

Lecture - 33

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Recap:

Chebyshev's inequality

Weak law of large numbers

Central Limit Theorem

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables, each having mean μ and variances²

Then

$$\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n - n\mu}{\sqrt{n} \sigma} \text{ tends to}$$

Standard normal as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

e.g.: An astronomer (2) is measuring distance from his lab to a distant black hole,

$\mu = d$ light years.

variance = 4 light years.

How many measurements does he need to take in order to be 95% sure that the estimated distance is accurate within ± 0.5 light years.

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$$= \frac{\sum x_i - nd}{\sqrt{n} \sigma}$$

$$Z_n = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n - nd}{\sqrt{n} \sigma} \rightarrow N(0,1) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$
$$= \frac{\sum x_i - nd}{\sqrt{n} \sigma}$$

$$P\left(-0.5 \leq \frac{\sum x_i}{n} - d \leq 0.5\right) = 0.95$$

$$P\left(\left|\frac{\sum x_i}{n} - d\right| \leq 0.5\right) = 0.95$$

$$P\left(\frac{(-0.5)\sqrt{n}}{2} \leq \boxed{\left(\frac{\sum x_i - nd}{n}\right) \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2}} \leq \frac{(0.5)\sqrt{n}}{2}\right) = 0.95$$

$$P\left(-\frac{\sqrt{n}}{4} \leq Z_n \leq \frac{\sqrt{n}}{4}\right) = 0.95$$

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$$\Phi\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{4}\right) - \Phi\left(-\frac{\sqrt{n}}{4}\right) = 0.95$$

$$2 \cdot \Phi\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{4}\right) - 1 = 0.95$$

$$\Phi\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{4}\right) = \frac{1+0.95}{2} = \frac{1.95}{2} = 0.975$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}}{4} = 1.96$$

$$\sqrt{n} = 4 \times 1.96$$

$$n = 16 \times (1.96)^2 = 61. \dots$$

$[n] = 62$ observations.

Also use

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Chebyshev's inequality

to get a better estimate.

x_1, \dots, x_n : n measurements

$$E\left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[x_i/n]$$

$$\textcircled{d} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[x_i] = \frac{1}{n} \cdot n \cdot d = d$$

$$\text{Var}\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}\right) = \sum \text{Var}\left(\frac{x_i}{n}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum \text{Var}(x_i) = \frac{n \cdot \sigma^2}{n^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

$\frac{4}{n}$

$$P\left(\left|\frac{\sum x_i}{n} - d\right| > \frac{\sigma^2}{h^2}\right) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{h^2} \quad \textcircled{6}$$

$$P\left(\left|\frac{\sum x_i}{n} - d\right| \geq 0.5\right) \leq \frac{4}{n(0.5)^2}$$

$$P \leq \frac{4 \cdot 4}{n} = \frac{16}{n}$$

$$(1 - P) \geq 1 - \frac{16}{n}$$

$$0.95 \geq 1 - \frac{16}{n}$$

$$\frac{16}{n} \geq 1 - 0.95 = 0.05$$

$$n \leq \frac{16}{0.05} = 16 \times 20 = 320 \text{ observations}$$

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e.g.

No. of students who
enroll(X) in Economics
elective is a Poisson
random variable with $\mu = 100$.

$$X \geq 120$$

2 batches.

$$X \leq 119$$

One batch

$$P(X \geq 120) =$$

$$\sum_{i=120}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-100} (100)^i}{i!}$$

What if you use CLT?

Can be
computed
using a
code on a
PC

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$$P(X \geq 120)$$

$$P\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \geq \frac{120 - \mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$P\left(Z \geq \frac{120 - 100}{10}\right)$$

$$P(Z \geq 2) = 1 - \phi(2)$$

$$\approx 0.02$$

e.g. An instructor (9)
has to check 50 copies.

Time required to check
one copy, ^{i.i.d} on an average,
is $\mu = 20$ minutes,
 $\sigma = 4$ minutes.

Compute the probability
that the instructor will
evaluate at least 25 copies
within 450 minutes.

$X_i =$ time required to
check i^{th} copy.

$$P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{25} X_i < 450\right)$$