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## Strong Law of Large Numbers (SLLN).

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

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

Then,

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

Let  $g$  be a function such that  $g(x)$  is well-defined and  $\mathbb{E}[g(X)] < \infty$ .

Then,

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

## Monte Carlo.

### Recipe.

- Draw simulated values of a r.v. w/ a specific disth.
- Apply a f'tion to the simulated values.
- Calculate the arithmetic average of the obtained quantities.

We get a value close to the theoretical expectation.

Precision.

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

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

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