

MA 203

1. Weak Law of Large Numbers
2. Strong Law of Large Numbers
3. Central Limit Theorem

Weak Law of Large Numbers (WLLN): Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_i, \dots$ be a sequence of IID RVs with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Then, for any $\epsilon > 0$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left\{ \left| \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n} - \mu \right| > \epsilon \right\} = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left\{ \left| \frac{S_n}{n} - \mu \right| > \epsilon \right\} = 0$$

$$\left\{ \frac{S_n}{n} \right\} \xrightarrow{P} \mu$$

Theorem 1: Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_i, \dots$ be a sequence of IID RVs having a Bernoulli distribution with parameter p . Then, for any $\epsilon > 0$, show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - p\right| \geq \epsilon\right) = 0$.

Proof: $P\{X_i = 1\} = p$; $P\{X_i = 0\} = 1 - p$; $n = 1, 2, \dots$

Sample:

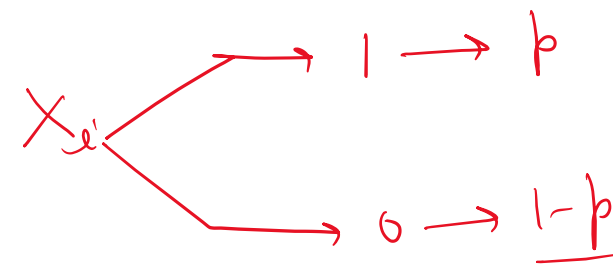
$$\frac{S_n}{n} = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n}$$

$$E[X_i] = p$$

$$\text{Var}(X_i) = p(1-p)$$

$$E\left[\frac{S_n}{n}\right] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i] = p = \frac{1}{n} \times np$$

$$\text{var}\left(\frac{S_n}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{var}(X_i) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} = \frac{p(1-p)}{n}$$



$$P\{X_i = 1\} = \text{Success}$$

$$P\{X_i = 0\} = \text{Failure}$$

Apply Chebyshev Inequality

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \underline{x} & \underline{\mu} & \underline{\sigma^2} & \underline{\varepsilon > 0} \\ P\{|x - \mu| \geq \varepsilon\} \leq & \frac{\sigma^2}{\varepsilon^2} \end{array}$$

$$P\left\{\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - p\right| \geq \varepsilon\right\} \leq \frac{\text{var}\left(\frac{S_n}{n}\right)}{\varepsilon^2}$$

$$P\left\{\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - p\right| \geq \varepsilon\right\} \leq \frac{p(1-p)}{n \varepsilon^2} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$P\left\{\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - p\right| < \varepsilon\right\} > 1 - \frac{p(1-p)}{n \varepsilon^2}$$

Apply limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left\{\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - p\right| \geq \varepsilon\right\} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p(1-p)}{n \varepsilon^2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left\{\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - p\right| \geq \varepsilon\right\} = 0$$

$\frac{S_n}{n} \xrightarrow{P} p$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Example 1: E: Rolling a Dice

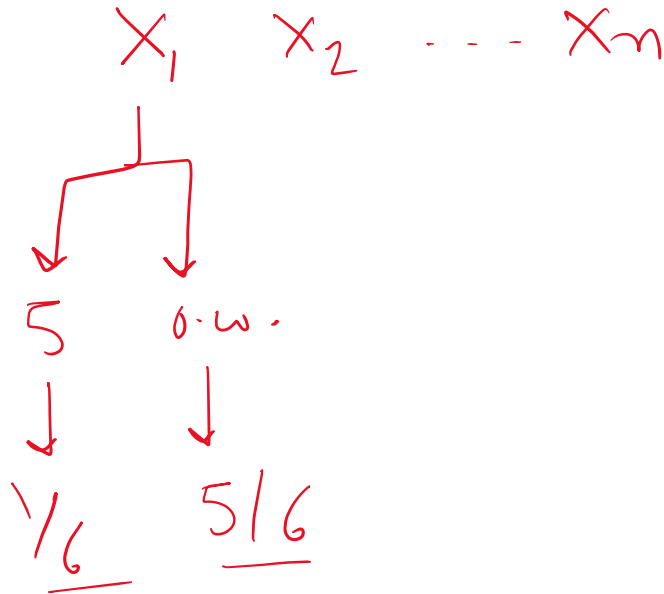
Event A: Getting a number 5

For $\epsilon = 0.01$, what is the minimum number of Bernoulli trials such that

$$P \left\{ \left| \frac{S_n}{n} - p \right| < \epsilon \right\} > 0.95.$$

Confidence

Error



$$P(A) = 1/6$$

$$P\{X_i = 5\} = 1/6 = p$$

$A \rightarrow$ getting number 5

\rightarrow getting a number
 $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

$$P \left\{ \left| \frac{S_n}{n} - p \right| \geq \varepsilon \right\} \leq \frac{p(1-p)}{n\varepsilon^2}$$

$$P \left\{ \left| \frac{S_n}{n} - p \right| < \varepsilon \right\} > 1 - \frac{p(1-p)}{n\varepsilon^2} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$P \left\{ \left| \frac{S_n}{n} - p \right| < \varepsilon \right\} > 0.95 \quad \text{--- ②}$$

By comparing ① & ②

$$p = 1/6$$

$$1 - \frac{p(1-p)}{n\varepsilon^2} = 0.95 \Rightarrow$$

$$n = 27,778$$

Example 2: Suppose someone gives you a coin and claims that this coin is biased; that it lands on heads only 48% of the time. You decide to test the coin for yourself. If you want to be 95% confident that this coin is indeed biased, how many times must you toss the coin?

$$\varepsilon = 0.02$$

$$P\left\{\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - \mu\right| < 0.02\right\} > \underline{0.95}$$

$$P\left\{\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - \mu\right| < \varepsilon\right\} > 1 - \frac{p(1-p)}{n\varepsilon^2}$$

$$1 - \frac{p(1-p)}{n\varepsilon^2} = 0.95$$

$$\text{or } n = \frac{p(1-p)}{(0.05) \times (0.02)^2}$$

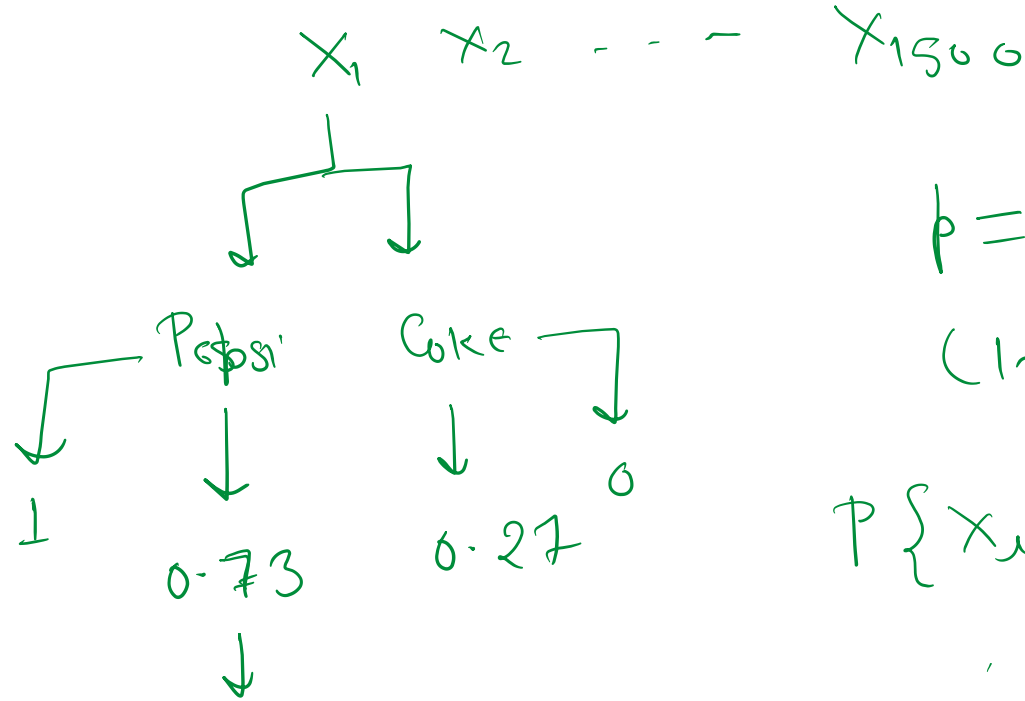
$$\boxed{n = 12,480}$$

$x_1 \quad x_2 \quad \dots \quad x_n$
 $\downarrow \quad \downarrow$
 $H \quad T$
 $\downarrow \quad \downarrow$
 $1 \quad 0$
 $\frac{S_n}{n} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n}$
 $= \frac{1 + 0 + \dots + 1}{n} = \checkmark$

$p = 0.48$
 $(1-p) = 0.52$

Example 3: A survey of 1500 people is conducted to determine whether they prefer Pepsi or Coke. The results show that 27% of people prefer Coke while the remaining 73% favour Pepsi. Estimate the margin of error in the poll with a confidence of 90%.

Sol:—



$$p = 0.73$$

$$(1-p) = 0.27$$

$$P\{X_i = 1\} = p = 0.73$$

$$P\left\{\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - p\right| < \varepsilon\right\} > 1 - \frac{p(1-p)}{n\varepsilon^2}$$

↪ 0.90

$$1 - \frac{p(1-p)}{n\varepsilon^2} = 0.90$$

$$n = 1500$$

$$p = 0.73$$

$$\boxed{\varepsilon = 0.0362}$$

Example 4: Let p be the fraction of population that will poll in an election. The objective is to estimate p using sample mean $\left(\frac{S_n}{n}\right)$. Find the minimum sample size (n) such that the probability of less than .01 error is more than 0.95.

Sol:

$$P \left\{ \left| \frac{S_n}{n} - p \right| < \varepsilon \right\} > 1 - \frac{p(1-p)}{n\varepsilon^2}$$

$\varepsilon = 0.01$

$p = \text{?}$

$n = \text{?}$

$p = 0.60$

$\frac{M}{60.7}$

$X_1 \quad X_2 \quad \dots \quad X_n$

p

$1-p$

$n = 0.95$

$n = ?$

$$P \left\{ \left| \frac{S_n}{n} - p \right| < \varepsilon \right\} > 1 - \frac{p(1-p)}{n\varepsilon^2} \rightarrow 0.95$$

$$P \left\{ \left| \frac{S_n}{n} - p \right| \geq \varepsilon \right\} \leq \frac{p(1-p)}{n\varepsilon^2} \leq \frac{1}{4n\varepsilon^2}$$

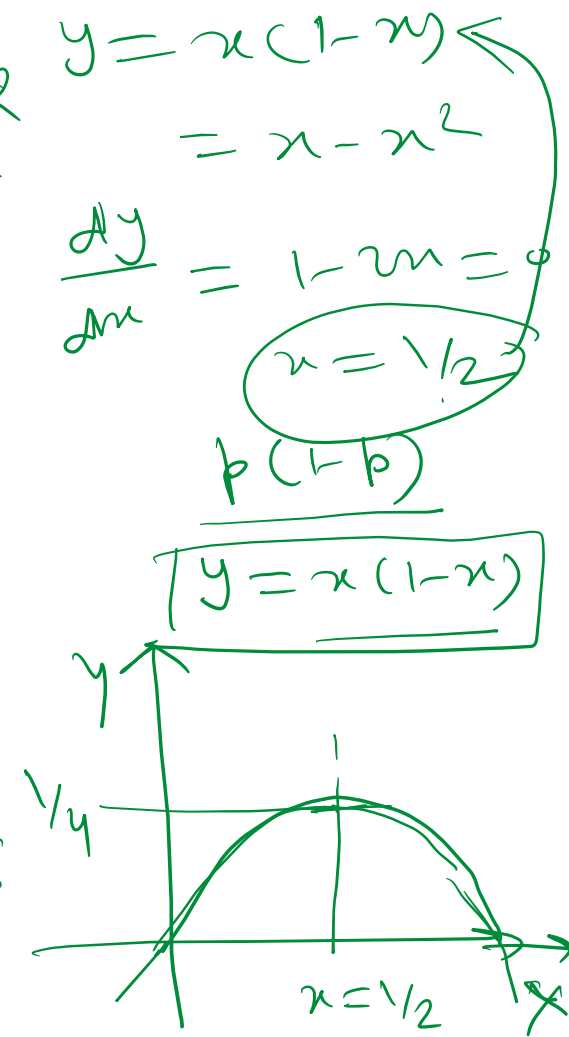
$\varepsilon = 0.01, \quad 95\%$

$$P \left\{ \left| \frac{S_n}{n} - p \right| \geq 0.01 \right\} \leq \frac{1}{4n\varepsilon^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{4 \times n \times \varepsilon^2} = 0.05$$

$$n = \frac{1}{4 \times 0.05 \times (0.01)^2} = \frac{10^6}{20}$$

$n = 50,000$



Strong Law of Large Numbers (SLLN): Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_i, \dots$ be a sequence of iid RVs with finite mean μ and finite variance σ^2 . Then

$$\frac{S_n}{n} \xrightarrow{a.s.} \mu$$

Where

$$\frac{S_n}{n} = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n}$$

$$P\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{S_n}{n}\right) = \mu\right) = 1$$

Central Limit Theorem (CLT)

Theorem: Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, \dots$ be a sequence of IID RVs defined on the probability space (S, F, P) . Assume that $E[X_i] = \mu$ and $\text{var}(X_i) = \sigma^2$.

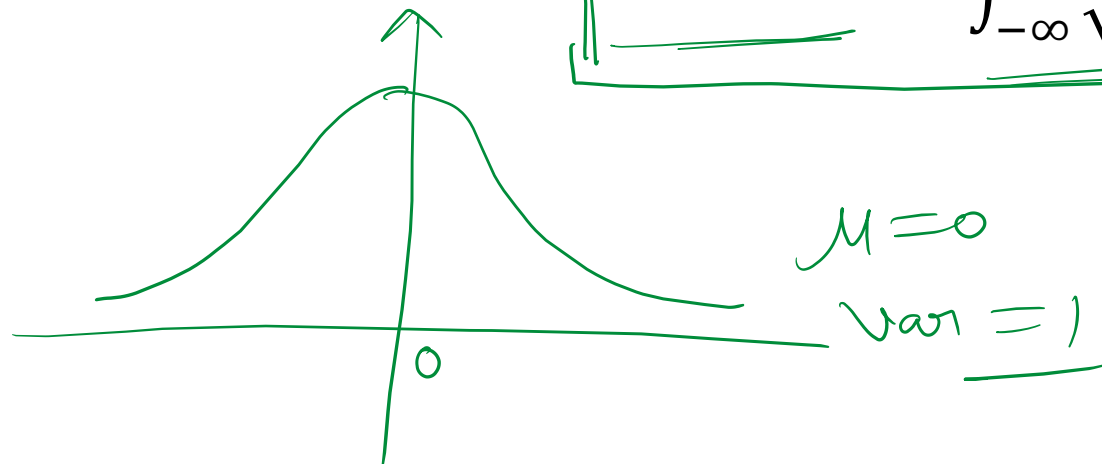
Define,

$$Z_n = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i]}{\sqrt{\text{var}(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i)}}, n = 1, 2, \dots$$

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Then, for larger n , Z_n (approximately) follow the standard normal distribution,

$n \rightarrow \infty$



$$P(Z_n \leq z) \approx \int_{-\infty}^z \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt$$

$n=1$

$$Z_1 = \frac{X_1 - E[X_1]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X_1)}}$$

$$Z_2 = \frac{(X_1 + X_2) - (E[X_1 + X_2])}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X_1 + X_2)}}$$

\vdots
 Z_n

Proof: Assume that MGF of X_i 's exist

$$M_{Z_n}(t) = E \left[e^{\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \right) t} \right]$$

$$= e^{-\frac{\sqrt{n}\mu t}{\sqrt{n}\sigma}} E \left[e^{\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \right) t} \right]$$

$$= e^{-\frac{\sqrt{n}\mu t}{\sigma}} \left\{ E \left[e^{\left(\frac{X_1}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \right) t} \right] \right\}^n$$

We know that

$$M_X(t) = 1 + E[X]t + \frac{E[X^2]}{2} + \dots$$
$$\ln M_X(t) = \ln \left\{ 1 + \left(E[X]t + \frac{E[X^2]}{2} + \dots \right) \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ln M_{Z_n}(t) &= \frac{-\sqrt{n} \mu t}{\sigma} + n \ln \left(1 + \frac{\mu t}{\sqrt{n} \sigma} + \frac{(\sigma^2 + \mu^2)t^2}{2 n \sigma^2} + \dots \right) \\
 &= \frac{-\sqrt{n} \mu t}{\sigma} + n \left\{ \left(\frac{\mu t}{\sqrt{n} \sigma} + \frac{(\sigma^2 + \mu^2)t^2}{2 n \sigma^2} + \dots \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mu^2 t^2}{n \sigma^2} + \dots \right) + \frac{1}{3} (\dots) - \dots \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln M_{Z_n}(t) = \frac{t^2}{2}$$

$$M_{Z_n}(t) = e^{\frac{t^2}{2}}$$

$$Z_n \sim N(0,1)$$

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