

# AUA CS108, Statistics, Fall 2020

## Lecture 19

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Also, we will use a lot the CLT, say, to construct Confidence Intervals and design Tests for Hypotheses, so we need to know the CLT, and CLT is about the limit of a r.v. sequence.

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