

LECTURE II. CONTINUATION OF THE BASIC IDEA

I shall first study the specialization of the lower row of the diagram in (I.28) to the case of approximation by a standard normal distribution as treated in Lemmas I.3 and I.4 and the comments below these lemmas. Then I shall return to the proof of Lemma I.2 in the general abstract formulation.

As I have already indicated briefly in the comments below Lemmas I.3 and I.4, the lower row

$$(1) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} & T_0 & & E_0 & \\ \mathfrak{X}_0 & \xleftrightarrow{\quad} & \mathfrak{X}_0 & \xleftrightarrow{\quad} & R \\ & U_0 & & l_0 & \end{array}$$

of Diagram (I.28) is specialized in the following way for the treatment of the standard normal approximation problem. (In order to emphasize this specialization I shall write N , T_N , and U_N instead of E_0 , T_0 , and U_0 .) Let

$$(2) \quad Nh = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x) e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} dx,$$

$$(3) \quad (T_N f)(w) = f'(w) - wf(w)$$

and

$$(4) \quad (U_N h)(w) = e^{\frac{1}{2}w^2} \int_{-\infty}^w [h(x) - Nh] e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} dx = -e^{\frac{1}{2}w^2} \int_w^{\infty} [h(x) - Nh] e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} dx.$$

The equality of the two alternative forms given in (4) follows from

$$(5) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [h(x) - Nh] e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} dx = 0,$$