



Quiz2 Solutions

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Lab.

Exercise 3.18 (Quiz 2)

● Prove $\Pr(X - E[X] \geq t\sigma[X]) \leq 1/(1 + t^2)$

$$- \Pr(X - E[X] \geq t\sigma[X]) = \Pr(X - E[X] + z \geq t\sigma[X] + z)$$

$$\leq \frac{E[(X - E[X] + z)^2]}{(t\sigma[X] + z)^2} = \frac{\sigma^2 + z^2}{(t\sigma + z)^2}$$

Consider it as a function of z

→ Find z that minimizes the value

$$- f^{(1)}(z) = 2z(t\sigma + z)^{-2} - 2(\sigma^2 + z^2)(t\sigma + z)^{-3}$$

$$- F(z) \text{ is min. at } z = \sigma/t$$

● Prove $\Pr(|X - E[X]| \geq t\sigma[X]) \leq 2/(1 + t^2)$

$$- \text{Let } Y = \frac{X - E[X]}{\sigma[X]} \rightarrow E[Y] = 0, \text{Var}[Y] = 1$$

$$- \Pr(|X - E[X]| \geq t\sigma[X]) = \Pr(Y \geq t)$$

$$E[1 + Y^2] = (1 + y^2)(\sum_{y \geq t} \Pr(Y = y) + \sum_{-t \leq y \leq t} \Pr(Y = y) + \sum_{y \leq -t} \Pr(Y = y))$$

$$\geq (1 + y^2)(\sum_{y \geq t} \Pr(Y = y) + \sum_{y \leq -t} \Pr(Y = y))$$

$$\geq (1 + t^2)(\sum_{y \geq t} \Pr(Y = y) + \sum_{y \leq -t} \Pr(Y = y))$$

$$= (1 + t^2)(\Pr(Y \geq t) + \Pr(Y \leq -t))$$

$$= (1 + t^2)(\Pr(|Y| \geq t))$$

● $\Pr(Y>3 \mid Y>2) = \Pr(Y>3)$

– $\Pr(Y>3 \mid Y>2) = \frac{\Pr((Y>3) \cap (Y>2))}{\Pr(Y>2)}$

→ $\Pr((Y > 3) \cap (Y > 2)) = \Pr(Y>3)\Pr(Y>2)$

- Events $Y>3$, and $Y>2$ are independent
- Suppose we roll a die and define a random variable as follows
- $Y=2$ if 0 0 0 0 are shown
 - $Y=3$ if 0 0 0 0 are shown
 - $Y=4$ if 0 0 0 0 are shown
- Goal $\Pr((Y > 3) \cap (Y > 2))=1/3$, $\Pr(Y>3)=3/6$, $\Pr(Y>2)=4/6$

$Y=3, Y=4$ events has 4 distinct values

$Y=4$ event has 3 distinct values

$Y=3, Y=4$ events has 2 common values