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In [10]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import scipy.stats as sts
import math
%matplotlib inline
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In [49]: N = 10000
numbers = np.arange(1, N)

def eval(n, k, X):
    moment = (X**k).sum()/(n*1.0)
    return ((math.factorial(k)*1.0)/moment)**(1.0/k)

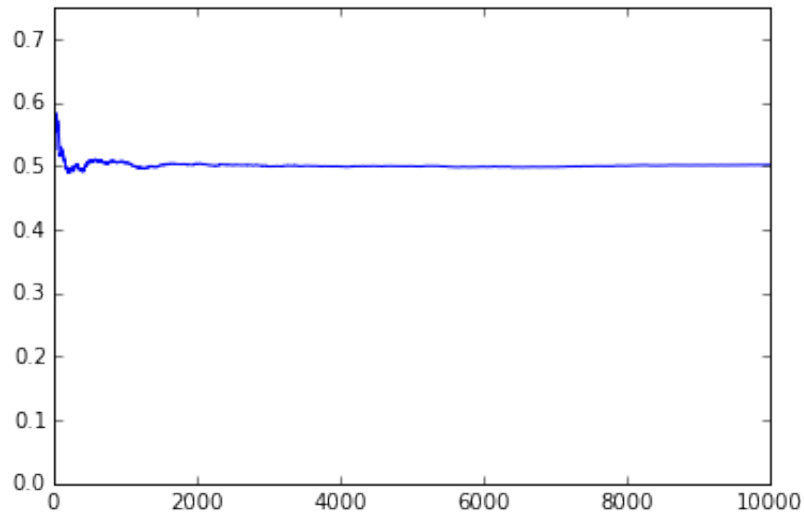
errors = []
distr = sts.expon(1.0)
bigSample = distr.rvs(N)

def go(k, scale):
    y = np.array([])
    for n in numbers:
        sample = bigSample[:n]
        y = np.append(y, abs(eval(n, k, sample) - 1.0))
    print '\n\n'
    print 'n=10^4, error for k = ', k, ' : ', y[-1]
    errors.append(y[-1])
    plt.plot(numbers, y, label='k = '+str(k))
    plt.ylim(0, y.mean()*1.5)
    plt.show()

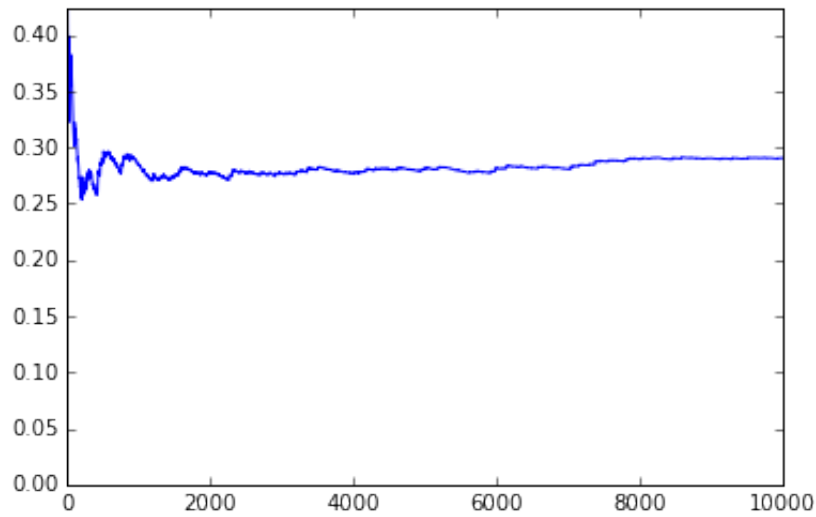
for k in np.arange(1, 20, 2):
    go(k, 1.0/(10.0*k))

print '\n\n\n\n'
print 'best k = ', errors.index(min(errors))+1, ' error is ', min(errors)
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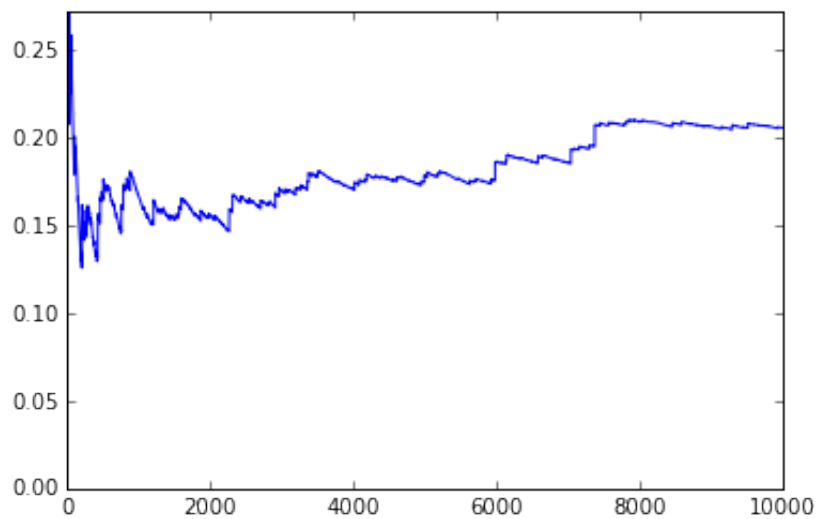
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n=10^4, error for k = 1 : 0.501972706496
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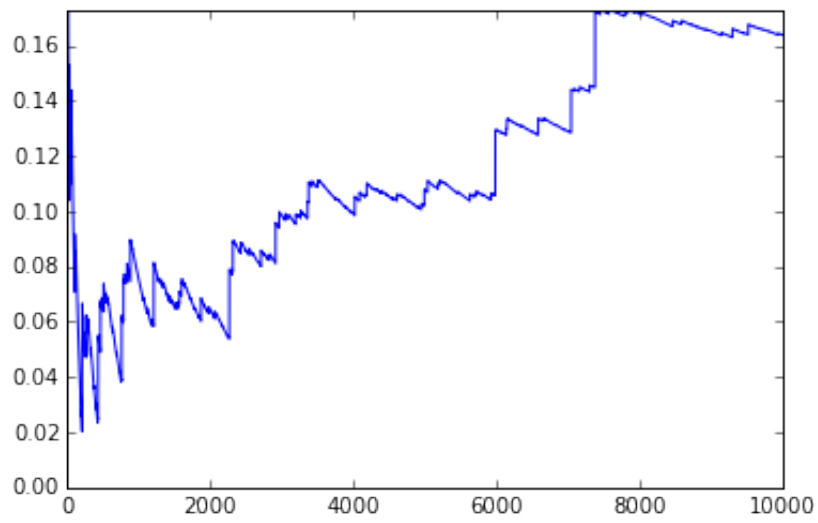
$n=10^4$, error for $k = 3$: 0.29042994528



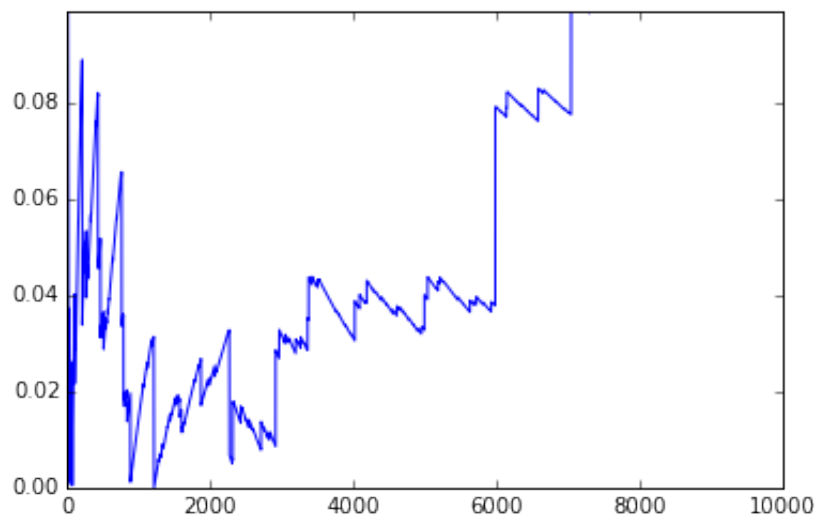
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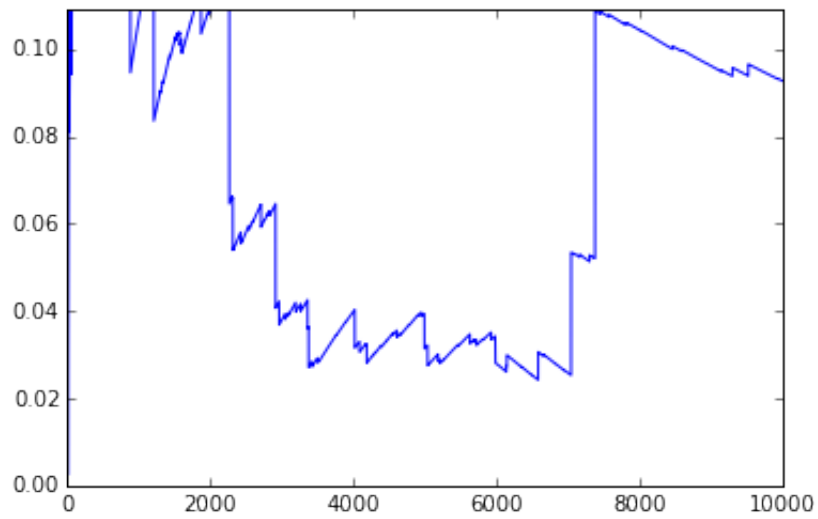
$n=10^4$, error for $k = 7$: 0.163821336931



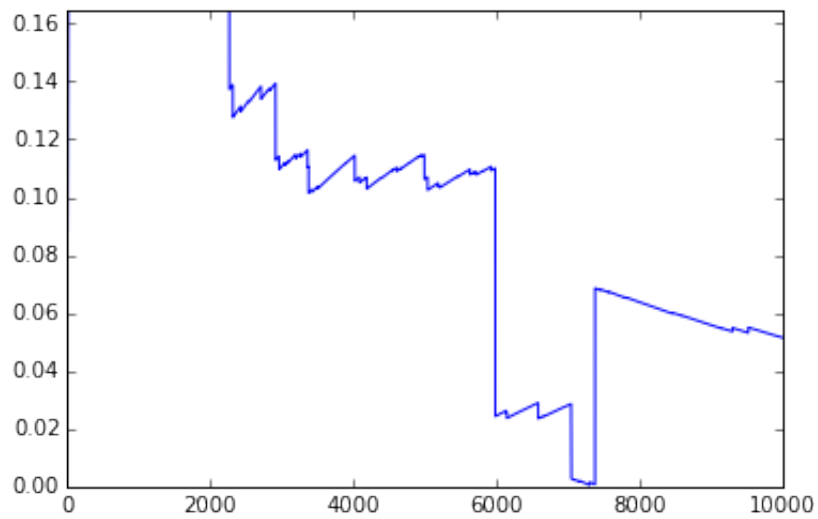
$n=10^4$, error for $k = 9$: 0.129391487906



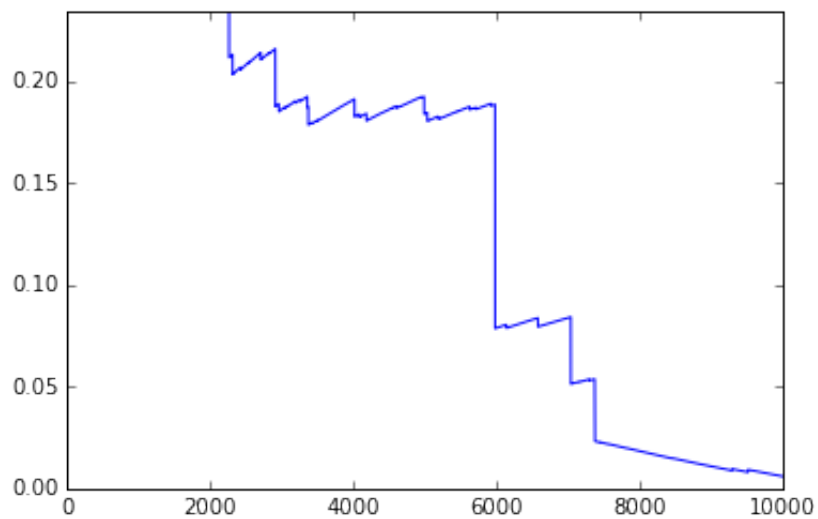
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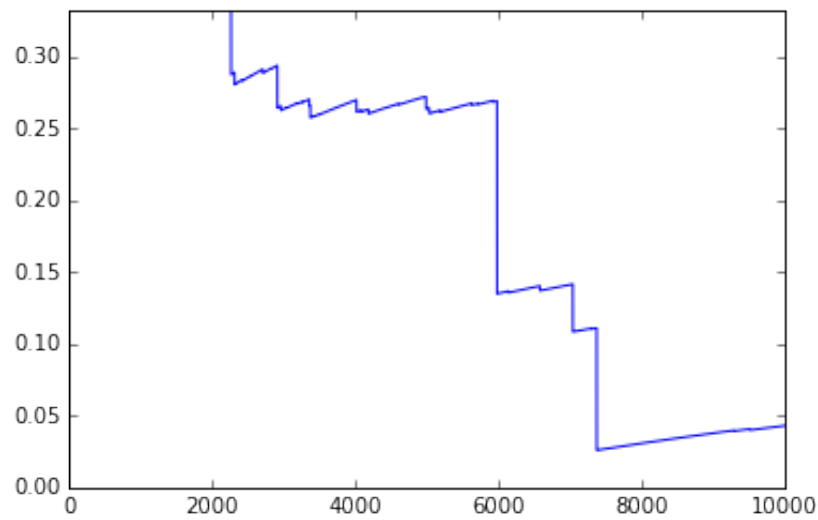
$n=10^4$, error for $k = 13$: 0.0514380976545



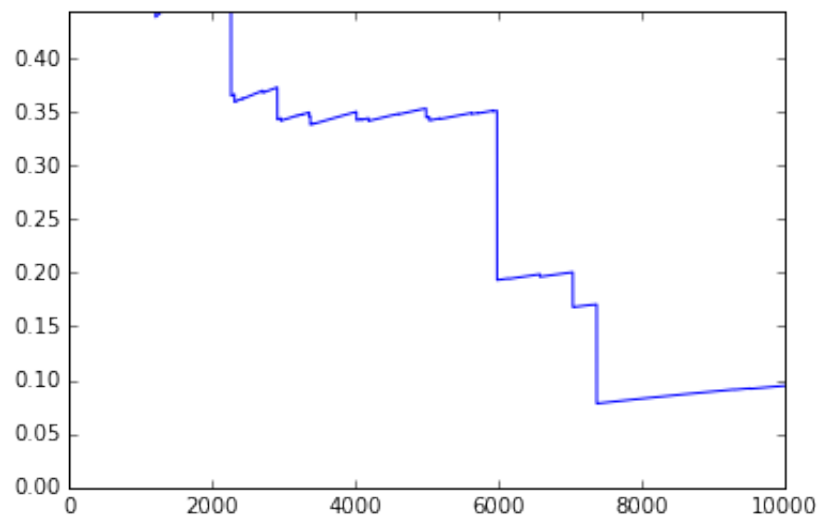
$n=10^4$, error for $k = 15$: 0.00597397527767



$n=10^4$, error for $k = 17$: 0.0430396568605



$n=10^4$, error for $k = 19$: 0.0948440376919



best $k = 8$ error is 0.00597397527767

In []: