# High-Dimensional Probability: Answers, Theorems, and Definitions

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## 0 Appetizer: Using probability to cover a geometric set

A point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a **convex combination** of points  $x_1, ..., x_m \in \mathbb{R}^n$  if

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i x_i$$
 with each  $\lambda_i \ge 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i = 1$ .

The **convex hull** of  $T \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , conv(T), is the set of all convex combinations of T.

**Theorem 0.0.1** (Catheodory's Theorem). Let  $x \in \text{conv}(T)$ . There exists  $k \leq n+1$  points  $x_1, ..., x_k \in T$  such that x is a convex combination of  $x_1, ..., x_k$ .

The result says we can obtain any point in the convex hull of T using at most a dimension-dependent number of points. Let the **diameter** of a set T be defined as  $diam(T) = \sup\{||x - y||_2 : x, y \in T\}$ .

**Theorem 0.0.2** (Approximate Catheodory's Theorem). Let diam(T) = 1. Let  $x \in \text{conv}(T)$ . For any k, there exists k points  $x_1, ..., x_k \in T$  such that

$$\left\| x - \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^{k} x_j \right\|_2 \le \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}$$

*Proof.* Suppose |T| = m. WLOG we can assume T is bounded by 1 in  $\|\cdot\|_2$ . We write  $x = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i x_i$ , and interpret  $\lambda_i$  as probabilities. We define the random variable

$$X = x_i$$
 with probability  $\lambda_i$ 

for i=1,...,m. We can verify that  $\mathbb{E}X=\sum_{i=1}^m\lambda_ix_i=x$ . Taking  $X_1,...,X_k\stackrel{\mathrm{iid}}{\sim}X$ . It remains to analyse the quantity  $\mathbb{E}\|x-\frac{1}{k}\sum_{j=1}^kX_j\|_2^2$ .

$$\mathbb{E} \left\| x - \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^{k} X_j \right\|_2^2 \le \frac{1}{k^2} \mathbb{E} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{k} X_j - x \right\|_2^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{k^2} \sum_{j=1}^{k} \mathbb{E} \left\| X_j - x \right\|_2^2 \qquad \text{(by Exercise 0.0.3 (a))}$$

$$= \frac{1}{k} \mathbb{E} \| X - x \|_2^2$$

Applying the result of Exercise 0.0.3 (b), we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}||X - x||_2^2 = \mathbb{E}||X||_2^2 - ||\mathbb{E}X||_2^2 \le \mathbb{E}||X||_2^2 \le 1$$

Plugging this in above, we obtain the desired bound in expectation, hence there must exist a realization of the  $X_j$ ,  $x_1, ..., x_k$ , such that the bound holds.

Exercise 0.0.3. Check the following identities for random vectors.

(a) Let  $X_1, ..., X_k$  be independent, mean zero random vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that

$$\mathbb{E} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{k} X_j \right\|_{2}^{2} = \mathbb{E} \sum_{j=1}^{k} \|X_j\|_{2}^{2}$$

Answer.

$$\mathbb{E} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{k} X_j \right\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{E} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{m} X_j^{(i)} \right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \operatorname{Var} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{m} X_j^{(i)} \right)$$
 (by mean zero)
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \operatorname{Var} \left( X_j^{(i)} \right)$$
 (by independence)
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mathbb{E} \left( X_j^{(i)} \right)^2$$
 (by mean zero)
$$= \mathbb{E} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \|X_j\|_2^2$$

Among other things, this result implies that the expected squared distance of a random walk (starting from the origin) is equal to sum of the expected squared distances of each step.

(b) Let X be a random vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that

$$\mathbb{E}||X - \mathbb{E}X||_2^2 = \mathbb{E}||X||_2^2 - ||\mathbb{E}X||_2^2$$

Answer.

$$\mathbb{E}||X - \mathbb{E}X||_{2}^{2} = \mathbb{E}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(X^{(i)} - (\mathbb{E}X)^{(i)}\right)^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \operatorname{Var}(X^{(i)}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{E}\left(X^{(i)}\right)^{2} - \left(\mathbb{E}X^{(i)}\right)^{2} = \mathbb{E}||X||_{2}^{2} - ||\mathbb{E}X||_{2}^{2}$$

**Corollary 0.0.4** (Covering polytopes by balls). Let  $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a polytope with diam(P) = 1. Let m be the number of vertices of P. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We can cover P with  $m^k$  balls of radius  $\varepsilon$  for  $k \ge \lceil 1/\varepsilon^2 \rceil$ .

*Proof.* Take T to be the vertex set of P. |T| = m. Note that for any  $x \in P$ ,  $x \in \text{conv}(T)$ . By Theorem 0.0.2, taking  $k \ge \lceil 1/\varepsilon^2 \rceil$ , we can find  $x_1, ..., x_k \in T$  such that

$$\left\| x - \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^{k} x_j \right\| \le \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \le \varepsilon$$

The number of ball centres obtained from selecting a set of k points out of m with repetition is bounded by  $m^k$  (possibly repeating orders). Hence we have an  $\varepsilon$ -cover sufficient to cover P.

**Exercise 0.0.5** (Bionomial coefficient inequality). Show that for  $1 \le r \le n$ 

$$\left(\frac{n}{r}\right)^r \le \binom{n}{r} \le \sum_{k=0}^r \binom{n}{k} \le \left(\frac{en}{r}\right)^r$$

Answer. For the first inequality, consider

$$\frac{\left(\frac{n}{r}\right)^r}{\binom{n}{r}} = \underbrace{\frac{\frac{n}{r}}{\frac{n}{r}} \cdot \frac{\frac{n}{r}}{\frac{n-1}{r-1}} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{\frac{n}{r}}{\frac{n-r+1}{r-1}}}_{r} \le 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \dots \cdot 1 = 1$$

The second inequality follows immediately. To justify the last inequality, write

$$\left(\frac{en}{r}\right)^r = e^r \cdot \left(\frac{n}{r}\right)^r = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{r^k}{k!} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{r}\right)^r$$

$$\geq \sum_{k=0}^r \frac{r^k}{k!} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{r}\right)^r$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^r \frac{n^k \cdot n^{r-k}}{k! \cdot r^{r-k}}$$

$$\geq \sum_{k=0}^r \frac{n^k}{k!}$$

$$\geq \sum_{k=0}^r \binom{n}{r}$$
(Maclaurin series for  $e^x$ )
$$(by  $n \geq r$ )$$

**Exercise 0.0.6** (Improved covering). Show that in the setting of Corollary 0.0.4, for  $k \geq \lceil 1/\varepsilon^2 \rceil$ 

$$(C + C\varepsilon^2 m)^k$$

balls suffice for a suitable constant C.

Answer. We can give a tighter bound than given in the proof of Corollary 0.0.4 on the number of ball centres obtained from selecting a set of k points out of m with repetition (since computing the mean of k is order-invariant with respect to input points). By the "stars-and-bars" argument, this quantity is given by

$$\binom{m+k-1}{k-1}$$

Note that  $\min\{k-1, m\} = k-1 \le \min\{k, m-1\}$ , so looking at row m+k-1 of Pascal's triangle

$$\binom{m+k-1}{k-1} \le \binom{m+k-1}{k}$$

Then, using Exercise 0.0.5

$$\binom{m+k-1}{k} \leq \left(\frac{e(m+k-1)}{k}\right)^k = \left(e\frac{k-1}{k} + e\frac{1}{k}m\right)^k \leq (e + e\varepsilon^2 m)^k$$

†https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stars\_and\_bars\_(combinatorics)

# 1 Preliminaries on random variables

#### 1.1 Basic quantities

The **expection** of a random variable X is denoted as  $\mathbb{E}X$ , and **variance** is denoted as  $Var(X) = \mathbb{E}(X - \mathbb{E}X)^2$ . (We note that the expectation operator  $\mathbb{E}$  can be directly defined as the Lebesgue integral of the random variable (measurable function)  $X : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$  in the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{M}, \mathbb{P})$ .

The moment generating function of X is given by

$$M_X(t) = \mathbb{E}e^{tX}$$
 for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ 

The **p-th moment** of X is given by  $\mathbb{E}X^p$ . We also let  $||X||_p = (\mathbb{E}X^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$  denote the **p-norm** of X. For  $p = \infty$ , we have

$$||X||_{\infty} = \operatorname{ess\,sup} X$$

recalling that the **essential supremum** of a function f is the "smallest value  $\gamma$  such that  $\{\omega \in \Omega : |f(\omega)| > \gamma\}$  has measure 0".

From this, we can define the  $L^p$  spaces<sup>‡</sup>, given a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{M}, \mathbb{P})$ 

$$L^p = \{X : ||X||_p < \infty\}$$

Results from measure and integration theory tell us that the  $(L^p, \|\cdot\|_p)$  are complete. In the case of  $L^2$ , we have that with the inner product

$$\langle X, Y \rangle = \int_{\Omega} XY(\omega)\mu(\omega)$$
  
=  $\mathbb{E}XY$ 

 $(L^2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  is a Hilbert space. In this case we can express the **standard deviation** of X as  $\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)} = \|X - \mathbb{E}X\|_2$ , and the **covariance** of random variable X and Y as

$$Cov(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}(X - \mathbb{E}X)(Y - \mathbb{E}Y) = \langle X - \mathbb{E}X, Y - \mathbb{E}Y \rangle$$

In this setting, considering random variables as vectors in  $L^2$ , the covariance between X and Y can be interpreted as the alignment between the vectors  $X - \mathbb{E}X$  and  $Y - \mathbb{E}Y$ .

#### 1.2 Some classical inequalities

We say  $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is **convex** if

$$f((1-t)x + ty) \le (1-t)f(x) + tf(y) \qquad \text{for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } t \in [0, 1]$$

**Jensen's inequality** states that for any random variable X and a convex function f, we get

$$f(\mathbb{E}X) \le \mathbb{E}(f(X))$$

A corollary of Jensen's inequality implies that§

$$||X||_p \le ||X||_q$$
 for all  $1 \le p \le q \le \infty$ 

Minkowski's inequality asserts that the triangle inequality holds for the  $L_p$  spaces

$$||X + Y||_p \le ||X||_p + ||Y||_p$$
 for all  $X, Y \in L^p$ 

In  $L^2$ , we have the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, which states that  $|\mathbb{E}XY| \leq \mathbb{E}|XY| \leq ||X||_2 ||Y||_2$ . Holder's inequality additionally asserts that for 1/p + 1/q = 1

$$|\mathbb{E}XY| \le ||XY||_1 \le ||X||_p ||Y||_q$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>A technical note is that the objects of  $L_p$  are actually equivalence classes of functions [X] with equality almost everywhere, otherwise  $\|\cdot\|_p$  is only a semi-norm.

<sup>§</sup> For  $q < \infty$ , the result follows by applying Jensen's inequality for  $f(x) = x^{\frac{q}{p}}$ . Otherwise,  $||X||_{\infty} = \gamma = (\mathbb{E}\gamma^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} = ||\gamma||_p \ge ||X||_p$ .

which also holds for  $p = 1, q = \infty$ .

The cumulative distribution function of X is defined as

$$F_X(t) = \mathbb{P}\{X \le t\} = \mathbb{P}(X^{-1}(-\infty, t])$$
 for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ 

and we refer to  $\mathbb{P}\{X > t\} = 1 - F_X(t)$  as the **tail** of X.

**Lemma 1.2.1** (Integral identity). Let  $X \geq 0$  be a random variable. Then

$$\mathbb{E}X = \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}\{X > t\}dt$$

with left side  $= \infty$  iff right side  $= \infty$ .

**Exercise 1.2.2** (Generalization of integral identity). Show that Lemma can be extended to be valid for any X

$$\mathbb{E}X = \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}\{X > t\}dt - \int_{-\infty}^0 \mathbb{P}\{X < t\}dt$$

Answer. For not necessary non-negative X,  $\mathbb{E}X := \mathbb{E}X^+ - \mathbb{E}X^-$  when they exist and are both  $< \infty$ , where

$$X^{+} = \begin{cases} X & \text{if } X \ge 0\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \qquad X^{-} = \begin{cases} -X & \text{if } X \le 0\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Applying Lemma 1.2.1 to the terms yields the result. For the second term

$$\mathbb{E} X^{-} = \int_{0}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}\{X^{-} > t\} dt = \int_{0}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}\{X < -t\} dt = \int_{-\infty}^{0} \mathbb{P}\{X < t\} dt$$

**Exercise 1.2.3** (p-th moment via the tail). Let X be a random variable and 0 . Show that

$$\mathbb{E}|X|^p = \int_0^\infty pt^{p-1} \mathbb{P}\{|X| > t\} dt$$

whenever the right side is  $< \infty$ .

Answer. On the right side, substitute  $u = t^p$ , so  $du = pt^{p-1}dt$  and

$$\int_0^\infty p t^{p-1} \mathbb{P}\{|X| > t\} dt = \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}\{|X| > u^{\frac{1}{p}}\} du = \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}\{|X|^p > u\} du = \mathbb{E}|X|^p$$

where the last equality comes from applying Lemma 1.2.1 to the random variable  $|X|^p \geq 0$ .

**Proposition 1.2.4** (Markov's inequality). Let  $X \geq 0$  with  $\mathbb{E}X < \infty$ . Then for t > 0

$$\mathbb{P}\{X \ge t\} \le \frac{\mathbb{E}X}{t}$$

*Proof.* Fix t > 0. Applying Lemma 1.2.1

$$\mathbb{E}X = \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}\{X \ge x\} dx \ge \int_0^t \mathbb{P}\{X \ge x\} dx \ge \int_0^t \mathbb{P}\{X \ge t\} dx = t \cdot \mathbb{P}\{X \ge t\}$$

Corollary 1.2.5 (Chebyshev's inequality). Let X have  $\mathbb{E}X < \infty$  and  $\mathrm{Var}(X) < \infty$ . Then for t > 0

$$\mathbb{P}\{|X - \mathbb{E}X| > t\} \le \frac{\operatorname{Var}(X)}{t^2}$$

Exercise 1.2.6. Give a proof of Chebyshev's inequality using Markov's inequality.

Answer. The random variable  $|X - \mathbb{E}X|^2$  is well-defined (by  $\mathbb{E}X < \infty$ ), non-negative, with finite expectation. Applying Markov's inequality with  $t^2 > 0$  yields

$$\mathbb{P}\{|X - \mathbb{E}X| \ge t\} = \mathbb{P}\{|X - \mathbb{E}X|^2 \ge t^2\} \le \frac{\operatorname{Var}(X)}{t^2}$$

#### 1.3 Limits theorems

For independent and identically distributed variables  $X_1, ..., X_N$ , the sample mean  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$  has

$$\operatorname{Var}(\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}X_i) = \frac{\operatorname{Var}(X_1)}{N} \to 0 \text{ as } N \to \infty$$

so we should expect it to concentrate around the true mean.

**Theorem 1.3.1** (Strong law of large numbers). Let  $X_1, X_2, ...$  be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with  $\mathbb{E}X_1 < \infty$ . Then the averaged partial sums

$$\frac{S_N}{N} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \to \mathbb{E} X_1$$
 almost surely

where random variables  $(Y_N)_{N=1}^{\infty}$  are said to **converge almost surely** to a random variable Y if there exists measurable  $Z \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $\mathbb{P}(Z) = 0$  and

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} Y_N(\omega) = Y(\omega) \quad \text{for every } \omega \in \Omega \setminus Z$$

**Theorem 1.3.2** (Lindeberg-Lévy CLT). Let  $X_1, X_2, ...$  be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with  $\mathbb{E}X_1 = \mu$ ,  $\operatorname{Var}(X_1) = \sigma^2 < \infty$ . Then the normalized partial sums

$$Z_N = \frac{S_N - \mathbb{E}S_N}{\sqrt{\operatorname{Var}(S_N)}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N X_i - N\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{N}} \to N(0,1)$$
 in distribution

where real random variables  $(Y_N)_{N=1}^{\infty}$  are said to **converge in distribution** to a random variable Y if their CDF's  $F_{Y_N}(t) := \mathbb{P}\{Y_N \leq t\}$ ,  $F_Y(t) := \mathbb{P}\{Y \leq t\}$  have

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} F_{Y_N}(t) = F_Y(t) \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Exercise 1.3.3.** Let  $X_1, X_2, ...$  be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with  $\mu, \sigma^2 < \infty$ . Show that

$$\mathbb{E}\left|\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}X_{i}-\mu\right|=O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}})$$

Answer. Considering the convex function  $\phi(x) = x^2$ , we can apply Jensen's to get

$$\left(\mathbb{E}\left|\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}X_{i}-\mu\right|\right)^{2} \leq \operatorname{Var}\left(\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}X_{i}\right) = \frac{\sigma^{2}}{N}$$

taking the square root of both sides yields the result.

**Theorem 1.3.4** (Poisson limit theorem). Consider a sequence of N-tuples of independent random variables with entries  $X_{Ni}$  for  $1 \le i \le N$  with  $X_{Ni} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_{Ni})$ . Let  $S_N = \sum_{i=1}^N X_{Ni}$ , and suppose that as  $N \to \infty$ 

$$\max_{1 \le i \le N} p_{Ni} \to 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}S_N = \sum_{i=1}^N p_{Ni} \to \lambda$$

Then  $S_N \to \operatorname{Poisson}(\lambda)$  in distribution, i.e. the CDF  $F_{S_N}(t) = \mathbb{P}\{S_N \leq t\}$  has

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} F_{S_N}(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor t \rfloor} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

## 2 Concentrations of sums of independent random variables

## 2.1 Why concentration inequalities?

Concentration inequalities quantify the variation of a random variable around its mean, and take the from

$$\mathbb{P}\{|X - \mu| \ge t\} \le \text{ something small }$$

**Proposition 2.1.2** (Tails of the normal distribution). Let  $Z \sim N(0,1)$ . For t > 0

$$\left(\frac{1}{t} - \frac{1}{t^3}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t^2/2} \le \mathbb{P}\{Z \ge t\} \le \frac{1}{t} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t^2/2}$$

In particular, for  $t \geq 1$ , the tail of X has

$$\mathbb{P}\{Z \ge t\} \le \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-t^2/2}$$

More loosely, we can say

$$\mathbb{P}\{Z \ge T\} = \Theta\left(\frac{1}{te^{t^2/2}}\right) = \tilde{\Theta}\left(\frac{1}{e^{t^2/2}}\right)$$

*Proof.* For the upper bound, we substitute x = y + t to get

$$\int_{t}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^{2}/2} dx = \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-y^{2}/2} e^{-ty} e^{-t^{2}/2} dy \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t^{2}} \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-ty} dy = \frac{1}{t} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t^{2}/2} dx = \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi$$

For the lower bound, we make use of the identity

$$\int_{t}^{\infty} e^{-x^{2}/2} dx \ge \int_{t}^{\infty} (1 - 3x^{-4}) e^{-x^{2}/2} dx = \left(\frac{1}{t} - \frac{1}{t^{3}}\right) e^{-t^{2}/2}$$

**Example 2.1.1.** Consider  $S_N = X_1 + ... + X_N$ , each  $X_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(1/2)$ . We have  $\mathbb{E}S_N = N/2, \text{Var}(S_N) = N/4$ . From Chebyshev's inequality (Corollary 1.2.5), we get

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{ \left| S_N - \frac{N}{2} \right| \ge \frac{N}{4} \right\} \le \frac{4}{N} = O\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)$$

i.e. the probability of satisfying our concentration requirements goes to 0 linearly. Is this upper bound tight?

We know by the CLT (Theorem 1.3.2), that our normalized  $S_N$  converges in distribution to N(0,1). Then for large N, we should see that

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{\left|S_N - \frac{N}{2}\right| \geq \frac{N}{4}\right\} = \mathbb{P}\left\{\left|\frac{S_N - \frac{N}{2}}{\sqrt{\frac{N}{4}}}\right| \geq \sqrt{\frac{N}{4}}\right\} \approx \mathbb{P}\left\{|Z| \geq \sqrt{\frac{N}{4}}\right\} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi N}}e^{-N/8} = \tilde{O}\left(\frac{1}{e^{N/8}}\right)$$

which is exponentially fast (by Proposition 2.1.2). However this central limit theorem argument can't be made rigourous, since the error in approximating normalized  $S_N$  with Z decays too slowly (in fact slower than linearly via Theorem 2.1.3). It turns out that for these sums, we get light tails much faster than we approximate N(0,1).

**Theorem 2.1.3** (Berry-Esseen CLT). In the setting of Theorem 1.3.2, for all N

$$|F_{Z_N}(t) - F_Z(t)| \le \frac{\rho}{\sqrt{N}}$$
 for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ 

where  $\rho = \mathbb{E}|X_1 - \mu|^3/\sigma^3$ .

Note that in comparison to Theorem 1.3.2 it additionally requires the third moment  $\mathbb{E}X_1^3 < \infty$ , and in turn provides a quantitative rate for uniform convergence in distribution to N(0,1).

**Exercise 2.1.4** (Truncated normal distribution). Let  $Z \sim N(0,1)$ . Show that for all  $t \geq 1$ 

$$\mathbb{E}Z^{2}\mathbb{1}_{\{Z \ge t\}} = t \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t^{2}/2} + \mathbb{P}(Z \ge t) \le \left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t^{2}/2}$$

Answer.  $\Box$ 

- 2.2 Hoeffding's inequality
- 2.3 Chernoffs's inequality