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# 第 1 章 Special Distributions

## 1.1 正态分布

### 定义 1.1. Normal Distribution

A random variable  $X$  has the normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$  ( $-\infty < \mu < \infty$  and  $\sigma^2 > 0$ ) if  $X$  has a continuous distribution with the following p.d.f.

$$f(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (1.1)$$

for  $-\infty < x < \infty$



### 定理 1.1

正态分布的概率密度函数积分为 1。

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x|\mu, \sigma^2) dx = 1 \quad (1.2)$$



**证明** let  $y = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}$ , then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x|\mu, \sigma^2) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy \quad (1.3)$$

let  $I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} I^2 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{y^2+z^2}{2}} dy dz \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{r^2}{2}} r dr d\theta \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{let } y = r \cos \theta, z = r \sin \theta \\ \text{then } dy dz = r dr d\theta \end{array} \right\} \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} 1 d\theta \\ &= 2\pi \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

故有, 原式 = 1

### 定理 1.2. Moment Generating Function

The m.g.f. of the distribution with p.d.f. given by Eq. (5.6.1) is

$$\psi(t) = e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2} \quad (1.5)$$

for  $-\infty < t < \infty$



**证明**

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(t) &= E(e^{tX}) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} e^{tx} dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{tx - \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \end{aligned} \quad (1.6)$$

下面来分析  $tx - \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
tx - \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} &= -\frac{x^2 - 2\mu x + \mu^2 - 2t\sigma^2 x}{2\sigma^2} \\
&= -\frac{x^2 - (2\mu + 2t\sigma^2)x + \mu^2}{2\sigma^2} \\
&= -\frac{[x - (\mu + t\sigma^2)]^2 + \mu^2 - (\mu + t\sigma^2)^2}{2\sigma^2} \\
&= \mu t + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2 - \frac{[x - (\mu + t\sigma^2)]^2}{2\sigma^2}
\end{aligned}
\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{合并成 } (x - \mu)^2 \text{ 的形式} \\ \text{简化} \end{array} \right\} (1.7)$$

因此, 原式  $\psi(t)$  为

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi(t) &= e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2} \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{[x - (\mu + t\sigma^2)]^2}{2\sigma^2}} \\
&= e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2}
\end{aligned} \quad (1.8)$$

### 定理 1.3. Mean and Variance

The mean and variance of the distribution with p.d.f. given by Eq. (5.6.1) are  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$ , respectively. ♡

**证明**  $\psi(t)$  的一阶导数和二阶导数为:

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi'(t) &= (\mu + t\sigma^2)e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2} \\
\psi''(t) &= ([\mu + t\sigma^2]^2 + \sigma^2)e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2}
\end{aligned}$$

在  $t = 0$  处,

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi'(0) &= \mu \\
\psi''(0) &= \mu^2 + \sigma^2
\end{aligned}$$

因此,

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X) &= \psi'(0) = \mu \\
Var(X) &= \psi''(0) - [\psi'(0)]^2 = \sigma^2
\end{aligned}$$

### 定理 1.4. Linear Transformations

If  $X$  has the normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$  and if  $Y = aX + b$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are given constants and  $a \neq 0$ , then  $Y$  has the normal distribution with mean  $a\mu + b$  and variance  $a^2\sigma^2$ . ♡

**证明** 已知  $X$  的 *m.g.f* 为  $\psi(t) = e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2}$ , 令  $\psi_Y$  记作  $Y$  的 *m.g.f*, 则有

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi_Y(t) &= E(e^{t(aX+b)}) \\
&= e^{tb} E(e^{taX}) \\
&= e^{tb} \psi(at) \\
&= e^{tb} e^{a\mu t + \frac{1}{2}a^2\sigma^2 t^2} \\
&= e^{(a\mu+b)t + \frac{1}{2}a^2\sigma^2 t^2}
\end{aligned} \quad (1.9)$$

因此, 均值为  $a\mu + b$ , 方差为  $a^2\sigma^2$

### 定义 1.2. Standard Normal Distribution

The normal distribution with mean 0 and variance 1 is called the **standard normal distribution**. The p.d.f. of the standard normal distribution is usually denoted by the symbol  $\phi$ , and the c.d.f. is denoted by the symbol  $\Phi$ . Thus,

$$\phi(x) = f(x|0, 1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty \quad (1.10)$$

and

$$\Phi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \phi(u) du \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty \quad (1.11)$$



### 定理 1.5. Consequences of Symmetry

For all  $x$  and all  $0 < p < 1$

$$\Phi(-x) = 1 - \Phi(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi^{-1}(p) = -\Phi^{-1}(1 - p) \quad (1.12)$$



**证明** 由于  $\phi(x)$  是关于  $y$  轴的偶函数。因此, 对于所有的  $x (-\infty < x < \infty)$ ,  $p(X \leq x) = p(X \geq x)$ , 即  $\Phi(x) = 1 - \Phi(-x)$

第二个公式,  $x = \Phi^{-1}(p)$ ,  $-x = \Phi^{-1}(1 - p)$

### 定理 1.6. Converting Normal Distributions to Standard

Let  $X$  have the normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Let  $F$  be the c.d.f. of  $X$ . Then  $Z = (X - \mu)/\sigma$  has the standard normal distribution, and, for all  $x$  and all  $0 < p < 1$ ,

$$F(x) = \Phi\left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \quad (1.13)$$

$$F^{-1}(p) = \mu + \sigma \Phi^{-1}(p) \quad (1.14)$$



**证明** 令  $Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$ ,

$$F(x) = p(X \leq x) = p\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \leq \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = p\left(Z \leq \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \quad (1.15)$$

### 定理 1.7. Linear Combinations of Normally Distributed Variables

If the random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_k$  are independent and if  $X_i$  has the normal distribution with mean  $\mu_i$  and variance  $\sigma_i^2$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ), then the sum  $X_1 + \dots + X_k$  has the normal distribution with mean  $\mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k$  and variance  $\sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_k^2$ .



**证明** 已知,  $X_i$  的 m.g.f 为  $\psi_i(t) = e^{\mu_i t + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_i^2 t^2}$ , 设  $X_1 + \dots + X_k$  的 m.g.f 为  $\psi(t)$ 。由于独立性, 可得

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(t) &= \prod_{i=1}^k \psi_i(t) \\ &= e^{(\sum_{i=1}^k \mu_i)t + \frac{1}{2}(\sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i^2)t^2} \end{aligned} \quad (1.16)$$

### 定义 1.3. Sample Mean

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be random variables. The average of these  $n$  random variables,  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ , is called their sample mean and is commonly denoted  $\bar{X}_n$ .



### 推论 1.1

Suppose that the random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  form a random sample from the normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ , and let  $\bar{X}_n$  denote their sample mean. Then  $\bar{X}_n$  has the normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\frac{\sigma^2}{n}$ .




## 1.2 Gamma 分布

### 定义 1.4. The Gamma Function

For each positive number, let the value  $\Gamma(\alpha)$  be dened by the following integral:

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx \quad (1.17)$$

The function  $\Gamma$  dened by Eq. (5.7.2) for  $\alpha > 0$  is called the gamma function. 

### 定理 1.8

if  $\alpha > 1$ , then

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha - 1)\Gamma(\alpha - 1) \quad (1.18) \quad \text{♥}$$

**证明** We shall apply the method of integration by parts to the integral in Eq. (5.7.2). If we let  $u = x^{\alpha-1}$  and  $dv = e^{-x} dx$ , then  $du = (\alpha - 1)x^{\alpha-2} dx$  and  $v = -e^{-x}$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(\alpha) &= \int_0^{\infty} u dv = [uv]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} v du \\ &= [-x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x}]_0^{\infty} + (\alpha - 1) \int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-2} e^{-x} dx \\ &= 0 + (\alpha - 1)\Gamma(\alpha - 1) \end{aligned} \quad (1.19)$$

### 定理 1.9

For every positive integer  $n$ ,

$$\Gamma(n) = (n - 1)! \quad (1.20)$$

**证明**

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(n) &= (n - 1)\Gamma(n - 1) \\ &= (n - 1)(n - 2)\Gamma(n - 2) \\ &= (n - 1)(n - 2) \cdots (1)\Gamma(1) \\ &= (n - 1)! \end{aligned} \quad (1.21) \quad \text{♥}$$

### 定理 1.10

For each  $\alpha > 0$  and each  $\beta > 0$ ,

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x} dx = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\beta^{\alpha}} \quad (1.22) \quad \text{♥}$$

**证明** 令  $y = \beta x$ , 则有  $x = y/\beta$ , 以及  $dx = dy/\beta$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x} dx &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{y^{\alpha-1}}{\beta^{\alpha-1}} e^{-y} \frac{1}{\beta} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta^{\alpha}} \int_0^{\infty} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y} dy \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\beta^{\alpha}} \end{aligned} \quad (1.23)$$

**定义 1.5. Gamma Distributions**

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be positive numbers. A random variable  $X$  has the gamma distribution with parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  if  $X$  has a continuous distribution for which the *p.d.f.* is

$$f(x|\alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x} & \text{for } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad (1.24)$$

**定理 1.11. Moments**

Let  $X$  have the gamma distribution with parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . For  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

$$E(X^k) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + k)}{\beta^k \Gamma(\alpha)} = \frac{\alpha(\alpha + 1) \cdots (\alpha + k - 1)}{\beta^k} \quad (1.25)$$

特别的,  $E(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$ ,  $Var(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2}$



**证明**

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^k) &= \int_0^\infty x^k f(x|\alpha, \beta) dx = \int_0^\infty x^k \cdot \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x} dx \\ &= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty x^{\alpha+k-1} e^{-\beta x} dx \\ &= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + k)}{\beta^{\alpha+k}} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + k)}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^k} \end{aligned} \quad (1.26)$$

因此,  $E(X) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$ ,  $Var(X) = E(X^2) - E^2(X) = \frac{(\alpha+1)\alpha}{\beta^2} - \frac{\alpha^2}{\beta^2} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2}$

**定理 1.12. Moment Generating Function**

Let  $X$  have the gamma distribution with parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . The m.g.f. of  $X$  is

$$\psi(t) = \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta - t}\right)^\alpha \quad \text{for } t < \beta \quad (1.27)$$



**证明**

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(t) &= E(e^{tX}) = \int_0^\infty e^{tx} \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x} dx \\ &= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty x^{\alpha-1} e^{-(\beta-t)x} dx \\ &= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{(\beta - t)^\alpha} \\ &= \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta - t}\right)^\alpha \end{aligned} \quad (1.28)$$

**定理 1.13**

If the random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_k$  are independent, and if  $X_i$  has the gamma distribution with parameters  $\alpha_i$  and  $\beta$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ), then the sum  $X_1 + \dots + X_k$  has the gamma distribution with parameters  $\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_k$  and  $\beta$ .



**证明** If  $\psi_i(t)$  denotes the m.g.f. of  $X_i$ , then it follows from Eq. (5.7.15) that for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ ,

$$\psi(t) = \prod_{i=1}^k \psi_i(t) = \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta - t}\right)^{\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_k} \quad \text{for } t < \beta \quad (1.29)$$

The m.g.f. can now be recognized as the m.g.f. of the gamma distribution with parameters  $1 + \dots + k$  and  $\beta$ . Hence, the sum  $X_1 + \dots + X_k$  must have this gamma distribution.

### 1.3 指数分布

#### 定义 1.6. Exponential Distributions

Let  $\beta > 0$ . A random variable  $X$  has the exponential distribution with parameter  $\beta$  if  $X$  has a continuous distribution with the *p.d.f.*

$$f(x|\beta) = \begin{cases} \beta e^{-\beta x} & \text{for } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad (1.30)$$



#### 定理 1.14

The exponential distribution with parameter  $\beta$  is the same as the gamma distribution with parameters  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\beta$ . If  $X$  has the exponential distribution with parameter  $\beta$ , then  $E(X) = \frac{1}{\beta}$  and  $Var(X) = \frac{1}{\beta^2}$  and the m.g.f. of  $X$  is

$$\psi(t) = \frac{\beta}{\beta - t} \quad \text{for } t < \beta \quad (1.31)$$



**证明** 根据 Gamma 分布, 指数分布是 Gamma 的一个特例,  $Gamma(\alpha = 1, \beta)$ , 因此期望  $E(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\beta}$ ,  $Var(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2} = \frac{1}{\beta^2}$ ,  $\psi(t) = (\frac{\beta}{\beta - t})^\alpha = \frac{\beta}{\beta - t}$

#### 定理 1.15. Memoryless Property of Exponential Distributions

Let  $X$  have the exponential distribution with parameter  $\beta$ , and let  $t > 0$ . Then for every number  $h > 0$ ,

$$p(X \geq t + h | X \geq t) = p(X \geq h) \quad (1.32)$$



**证明** for each  $t > 0$ ,

$$p(X \geq t) = \int_t^\infty \beta e^{-\beta x} dx = e^{-\beta t} \quad (1.33)$$

因此, 对于所有的  $t > 0$  以及  $h > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p(X \geq t + h | X \geq t) &= \frac{p(X \geq t + h)}{p(X \geq t)} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\beta(t+h)}}{e^{-\beta t}} \\ &= e^{-\beta h} \\ &= p(X \geq h) \end{aligned} \quad (1.34)$$

#### 定理 1.16

Suppose that the variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  form a random sample from the exponential distribution with parameter  $\beta$ . Then the distribution of  $Y_1 = \min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  will be the exponential distribution with parameter  $n\beta$ .





**证明** for every number  $t > 0$ ,


$$\begin{aligned}
 p(Y_1 > t) &= p(X_1 > t, \dots, X_n > t) \\
 &= p(X_1 > t) \cdots p(X_n > t) \\
 &= e^{-\beta t} \cdots e^{-\beta t} \\
 &= e^{-n\beta t}
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.35}$$

## 1.4 Beta 分布

### 定义 1.7. The Beta Function

for each positive  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , define

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \int_0^1 x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx \tag{1.36}$$

the function  $B$  is called the *beta function*. 

### 定理 1.17

for all  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ ,

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \tag{1.37}$$



### 定义 1.8. Beta Distributions

Let  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  and let  $X$  be a random variable with p.d.f

$$f(x|\alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} & \text{for } 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{1.38}$$



### 定理 1.18. Moments

Suppose that  $X$  has the beta distribution with parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Then for each positive integer  $k$ ,

$$E(X^k) = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1) \cdots (\alpha+k-1)}{(\alpha+\beta)(\alpha+\beta+1) \cdots (\alpha+\beta+k-1)} \tag{1.39}$$

特别地,

$$E(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \tag{1.40}$$

$$Var(X) = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)} \tag{1.41}$$



**证明** for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(X^k) &= \int_0^1 x^k f(x|\alpha, \beta) dx \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^1 x^{\alpha+k-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+k)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+k+\beta)}
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.42}$$

因此,  $E(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}$ ,  $E(X^2) = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)}{(\alpha+\beta)^2}$ ,  $Var(X) = E(X^2) - E^2(X) = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)}$

## 第 2 章 large random samples

### 2.1 大数定律

#### 定理 2.1. Markov Inequality

Suppose that  $X$  is a random variable such that  $p(X \geq 0) = 1$ . Then for every real number  $t > 0$ ,

$$p(X \geq t) \leq \frac{E(X)}{t} \quad (2.1)$$

**证明** 离散情况下

$$E(X) = \sum_x xf(x) = \sum_{x < t} xf(x) + \sum_{x \geq t} xf(x) \quad (2.2)$$

由于  $X \geq 0$ , 所有项都大于 0。因此

$$E(X) \geq \sum_{x \geq t} xf(x) \geq \sum_{x \geq t} tf(x) = t \cdot p(X \geq t) \quad (2.3)$$

连续情况下

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \int_0^\infty xf(x)dx \\ &= \int_0^t xf(x)dx + \int_t^\infty xf(x)dx \\ &\geq \int_t^\infty xf(x)dx \\ &\geq \int_t^\infty tf(x)dx \\ &= t \cdot p(X \geq t) \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

#### 定理 2.2. Chebyshev Inequality

Let  $X$  be a random variable for which  $Var(X)$  exists. Then for every number  $t > 0$ ,

$$p(|X - E(X)| \geq t) \leq \frac{Var(X)}{t^2} \quad (2.5)$$

**证明** 令  $Y = [X - E(X)]^2$ , 则  $E(Y) = Var(X)$ ,

$$p(|X - E(X)| \geq t) = p(Y \geq t^2) \leq \frac{E(Y)}{t^2} = \frac{Var(X)}{t^2} \quad (2.6)$$

#### 定理 2.3. Mean and Variance of the Sample Mean

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Let  $\bar{X}_n$  be the sample mean. Then  $E(\bar{X}_n) = \mu$  and  $Var(\bar{X}_n) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$ .

#### 定义 2.1. Convergence in Probability

A sequence  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots$  of random variables converges to  $b$  in probability if for every number  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(|Z_n - b| < \varepsilon) = 1 \quad (2.7)$$

This property is denoted by

$$Z_n \xrightarrow{p} b \quad (2.8)$$

and is sometimes stated simply as  $Z_n$  converges to  $b$  in probability.



#### 定理 2.4. Law of Large Numbers

Suppose that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  form a random sample from a distribution for which the mean is  $\mu$  and for which the variance is finite. Let  $\bar{X}_n$  denote the sample mean. Then

$$\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{p} \mu \quad (2.9)$$



**证明** Let the variance of each  $X_i$  be  $\sigma^2$ . It then follows from the Chebyshev inequality that for every number  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$p(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| < \varepsilon) \geq 1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{n\varepsilon^2} \quad (2.10)$$

因此,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| < \varepsilon) = 1 \quad (2.11)$$

which means that  $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{p} \mu$ .

#### 定理 2.5. Continuous Functions of Random Variables

If  $Z_n \xrightarrow{p} b$ , and if  $g(z)$  is a function that is continuous at  $z = b$ , then  $g(Z_n) \xrightarrow{p} g(b)$ .

