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## Strong Law of Large Numbers (SLLN).

Let  $\{X_k, k=1, 2, \dots\}$  be a sequence of  
independent, identically distributed r.v.s.

Assume:  $\mu_X := \mathbb{E}[X_1] < \infty$

Then,

$$\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_X$$

If a f'n  $g$  is such that  $g(X_1)$  is well-defined,  
and  $\mathbb{E}[g(X_1)] < \infty$ ,

then

$$\frac{g(X_1) + g(X_2) + \dots + g(X_n)}{n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[g(X_1)]$$

## Monte Carlo.

Recipe:

- Draw simulated values of a random variable from a distribution.
- Apply a function to the simulated values.
- Calculate the arithmetic average of the obtained quantities.

We get the value is "close to" the theoretical expected value.

### About Precision:

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \text{Var} \left[ \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \right] &= \frac{1}{n^2} \text{Var} [X_1 + \dots + X_n] \quad (\text{independence}) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} (\text{Var} [X_1] + \dots + \text{Var} [X_n]) \quad (\text{identically dist'n}) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot n \cdot \text{Var} [X_1] = \frac{\text{Var} [X_1]}{n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet \text{SD} \left[ \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \right] = \frac{\text{SD} [X_1]}{\sqrt{n}}$$

To increase the precision by a factor  $\eta$ , the number of variates must increase by a factor of  $\eta^2$ .