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Lecture 22

Consider rv's x and y with finite means and variance, $\mu_x, \mu_y, \sigma_x^2, \sigma_y^2$ and let $w = (x - cy)^2$ where c is a real constant. Note: w is nonnegative

$$\Rightarrow E[w] \geq 0 \Rightarrow E[x^2 - 2cxy + c^2y^2] \geq 0 \quad \text{choose } c = \frac{E[xy]}{E[y^2]} \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow E[x^2] - 2c E[xy] + c^2 E[y^2] \geq 0 \Rightarrow E[x^2] - 2 \frac{E[xy]}{E[y^2]} E[xy] + \frac{[E[xy]]^2}{E[y^2]^2} \geq 0$$

multiply by $E[y^2]^2$

$$\Rightarrow E[x^2]E[y^2] - 2E[xy]^2 + E[xy]^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow E[xy]^2 \leq E[x^2]E[y^2]$$

$$\Rightarrow |E[xy]| \leq \sqrt{E[x^2]E[y^2]} \quad \text{if } xy \text{ is nonnegative} \Rightarrow E[xy] \leq \sqrt{E[x^2]E[y^2]}$$

These are relatively famous; they're called the Cauchy-Schwarz inequalities. We will use it to prove a basic fact useful in statistics.

$$\text{Cov}[x, y] = E[xy] - E[x]E[y]$$

$$\text{Corr}[x, y] = \frac{\text{Cov}[x, y]}{\text{SD}[x]\text{SD}[y]} \quad \text{"this unitless metric called the 'Correlation between } x \text{ and } y \text{'".}$$

$$\text{Let } Z_x = \frac{x - \mu_x}{\sigma_x} \text{ and } Z_y = \frac{y - \mu_y}{\sigma_y} \Rightarrow E[Z_x] = E[Z_y] = 0$$

$$\text{SD}[Z_x] = \text{SD}[Z_y] = E[Z_x^2] = E[Z_y^2] = 1$$

$$|E[Z_x Z_y]| \leq \sqrt{E[Z_x^2]E[Z_y^2]} = \sqrt{1 \cdot 1} = 1 \Rightarrow E[Z_x Z_y] \in [-1, 1]$$

$$\text{Corr}[x, y] = \frac{E[xy] - \mu_x \mu_y}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} = \frac{E[(\sigma_x Z_x + \mu_x)(\sigma_y Z_y + \mu_y)] - \mu_x \mu_y}{\sigma_x \sigma_y}$$

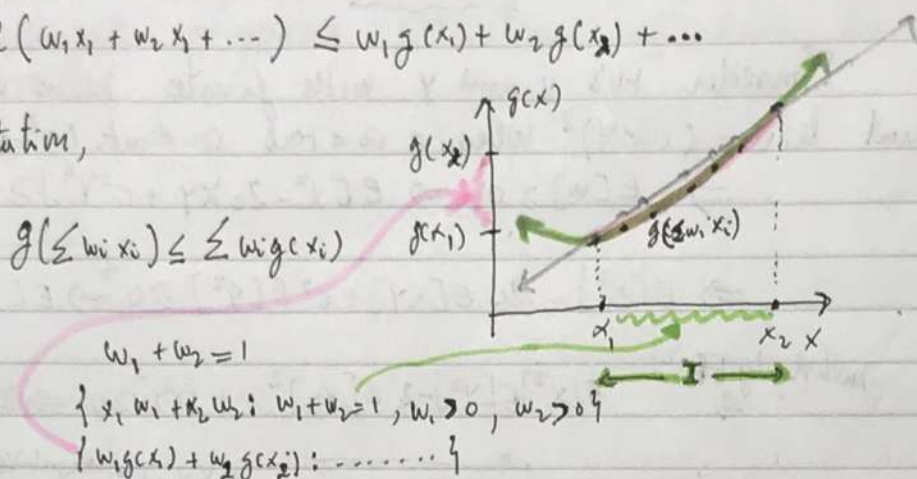
$$= \frac{\sigma_x \sigma_y E[Z_x Z_y] + \sigma_x \mu_y E[Z_x] + \sigma_y \mu_x E[Z_y] + \mu_x \mu_y - \mu_x \mu_y}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} = E[Z_x Z_y] \in [-1, 1]$$

Def: g is a "convex function" on an interval I (a subset of reals) if for all $x_1, x_2, \dots \in I$ and all $w_1, w_2, \dots \in (0,1)$ s.t. $\sum w_i = 1$ AKA the "weights",

$$g(w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + \dots) \leq w_1 g(x_1) + w_2 g(x_2) + \dots$$

In sum notation,

$$g(\sum w_i x_i) \leq \sum w_i g(x_i)$$



Let g be convex function and X be a discrete RV. If discrete, we know $\text{Supp}[X] = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ and $\sum p(x_i) = 1$ the PMF. Thus, we can call the PMF values, the weights i.e. $w_i = p(x_i)$.

$$E[X] = \sum x_i p(x_i) = \sum w_i x_i$$

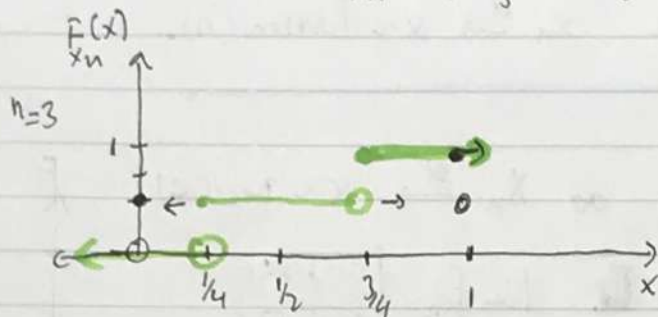
$$g(E[X]) \leq \sum w_i g(x_i) = \sum g(x_i) p(x_i) = E[g(X)] \quad \text{Jensen's Inequality.}$$

Convergence of RV's. We will study three different types.

First, let's review "Convergence in distribution". We say a sequence of RV's X_1, X_2, \dots denote X_n converges in distribution to X denote $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ means by definition that the limiting CDF is X 's CDF:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{X_n}(x) = F_X(x) \quad \forall x$$

Consider $X_n \sim \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n+1} & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{3} \\ 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} & \text{w.p. } \frac{2}{3} \end{cases}$ e.g. $X_3 \sim \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{3}{4} & \text{w.p. } \frac{2}{3} \end{cases}$

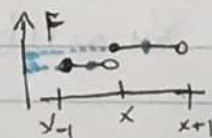


$$\Rightarrow X \sim \begin{cases} 0 & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{3} \\ 1 & \text{w.p. } \frac{2}{3} \end{cases}$$

Conjecture: PMF Convergence and CDF Convergence are equivalent.
 This is not true in general. But here's a situation where it is true:
 If $\text{supp}[X_n]$ be a subset of \mathbb{Z} , the integers and let $\text{supp}[X]$ also be a subset of \mathbb{Z} , the integers. Let's prove it.

Pf: CDF Convergence implies PMF Convergence:

$$P_{X_n}(x) = F_{X_n}(x + \frac{1}{2}) - F_{X_n}(x - \frac{1}{2})$$



$$\lim P_{X_n}(x) = \lim F_{X_n}(x + \frac{1}{2}) - \lim F_{X_n}(x - \frac{1}{2}) = F(x + \frac{1}{2}) - F(x - \frac{1}{2}) = P_X(x)$$

Pf: PMF Convergence implies CDF Convergence:

$$F_{X_n}(x) := P(X_n \leq x) = \sum_{Y=-\infty}^x P_{X_n}(Y)$$

$$\lim F_{X_n}(x) = \lim \sum_{Y=-\infty}^x P_{X_n}(Y) = \sum_{Y=-\infty}^x \lim P_{X_n}(Y) = \sum_{Y=-\infty}^x P_X(Y) = P(X \leq x) = F_X(x)$$

How about for continuous RV's? Is PDF Convergence equivalent to CDF Convergence? Not always. PDF Convergence always implies CDF Convergence but not vice versa. Here's a counter example:

$$X_n \sim \overset{\text{uniform}}{U}(-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}) \overset{\text{PDF}}{=} \frac{n}{2} \mathbb{1}_{[-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}]} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X_n}(x) dx$$

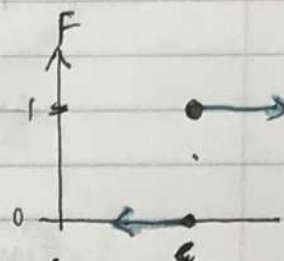
$\lim f_{X_n}(x) = \infty$! Not a PDF! HW: $X_n \xrightarrow{d} 0$

HW $X_n \sim \text{Bin}(n, \frac{\lambda}{n})$, $\lambda > 0$ $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$.

~~HW~~

Define $X_n \xrightarrow{d} c$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$ as $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \sim \text{Deg}(c)$

$$\lim f_{X_n} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < c \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq c \end{cases}$$



Convergence in Probability to a constant. For a sequence of RV's X_1, X_2, \dots denoted X_n , X_n converges in probability to a constant c , $X_n \xrightarrow{P} c$ is defined to be:

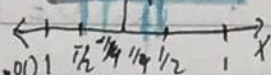
$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n - c| \geq \epsilon) = 0 \text{ or } \forall \epsilon > 0 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n - c| < \epsilon) = 1$$

$$X_n \sim U(-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}) = \frac{n}{2} \mathbb{1}_{x \in [-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}]}$$

$$\epsilon = 0.0001$$

$$n = 100$$

$$X_n \sim U(-0.01, 0.01)$$



$$P(|X_n - 0| \leq 0.0001)$$

$$= P(X_n \in [-0.0001, 0.0001])$$

$$= \frac{2}{100} \cdot \frac{1}{1000} \neq 1$$

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$$n = 1000 \quad X_n \sim U(-0.001, 0.001)$$

$$P(X_n \in [-0.0001, 0.0001]) \approx 1$$