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This time: Large random samples

Next time: Markov chains

IID random sample X_1, \dots, X_n

$$\mu = E(X_i)$$

sample mean: $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$

It would be nice if \bar{X}_n approached the right answer μ as n increases; how to quantify that idea?

Markov inequality

$$P(X \geq t) \leq \frac{E(X)}{t}$$

ex: $E(X) = 1$, X non-negative $\rightarrow P(X \geq 100) \leq \frac{1}{100}$

Chebyshev Inequality

$$P[|X - E(X)| \geq t] \leq \frac{V(X)}{t^2}$$

\Rightarrow BACK to X_n

$$E(X_i) = \mu \quad V(X_i) = \sigma^2 < \infty$$

$$E(\bar{X}_n) = \mu \quad V(\bar{X}_n) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

$$P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| \geq t) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{n t^2} \quad \text{for all } t > 0$$

rewritten as:

$$P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| < t) \geq 1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{n t^2}$$

DEF: A sequence Z_1, Z_2, \dots of r.v. is said to converge in probability to constant b if for all $\epsilon > 0$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|Z_n - b| < \epsilon) = 1$; this is denoted $Z_n \xrightarrow{p} b$.

(Weak) Law of Large Numbers

$X_i \sim$ IID a dist with mean

Corollary: If $Z_n \xrightarrow{p} b$ and $g(z)$ is continuous at $z=b$ then $g(Z_n) \xrightarrow{p} g(b)$

Central Limit Theorem

$X_i \sim$ IID any dist. with mean μ and finite variance $0 < \sigma^2 < \infty$,

$$\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \rightarrow \text{for large } n \quad \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0,1)$$

Careful Statement

DEF: X_1, X_2, \dots a sequence of r.v., let F_n be the CDF of X_n
 \rightarrow if there exists a CDF F^* such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = F^*(x)$ for all x at which $F^*(x)$ is continuous, then people say

\bar{X} has mean μ_x

expand $g(\bar{X}_n)$ around μ_x :

$$g(\bar{X}_n) \doteq g(\mu_x) + g'(\mu_x)(\bar{X}_n - \mu_x)$$

$$E(g(\bar{X}_n)) = E[g(\mu_x) + g'(\mu_x)(\bar{X}_n - \mu_x)]$$

$$= g(\mu_x) + g'(\mu_x)[E(\bar{X}_n) - \mu_x]$$

$$E(g(\bar{X}_n)) = g(\mu_x)$$

$$V[g(\bar{X}_n)] = [g'(\mu_x)]^2 \frac{\sigma_x^2}{n}$$

Δ METHOD

$$E(W) \doteq g(\mu_w) \quad \text{and}$$

$$V(W) \doteq [g'(\mu_w)]^2 \sigma_w^2$$

Continuity correction: