

# Statistical Properties

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# Change in variables

- Let  $y = T(x) \implies x = T^{-1}(y)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= \Pr(T(X) \leq y) \\ &= \Pr(X \leq T^{-1}(y)) && \text{preserve the same volume} \\ &= F_X(T^{-1}(y)) \\ &= F_X(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \frac{dF_Y(y)}{dy} = \frac{F_X(T^{-1}(y))}{dx} \times \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| \\ &= f_X(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| \\ \implies f_Y(y) |dy| &= f_X(x) |dx| && \text{without change of limits} \\ f_Y(y) dy &= f_X(x) dx && \text{with change of limits} \end{aligned}$$

- something about using absolute values: compute  $\int_0^1 dx$ , change of variable  $u = -x$ :

$$\int_0^{-1} -1 \, du = \int_{-1}^0 1 \, du = \int_{[-1,0]} 1 \, du$$

# Some thoughts on Floor function

- ▶ We let  $X \sim \text{Exp}(1)$ , i.e.,  $X \sim e^{-x}$ .
- ▶  $Y = \lfloor X \rfloor$ , and
- ▶  $Z = X - \lfloor X \rfloor$

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(Y = \lfloor x \rfloor) &= P(X < (x + 1)) - P(X < x) \\ &= \int_{t=0}^{x+1} e^{-t} dt - \int_{t=0}^x e^{-t} dt \\ &= e^{-x} - e^{-(x+1)} = e^{-x}(1 - e^{-1})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Let } 0 \leq z \leq 1 : \quad \Pr(Z < z) &= \int_{t=0}^z \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} p(t + i = z + i) dt \\ &= \int_{t=0}^z \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} e^{-(t+i)} dt = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \int_{t=0}^z e^{-(t+i)} dt \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left[ -e^{-(t+i)} \right]_{t=0}^z = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} e^{-i} - e^{-(z+i)} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} e^{-i} (1 - e^{-z}) = (1 - e^{-z}) \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} e^{-i} = (1 - e^{-z}) \frac{1 - (\exp^{-\infty})}{1 - e^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{1 - e^{-z}}{1 - e^{-1}}\end{aligned}$$

A valid CDF, as  $\Pr(Z \leq 0) = 0$  and  $\Pr(Z \leq 1) = 1$

- ▶ Therefore,  $P(Z < z)$  is independant of  $P(Y = \lfloor x \rfloor)$ , as it does NOT contain  $x$  terms.

# Useful inequalities: Markov's inequality

## Markov's inequality

Let  $X$  be a nonnegative random variable. Then, for any  $b \in \mathbb{R}^+$ :

$$\Pr(X \geq b) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[X]}{b}$$

Why?

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[X] &= \int_0^\infty xp(x)dx = \int_0^b xp(x)dx + \int_b^\infty xp(x)dx \\ \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X] &\geq \int_b^\infty xp(x)dx \\ &\geq \int_b^\infty bp(x)dx \\ &= b \int_b^\infty p(x)dx \\ &= b \Pr(X \geq b)\end{aligned}$$

**how is this useful?** provides an **upper bound** of probability that a nonnegative random variable is greater than an arbitrary positive constant by relating a probability to an expectation.

# Useful inequalities: Chebyshev's inequality

Let  $X$  be a nonnegative random variable. Then, for any  $b \in \mathbb{R}^+$ :

$$\Pr(X \geq b) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[X]}{b}$$

substitute  $X \rightarrow (X - \mu)^2$  and  $b \rightarrow k^2$ :

$$\implies \Pr\left((X - \mu)^2 \geq k^2\right) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^2]}{k^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{k^2}$$

$$\implies \Pr(|X - \mu| \geq k) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{k^2}$$

substitute  $X \rightarrow (X - \mu)^2$  and  $b \rightarrow \sigma^2 k^2$ :

$$\implies \Pr\left((X - \mu)^2 \geq \sigma^2 k^2\right) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^2]}{\sigma^2 k^2} = \frac{1}{k^2}$$

$$\implies \Pr(|X - \mu| \geq \sigma k) \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$$

# Chebyshev's inequality applications (1)

Provides bounds of random variables from any distributions when their means and variances are known. Each  $k$  tells us one bound, for example, when  $k = 2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(|X - \mu| \geq 2\sigma) &\leq \frac{1}{4} \implies \Pr(\mu - X \geq 2\sigma, \mu + X \geq 2\sigma) \leq \frac{1}{4} \\ \implies \Pr(X \leq \mu - 2\sigma, X \geq \mu + 2\sigma) &\leq \frac{1}{4} \\ \implies \Pr(\mu - 2\sigma \leq X \leq \mu + 2\sigma) &\geq 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}\end{aligned}$$

For Guassian distribution,  $\Pr(\mu - 2\sigma \leq X \leq \mu + 2\sigma) \approx 0.995$

## Chebyshev's inequality applications (2)

Let  $X_n \in \text{Gamma}(n, \frac{1}{n})$ , therefore:

$$\mathbb{E}[X_n] = n \times \frac{1}{n} = 1 \qquad \text{VAR}[X_n] = n \times \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{n}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(|X - \mu| > k) &\leq \frac{\sigma^2}{k^2} \\ \implies \Pr(|X_n - 1| > \epsilon) &\leq \frac{\sigma^2}{\epsilon^2} = \frac{1}{n\epsilon^2} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

**Definition**  $X_n$  **converges in probability** to the random variable  $X$  i.e.,  $X_n \xrightarrow{P} X$  :

$$\Pr(|X_n - X| > \epsilon) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

## law of large numbers

- ▶ Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with mean  $\mu$  and finite variance  $\sigma^2$
- ▶ Let  $S_n = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n}$ .  
 $\text{VAR}(aX + bY) = a^2\text{VAR}(X) + b^2\text{VAR}(Y)$  if  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[S_n] &= \frac{\mathbb{E}[X_1]}{n} + \dots + \frac{\mathbb{E}[X_n]}{n} = \mu \\ \text{VAR}[S_n] &= \frac{\text{VAR}[X_1]}{n^2} + \dots + \frac{\text{VAR}[X_n]}{n^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(|S_n - \mu| > \epsilon) &\leq \frac{\text{VAR}[S_n]}{\epsilon^2} \implies \Pr(|S_n - \mu| > \epsilon) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{n\epsilon^2} \\ &\implies \Pr(|S_n - \mu| > \epsilon) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ The law of large numbers states that  $S_n \xrightarrow{P} \mu$

$$\Pr(|S_n - \mu| > \epsilon) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$



# Uniqueness in almost surely Convergence (1)

- ▶  $X_n$  converges almost surely (a.s.) to the random variable  $X$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  iff:

$$P(\{\omega : X_n(\omega) \rightarrow X(\omega)\}) = 1 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

- ▶ Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a sequence of random variables. If  $X_n$  converges almost surely, then the limiting random variable (distribution)  $X$  is unique.
- ▶ Suppose **not** unique:  $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X$  and  $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} Y$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\Phi_X = \{\omega : X_n(\omega) \not\rightarrow X(\omega) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty\} \text{ and}$$

$$\Phi_Y = \{\omega : Y_n(\omega) \not\rightarrow Y(\omega) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty\}$$

- ▶ First we proved that  $\omega \notin (\Phi_X \cup \Phi_Y) \implies X(\omega) = Y(\omega)$
- ▶ Since  $\omega \in (\Phi_X^c \cap \Phi_Y^c) \equiv \omega \notin (\Phi_X \cup \Phi_Y) \equiv \omega \in (\Phi_X \cup \Phi_Y)^c$ :

$$\begin{aligned} |X(\omega) - Y(\omega)| &\leq |X(\omega) - X_n(\omega)| + |X_n(\omega) - Y(\omega)| \\ &= |X(\omega) - X(\omega)| + |Y(\omega) - Y(\omega)| \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \\ &= 0 + 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

## Uniqueness in almost surely Convergence (2)

- ▶ We assume there are some domain  $\Omega_\Phi \subseteq (\Phi_X \cup \Phi_Y)$ . such that  $\{\forall \omega \in \Omega_\Phi : X(\omega) \neq Y(\omega)\}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \neq Y) &= P(\{\omega \in \Omega_\Phi : X(\omega) \neq Y(\omega)\}) \\ &\leq P(\{\omega \in (\Phi_X \cup \Phi_Y)\}) \\ &\leq P(\{\omega \in \Phi_X\}) + P\{\omega \in \Phi_Y\}) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Now, what is the upper-bound  $P(\{\omega \in \Phi_X\})$  and  $P\{\omega \in \Phi_Y\})$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } \Phi_X &= \{\omega : X_n(\omega) \not\rightarrow X(\omega) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty\} \\ \implies \Phi_X^c &= \{\omega : X_n(\omega) \rightarrow X(\omega) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty\} \\ \implies P(\Phi_X^c) &= 1 \text{ (by definition of almost sure convergence)} \\ \implies P(\Phi_X) &= 1 - P(\Phi_X^c) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Likewise,  $P(\Phi_Y) = 1 - P(\Phi_Y^c) = 0$
- ▶ Therefore, we proved

$$P(X \neq Y) \leq P(\{\omega \in \Phi_X\}) + P\{\omega \in \Phi_Y\}) = 0 + 0 = 0$$

# Proof almost surely Convergence $\implies$ convergence in probability

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# Useful inequalities: Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be jointly distributed random variables on  $\mathbb{R}$  with each having finite variance. Then:

$$(\mathbb{E}[XY])^2 \leq E[X^2]E[Y^2]$$

# Inverse of a Low-rank Matrix

Woodbury matrix identity, which says:

$$\underbrace{(A + UCV)^{-1}}_{N \times N} = A^{-1} - A^{-1}U \underbrace{(C^{-1} + VA^{-1}U)^{-1}}_{M \times M} VA^{-1}$$

This is particularly useful when we have problems such as:

$$\left( \sigma^2 I_{n \times n} + \sum_{i=1}^M v_i v_i^T \right)^T$$

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N = 10;
M = 3;
sigma = 1;

U = randn(N,M); V = randn(M,N);
A = sigma * eye(N); C = randn(M,M);

answer1 = inv(A + U*C*V);
display(answer1);

answer2 = inv(A) - inv(A)*U * inv( inv(C)+ V * inv(A)*U ) * V*inv(A);
display(answer2);
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