

**Exercise 3.2** Given that  $I_{X_i \leq t}$  is a Bernoulli random variable equal to 1 with probability  $\Phi(t)$ , show that the variance of the normalized estimator  $I_{X_i \leq t}/\Phi(t)$  goes to infinity when  $t$  decreases to  $-\infty$ . Deduce the number of simulations (as a function of  $t$ ) that are necessary to achieve a variance less than  $10^{-8}$ .

$$\hat{\Phi}(t) \sim N\left(\Phi(t), \frac{\Phi(t)(1 - \Phi(t))}{n}\right)$$

$$\hat{\Phi}(t)/\Phi(t) \sim N\left(1, \frac{1 - \Phi(t)}{\Phi(t)n}\right)$$

since  $\Phi(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow -\infty$ ,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1 - \Phi(t)}{\Phi(t)n} = \infty$$

Solving for  $n$  with the normalized estimate,

$$n = \frac{1 - \Phi(t)}{\Phi(t)10^{-8}}$$

Solving for  $n$  when we are interested in estimating  $\Phi$ ,

$$n = \frac{\Phi(t)(1 - \Phi(t))}{10^{-8}}$$