

Independent Normal Distribution Variable Sequence

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Problem 1 (Exercise 4.5 of Chapter E)

Background:

A random variable G has a normal $N(0, 1)$ distribution, then for $x > 0$,

$$P(G > x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_x^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2} dy$$

Note that this property only is all we need regarding random variable with normal distribution in this problem.

1. Prove that

$$P(G > x) \leq \frac{1}{x\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}$$

2. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be a sequence of independent $N(0, 1)$ variables. Prove that with probability 1, $L \leq 1$, where

$$L := \limsup \left(\frac{X_n}{\sqrt{2\log n}} \right)$$

Proof:

1. This is proven by manipulating the integral.

$$\begin{aligned} P(G > x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_x^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2} dy \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \cdot \int_x^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2} \cdot y \cdot dy \\ &= \frac{1}{x\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\frac{1}{2}x^2}^{\infty} e^{-y} \cdot dy \\ &= \frac{1}{x\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-y} \Big|_{\frac{1}{2}x^2}^{\infty} \\ &= \frac{1}{x\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} \end{aligned}$$

2. Let E_n denote the event that $\frac{X_n}{\sqrt{2\log n}} > \sqrt{1+\epsilon}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} P(E_i) &= \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} P\left(\frac{X_n}{\sqrt{2\log n}} > \sqrt{1+\epsilon}\right) \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} P(X_n > (\sqrt{1+\epsilon})\sqrt{2\log n}) \\
&= \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{(\sqrt{1+\epsilon})\sqrt{2\log n}}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2} dy \\
&\leq \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{1+\epsilon})\sqrt{2\log n}\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}((\sqrt{1+\epsilon})\sqrt{2\log n})^2} \\
&= \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{1+\epsilon})\sqrt{2\log n}\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(1+\epsilon)\log n} \\
&< \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{(1+\epsilon)\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{n^{1+\epsilon}}
\end{aligned}$$

$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n^{1+\epsilon}}$ converges, thus

$$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} P(E_i) < \infty$$

By **First Borel-Cantelli Lemma(BC1)**, we have

$$P(E_n, \text{i.o.}) = 0$$

, thus

$$P(E_n^c, \text{ev}) = P\left(\frac{X_n}{\sqrt{2\log n}} \leq \sqrt{1+\epsilon}, \text{ev}\right) = 1$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned}
P(L \leq 1) &= P(\limsup \left(\frac{X_n}{\sqrt{2\log n}}\right) \leq 1) = P\left(\frac{X_n}{\sqrt{2\log n}} \leq 1, \text{ev}\right) \\
&= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} P\left(\frac{X_n}{\sqrt{2\log n}} \leq \sqrt{1+\epsilon}, \text{ev}\right) \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

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