

Let X be non-negative r.v. with finite expectation μ .
consider $a > 0$, a constant.

Consider the inequality.

$$a \cdot \mathbb{1}_{X \geq a} \leq X \quad \text{Is this true?}$$

ind value \rightarrow

Yes \downarrow

$$\text{If } X \geq a \dots a(1) \leq X \Rightarrow X \geq a \checkmark$$

$$X < a \quad a(0) \leq X \Rightarrow X \geq 0 \text{ true by assumption}$$

$$E[a \mathbb{1}_{X \geq a}] \leq \mu$$

how often that is 1

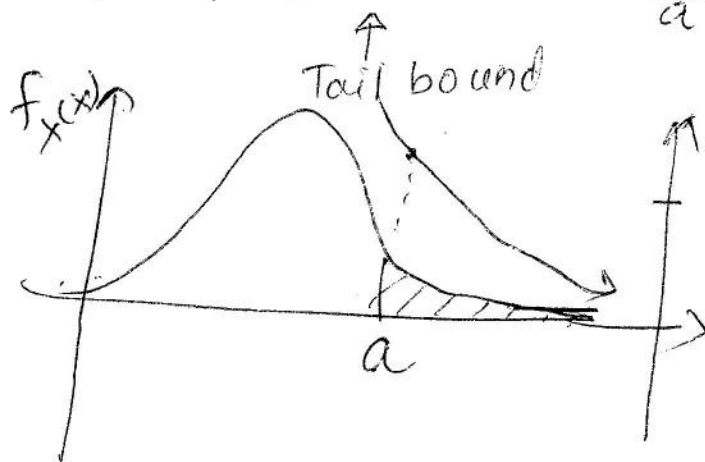
$$\Rightarrow a E[\mathbb{1}_{X \geq a}] \leq \mu$$

$$\Rightarrow a P(X \geq a) \leq \mu$$

$$\Rightarrow P(X \geq a) \leq \frac{\mu}{a}$$

Markov's

Inequality



Tons of Corollaries.

* Let $a^* = a'/\mu$. $\frac{a'}{a'\mu} = \frac{1}{a'}$
 $P(X \geq a'/\mu) \leq \frac{1}{a'}$

* Let h be a ^{strictly} \wedge monotonically increasing function.

$$h(a) \leq h(x) \Rightarrow$$

$$P(h(x) \geq h(a)) \leq \frac{E[h(x)]}{h(a)}$$

strictly
mono
increasing

for
invertible.
1-1

$$\Rightarrow P(X \geq a) \leq \frac{E[h(x)]}{h(a)}$$

* $h(x) = \frac{1}{a^p} x^p$ s.t. $p > 1$

x in nonneg. def:

yes this is
monot. increasing
to $(0, \infty)$

$$P(X \geq a) \leq \frac{E\left(\frac{1}{a^p} x^p\right)}{a^p}$$

* Recall Quantile $[X, P] = F_X^{-1}(P)$
 if continuous.

$$P(X \geq a) \leq \frac{\mu}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - P(X \leq a) \leq \frac{\mu}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - F(a) \leq \frac{\mu}{a}$$

$$\text{Let } a = F_x^{-1}(a)$$

$$1 - F(F_x^{-1}(a)) \leq \frac{\mu}{F_x^{-1}(p)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - p \leq \frac{\mu}{F_x^{-1}(p)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Quantile } [X, p] \leq \frac{\mu}{1-p}$$

relationship of
quantile &
mean.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Med } X \leq 2\mu$$

median versus mean.

* Consider any r.v. X . $|X|$ is non-negative.

$$P(|X| \geq a) \leq \frac{E[|X|]}{a}$$
 both tails more general

* Let X be any r.v. with finite μ ,
finite σ^2 .

$$\text{Let } Y := (X - \mu)^2$$

Note: Y is
non-negative.

$$P(Y \geq a^2) \leq \frac{E[Y]}{a^2} = \frac{E[(X - \mu)^2]}{a^2}$$

$$P((X - \mu)^2 \geq a^2) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{a^2}$$

$$P(|X - \mu| \geq a) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{a^2}$$

~~*~~ Chebyshev's
Inequality

* let X be any r.v., Let $Y = e^{tX}$

Note: Y is non neg.

$$P(Y \geq c) \leq \frac{E[Y]}{c}$$

$$P(e^{tX} \geq c) \leq \frac{E[e^{tX}]}{c}$$

let $c = e^{ta}$

$$\Rightarrow P(e^{tX} \geq e^{ta}) \leq \frac{E(e^{tX})}{e^{ta}} = \frac{M_X(t)}{e^{ta}}$$

Note: $M_X(t) = E(e^{tX})$

↑
Moment-generating
function.

If $t > 0$

log 2/6
1/2
0.33
 $P(X \geq a) \leq e^{-ta} M_X(t)$

If $t < 0$

no more + inside
 $P(X \leq a) \leq e^{-ta} M_X(t)$

$$\Rightarrow P(X \neq a) \leq \min_{t \neq 0} \{ e^{-ta} M_X(t) \}$$

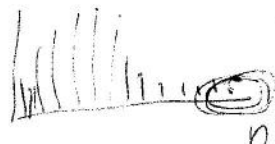
$$\Rightarrow P(X \leq a) \leq \min_{t < 0} \{ e^{-ta} m_X(t) \}$$

⊛ Chernoff's Inequality.

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$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, \frac{1}{4}) \Rightarrow \mu = \frac{1}{4}n, \sigma^2 = \frac{3}{16}n$$

$$P(X \geq \frac{3}{4}n)$$



$$\text{If } n \text{ is large } X \approx N(\frac{1}{4}n, (\sqrt{\frac{3}{16}n})^2)$$

$$P(X \geq \frac{3}{4}n) = P\left(\frac{X - \frac{1}{4}n}{\sqrt{\frac{3}{16}n}} \geq \frac{\frac{3}{4}n - \frac{1}{4}n}{\sqrt{\frac{3}{16}n}}\right)$$

$$= P\left(Z > \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\sqrt{n}\right)$$

→ probability close to zero

Now checking following 3 which one is closer using Markov's

$$P(X > \frac{3}{4}n) \leq \frac{\frac{1}{4}n}{\frac{3}{4}n} = \frac{1}{3}$$

no p
here

Chernoff's

$$P(|X - \frac{1}{4}n| \geq \dots)$$

Chebyshev's

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X \geq \frac{3}{4}n) &= P(X - \frac{1}{4}n \geq \frac{3}{4}n - \frac{1}{4}n) \\
 &\leq P(X - \frac{1}{4}n \geq \frac{1}{2}n) + P(\frac{1}{4}n - X \geq \frac{1}{2}n) \\
 &= P(X - \frac{1}{4}n \geq \frac{1}{2}n \text{ OR } \frac{1}{4}n - X \geq \frac{1}{2}n) \\
 &= P(|X - \frac{1}{4}n| \geq \frac{1}{2}n) \leq \frac{\frac{3}{16}n}{\frac{1}{4}n^2} = \frac{3}{4n}
 \end{aligned}$$

hyper...

Chernoff's

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_X(t) &:= E[e^{tx}] = \sum_{x=0}^n e^{tx} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \\
 &= \sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x} (e^t p)^x (1-p)^{n-x} \stackrel{\text{Binom Thm}}{=} (1-p + pe^t)^n
 \end{aligned}$$

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, \frac{1}{4}) \Rightarrow M_X(t) = \left(\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4}e^t\right)^n$$

$$P(X \geq \frac{3}{4}n) \leq \min_{t>0} \left\{ e^{-t \cdot \frac{3}{4}n} \left(\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4}e^t\right)^n \right\}$$

$$= \min_{t>0} \left\{ \left(\frac{3}{4} e^{-\frac{3}{4}t} + \frac{1}{4} e^{\frac{1}{4}t} \right)^n \right\}$$

Take $\frac{d}{dt}[\] \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$

↓ always + so forget abt it

$$\Rightarrow n \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^{n-1} \left(-\frac{9}{16} e^{-\frac{3}{4}t} + \frac{1}{16} e^{\frac{1}{4}t} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\frac{1}{4}t} = 9 e^{-\frac{3}{4}t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4}t = \ln 9 - \frac{3}{4}t$$

$$t_{\min} = \ln(9)$$

minimum
t

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } P(X \geq \frac{3}{4}n) &= \left(\frac{3}{4} e^{-\frac{3}{4}\ln(9)} + \frac{1}{4} e^{\frac{1}{4}\ln(9)} \right)^n \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{4} \cdot 9^{-\frac{3}{4}} + \frac{1}{4} 9^{\frac{1}{4}} \right)^n = \frac{\sqrt[4]{9}}{4^n} \left(\frac{3}{9^3} + 1 \right)^n \\ &= \sqrt[4]{9} \left(\frac{1.0004}{4} \right)^n \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow 0$ exponential fast

So this is the best one!