

Conv. mode  
LLN  
CLT

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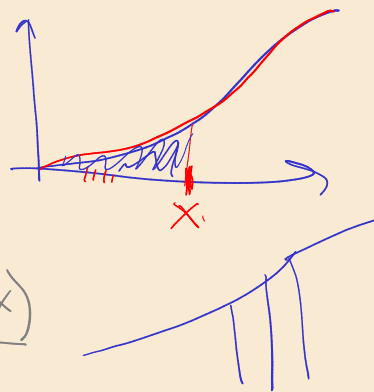
$X(\omega) \in [0,1]$

A.s  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \rightarrow X$

$$X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$$

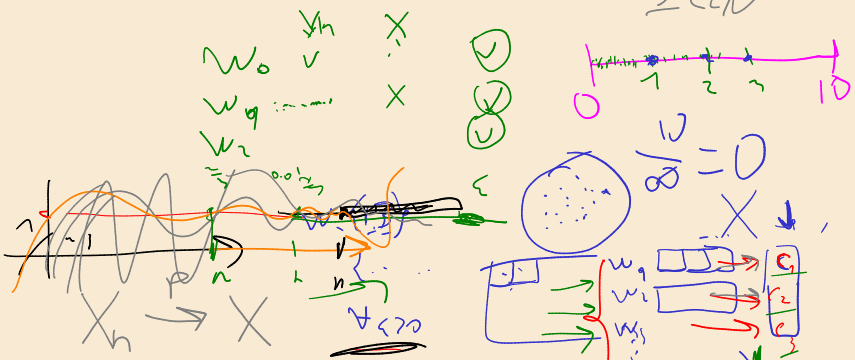
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{X_n}(x) = F_X(x)$$

$P(X_n \leq x)$

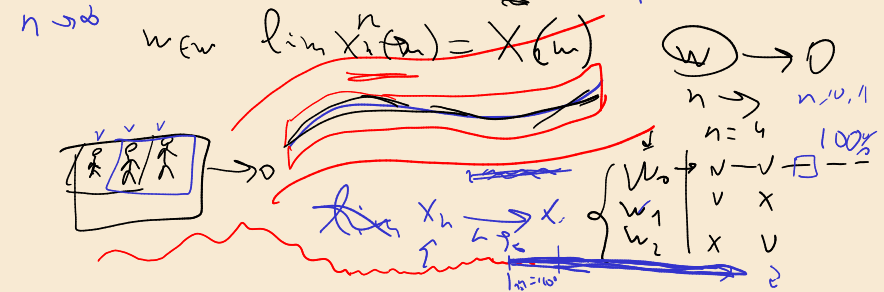


$P(\{\omega \in \Omega \mid \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n(\omega) = X(\omega)\}) = 1$

SLLN



$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\{\omega \in \Omega \mid |X_n(\omega) - X(\omega)| \geq \varepsilon\}) = 0$



$X \sim N(0,1)$

$Y = -X \sim N(0,1)$

$|X_n(\omega) - Y(\omega)| \leq 2|X(\omega)|$

$X_1, X_2, \dots \quad E[X_i] = \mu \quad \sigma^2 < \infty$

$\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{P} \mu$

$\frac{\sigma^2}{n \cdot n^2}$

$P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| \geq \varepsilon) \rightarrow 0$

$\text{Var}(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i) = \frac{1}{n^2} \text{Var}(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i) = \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot n \cdot \sigma^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$

$\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$

$\frac{\text{Var}(\bar{X})}{n} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n^2}$

$E[X] = \mu$

$P(|X - \mu| \geq \varepsilon) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{n \varepsilon^2} \rightarrow 0$

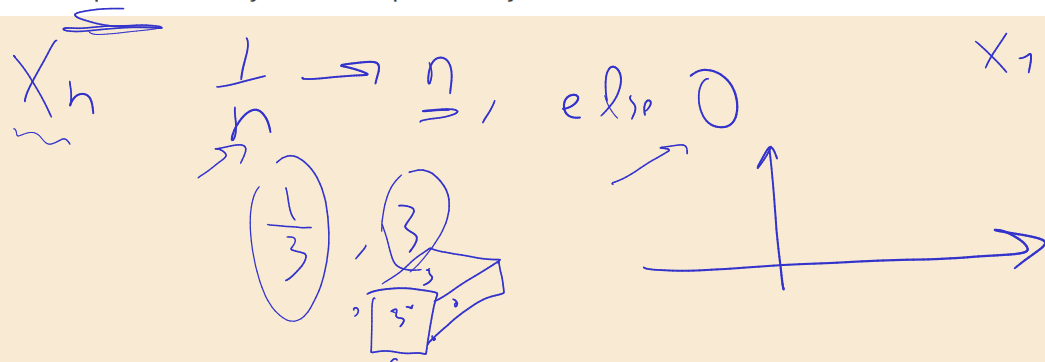
SLLN

$\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} \mu$

# 01 Convergence modes: The vanishing spike

Define  $X_n$  as follows: with probability  $\frac{1}{n}$ ,  $X_n = n$ ; otherwise  $X_n = 0$ .

- a. Compute  $E[X_n]$  and  $\text{Var}[X_n]$ . What happens as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ?
- b. Show that  $X_n \xrightarrow{P} 0$  (converges in probability to 0) by computing  $P[|X_n| > \epsilon]$  for any  $\epsilon > 0$ .
- c. Does  $X_n \rightarrow 0$  almost surely? Hint: Consider  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P[X_n \neq 0]$ . Use the Borel-Cantelli lemma intuition: if events happen "infinitely often" then convergence a.s. fails.
- d. Explain in 2-3 sentences: why can a sequence have vanishing probability of being far from 0, yet still "spike" infinitely often with probability 1?

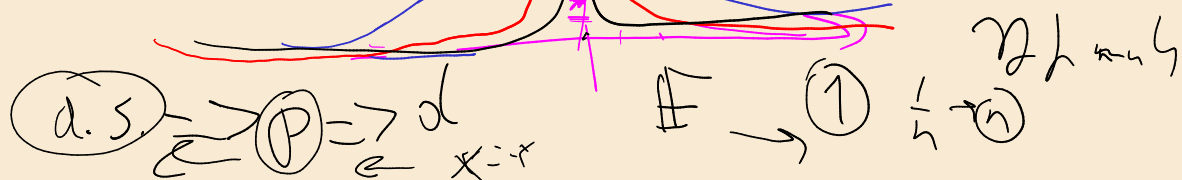


$$E[X_n] = n \cdot \frac{1}{n} + 0 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) = 1$$

$$E[X_n^2] = n^2 \cdot \frac{1}{n} + 0 = n$$

$$P(|X_n| > \epsilon) = P(X_n = n) = \frac{1}{n}$$

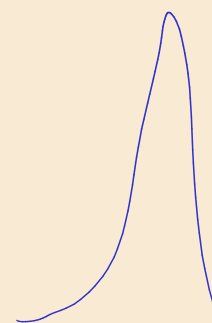
$$= P(X_n = n) = \frac{1}{n}$$



$$X_1, X_2, \dots \text{ i.i.d. } \checkmark, \quad 0 < \epsilon^2 \leq \infty$$

$$\bar{X}_n \approx N\left(\frac{\mu}{n}, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$$

$$Z_n = \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$$



$$A_n = \{X_n = n\}$$

$$P(A_n) = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = \infty$$

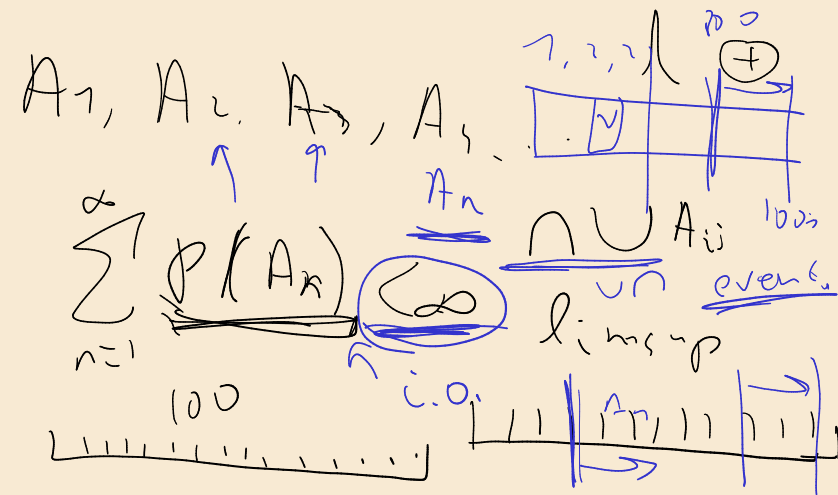
$$P(A_n) \text{ w.l.t. } \frac{1}{n} \text{ l.t. } \frac{1}{n} = 1$$

## The Infinite Monkey Theorem ✓

**Claim:** A monkey typing randomly will eventually type the complete works of Shakespeare, almost surely.

**Proof sketch:**

- Let  $A_n$  = "the monkey types 'To be or not to be' starting at position  $n$ ."
- $P[A_n] = (1/26)^{18} \approx 10^{-25}$  (assuming 26 letters)
- $\sum P[A_n] = \infty$  (sum of constants diverges)
- Keystrokes are independent  $\Rightarrow$  BC2 says it happens infinitely often!
- Same argument works for the full text of Hamlet (just a longer string with smaller  $P[A_n]$ , but still divergent sum).



$$P(\text{w.l.p. } \limsup A_n \text{ exists}) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{n^2} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} < \infty$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{K} = \infty$$

$$A_n \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P[A_n] = \infty$$

$$P(\text{w.l.p. } A_n) = 1$$

$$P(A_n) = \left(\frac{1}{26}\right)^{1000,000}$$

## 02 Sample mean convergence: Visualizing LLN

You roll a fair die repeatedly and compute the running average  $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ .

- a. What is  $E[X_i]$  and  $\text{Var}[X_i]$  for a single roll?
- b. Compute  $E[\bar{X}_n]$  and  $\text{Var}[\bar{X}_n]$ . What happens to the variance as  $n$  increases?
- c. Use Chebyshev's inequality to bound  $P[|\bar{X}_n - 3.5| > 0.5]$ . For what  $n$  is this probability less than 0.05?
- d. Sketch (or describe) how you'd expect a plot of  $\bar{X}_n$  vs  $n$  to look for  $n = 1$  to  $n = 100$ .

$$P(\bar{X}_n - 3.5 > 0.5)$$

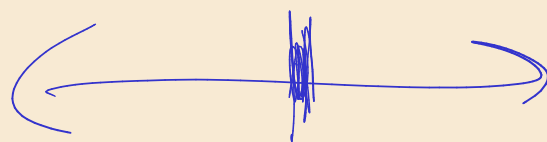
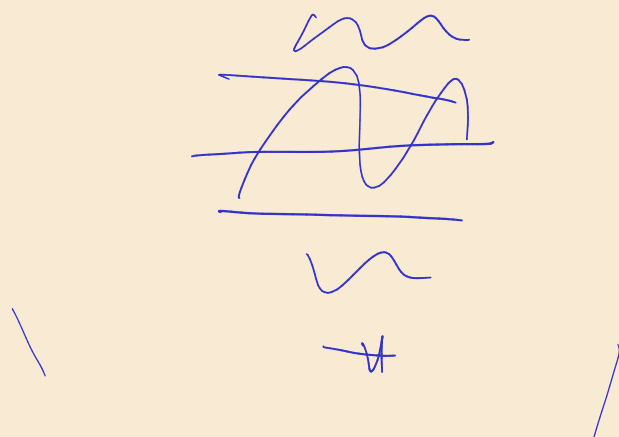
$$0.05$$

$$n \geq 233$$

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$$[3, 4]$$

$$5\%$$



$$P(|X_n - 3.5| > 0.5)$$

$$n = 234$$

$$\frac{1}{1000}$$

$$0.0005$$

### 03 When LLN fails: Cauchy counterexample

The Cauchy distribution has PDF  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- a. Without computing, explain why  $E[X]$  doesn't exist for  $X \sim \text{Cauchy}$  by considering the integral  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)} dx$ .
- b. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. Cauchy. The sample mean is  $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ . Does  $\bar{X}_n$  converge to anything as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ?
- c. **Fact:**  $\bar{X}_n$  itself has the *same* Cauchy distribution for all  $n$ . Explain why this violates the LLN, and what condition of the LLN is not satisfied.
- d. Simulate (or imagine) 1000 samples from Cauchy and compute their mean. Would you expect a “tight” estimate or wild variability? Why is averaging useless here?



## 04 CLT in Python: Simulating the magic

In this problem, you'll write Python code to **demonstrate the Central Limit Theorem** empirically.

**Setup:** Let  $X_i \sim \text{Exp}(1)$  (exponential distribution with rate 1, so  $E[X_i] = 1$ ,  $\text{Var}[X_i] = 1$ ).

### Tasks:

- a. **Generate data:** For each sample size  $n \in \{1, 5, 10, 30, 50\}$ :
  - Simulate  $N = 10000$  sample means  $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  (each mean computed from  $n$  i.i.d.  $\text{Exp}(1)$  random variables).
  - Store these 10000 sample means.

- b. **Standardize:** Compute the standardized version:

$$Z_n = \frac{\bar{X}_n - 1}{\sqrt{1/n}} = \sqrt{n} \cdot (\bar{X}_n - 1).$$

For each  $n$ , compute this for all 10000 samples.

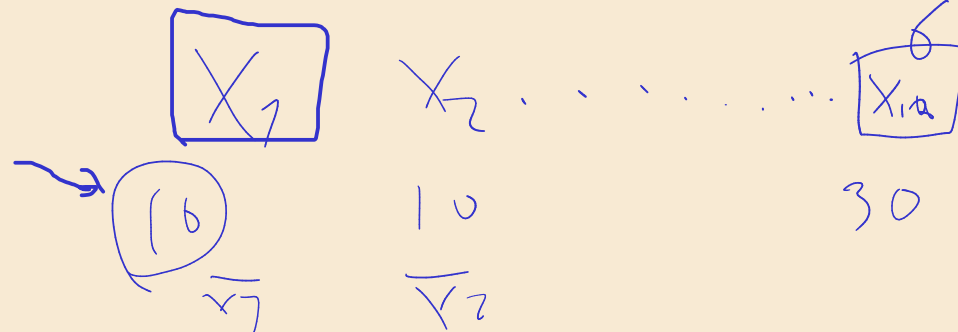
- c. **Visualize:** Create a figure with 5 subplots (one for each  $n$ ):
  - Plot a **histogram** of the 10000 standardized values  $Z_n$ .
  - Overlay the **standard normal PDF**  $N(0, 1)$  as a smooth curve.
  - Add a title indicating the sample size  $n$ .
- d. **Interpret:**
  - For which values of  $n$  does the histogram closely match the normal curve?
  - The original  $\text{Exp}(1)$  distribution is **highly skewed** (right tail). Explain in 2-3 sentences why the CLT "fixes" this skewness as  $n$  grows.

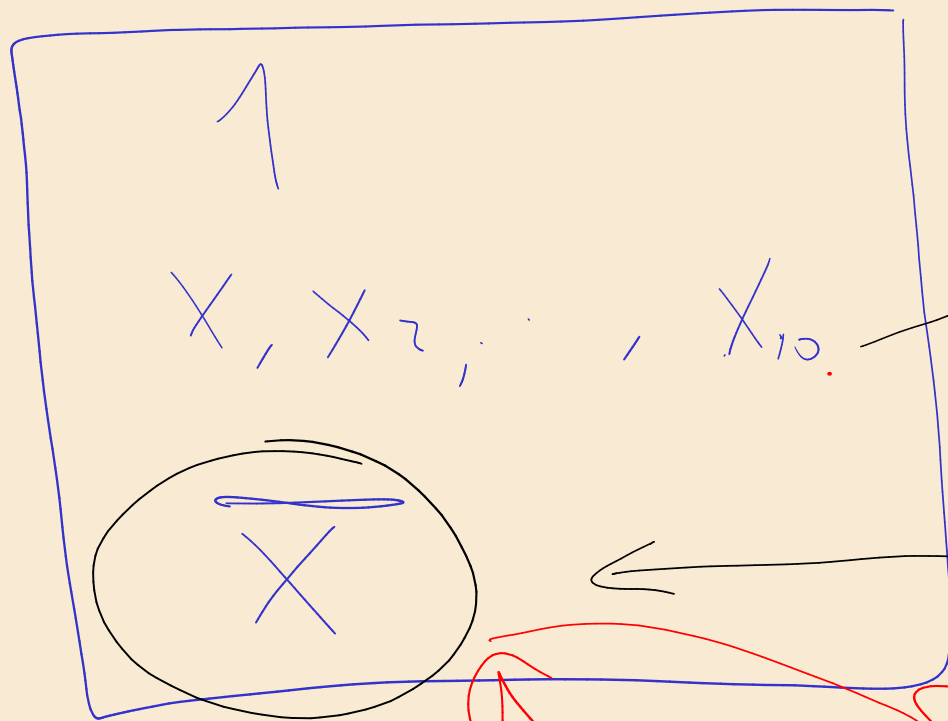
Exp (1)

$$\mu = \lambda = 1$$
$$\sigma^2 = 1$$

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$\bar{X}_n \sim N$





$X_1$  <sup>10</sup>  $| y_1 | z_1$

$\overline{X_1} \quad | \overline{y_1} \quad | \overline{z_1} |$

$X_1 + y_1 + z_1$