

Theorem (The Central Limit Theorem)

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be independent random variables with mean μ and variance σ^2 , for any distribution.

For example, $X_i \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ for each i ,

So $\mu = np$ and $\sigma^2 = np(1-p)$

Then the sum $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ has a distribution that tends to Normal as $n \rightarrow \infty$

According to Central limit theorem :-

$$S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n \longrightarrow \text{Normal}(n\mu, n\sigma^2) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Important points :-

- 1) The limit holds for any distribution of X_1, \dots, X_n
- 2) A sufficient condition on X for the Central limit theorem to apply is that $\text{Var}(X)$ is finite.
- 3) The speed of convergence of S_n to the Normal distribution depends upon the distribution of X . Skewed distributions converge more slowly than symmetric Normal-like distributions.

Simulation :-

1) Triangular distribution : $f_X(x) = 2x$ for $0 < x < 1$

Find $E(x)$ and $Var(x)$

$$\mu = E(x) = \int_0^1 x f_X(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 2x^2 dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{2x^3}{3} \right]_0^1$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\sigma^2 = Var(x) = E(x^2) - \{E(x)\}^2$$

$$= \int_0^1 x^2 f_X(x) dx - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2$$

$$= \left[\frac{2x^4}{4} \right]_0^1 - \frac{4}{9}$$

$$= \frac{1}{18}$$

Let $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$ where X_1, \dots, X_n are independent

$$\text{Then } E(S_n) = E(X_1 + \dots + X_n) = n\mu = \frac{2n}{3}$$

$$Var(S_n) = Var(X_1 + \dots + X_n) = n\sigma^2$$

$$\Rightarrow Var(S_n) = \frac{n}{18}$$

So $S_n \sim$ approximate Normal $\left(\frac{2n}{3}, \frac{n}{18}\right)$ for large n