



Discrete Mathematics

Lecture 3

贾宪三角

3.1 The Binomial Theorem

$$(x+y)^2 = x^2 + 2xy + y^2,$$

$$\begin{aligned}(x+y)^3 &= (x+y)(x+y)^2 = (x+y)(x^2 + 2xy + y^2) \\ &= x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3,\end{aligned}$$

$$(x+y)^4 = (x+y)(x+y)^3 = x^4 + 4x^3y + 6x^2y^2 + 4xy^3 + y^4,$$

$$\begin{aligned}(x+y)^5 &= (x+y)(x+y)(x+y)(x+y)(x+y) \\ &= C(5,0)x^5 + C(5,1)x^4y + \cdots + C(5,5)y^5.\end{aligned}$$

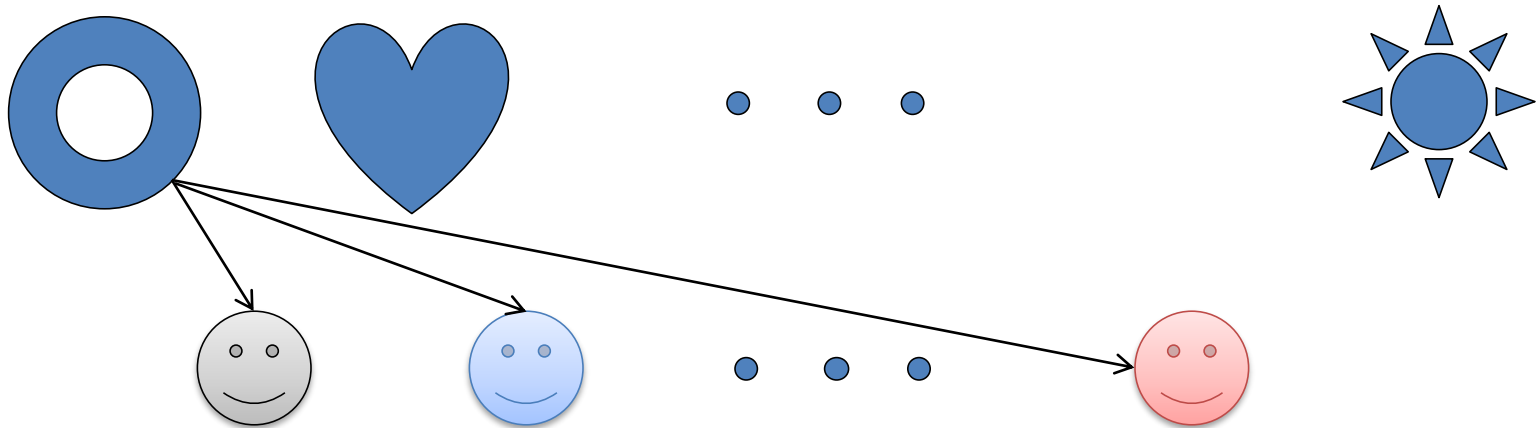
Theorem 3.1.1 (The Binomial Theorem)

$$(x+y)^n = C(n,0)x^n + C(n,1)x^{n-1}y + \cdots + C(n,n)y^n.$$

Corollary $2^n = C(n,0) + C(n,1) + \cdots + C(n,n).$

3.2-3 Distributing Presents & Anagrams

Suppose we have n different presents.
We want to distribute to k children.
How many ways can this be done?



The answer is k^n .

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If the i th child should get n_i presents, then how many ways can these presents be distributed?

$$\frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \cdots n_k!}.$$

Corollary
$$\sum_{n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_k = n} \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \cdots n_k!} = k^n.$$

The Multinomial Theorem

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^k x_i \right)^n = n! \sum_{n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_k = n} \prod_{i=1}^k \frac{x_i^{n_i}}{n_i!}$$

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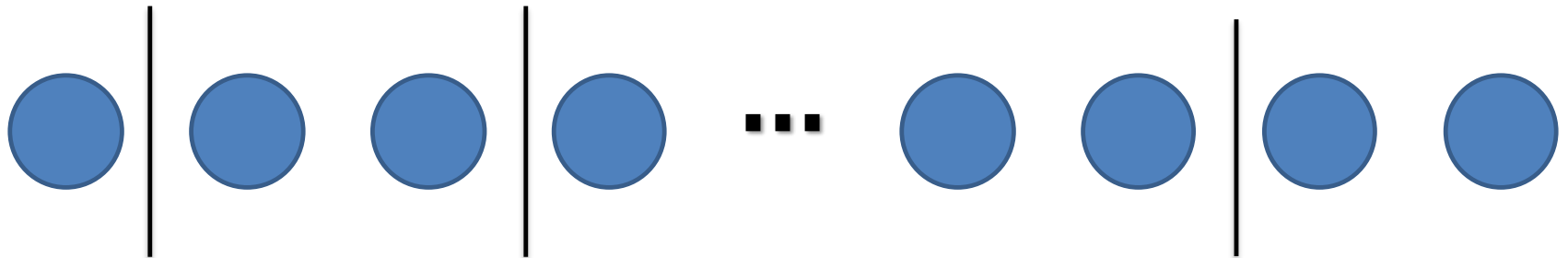
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How many terms are in the summation?

3.4 Distributing Money

Theorem 3.4.1 The number of ways to distribute n identical pennies to k children so that each child get at least one is $C(n-1, k-1)$.



Theorem 3.4.2 The number of ways to distribute n identical pennies to k children is $C(n+k-1, k-1)$.

允许重复的组合

1. 取 n 个相同的硬币分给 k 个孩子是允许重复的组合的典型问题.
2. 在 k 个不同的元素中取 n 个进行组合, 且允许重复, 则组合数为 $C(n+k-1, n)$.
3. 即: n 个无区别的球放进 k 个有标志的盒子里, 每盒放的球可多于一个, 则共有 $C(n+k-1, n)$ 种方案.

证明： 只要证允许重复的组合与从 $n+k-1$ 个不同的元素中取 n 个作不重复的组合一一对应，就得证。

假设 k 个不同元素为 $1, 2, \dots, k$ 。从中取 n 个作允许重复的组合 (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) 。不失一般性设 $a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \leq a_n$ 。

这个组合自然地对应到一不重复的组合

$$(a_1, a_2+1, \dots, a_i+i-1, \dots, a_n+n-1)。$$

注意到这相当于从 $n+k-1$ 个不同的元素中取 n 个不重复的组合，故为 $C(n+k-1, n)$ 。

3.5 贾宪三角

$C(0,0)$

$C(1,0)$ $C(1,1)$

$C(2,0)$ $C(2,1)$ $C(2,2)$

$C(3,0)$ $C(3,1)$ $C(3,2)$ $C(3,3)$

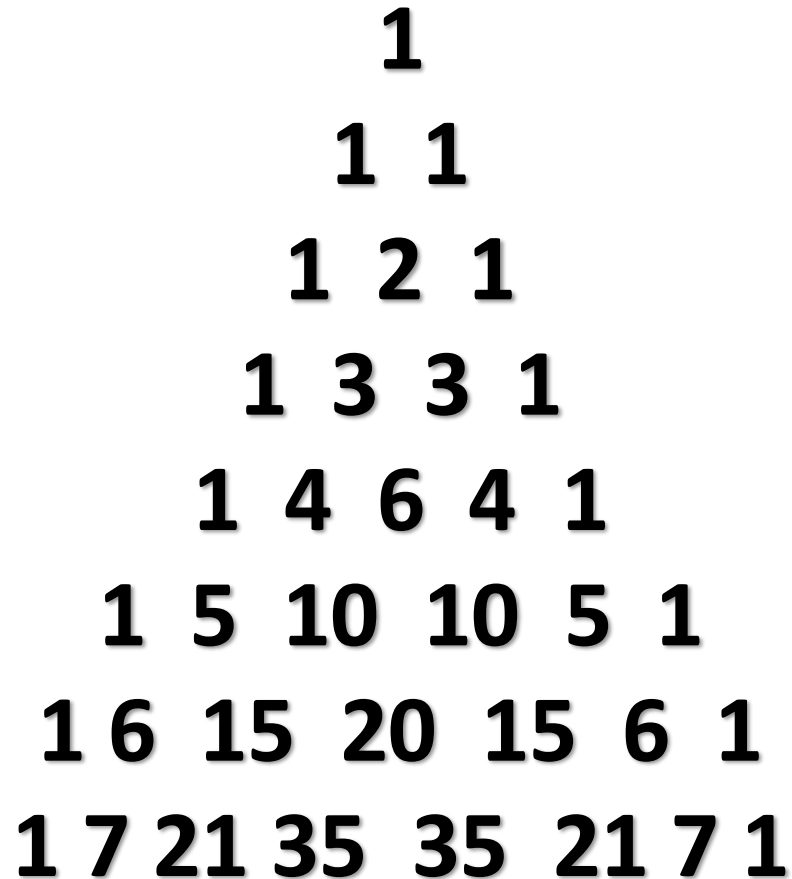
$C(4,0)$ $C(4,1)$ $C(4,2)$ $C(4,3)$ $C(4,4)$

$C(5,0)$ $C(5,1)$ $C(5,2)$ $C(5,3)$ $C(5,4)$ $C(5,5)$

$C(6,0)$ $C(6,1)$ $C(6,2)$ $C(6,3)$ $C(6,4)$ $C(6,5)$ $C(6,6)$

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3.5 贾宪三角



3.6 贾宪三角等式

(1) $C(n,k)=C(n,n-k);$

(2) $C(n,k)=C(n-1,k-1)+C(n-1,k);$

(3) $C(n,0)+C(n,1)+\cdots+C(n,n)=2^n;$

(4) $C(n,0)-C(n,1)+C(n,2)-\cdots+(-1)^nC(n,n)=0;$

$$(5) \quad C(n+m, k) = C(n, 0)C(m, k) + C(n, 1)C(m, k-1) \\ + \cdots + C(n, k)C(m, 0), \quad k \leq \min(m, n).$$

$$(6) \quad C(m+n, m) = C(m, 0)C(n, 0) + C(m, 1)C(n, 1) \\ + \cdots + C(m, m)C(n, m), \quad m \leq n.$$

$$(7) \quad C(n+k+1, k) = C(n+k, k) + C(n+k-1, k-1) + \\ C(n+k-2, k-2) + \cdots + C(n+1, 1) + C(n, 0).$$

$$(8) \quad C(n, k)C(k, r) = C(n, r)C(n-r, k-r), \quad (k \geq r).$$

3.7 鸟瞰贾宪三角

贾宪三角除了对称性，另一重要性质为每一行的值从一开始单调增加到中点，然后单调减少到一。

$$C(n, k) \leq C(n, k+1),$$

$$\frac{n(n-1)\cdots(n-k+1)}{k!} \leq \frac{n(n-1)\cdots(n-k)}{(k+1)!},$$

$$1 \leq \frac{n-k}{k+1}, \quad k \leq \frac{n-1}{2},$$

$C(n,k) \leq C(n,k+1) \Leftrightarrow k \leq (n-1)/2,$

So if $k < (n-1)/2$, then $C(n,k) < C(n,k+1)$;

If $k = (n-1)/2$, then $C(n,k) = C(n,k+1)$;

If $k > (n-1)/2$, then $C(n,k) > C(n,k+1)$.

贾宪三角的第 n 行的最大值有多大？

$$2^n/(n+1) < C(n, n/2) < 2^n.$$

$$\binom{n}{n/2} = \frac{n!}{(n/2)!(n/2)!},$$

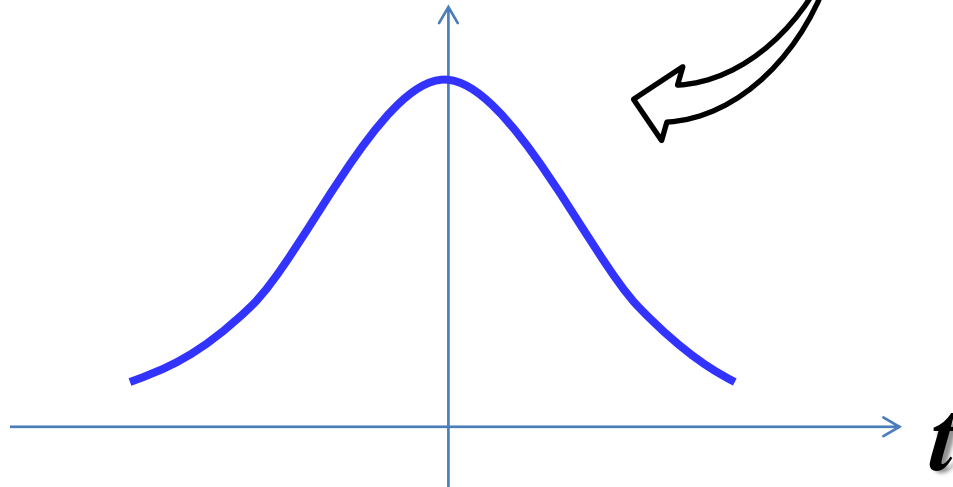
$$n! \approx \sqrt{2\pi n} (n/e)^n, \quad (n/2)! \approx \sqrt{\pi n} [n/(2e)]^{n/2}.$$

$$\binom{n}{n/2} \approx \frac{\sqrt{2\pi n} (n/e)^n}{\pi n [n/(2e)]^n} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi n}} 2^n,$$

3.8 鷹瞰贾宪三角

$$\binom{2n}{n-t} / \binom{2n}{n} \approx \exp\{-t^2/n\},$$

where the graph of the right hand side is the famous **Gauß curve**.



$$\exp\{-t^2/(n-t+1)\} \leq \binom{2n}{n-t} / \binom{2n}{n} \leq \exp\{-t^2/(n+t)\}.$$

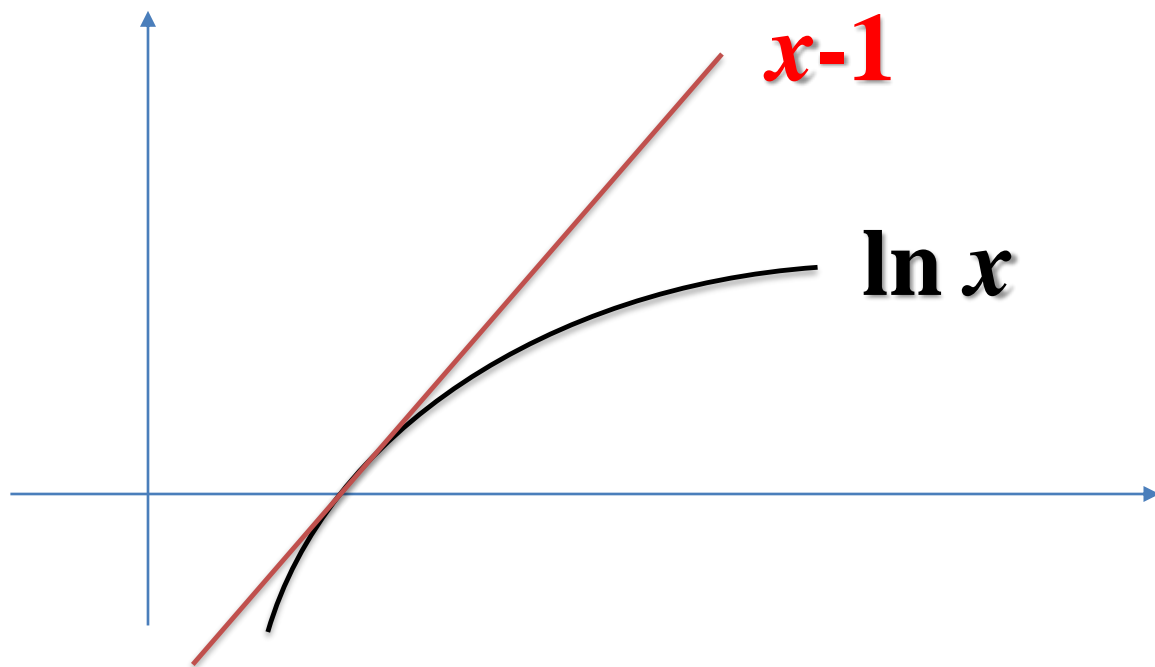
$$\binom{2n}{n-t} / \binom{2n}{n} = \frac{(2n)!}{(n-t)!(n+t)!} / \frac{(2n)!}{n!n!}$$

$$= \frac{n!n!}{(n-t)!(n+t)!}$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)\cdots(n-t+1)}{(n+t)(n+t-1)\cdots(n+1)},$$

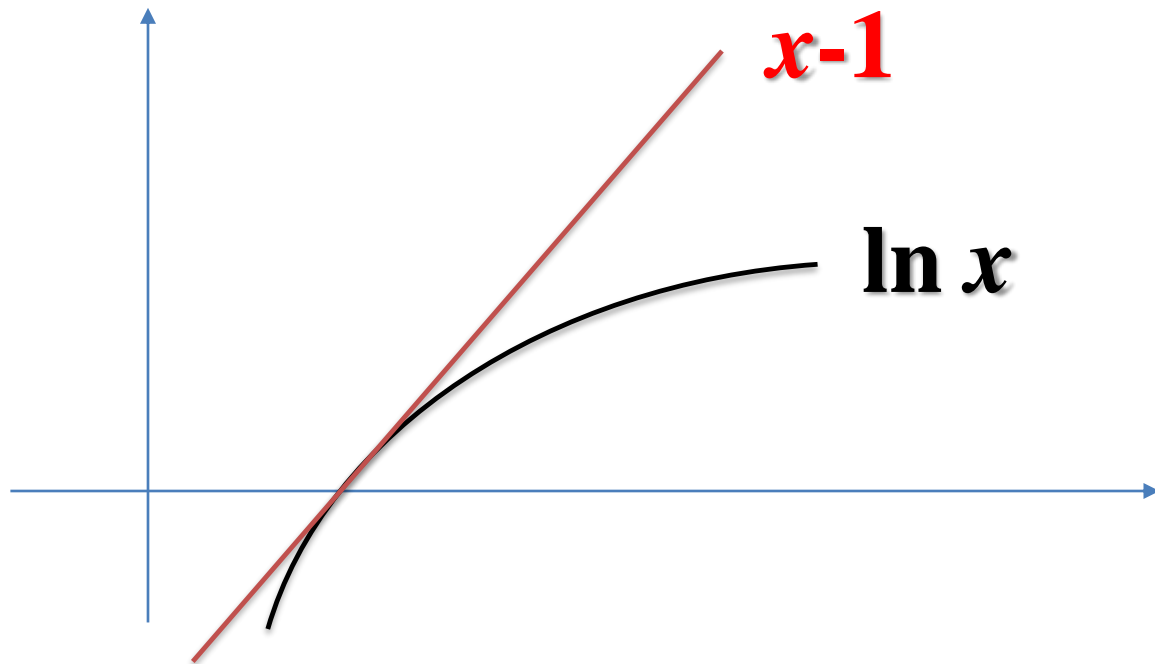
$$\binom{2n}{n-t} \bigg/ \binom{2n}{n} = \frac{n(n-1)\cdots(n-t+1)}{(n+t)(n+t-1)\cdots(n+1)},$$

$$\ln \left[\binom{2n}{n-t} \bigg/ \binom{2n}{n} \right] = \ln \left(\frac{n}{n+t} \right) + \ln \left(\frac{n-1}{n+t-1} \right) + \cdots + \ln \left(\frac{n-t+1}{n+1} \right),$$



$$\ln\left(\frac{n-k}{n+t-k}\right) \leq \frac{n-k}{n+t-k} - 1 = -\frac{t}{n+t-k},$$

$$\ln\left[\frac{\binom{2n}{n-t}}{\binom{2n}{n}}\right] = \ln\left(\frac{n}{n+t}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{n-1}{n+t-1}\right) + \cdots + \ln\left(\frac{n-t+1}{n+1}\right),$$



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$$\ln\left[\binom{2n}{n-t} / \binom{2n}{n}\right] = \ln\left(\frac{n}{n+t}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{n-1}{n+t-1}\right) + \dots + \ln\left(\frac{n-t+1}{n+1}\right),$$

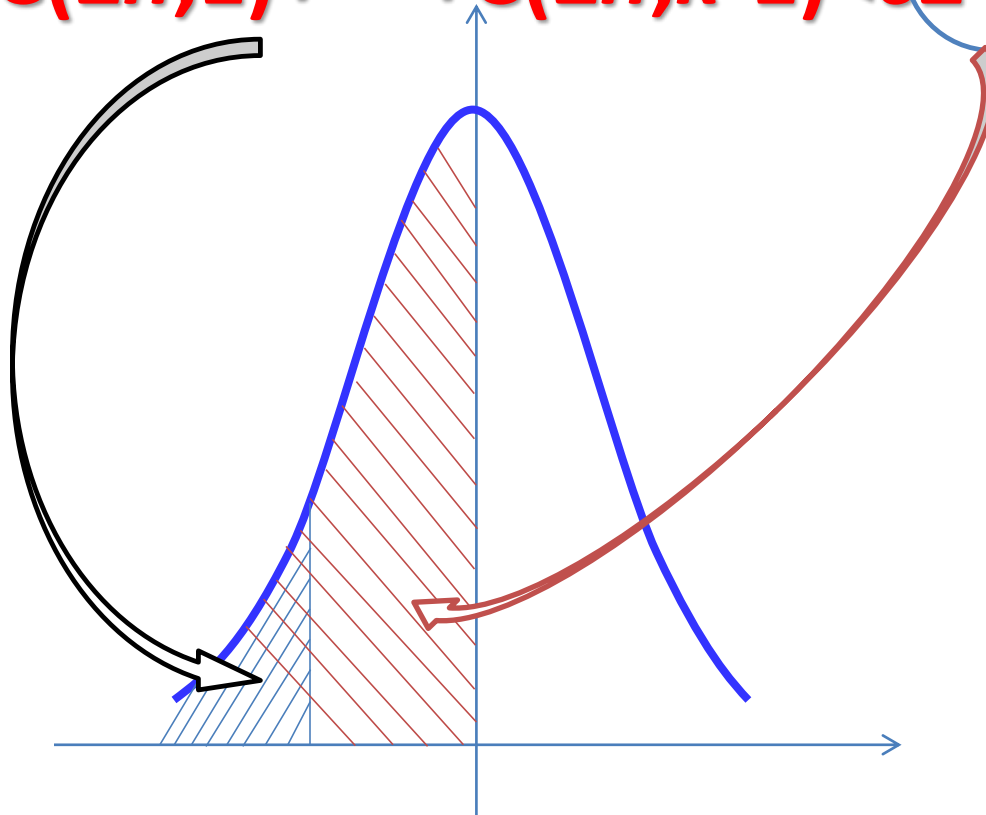
$$\leq -\frac{t}{n+t} - \frac{t}{n+t-1} - \dots - \frac{t}{n+1}$$

$$\leq -\frac{t^2}{n+t}.$$

Lemma 3.8.2

Let $0 \leq k \leq n$ and $c = C(2n, k) / C(2n, n)$. Then

$$C(2n, 0) + C(2n, 1) + \cdots + C(2n, k-1) < c 2^{2n-1}.$$



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Proof. Note that $C(2n, k) = cC(2n, n)$.

$$\Rightarrow C(2n, k-1) < cC(2n, n-1),$$

$$\Rightarrow C(2n, k-i) < cC(2n, n-i) \text{ for every } i > 0.$$

Summing up gives

$$C(2n, 0) + C(2n, 1) + \cdots + C(2n, k-1) < c2^{2n-1}.$$

The Law of Large Numbers

Toss a coin n times and denote by X the number of heads. We say $X \sim B(n, 1/2)$, $P(X=k) = C(n, k)/2^n$ for $k \in [0, n]$.

Theorem 5.3.1 (Bernoulli) For all $\varepsilon > 0$, $P(|X/n - 0.5| < \varepsilon) \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Theorem 5.3.2 If $X \sim B(2n, 1/2)$, then for all $t \in [0, n]$, $P(|X - n| > t) \leq \exp\{-t^2/(n+t)\}$.