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a)

$$\phi_X(\pm) = E[e^{itX}]$$

$$X_k \in \{-\sqrt{k}, \sqrt{k}\}$$

$$P(X_k = \sqrt{k}) = P(X_k = -\sqrt{k}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$Y_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n X_k$$

$$\phi_{X_k}(\pm) = E[e^{itX_k}] = \underbrace{P(X_k = \sqrt{k})}_{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot e^{i\pm\sqrt{k}} + \underbrace{P(X_k = -\sqrt{k})}_{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot e^{-i\pm\sqrt{k}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_{X_k}(\pm) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{i\pm\sqrt{k}} + e^{-i\pm\sqrt{k}}) = \cos(\pm\sqrt{k})$$

$$\phi_{Y_n}(\pm) = E[e^{itY_n}] = E[e^{it(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n X_k)}] \xrightarrow{X_k \text{ iid}}$$

$$\phi_{Y_n}(\pm) = \prod_{k=1}^n E[e^{it(\frac{1}{n} X_k)}] = \prod_{k=1}^n \phi_{X_k}(\pm/n) \Rightarrow$$

$$\phi_{X_k}(\pm) = \cos(\pm\sqrt{k}) \longrightarrow \phi_{Y_n}(\pm) = \prod_{k=1}^n \cos(\pm \frac{1}{n} \sqrt{k})$$

Since each  $X_k$  has the same distribution  $\Rightarrow$

$$\phi_{Y_n}(\pm) = (\phi_{X_1}(\pm/n))^n = \left( \cos\left(\pm \frac{1}{n} \sqrt{1}\right) \right)^n$$

if all  $X_k$  are identically distributed with  $k=1$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_{Y_n} = \left( \cos \frac{1}{n} \right)^n$$

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b)

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continuity theorem to identify the distribution

$X_K$  has the same characteristic function  $\Rightarrow$

$$\phi_{X_K}(t) = \cos(\pm \sqrt{K}) \rightarrow \text{iid} \Rightarrow$$

$$\phi_{Y_n}(t) = \left( \cos\left(\frac{t}{n} \sqrt{K}\right) \right)^n$$

assume  $K=1$ : since  $K$  is not specified to change with each  $X_K$ .

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \cos\left(\frac{t}{n}\right) = \cos(0) = 1$$

$$\text{Taylor: } \cos(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} \quad (\text{for small } x) \Rightarrow$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \cos\left(\frac{t}{n}\right) \right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 - \frac{t^2}{2!n^2} \right)^n \Rightarrow$$

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standard normal distribution

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$$\text{continuity theorem } e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$$

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots$$

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$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{F_n(x)}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{CDF of } X_n}} = \Phi(x)$$

for the values from  $-3$  to  $+3$ :

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(-3) = 0.0044$$

$$\Phi(-2) = 0.0540$$

$$\Phi(-1) = 0.2420$$

$$\Phi(0) = 0.5$$

$$\Phi(1) = 0.7580$$

$$\Phi(2) = 0.9759$$

$$\Phi(3) = 0.9955$$

represent the probability that a standard normal r.v. is less than or equal to each corresponding  $x$  value.

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$\{x_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \rightarrow \text{iid}$ , all moment exists and are finite.

$$m = E[x_i]$$

$$\sigma^2 = \text{var}[x_i]$$

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i$$

$$M_n = \frac{S_n}{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i}$$

$\{a_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \rightarrow \text{positive constants}$

$$a_1 = k$$

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + k, \quad n > 1$$

$$a) \quad E[S_n] = \sum_{i=1}^n i k m = k m \sum_{i=1}^n i = k m \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)$$

$$X_i \rightarrow \text{iid} \Rightarrow \text{Var}[S_n] = \text{Var}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \text{Var}[X_i] = \sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 = \sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (ik)^2 = \sigma^2 k^2 \sum_{i=1}^n i^2$$

$$= \sigma^2 k^2 \left( \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow E[M_n] = \frac{E[S_n]}{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i} = \frac{k m \frac{n(n+1)}{2}}{k n \left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right)} = m$$

$$\text{Var}[M_n] = \frac{\text{Var}[S_n]}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i\right)^2} = \frac{\sigma^2 k^2 \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}}{\left(k n \cdot \frac{n+1}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{2\sigma^2 (2n+1)}{n(n+1) \cdot 3}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{k^2} n^2 \cdot (n+1)(n+1)}{4}$$

$$\text{Var}\left[\frac{S_n}{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i}\right]$$

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b)

$$M_n \xrightarrow{P} m$$

chebyshev Inequality

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|M_n - m| \geq \epsilon) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{var}[M_n]}{\epsilon^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 \cdot 6^2 (2n+1)}{\epsilon^2 \cdot n(n+1) \cdot 3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow M_n \xrightarrow{P} m, \text{ Also, using Markov's Inequality } \Rightarrow P(|M_n - m| \geq \epsilon) \leq \frac{E[M_n - m]^2}{\epsilon^2} = \frac{E[M_n] - m}{\epsilon} = \frac{m - m}{\epsilon} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow M_n \xrightarrow{P} m$$

c)

~~It should show that the standardized version of  $S_n$  converges in distribution to a standard normal distribution. This follows from the central limit theorem.~~

~~The central limit theorem states that as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  the standardized sum of i.i.d. variables converge in distribution to a standard normal r.v.  $Z$ .~~

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i - kn$$

$$\sqrt{\text{var}[S_n]} = \frac{\sqrt{n(n+1)(2n+1)}}{6}$$

~~this rather converges in distribution to a standard normal r.v.  $Z$  which is  $N(0,1)$~~

~~$S_n - E[S_n] \xrightarrow{D} N(0,1)$~~

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$$a_1 = k$$

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + k$$

$$a_2 = a_1 + k = 2k$$

$$a_3 = a_2 + k = 3k$$

$$\Rightarrow a_i = ik$$

$X_i \rightarrow \text{iid } (m, \sigma^2)$  and the covariances are "0"  $\Rightarrow$

$$E[S_n] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i E[X_i] = \sum_{i=1}^n ik = km \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\text{Var}[S_n] = \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \text{Var}(X_i) =$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (ik)^2 \sigma^2 = \sigma^2 k^2 \left(\frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n}{6}\right)$$

lindeberg-feller

standardization:  $\Rightarrow Z_n = \frac{S_n - E[S_n]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(S_n)}}$  central limit  
theorem

for sequence of r.v.s  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  with means  $\mu_i$  and variances  $\sigma_i^2$ , and for a sequence of constants:  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  the

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i (X_i - \mu_i)}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \sigma_i^2}} \xrightarrow{D} N(0, 1) \quad \text{if the}$$

lindeberg condition satisfied.

for each  $\epsilon > 0$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \sigma_i^2} E\left[(X_i - \mu_i)^2 \cdot \mathbb{1}_{|X_i - \mu_i| > \epsilon \sigma_i}\right] = 0$$

indicator function

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \sigma_i^2$$

$\hookrightarrow$  represents the growing variance term and is  $O(n^3)$ .

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2) (c)

given that  $a_i$  grows linearly with  $n^{1/4}$  and assuming that the  $X_i$  are from a distribution with tails that decrease sufficiently fast (for example, faster than the tails of any normal distribution) the Lindeberg condition should be satisfied and the normalized sum should converge in distribution to a standard normal distribution by the Lindeberg-Feller central limit theorem.

define:

$$H_n = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2, \quad h_n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 = n \sigma^2$$

$$B_n = \frac{H_n}{h_n}$$

considering the limit involving higher moments of  $X_i$  for some  $d > 0$ :

$$\text{if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum E[(X_i - \mu)^{2+d}]}{h_n^{2+d}} = 0 \Rightarrow B_n \xrightarrow{D} N(0,1) \quad d > 0$$

Since  $E[X_i - \mu] = 0$ , the  $\frac{S_n - E[S_n]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(S_n)}} \xrightarrow{D} N(0,1)$

This proof relies on the fact that the higher moment of  $X_i$  are controlled (the limit involving the  $(2+d)$ -th moment is  $n^{1/4}$ ), which is a stronger condition than required by the classical central limit theorem. This additional moment condition ensures that the weighted sum of the r.v.s normalized by its mean and standard deviation  $\rightarrow$  standard normal distribution as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

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pdf  $X_i$  is iid  
 $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-|x|}$

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

$$X \rightarrow \mu = 0$$

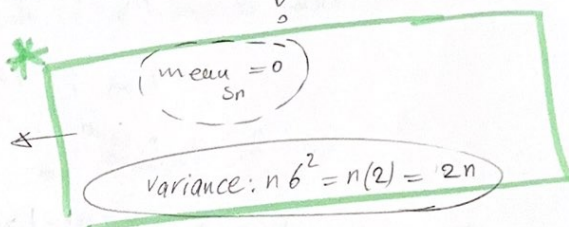
$$\sigma^2 = 2$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(S_n^2 > n) = ?$$

$X_i \rightarrow \text{iid} \Rightarrow$  Central Limit theorem

$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n \rightarrow$  the distribution of  $S_n$  will approach a normal distribution with a mean  $= n\mu = 0 \rightarrow$

$$\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{2n}} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} N(0, 1)$$



$\Rightarrow S_n \rightarrow$  normal distributed  $N(0, n)$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(S_n^2 > n) \leftrightarrow P(|S_n| > \sqrt{n})$$

$\Rightarrow P(|S_n| > \sqrt{n}) \rightarrow 0$   
 as: The probability that a standard normal variable is outside of the

$S_n$  is normally distributed as:  $N(0, n)$   $\left[ -\sqrt{\frac{n}{2n}}, \sqrt{\frac{n}{2n}} \right]$  is  $\frac{0}{\sqrt{2n}}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$\Rightarrow \frac{S_n}{\sqrt{2n}}$  will be a standard normal random variable

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(S_n^2 > n)$ : The probability that a standard normal random variable is greater than  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  or less than  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .  $P(Z > 1) + P(Z < -1)$

standard normal r.v.

$P(Z > 1) = 1 - P(Z \leq 1)$ . as the standard normal distribution is symmetric,  $P(Z < -1) = P(Z > 1) \Rightarrow P(|Z| > 1) = 2 P(Z > 1)$

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⇒ python code:

$$P(|Z| > 1) = 1 - \underbrace{P(Z \leq 1)}_{\text{norm. cdf}(1)} \rightarrow = 0.317$$

Also:

$$\text{markov} \rightarrow \underbrace{P(|s_n^2| \geq n)}_{\text{non-negative}} \leq \frac{E[s_n^2]}{n} = 0 \quad n \geq 0$$

$$P(|s_n^2| \geq n) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|s_n^2| \geq n) = 0$$

$$\text{chebyshev} \rightarrow P(|s_n| > \sqrt{n}) \leq \frac{1}{n} \Rightarrow$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(s_n^2 > n) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{2}{n} \right) = 0$$

$$b) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(S_n^2 > n^2)^{\frac{1}{n}} = ?$$

$X \rightarrow (0,1)$   $\xrightarrow[\text{theorem}]{\text{central limit}}$   $S_n$  (the sum of  $n$  iid r.v.  $X_i$ )  
 is normally distributed with  $(0,n)$  for large " $n$ "

$$S_n^2 > n^2 \Leftrightarrow |S_n| > n \rightarrow \begin{matrix} S_n > n \\ -S_n > n \end{matrix}$$

for large " $n$ " we can assume that  $S_n$  is approximately normally distributed as  $N(0,n) \rightarrow$  standardizing  $S_n$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \rightarrow \text{which is a standard normal r.v. as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$P(|S_n| > n)$  can be thought of as

$P\left(\left|\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}\right| > \sqrt{n}\right)$ , which is the probability that the absolute value of a standard normal

$$\text{r.v.} > \sqrt{n} \rightarrow 0$$

$$n \rightarrow \infty$$

$\rightarrow$  because the tails of the normal distribution approach  $0$ .

$$\Rightarrow P(|S_n| > n) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(S_n^2 > n^2)^{\frac{1}{n}} \rightarrow 0$$

based on the properties of limits and the behavior of the normal distribution's tails.



Markov  $\rightarrow$

$$P(|s_n| \geq n) \leq \frac{E[s_n]}{n} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim P(s_n^2 > n^2)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim 0 = 0$$

Chebyshev's  $\rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} P(|s_n| \geq n) &\leq \frac{1}{n^2} \Rightarrow \lim P(s_n^2 > n^2)^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{2}{n^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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$$V_j = |\{n \geq 1 : X_n = j\}|$$

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The number of visits of Markov chain  $X_n$  to  $j$ .

$$\nu_{ij} = P(V_j = \infty \mid X_0 = i)$$

q)  $\nu_{ii} = ?$

A state "i" is persistent (or recurrent) if, once visited, the probability of returning to it infinitely often is 1.  $\rightarrow E(V_i \mid X_0 = i)$  is infinite mathematically.

and it is transient if the total expected number of visits is finite.

if "i" is persistent  $\Rightarrow$  if start from state "i" the probability that we will return to state "i" infinitely often is "1".  $\Rightarrow \nu_{ii} = 1$ : The probability that we will return to state "i" at least once is "1". (since the state is recurrent) and due to the Markov property, each time we return to state "i", the chain "restarts", and we have the same probability of returning to it again. since it can happen an infinite number of times,  $\nu_{ii} = 1$

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if  $i$  is transient;

the expected number of visits is finite, which means there is a probability of not returning to state  $i$  that is greater than 0.

As we keep visiting state  $i$ , the probability of not returning to it again increases until it becomes certain that we won't return.

In this case, the probability that we will never return to state  $i$  after some finite number  $n$  of visits is  $> 0$ , which implies that the probability of returning to state  $i$  infinitely often is less than 1. Since the state is transient, this probability is actually 0,  $\Rightarrow f_{ii} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow f_{ii} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is persistent} \\ 0 & \text{if } i \text{ is transient} \end{cases}$$

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$$b) \nu_{ij} = ? \Rightarrow \nu_{ij} = \begin{cases} P(T_j < \infty | X_0 = i) & \text{if } j \text{ is persistent} \\ 0 & \text{if } j \text{ is transient} \end{cases}$$

$\nu_{ij} \rightarrow$  The probability that starting from state "i" the Markov chain will visit state "j" at least once.

$$T_j = \min \{ n \geq 1 | X_n = j \}$$

is the hitting time for state "j"

if j is persistent (recurrent)

$\Rightarrow$  probability that the Markov chain, starting from any state i, will eventually hit state "j" is 1.

$$\Rightarrow P(T_j < \infty | X_0 = i) = 1 \text{ for all } i.$$

Since the state is persistent, it will be visited eventually, and the hitting time  $T_j$  will be finite with the probability of "1".

if j is transient:  $\Rightarrow$  there is a positive probability that starting from state "i" the chain will never visit state "j"  $\Rightarrow$  meaning the hitting time  $T_j$  would be infinite with positive probability.

consequently,  $P(T_j < \infty | X_0 = i) < 1$ . However since we are looking at the probability that  $T_j$  is finite, this probability is "0". because a transient state, by definition, is not expected to be hit an infinite number of times.

$$\Rightarrow \nu_{ij} = P(T_j < \infty | X_0 = i), \text{ when } j \text{ is persistent. and}$$

$$\nu_{ij} = 0, \text{ when } j \text{ is transient}$$