

# Probability and Statistics

## Topic 8. Descriptive analysis of data

- Population and sample
- Sample mean, median and mode
- Data span, sample variance, sample standard deviation (standard error)
- Percentile (quantile), quartile
- Empirical cumulative distribution function (ecdf)
- Distribution of the sample mean and sample variance

### Seminar 8

1. Complete the tasks from the file `Seminar_8.Rmd`.

**Now let us recall the Law of Large Numbers (LLN) and the Central Limit Theorem (CLT) and see how they work in practice.**

2. (i) Consider the normal distribution  $\mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$ , where  $\mu_1$  and  $\sigma_1$  are taken from **Task 1**. Generate  $N = 1000$  samples of size  $n$ , and for each sample compute the sample mean. For  $n = 10, 100, 1000, 10000$ , plot and overlay the histograms of these sample means. What conclusions can you draw from the results?
- (ii) For each  $n = 10, 100, 1000, 10000$ , compute the theoretical probability

$$p_n = P(|\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \mu_1| > 0.03),$$

where  $\bar{\mathbf{X}}$  is the sample mean of i.i.d. random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$ . Among the  $N = 1000$  generated samples, count the relative frequency

$$f_n = \frac{\#\{|\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \mu_1| > 0.03\}}{N}.$$

Compare  $p_n$  and  $f_n$ . Are the results as expected? What do they demonstrate about the LLN?

3. (i) Generate  $N = 1000$  samples of size  $n = 4$  from the exponential distribution  $\mathcal{E}(1)$ . Compute their sample means and plot the corresponding histogram. Overlay the plot with the probability density function of the normal distribution  $\mathcal{N}(1, 1/n)$ .  
Hint: In the histogram, plot probabilities (not counts).
- (ii) Standardize the sample means  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$  as

$$\mathbf{z}_n = \sqrt{n} \frac{\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \mu}{\sigma}$$

(as suggested by the CLT), and plot the empirical c.d.f.  $\hat{F}_N(t)$  of  $\mathbf{z}_n$ . Overlay it with the c.d.f.  $\Phi(t)$  of the standard normal distribution, and compute

$$d = \max_t |\hat{F}_N(t) - \Phi(t)|.$$

Compare  $d$  with the upper bound predicted by the Berry–Esseen theorem.

- (iii) Repeat parts (i) and (ii) for  $n = 100$ . Compare the results and formulate your conclusions.