

15-859 Algorithms for Big Data Assignment 1

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1: Scratcy Scratch

Proof. Hello!

(a)

$\{b\}$

$[c]$

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$$|\Pr[S \leq u] - \Pr[Z \leq u]| \leq \text{const} \cdot \beta,$$

where the exact constant depends on the proof, with the best known constant being .5600, and $\beta = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{E}[|X_i|^3]$.

$$Z_n = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}{\sigma}$$

$$\mathbf{E}[e^{tX}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} M(0) &= \mathbf{E}[e^{tX}] \Big|_{t=0} \\ &= \mathbf{E}[1] \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M(t) &= \mathbf{E}[e^{tX}] &= \mathbf{E}[1] \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M^{(k)}(0) &= \frac{d^k}{dt^k} \mathbf{E}[e^{tX}] \Big|_{t=0} \\ &= \frac{d^k}{dt^k} \mathbf{E}[e^{tX}] \Big|_{t=0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
M^{(k)}(t) &= \frac{d^k}{dt^k} \mathbf{E} [e^{tX}] \\
&= \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{E} [X^{k-1} e^{tX}] && \text{(by IH)} \\
&= \frac{d}{dt} \int f(x) x^{k-1} e^{tx} dx \\
&= \int \frac{d}{dt} f(x) x^{k-1} e^{tx} dx \\
&= \int f(x) x^k e^{tx} dx \\
&= \mathbf{E} [X^k e^{tX}].
\end{aligned}$$

$$Z_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n A_i$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n A_i &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma} \\
&= \sqrt{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_i - \mu}{n\sigma} \\
&= \sqrt{n} \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma} \\
&= Z_n.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
M_{Z_n}(t) &= \mathbf{E} [e^{tZ_n}] \\
&= \mathbf{E} \left[\exp \left(t \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n A_i \right) \right] && \text{(by equivalent definition of } Z_n) \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbf{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} A_i \right) \right] && \text{(by independence of } A_i \text{'s)} \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n M_{A_i}(t/\sqrt{n}) && \text{(definition of } M_{A_i}) \\
&= M_{A_i}(t/\sqrt{n})^n.
\end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n$$

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Our first three moments are

$$\begin{aligned} M_{A_i}(0) &= \mathbf{E} [e^{tA_i}] \Big|_{t=0} \\ &= \mathbf{E} [1] \\ &= 1, \\ M'_{A_i}(0) &= \mathbf{E} [A_i] && \text{(by the } k\text{th moment property proved previously)} \\ &= 0, \\ M''_{A_i}(0) &= \mathbf{E} [A_i^2] && \text{(by the } k\text{th moment property proved previously)} \\ &= \mathbf{E} [A_i^2] - \mathbf{E} [A_i]^2 + \mathbf{E} [A_i]^2 \\ &= \mathbf{Var}(A_i) + \mathbf{E} [A_i]^2 && (\mathbf{Var}(A_i) = \mathbf{E} [A_i^2] - \mathbf{E} [A_i]^2) \\ &= 1 + 0 \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_{A_i}(t/\sqrt{n}) &\approx M_{A_i}(0) + M'_{A_i}(0) + M''_{A_i}(0) \frac{t^2}{2n} \\ &= 1 + 0 + \frac{t^2}{2n} \\ &= 1 + \frac{t^2}{2n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_{Z_n}(t) &= M_{A_i}(t/\sqrt{n})^n \\ &\approx \left(1 + \frac{t^2}{2n}\right)^n \\ &\rightarrow e^{t^2/2}. \end{aligned} \quad \text{(by identity } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + x/n)^n \rightarrow e^x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_Z &= \mathbf{E} [e^{tZ}] \\ &= \int f_Z(x) e^{tx} dx \\ &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} e^{tx} dx && \text{(subst. pdf of standard Gaussian)} \\ &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2 + tx} dx \\ &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-t)^2 + \frac{1}{2}t^2} dx && \text{(completing the square)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-t)^2} dx && (e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2} \text{ does not depend on } x) \\ &= e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2} \cdot 1 \\ &= e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2}, \end{aligned}$$

where the second last step comes from the fact that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-t)^2}$$

is a probability distribution of a Gaussian with mean

$$t$$

and variance 1, and therefore the integral integrates to 1.