

Aim: Bound the following quantity

$$P\left(\left|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n f(X_i) - \int_0^1 f(y)dy\right| > \varepsilon\right)$$

Defining the new random variable

$$Y_i := f(X_i) - \int_0^1 f(y)dy \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n f(X_i) - \int_0^1 f(y)dy$$

Therefore, we deduce that

$$P\left(\left|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n f(X_i) - \int_0^1 f(y)dy\right| > \varepsilon\right) = P\left(\left|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i\right| > \varepsilon\right)$$

We use Markov's inequality

$$P\left(\left|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i\right| > \varepsilon\right) = P\left(\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i\right)^2 > \varepsilon^2\right) < \frac{1}{n^2\varepsilon^2} E\left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i\right)^2\right) = \frac{\text{Var}(Y_i)}{n\varepsilon^2}$$

$$\text{Var}(Y_i) = \text{Var}\left(f(X_i) - \int_0^1 f(y)dy\right) = \text{Var}(X_i)$$

As we have a continuous function on a closed interval we know that it must be bounded so let's define

$$\|f\|_\infty := \sup\{|f(x)| : x \in [0,1]\}$$

As $f(X_i)$ is bounded by $\|f\|_\infty$ we know from Term 2 MATH40005 that

$$\text{Var}(f(X_i)) \leq \frac{(\|f\|_\infty - (-\|f\|_\infty))^2}{4} = \|f\|_\infty^2$$

Therefore, we deduce that

$$P\left(\left|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n f(X_i) - \int_0^1 f(y)dy\right| > \varepsilon\right) \leq \frac{\|f\|_\infty^2}{n\varepsilon^2}$$