

Problem 1

(a)

let X_n be the sum of each days gains or losses

We know $-400k \leq X_n \leq 400k$

$$X_n = X_1 + X_2 + \cdots + X_{400}$$

$$E[X_n] = nE[X_i] = n * 0 = 0$$

$$\text{var}[X_i] = E[X_i^2] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(k^2) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(-k)^2 = k^2$$

$$\text{var}[X_n] = n\text{var}[X_i] = 400k^2$$

$$P[-10,000 \leq X_n \leq 10,000] = \frac{1}{3}$$

We have the formula

$$P\left[a \leq \frac{S_n - E[S_n]}{\sqrt{\text{var}[S_n]}} \leq b\right] \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_a^b e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Assume n is large enough to use this approximation

$$\text{We have } P\left[-a \leq \frac{X_n - 0}{20k} \leq a\right] \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-a}^a e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = \frac{1}{3}$$

Lets find a that satisfies the above equation

wolfram alpha estimate that $a \approx 0.43$

$$P\left[-0.43 \leq \frac{X_n}{20k} \leq 0.43\right] \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow P[-8.6k \leq X_n \leq 8.6k] \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 8.6k = 10,000$$

$$\Rightarrow k \approx 1162$$

(b)

want $P[X_n \geq 20,000] = ?$

with $n = 400$

$$P[X_n \geq 20,000] = P[20,000 \leq X_n \leq \infty] = P\left[\frac{20,000}{20 * 1162} \leq \frac{X_n}{20k} \leq \infty\right]$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{0.86}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

assuming n is large enough that we can use this approximation

Looking at a Z table we have that $P[X_n \geq 20,000] \approx 1 - .80511 = .19489$

So $P[X_n \geq 20,000] \approx 19.5\%$

Problem 2

$$X_i \sim \exp(\lambda = 1)$$

$$E[X_i] = \lambda = 1$$

$$\text{var}[X_i] = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} = 1$$

$$X_{500} = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{500}$$

$$E[X_{500}] = nE[X_i] = 500$$

$$\text{var}[X_{500}] = n\text{var}[X_i] = 500$$

want $P[X_{500} \leq 7 * 6 = 420]$

Normalizing we get $P\left[\frac{X_{500}-500}{\sqrt{500}} \leq \frac{420-500}{\sqrt{500}}\right] = P[Z \leq -3.58]$ where Z is a normal distribution

The probability that $Z \leq -3.58$ is off the charts small and is ≈ 0.00017 .

Problem 3

X_1, X_2, X_3 and $X_4 \sim$ random sample from $N(\alpha, \sigma^2)$

$$Y = X_1 - 2X_2 + 3X_3 - 4X_4$$

We know that a linear combination of independent normal random variables will also be normal so we just need to calculate the mean and variance of Y.

$$E[Y] = E[X_1 - 2X_2 + 3X_3 - 4X_4] = \alpha - 2\alpha + 3\alpha - 4\alpha = -2\alpha$$

$$\text{var}[Y] = \text{var}[X_1 - 2X_2 + 3X_3 - 4X_4] = \sigma^2 + 4\sigma^2 + 9\sigma^2 + 16\sigma^2 = 30\sigma^2$$

So $Y \sim N(-2\alpha, 30\sigma^2)$

Problem 4

$X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5 \sim$ random sample from uniform distribution on $[0, \theta]$

estimator $x_{max} = k * \max(X_1, \dots, X_5)$

(a) Find the density of x_{max}

$$X_i \sim f_{X_i}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta}, & \text{for } x \in [0, \theta] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$X_i \sim F_{X_i}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{\theta}, & \text{for } x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$F_{x_{max}}(X_1, \dots, X_5) = P[k * \max(X_1, \dots, X_5) \leq x] = P[\max(X_1, \dots, X_5) \leq \frac{x}{k}]$$

This means that for some $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ there is an $X_i = \frac{x}{k}$ since we're looking at the max

$$= P\left[\left(X_1 \leq \frac{x}{k}\right) \cap \left(X_2 \leq \frac{x}{k}\right) \cap \left(X_3 \leq \frac{x}{k}\right) \cap \left(X_4 \leq \frac{x}{k}\right) \cap \left(X_5 \leq \frac{x}{k}\right)\right]$$

We know that X_1, \dots, X_5 are independent so we have

$$= P\left[\left(X_i \leq \frac{x}{k}\right)^5\right] = \left(P\left[X_i \leq \frac{x}{k}\right]\right)^5$$

Now if we look at the formula for $F_{X_i}(x)$ we see that $P\left[X_i \leq \frac{x}{k}\right] = F_{X_i}\left(\frac{x}{k}\right)$

$$= \left(F_{X_i}\left(\frac{x}{k}\right)\right)^5 = \left(\frac{\frac{x}{k}}{\theta}\right)^5 = \frac{x^5}{k^5 \theta^5}$$

$$\text{so we have } F_{x_{max}}(X_1, \dots, X_5) = \frac{x^5}{k^5 \theta^5}$$

Now if we want $f_{x_{max}}(X_1, \dots, X_5)$ we can take the partial derivative of $F_{x_{max}}(X_1, \dots, X_5)$ with respect to x

$$f_{x_{max}}(X_1, \dots, X_5) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{x^5}{k^5 \theta^5} = \frac{5x^4}{k^5 \theta^5}$$

$$f_{x_{max}}(X_1, \dots, X_5) = \begin{cases} \frac{5x^4}{k^5 \theta^5}, & x \in [0, k\theta] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_{max}] &= E[k * \max(X_1, \dots, X_5)] = k * E[\max(X_1, \dots, X_5)] \\ &= k * \int_0^{k\theta} \max(X_1, \dots, X_5) * \frac{5x^4}{k^5\theta^5} dx \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\max(X_1, \dots, X_5) = x$ for some x so we can replace that in our integral

$$= \frac{5}{k^4\theta^5} \int_0^{k\theta} x^5 dx = \frac{5}{k^4\theta^5} * \left[\frac{x^6}{6} \right]_0^{k\theta} = \frac{5k^6\theta^6}{6k^4\theta^5} = \frac{5k^2\theta}{6}$$

In order for X_{max} to be an unbiased estimator $E[X_{max}] = \theta$

$$\frac{5k^2\theta}{6} = \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 = \frac{6}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \pm \sqrt{\frac{6}{5}}$$