

Asymptotic distribution of  $\bar{X}_n \equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ :

From WLLN we know that  $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{P} \mu$ . Thus from previous (\*) comment:  $\boxed{\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{d} \mu}$

The asymptotic distribution of  $\bar{X}_n$  is degenerate. To obtain a non-degenerate result we need to rescale  $\bar{X}_n$ , defining the normalized sample mean  $\boxed{Z_n \equiv \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}$

Now we can prove {using the concept of characteristic function}:

Lindeberg-Lévy Central Limit Theorem (CLT) {or asymptotic distribution of  $Z_n \equiv \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)$ }

$$\boxed{\text{If } \begin{matrix} X_i: \text{i.i.d} \\ E[X^2] < \infty \end{matrix} \implies \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \xrightarrow{d} Z \sim N(0, \sigma^2) \text{ where } \begin{matrix} \mu = E[X] \\ \sigma^2 = E[(X - \mu)^2] \end{matrix}}$$

(\*) We know that  $E[\bar{X}_n] = \mu$  and  $\text{var}[\bar{X}_n] = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$ , thus for  $Z_n \equiv \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)$   $E[Z_n] = 0$  and  $\text{var}[Z_n] = \sigma^2$

Now with CLT we also know that as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  the distribution of  $Z_n$  approaches normal  $N[0, \sigma^2]$

(\*) The result is independent of the population's distribution  $f(X)$ ! For example we saw for  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ :  $\bar{X}_n \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$  and for  $X \sim \chi_1^2$ :  $\bar{X}_n \sim \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n^2 - 1) \approx N(0, \sigma^2)$ . As  $n \rightarrow \infty$  it approximates  $N[0, \sigma^2]$

(\*) Making use of the property  $\{Y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \implies Y \equiv a \cdot X + b \sim N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)\}$  we can use the CLT to approximate the distribution of the unnormalized statistic  $\bar{X}_n$  as

$$\boxed{\bar{X}_n \underset{\text{a.s.}}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma_n^2) \text{ for } n \gg 1 \text{ but } n \neq \infty}$$

↑ means asymptotically upon rescaling