

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS AND ACTUARIAL SCIENCE  
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50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Seminar Series

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will give a talk  
entitled

**ACCELERATION OF EMPIRICAL MEANS**

Abstract

Let  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  be an i.i.d. sequence of random variables in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $d \geq 1$ . We show that, for any function  $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , under regularity conditions,

$$n^{1/2} \left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\varphi(X_i)}{\hat{f}(X_i)} - \int \varphi(x) dx \right) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0,$$

where  $\hat{f}$  is the classical kernel estimator of the density of  $X_1$ . This result is striking because it speeds up traditional rates, in root  $n$ , derived from the central limit theorem when  $\hat{f} = f$ . We derive upper bounds for the rate of convergence in probability. These bounds depend on the regularity of the functions  $\varphi$  and  $f$ , the dimension  $d$  and the bandwidth of the kernel estimator  $\hat{f}$ .

As an application to regression modeling with random design, we provide the asymptotic normality of the estimation of the linear functionals of a regression function. As a consequence of the above result, the asymptotic variance does not depend on the regression function.

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**Wednesday, April 19, 2017**

*(Refreshments will be served from 2:15 p.m. outside Room 301 Run Run Shaw Building)*

**2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

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**Room 301, Run Run Shaw Building**

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