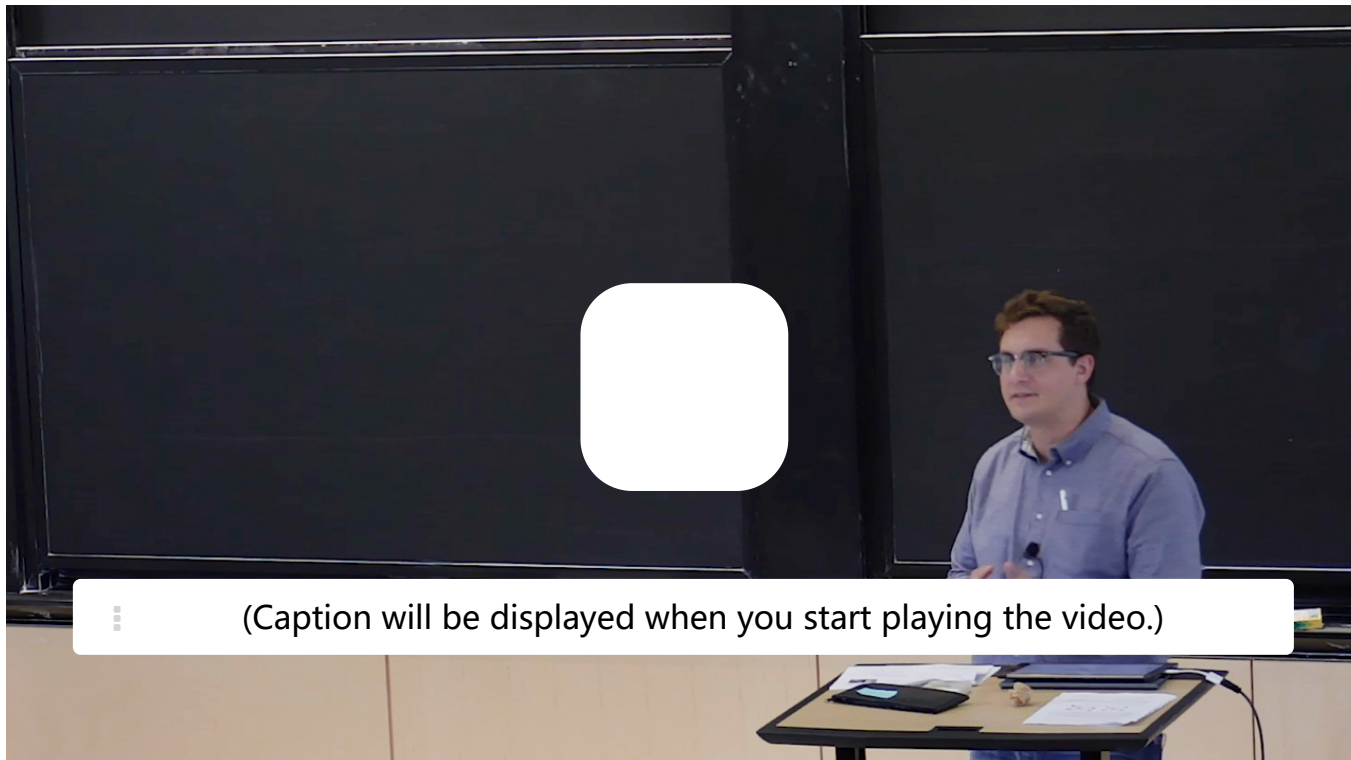


2. Two important probability tools

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All right.

So welcome back.

So again, this is a statistics class, and hopefully, I convinced you last time, probability is an essential part of statistics.

We have, on the one hand, the truth, a stochastic process, a data generating process, that is generating

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Average of Gaussians

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Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be i.i.d. **standard normal random variables**. What is the distribution of

$$\bar{X}_n = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n}?$$

☒ A Gaussian. ✓

☐ A χ^2 -distribution.

☐ Cannot be determined for finite n , but asymptotically Gaussian.

In terms of n , what are the variance and mean of \bar{X}_n ?

$\text{Var}(\bar{X}_n) =$ ✗ Answer: 1/n

$\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}_n] =$ ✓ Answer: 0

if independence
 $\text{Var}(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) = \text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(X_2) + \dots + \text{Var}(X_n)$
 $\Rightarrow X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n \sim \text{Normal}(\dots)$
 $\cdot X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, n)$
 $= n \bar{X}_n$
 $\text{Var}(n \bar{X}_n) = n$
 $\frac{1}{n^2} \cdot \text{Var}(n \bar{X}_n) = \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot n$
 $\text{Var}(\bar{X}_n) = \frac{1}{n}$

Solution:

Since the sum of i.i.d. Gaussian random variables is also Gaussian, we deduce first that $X_1 + \dots + X_n \sim N(0, n)$. Multiplying by $1/n$, we get $\overline{X}_n \sim N(0, 1/n)$, as scaling a random variable with a constant c scales its variance by c^2 .

Therefore, \overline{X}_n is a Gaussian random variable with mean 0 and variance $1/n$.

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CLT Concept Check

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Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be an i.i.d. sequence of random variables with $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu$, and, $\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$. Assuming that n is very large, according to the Central Limit Theorem, what is the best approximate characterization of the distribution of \overline{X}_n ?

- ☐ $N(0, 1)$.
- ☒ $N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$. ✓
- ☐ $N(0, \sigma^2/n)$.
- ☐ Depends on the distribution of X .

Solution:

The correct choice is the second choice. We know by the Central Limit Theorem that

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}(\overline{X}_n - \mu)}{\sigma} \longrightarrow N(0, 1)$$

in distribution. Therefore, we can use approximate normality (as stated in the problem preamble), and get

$$\overline{X}_n \approx N(\mu, \sigma^2/n).$$

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