

November 29, Lecture 20

• Defined moment generating function for random variable  $X$ :

$$M_X(t) = E[e^{tX}] \quad , \text{ recall } e^{tX} = 1 + tX + \frac{t^2 X^2}{2!} + \dots$$

### \* Properties

### Taylor Series Expansion

① If  $M_X(t) = M_Y(t)$  this

means  $X \stackrel{d}{=} Y$

②  $M_X^{(k)}(0) = E[X^k]$  (aka  $k^{\text{th}}$  moment)

③  $Y = aX + c \Rightarrow \cancel{M_Y(t) = e^{tc} M_X(at)} \quad M_Y(t) = e^{tc} M_X(at)$

④ If  $X, Y$  independent

$$M_{X+Y}(t) \stackrel{!}{=} M_X(t) M_Y(t) = (M_X(t))^2$$

⑤  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_{X_n}(t) = M_Y(t) \Leftrightarrow X \rightarrow Y$

$\uparrow$   
this random variable becoming more like  $Y$

\* If  $n$  large  $\Rightarrow X_n \stackrel{d}{\approx} Y$

( $X_n$  is approx. equally distributed as  $Y$ )

•  $X \sim \text{Bern}(p) \Rightarrow M_X(t) = 1 - p + pe^t$

$X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p) \Rightarrow M_X(t) = (1 - p + pe^t)^n$  [comes from fact #4]

$X \sim \text{Geometric}(p) \Rightarrow M_X(t) = \frac{pe^t}{1 - e^t(1-p)}$  [comes from definition] if  $t < \ln\left(\frac{1}{1-p}\right)$

$X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda) \Rightarrow M_X(t) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}$  if  $t < \lambda$

$Z \sim \text{Normal}(0, 1) \Rightarrow \cancel{M_X(t) = e^{-t^2/2}} \quad M_X(t) = e^{t^2/2}$

$X \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow M_X(t) = e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2}$

$X \sim \text{Deg}(c) = M_X(t) = e^{tc}$



(LLN): average random variable converges towards the mean

if  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  iid some distribution with mean  $\mu$ , then  $\bar{X}_n \rightarrow \mu$ . \*

\*  $\mu \sim \text{Deg}(\mu)$

$$\rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_{\bar{X}_n}(t) = e^{t\mu}$$

→ Proof:

$$M_{\bar{X}_n}(t) = M_{\frac{1}{n}}(t) = M_T\left(\frac{t}{n}\right)$$

got this from fact III.

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n M_{X_i}\left(\frac{t}{n}\right) = \left(M_X\left(\frac{t}{n}\right)\right)^n = \left(E\left[e^{\frac{t}{n}X}\right]\right)^n = \left(E\left[1 + \frac{tX}{n} + \frac{t^2X^2}{2!n^2} + \frac{t^3X^3}{3!n^3} + \dots\right]\right)^n$$

$\downarrow$  fact II       $\downarrow$  fact IV       $\downarrow$  definition of mgf       $\uparrow$  Taylor series expansion  $e^{tX}$

We say  $f(n) = o(g(n))$  "little o" if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 0$  [  $g(n)$  gets larger "faster" than  $f(n)$  ]

$$n^2 = o(n^2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0 \checkmark$$

$$\frac{t^2X^2}{2!n^2} + \frac{t^3X^3}{3!n^3} + \dots = o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$\text{Proof: } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{t^2X^2}{2!n^2} + \frac{t^3X^3}{3!n^3} + \dots}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t^2X^2}{2!n} + \frac{t^3X^3}{3!n^2} + \dots = 0$$

$$\left(E\left[1 + \frac{tX}{n} + \frac{t^2X^2}{2!n^2} + \frac{t^3X^3}{3!n^3} + \dots\right]\right)^n = \left(E\left[1 + \frac{tX}{n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right]\right)^n = \left(1 + \frac{t\mu}{n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)^n$$

$$= \left(1 + \frac{t\mu}{n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)^n$$

Want to show  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{t\mu}{n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)^n = e^{t\mu}$  Remember

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{t}{n}\right)^n = e^t \quad \& \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{a}{n}\right)^n = e^a \quad \text{Does } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{t\mu}{n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)^n = e^{t\mu}?$$

(Yes)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n^{1.1}}\right)^n \quad n=1 \text{ billion } \lim = 3.08 \neq 2.718$$

$$\quad \quad \quad n=1 \text{ trillion } \lim = 2.90 \neq 2.718$$

↑ will get there very slowly, but will get there,  $n^{1.1}$  does affect how fast limit grows.



$$\frac{1}{n+1} = O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n+1}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{n}} = 1 \checkmark$$

• Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  iid with mean  $\mu$  & standard error  $\sigma$ . Consider

$$C_n = \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}}$$

Why is this an important fraction?

$\bar{X}$  standardized to have the mean 0, standard error 1.

$$* C_n = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma} \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{n} \left( \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} - \mu \right)}{\sigma} \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{n} \left( \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n - n\mu}{n} \right)}{\sigma}$$

$$* \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left( \frac{X_1 - \mu}{\sigma} + \frac{X_2 - \mu}{\sigma} + \dots \right) \leftarrow \frac{(X_1 - \mu) + (X_2 - \mu) + \dots + (X_n - \mu)}{\sigma \sqrt{n}} \leftarrow \frac{\sqrt{n} X_1 - \mu + X_2 - \mu + \dots + X_n - \mu}{\sigma}$$

let  $Z_i = \frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma}$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (Z_1 + Z_2 + \dots + Z_n)$$

$$E[Z_i] = 0 \\ SE[Z_i] = 1$$

When you take a random variable & standardize it, always get mean 0 & standard error 1.

$$\bullet \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_{C_n}(t) =$$

$$M_{C_n}(t) = \frac{1}{n} \left( e^{t \frac{X_1 - \mu}{\sigma}} + \dots + e^{t \frac{X_n - \mu}{\sigma}} \right)$$

$$M_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (Z_1 + \dots + Z_n)}(t) = M_{Z_1 + \dots + Z_n} \left( \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} \right) = M_{Z_1} \left( \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \dots M_{Z_n} \left( \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} \right) =$$

by III                      by IV

$$= (M_Z(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}))^n = \left( E \left[ e^{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} Z} \right] \right)^n = \left( E \left[ 1 + \frac{tZ}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{t^2 Z^2}{2! n} + \underbrace{\frac{t^3 Z^3}{3! n^{3/2}} + \frac{t^4 Z^4}{4! n^2} + \dots}_{\substack{\text{goes to 0} \\ \text{faster than } \frac{1}{n}}} \right] \right)^n$$

$\uparrow$   
 goes to 0  
 as a constant of  
 $\frac{1}{n}$

$$= \left( E \left[ 1 + \frac{t^2}{2n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \right] \right)^n$$

$$\left( 1 + \left( E \left[ \frac{tZ}{\sqrt{n}} \right] + E \left[ \frac{t^2 Z^2}{2n} \right] + E \left[ o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \right] \right) \right)^n = \left( 1 + \frac{t^2}{2n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \right)^n$$

$$\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} E[Z] = 0$$

$$\frac{t^2}{n} E[Z^2] = 1$$

~~Var[X] = E[X^2] - M^2~~

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if  $M^2 = 0$

$$\text{Var}[X] = E[X^2]$$

if  $\text{Var}[X] = 1$

$$E[X^2] = 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_{Z_n}(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{t^2}{2n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \right)^n$$

$$= e^{t^2/2} \Rightarrow (n \rightarrow N(0,1))$$

the mgf of the standard normal

• CLT (Central Limit Theorem): (I) If  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim}$  with mean  $\mu$  & s.e.  $\sigma$   
 then  $\frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} \rightarrow Z \sim N(0,1)$ .

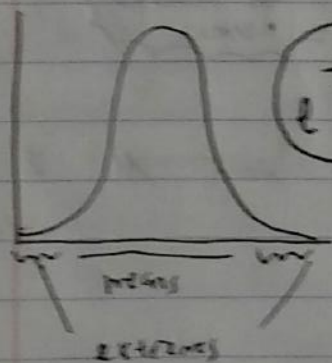
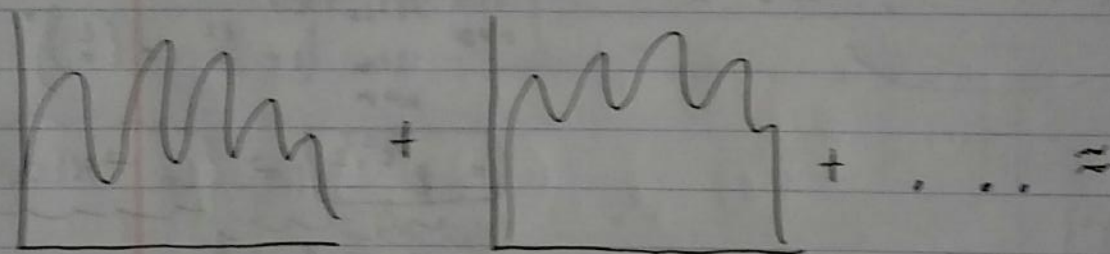
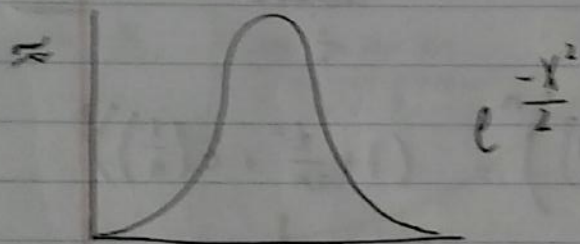
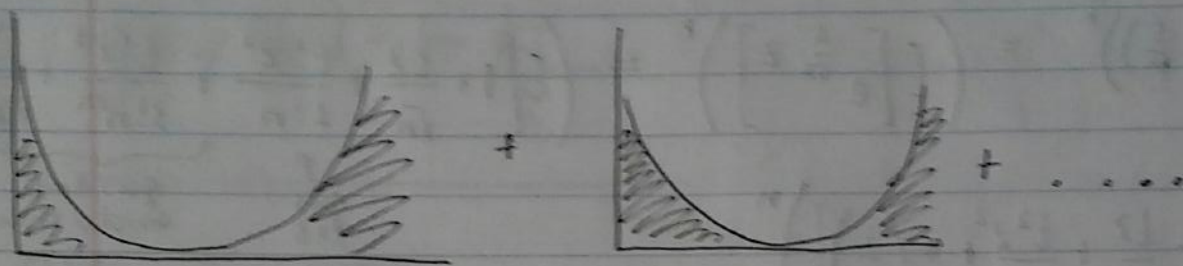
$$\text{If } n \text{ is large, then } \underbrace{\frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}}}_{\text{II}} \stackrel{d}{\approx} Z \sim N(0,1) \Rightarrow \underbrace{\bar{X}_n}_{\text{III}} \approx N\left(\mu, \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^2\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma \stackrel{d}{\approx} N(\mu, (\sqrt{n} \sigma)^2)$$

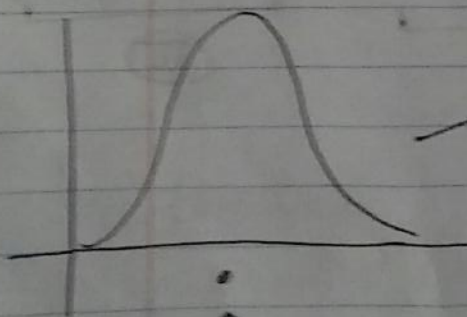
(IV)

$$X = \mu + \sigma Z \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(X-\mu)^2}$$





$e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$  ← fa. able to immunize  
means & extremes



called normal b/c defines  
what normality is

↑  
normality  
within the  
range

← abnormal

• Example:  $X_1, \dots, X_{30} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Bern}(p)$ ,  $p = \frac{1}{2}$ , what is the probability that the average realization is more than 2.75?

$$\begin{aligned}
 &P(\bar{X} > 2.75) \\
 &\bar{X} \stackrel{d}{\sim} N(\mu, (\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}})^2) \quad \text{by the CLT, } \bar{X} \stackrel{d}{\sim} N(\bar{x}, .258^2) \\
 &\mu = \frac{1}{p} = \underline{\underline{2}} \left( \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = 2 \right) \rightarrow \approx P\left( \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{x}}{.258} > \frac{2.75 - \bar{x}}{.258} \right) \\
 &\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1-p}{p^2}} = \sqrt{3} = 1.414 \quad \approx P(Z > 3) \\
 &\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1.414}{\sqrt{30}} \approx .258 \quad \downarrow \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \boxed{0.15\%}
 \end{aligned}$$

• Example: Random walk 100 steps. What is probability you are more than 10 steps away from where you started?

Let  $T = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{100}$   
 where  $X_1, \dots, X_{100} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \begin{cases} 1 & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$

From the CLT we know that  
 $T \stackrel{d}{\sim} N(\mu, (\sqrt{n} \sigma)^2)$

$$\mu = 0$$

$$\sigma = 1$$

$$T \text{ is now } \Rightarrow T \stackrel{d}{\sim} N(0, 10^2)$$

$$P(|T| > 10) = P(T < -10) + P(T > 10)$$

$$= P\left( \frac{T-0}{10} < \frac{-10-0}{10} \right) + P\left( \frac{T-0}{10} > \frac{10-0}{10} \right)$$

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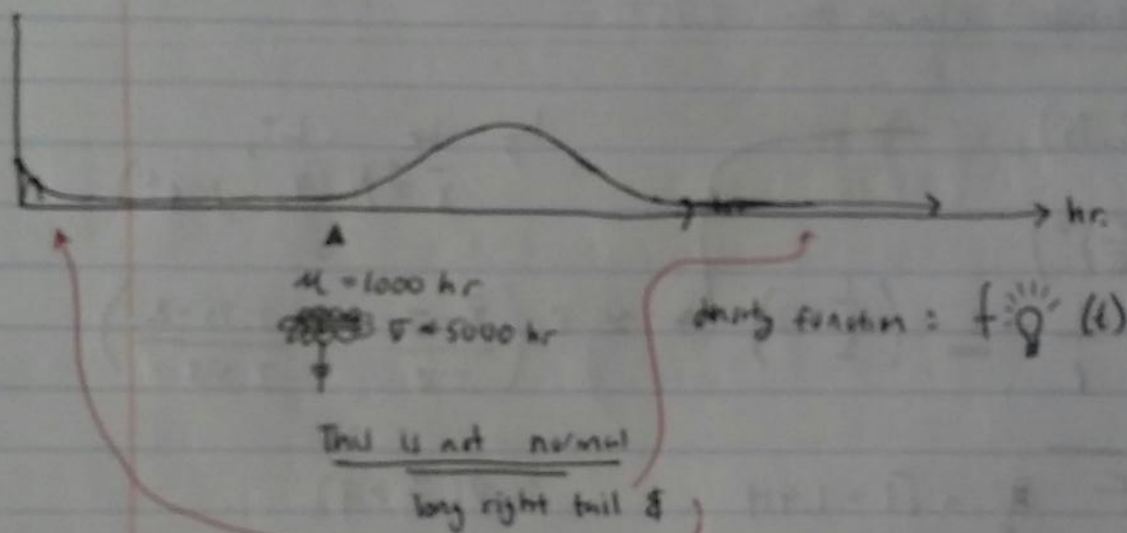
$$= P(Z < -1) + P(Z > 1) = P(Z \notin [-1, 1]) = \boxed{32\%}$$





key words usually average or total

• Example: Lightbulb lifetime



we buy 50 bulbs. What is probability the average bulb lasts more than 1200 hours?

$$\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, (\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}})^2) \text{ by CLT}$$

$$P(\bar{X} > 1200 \text{ hrs}) = P\left(\frac{\bar{X} - 1000}{\frac{5000}{\sqrt{50}}} > \frac{1200 - 1000}{\frac{5000}{\sqrt{50}}}\right)$$