ &= (1 - [xb_n(1 - F(xb_n))]/(xb_n))^n \\ &= (1 - c_n/xb_n)^n. \end{aligned}$$

From this last expression it becomes clear that the choice  $b_n = n$  yields,

$$F_{M_n/b_n}(x) \rightarrow \exp(-1/\pi x) \equiv G(x), \quad \text{for } x > 0,$$

while for  $x \leq 0$

$$F_{M_n/b_n}(x) \rightarrow 0$$

since  $F(xb_n) \leq 1/2$  for  $x \leq 0$ . Note that  $G(0) = \exp(-\infty) = 0$ ,  $G$  is monotone increasing, and  $G(\infty) = \exp(0) = 1$ . In fact,  $G$  is a member of the Weibull family with shape parameter  $-1$ , and is one of the three different families that can arise as limit distributions of maxima of independent rv's; see e.g. Ferguson (1996), *A Course in Large Sample Theory*, page 95.

5. Suppose that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d. random vectors with values in  $R^k$  with  $E(X_1) = \mu$  and  $E(X_1^T X_1) < \infty$  so that  $\Sigma = E(X_1 - \mu)(X_1 - \mu)^T$  is well-defined. Thus

$$Z_n \equiv \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \rightarrow_d Z \sim N_k(0, \Sigma).$$

Suppose that  $g : R^k \rightarrow R$  is a function, and suppose that  $\nabla g = (g')^T$  exists at  $\mu$ . Then the delta-method (or  $g'$  theorem) tells us that

$$(8) \quad \sqrt{n}(g(\bar{X}_n) - g(\mu)) \rightarrow_d \nabla g(\mu)^T Z \sim N(0, \nabla g(\mu)^T \Sigma \nabla g(\mu)).$$

(a) Show that we can strengthen (8) as follows: Suppose that  $\nabla g = (g')^T$  is continuous at  $\mu$ . Then  $\sqrt{n}(g(\bar{X}_n) - g(\mu))$  is *asymptotically linear* at  $\mu$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n}(g(\bar{X}_n) - g(\mu)) &= \nabla g(\mu)^T \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) + o_p(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi(X_i) + o_p(1) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\psi(x) = \nabla g(\mu)^T(x - \mu)$$

which is called the *influence function* of  $g(\bar{X}_n)$  as an estimator of  $g(\mu)$ , has mean  $E\psi(X_i) = 0$  and  $Var(\psi(X_i)) = \nabla g(\mu)^T \Sigma \nabla g(\mu)$ .

(b) Does the result of (a) apply to the situation considered in problem 1(b) of problem set #4? If so, what is the resulting influence function?

**Solution:** By Taylor's theorem, for some  $Y_n^*$  satisfying  $|Y_n^* - \mu| \leq |\bar{X}_n - \mu| \rightarrow_p 0$  it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n}(g(\bar{X}_n) - g(\mu)) &= \nabla g(Y_n^*)\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \\ &= \nabla g(\mu)\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \\ &\quad + \{\nabla g(Y_n^*) - \nabla g(\mu)\}\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \\ &= \nabla g(\mu)\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) + o_p(1) \end{aligned}$$

since  $\nabla g(Y_n^*) \rightarrow_p \nabla g(\mu)$  by continuity of  $\nabla g$  at  $\mu$  and since  $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) = O_p(1)$ . Now note that

$$\nabla g(\mu)\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla g(\mu)(X_i - \mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi(X_i)$$

with  $\psi$  as in (??).

In fact, the hypothesis of continuity of  $\nabla g$  can be dropped: consider a new function  $h(x) = g(x) - \nabla g(\mu)x$ . Then  $\nabla h(\mu) = \nabla g(\mu) - \nabla g(\mu) = 0$ , and we can write

$$(9) \quad \begin{aligned} \sqrt{n}(g(\bar{X}_n) - g(\mu) - \nabla g(\mu)(\bar{X}_n - \mu)) &= \sqrt{n}(h(\bar{X}_n) - h(\mu)) \\ &\rightarrow_d \nabla h(\mu)Z = 0 \cdot Z = 0 \end{aligned}$$

by the delta-method applied to the function  $h$ . Since convergence in distribution to a constant implies convergence in probability to the same constant, we conclude from (9) that the left side of (9) converges in probability to 0. But this is just the claimed asymptotic linearity with  $\psi(x) = \nabla g(\mu)(x - \mu)$ .

(b) The result in (a) does not quite apply since

$$Z_n \equiv \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu, S_n^2 - \sigma^2)'$$

is not exactly an average of i.i.d. random vectors. But the key features of the proof in (a) do carry through since  $n^{-1/2}Z_n \rightarrow_p 0$  and  $Z_n = n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{Y}_i + o_p(1)$  where  $\underline{Y}_i = (X_i - \mu, (X_i - \mu)^2 - \sigma^2)'$  are i.i.d. with mean 0 and finite second moment under the assumptions of problem 2(a) of problem set #4. Thus the conclusion continues to hold. Thus with  $g(u, v) = v/u$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{S_n^2}{\bar{X}_n} - \frac{\sigma^2}{\mu} \right) &= \nabla g(\mu, \sigma^2)\sqrt{n}(\bar{Y}_n - \underline{\mu}_Y) + o_p(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{\mu}(-\sigma^2/\mu, 1)\sqrt{n}(\bar{Y}_n - \underline{\mu}_Y) + o_p(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\mu} \left\{ (X_i - \mu)^2 - \sigma^2 - \frac{\sigma^2}{\mu}(X_i - \mu) \right\} + o_p(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi(X_i) + o_p(1) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(x) &= \frac{1}{\mu} \{(x - \mu)^2 - \sigma^2 - (\sigma^2/\mu)(x - \mu)\} \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{\mu} \left\{ \left( \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 - 1 - \frac{\sigma}{\mu} \left( \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right) \right\}\end{aligned}$$

has  $E\psi(X_i) = 0$  and

$$\text{Var}(\psi(X_i)) = \frac{\sigma^4}{\mu^2} \left\{ 2 + \gamma_2 - 2\frac{\sigma\gamma_1}{\mu} + \frac{\sigma^2}{\mu^2} \right\} = V^2$$

as in the solution of problem 3.3(b).