

To show that $\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)!}{\sqrt{d\pi} \left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)! \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{d}\right)^{\left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}$, we need to take the problem in two

parts. Recall that the limit of a product is the product of the limit, providing the two limits exist.

So, we will consider two limit problems. First, consider the functional form $\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{x^2}{d}\right)^{\left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)}}$

and then address the value of the constant $\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)!}{\sqrt{d\pi} \left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)!}$.

$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{x^2}{d}\right)^{\left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)}} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)!}{\sqrt{d\pi} \left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)!}.$$

The Functional Form $\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{x^2}{d}\right)^{\left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)}} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}$

This first limit is easier than the second, so we begin by considering the function in the denominator, $\left(1 + \frac{x^2}{d}\right)^{\left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)}$. The $\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{d}\right)^{\left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)}$ is of the indeterminate form 1^∞ . So, we

proceed in the standard manner. Consider $y = \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{d}\right)^{\left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)}$, so $\ln y = \left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right) \ln \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{d}\right)$. This

expression is in the indeterminate form $\infty \cdot 0$, so we rewrite to find $\ln y = \frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{d}\right)}{\left(\frac{2}{d+1}\right)}$, which has

indeterminate form $\frac{0}{0}$. Now, apply L'Hopital's rule.

We consider
$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{\left(\frac{-x^2}{d^2} \right)}{\left(1 + \frac{x^2}{d} \right)} \right)}{\left(\frac{-2}{(d+1)^2} \right)} = \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{-x^2}{d^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{1 + \frac{x^2}{d}} \right) \left(\frac{(d+1)^2}{-2} \right) = \frac{x^2}{2}.$$

Then $\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \ln y = \frac{x^2}{2}$ by L'Hopital's rule and $\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} y = e^{\frac{x^2}{2}}$.

Finally,
$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{x^2}{d} \right)^{\left(\frac{d+1}{2} \right)}} = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{x^2}{2}}}$$
 which we recognize as the functional structure of

the Normal distribution.

Now, to show that
$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{d-1}{2} \right)!}{\sqrt{d\pi} \left(\frac{d-2}{2} \right)!} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}.$$

We begin by pulling out the constant $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}$ to simplify the work. So,

$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{d-1}{2} \right)!}{\sqrt{d\pi} \left(\frac{d-2}{2} \right)!} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right) \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{d-1}{2} \right)!}{\sqrt{d} \left(\frac{d-2}{2} \right)!}$$

and we need to show that
$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{d-1}{2} \right)!}{\sqrt{d} \left(\frac{d-2}{2} \right)!} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

If we rewrite using Stirling's formula and separate the limit of the product into the product of three limits, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi \left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)} e^{\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)}}{\sqrt{d} \sqrt{2\pi \left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)} e^{\left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right) \left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)}} \\ &= \left(\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi \left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)}}{\sqrt{2\pi \left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)}} \right) \left(\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)}}{e^{\left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)}} \right) \left(\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)^{\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)}}{\sqrt{d} \left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)^{\left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

We can take each of the three limits one at a time. The first is quite straightforward,

$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi \left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)}}{\sqrt{2\pi \left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)}} = 1.$$

The second requires a bit of rewriting,

$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)}}{e^{-\left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)}} = \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)} e^{\frac{1}{2}}}{e^{-\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)} e^1} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

The last term requires the most work. We rewrite

$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)^{\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)}}{\sqrt{d} \left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)^{\left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)}} = \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)^{\left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)} \sqrt{\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)}}{\left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)^{\left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)} \sqrt{d}} = \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{d-1}{d-2}\right)^{\left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)} \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{d-1}{2d}}.$$

The first term is indeterminate of the form 1^∞ , so it can be evaluated using L'Hopital's Rule.

$$\text{Let } y = \left(\frac{d-1}{d-2}\right)^{\left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)}, \text{ so } \ln y = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{d-1}{d-2}\right)}{\left(\frac{2}{d-2}\right)}.$$

Consider, $\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{d-2}{d-1}\right) \left(\frac{(d-1)-(d-2)}{(d-2)^2}\right)}{\left(\frac{-2}{(d-2)^2}\right)} = \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d-2}{d-1}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$. So, $\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} y = e^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

Finally, we have $\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\left(\frac{d-1}{2d}\right)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$. Putting it all together, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi \left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)} e^{\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)} \left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)^{\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)}}{\sqrt{d} \sqrt{2\pi \left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)} e^{\left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right) \left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)} \left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)^{\left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)}} \\ &= \left(\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi \left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)}}{\sqrt{2\pi \left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)}} \right) \left(\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)}}{e^{\left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)}} \right) \left(\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)^{\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)}}{\sqrt{d} \left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)^{\left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)}} \right) \\ &= (1) \left(e^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \left(e^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

This was the desired result. So,

$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)!}{\sqrt{d\pi} \left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)! \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{d}\right)^{\left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2},$$

and the t -distribution approaches the standard normal distribution as the degrees of freedom increase without bound.