

# Stein's method and Malliavin calculus for independent random variables

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## Stein-Malliavin criterion on the Gaussian space

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- $\delta$  adjoint of  $D$  and  $L = -\delta D$  "Laplacian operator".

### Theorem (Nourdin, Peccati)

For any  $F \in \mathbf{D}^{1,2}$  with  $\mathbf{E}[F] = 0$ ,

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### Theorem (Integration by parts formula - LD, HH)

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## Application : Lyapounov theorem

### Corollary (Lyapounov theorem - LD, HH)

Let  $(X_n, n \geq 1)$  be a sequence of thrice integrable independent random variables defined on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbf{P})$ . Denote

$$\sigma_n^2 = \text{var}(X_n), s_n^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n \sigma_j^2 \text{ and } Y_n = \frac{1}{s_n} \sum_{j=1}^n (X_j - \mathbf{E}[X_j]).$$

Assume that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{s_n^3} \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{E}[|X_j - \mathbf{E}[X_j]|^3] = 0. \quad (4)$$

Then,

$$\text{dist}_W(\mathbf{P}_{Y_n}, \mathbf{P}) \leq \frac{2(\sqrt{2} + 1)}{s_n^3} \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{E}[|X_j - \mathbf{E}[X_j]|^3].$$

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