

Proof of Weak LLN

- (i) Let X be an RV, u a nonnegative function and $c > 0$.

Then

$$P[u(X) \geq c] \leq \frac{E[u(X)]}{c}$$

We only consider X has a pdf $f(x)$ (i.e. we ignore discrete case, whose proof is similar)

$$E[u(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x)f(x) dx = \int_{\{u(x) \geq c\}} u(x)f(x) dx + \int_{\{u(x) < c\}} u(x)f(x) dx$$

$$\geq \int_{\{u(x) \geq c\}} c f(x) dx = c \int_{\{u(x) \geq c\}} f(x) dx$$

$$= c P[u(X) \geq c]$$

And so

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