

第三章：1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

1. 随机变量 X 的期望 $\mu = E(X)$ 和方差 $\sigma^2 = E[(X - \mu)^2]$ 。如果定义随机变量 $X^* = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$ ，证明

$$P[|X^*| \geq c] \leq \frac{1}{c^2}.$$

解

$$P[|X^*| \geq c] = P\left[\left|\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}\right| \geq c\right] = P[|X - \mu| \geq c\sigma] \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{c^2\sigma^2} = \frac{1}{c^2}$$

2. 令 X_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) 为一组独立同分布的随机变量，期望 $\mu = E(X_i)$ 和方差 $\sigma^2 = E[(X_i - \mu)^2]$ 。如果定义 $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ ，证明

$$P[|\bar{X} - \mu| \geq \epsilon] \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{n\epsilon^2}.$$

解 由于

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

$$E(\bar{X}) = E\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \frac{1}{n} E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \frac{1}{n} \cdot nE(X_i) = \mu$$

所以

$$P[|\bar{X} - \mu| \geq \epsilon] \leq \frac{\text{Var}(\bar{X})}{\epsilon^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n\epsilon^2}$$

3. 假设抛一枚均匀的硬币 n 次，随机变量 X 定义为正面朝上的次数，

a. 请运用 Chebyshev 不等式给出事件 $X < \frac{n}{4}$ 的概率上界；

b. 请运用 Chernoff 不等式给出事件 $X < \frac{n}{4}$ 的概率上界；

a. 解

$$P(X < \frac{n}{4}) = P(X > \frac{3n}{4}) < P(|X - \frac{n}{2}| > \frac{n}{4}) < \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{(n/4)^2} = \frac{n}{4}$$

b. 解

$$P(X < \frac{n}{4}) = P(X > \frac{3n}{4}) = P(X > (1 + \frac{1}{2})\frac{n}{2}) < \exp(-\frac{n}{2}(\frac{1}{2})^2/4) = \exp(-n/32)$$

4. 假设 X_i 独立随机变量序列, 满足

$$P(X_i = 1) = p_i \text{ 和 } P(X_i = 0) = 1 - p_i.$$

令 $\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i$, 定义随机变量 $X = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ 。证明以下结论:

a. $P(X > (1 + \delta)\mu) < \left(\frac{e^\delta}{(1+\delta)^{(1+\delta)}}\right)^\mu$;

b. $P(X > (1 + \delta)\mu) \leq \exp(-\mu\delta^2/3)$ 。

a. 解 对于 $t > 0$

$$P(X > (1+\delta)\mu) = P(\exp(tX) > \exp(t(1+\delta)\mu)) < \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n E(\exp(tX_i))}{\exp(t(1+\delta)\mu)}$$

因为 $1 - x < e^{-x}$, 所以

$$E(\exp(tX_i)) = p_i e^t + (1 - p_i) = 1 - p_i(1 - e^t) < \exp(p_i(e^t - 1))$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n E(\exp(tX_i)) < \prod_{i=1}^n \exp(p_i(e^t - 1)) = \exp(\mu(e^t - 1))$$

$$P(X > (1 + \delta)\mu) < \frac{\exp(\mu(e^t - 1))}{\exp(t(1 + \delta)\mu)} = \exp(\mu(e^t - 1 - t - t\delta))$$

对 t 求偏导, 得到 $\mu(e^t - 1 - \delta) = 0$, 所以 $t = \ln(1 + \delta)$

$$P(X > (1 + \delta)\mu) < \exp(\mu(e^t - 1 - t - t\delta)) = \left(\frac{e^\delta}{(1 + \delta)^{(1 + \delta)}}\right)^\mu.$$

b. 解

$$(1 + \delta)^{1+\delta} = e^{\ln(1+\delta)(1+\delta)} = e^{(1+\delta)\ln(1+\delta)}$$

$$(1 + \delta)\ln(1 + \delta) = (1 + \delta)\left(\delta - \frac{\delta^2}{2} + \frac{\delta^3}{3} \cdots\right) > \delta + \frac{\delta^2}{3}$$

所以

$$P(X > (1 + \delta)\mu) < \left(\frac{e^\delta}{\exp(\delta + \frac{\delta^2}{4})}\right)^\mu = \exp(-\mu\delta^2/3)$$

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$$P(|X - \mu| > \delta\mu) < 2 \exp(-\mu\delta^2/3).$$

解 由于第四题结论

$$P(X > (1 + \delta)\mu) < \exp(-\mu\delta^2/3)$$

又因为

$$P(X < (1 - \delta)\mu) < \exp(-\mu\delta^2/2) < \exp(-\mu\delta^2/3)$$

所以

$$P(|X - \mu| > \delta\mu) = P(X > (1 + \delta)\mu) + P(X < (1 - \delta)\mu) < 2 \exp(-\mu\delta^2/3).$$

6. 设一组独立随机变量 $X_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$, 其中 $i = 1, \dots, n$ 。令 $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ 。请问当 n 取值为多少时使得

$$P(|\bar{X} - p| \leq \epsilon p) \geq 1 - \delta.$$

解 由于 $\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{1}{n}p(1-p)$, $E(\bar{X}) = p$

所以有

$$1 - P(|\bar{X} - p| \leq \epsilon p) = P(|\bar{X} - p| > \epsilon p) < \frac{\frac{1}{n}p(1-p)}{\epsilon^2 p^2} \leq \delta$$

所以当 $n \geq \frac{1-p}{\delta\epsilon^2 p}$ 使得 $P(|\bar{X} - p| \leq \epsilon p) \geq 1 - \delta$