

The Delta Method is a theorem that can be used to derive the distribution of a function of an asymptotically normal variable

let $\{X_n\}$ be a sequence of random variables s.t. $X_n \xrightarrow{d} N(\mu, (\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}})^2)$
and $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuously differentiable

Then $g(X_n) \xrightarrow{d} N(g(\mu), (\frac{g'(\mu)\sigma}{\sqrt{n}})^2)$

$$g(\mu) \approx g(\mu) + g'(\mu)(X_n - \mu)$$

$$\frac{g(X_n) - g(\mu)}{g'(\mu)} \approx N\left(0, \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^2\right)$$

$$g(X_n) \approx N\left(g(\mu), \left(\frac{g'(\mu)\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^2\right)$$

Eg. Normalised Importance Weighting

$$\frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\tilde{p}(x_i)}{q(x_i)} f(x_i)}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\tilde{p}(x_i)}{q(x_i)}} = \frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m w(x_i) f(x_i)}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m w(x_i)} = \frac{A}{B}$$

$$\mu_A = E_{x \sim q}[w(x)f(x)] \quad \mu_B = E_{x \sim q}[w(x)]$$

$$\sigma_A^2 = \frac{1}{m} \text{Var}_{x \sim q}(w(x)f(x)) \quad \sigma_B^2 = \frac{1}{m} \text{Var}_{x \sim q}(w(x))$$

$$\sigma_{AB} = E_{x \sim q}[AB] - E_{x \sim q}[A] E_{x \sim q}[B] = E_{x \sim q}[w(x)f(x)] - E_{x \sim q}[w(x)f(x)] E_{x \sim q}[w(x)]$$

$$\frac{A}{B} \approx \frac{\mu_A}{\mu_B} + \frac{1}{\mu_B} (A - \mu_A) - \frac{\mu_A}{\mu_B^2} (B - \mu_B)$$

$$\text{Var}\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) \approx \frac{1}{\mu_B^2} \text{Var}(A - \mu_A) + \frac{\mu_A^2}{\mu_B^4} \text{Var}(B - \mu_B) - 2 \frac{\mu_A}{\mu_B^3} \text{Cov}(A - \mu_A, B - \mu_B)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mu_B^2} \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m w(x_i) f(x_i) - \mu_A\right) + \frac{\mu_A^2}{\mu_B^4} \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m w(x_i) - \mu_B\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{m} \frac{\mu_A}{\mu_B^3} \left\{ E_{x \sim q}[w(x)f(x)] - E_{x \sim q}[w(x)f(x)] E_{x \sim q}[w(x)] \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mu_B^2} \frac{1}{m} E_{x \sim q}[(w(x)f(x) - \mu_A)^2] + \frac{\mu_A^2}{\mu_B^4} \frac{1}{m} E_{x \sim q}[(w(x) - \mu_B)^2] - 2 \frac{\mu_A}{\mu_B^3} \frac{1}{m} \left\{ E_{x \sim q}[w(x)f(x)] - \mu_A \mu_B \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mu_B^2} \frac{1}{m} \left\{ E_{x \sim q}[w(x)f(x)^2] - \mu_A^2 \right\}$$

$$+ \frac{\mu_A^2}{\mu_B^4} \frac{1}{m} \left\{ E_{x \sim q}[w(x)^2] - \mu_B^2 \right\}$$

$$- 2 \frac{\mu_A}{\mu_B^3} \frac{1}{m} \left\{ E_{x \sim q}[w(x)f(x)] - \mu_A \mu_B \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{\mu_0^2} \left\{ E_{x,a} [w(x)^2 f(x)] + \frac{\mu_0^2}{\mu_0^2} E_{x,a} [w(x)^2] - 2 \frac{\mu_0}{\mu_0} E_{x,a} [w(x) f(x)] \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{\mu_0^2} E_{x,a} \left[(w(x) f(x) - \frac{\mu_0}{\mu_0} w(x))^2 \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{\mu_0^2} E_{x,a} \left[w(x)^2 (f(x) - \frac{\mu_0}{\mu_0})^2 \right]
\end{aligned}$$