## Successive Rejection Algorithm

• Intuitive idea: Best arm is never rejected as

• 
$$\overline{X}_t(t) \ge \mu_1 - \alpha_t$$

• 
$$\overline{X}_a(t) \leq \mu_a + \alpha_t$$

• So 
$$\overline{X}_a(t) - \overline{X}_t(t) \le 2\alpha_t - (\mu_1 - \mu_a)$$

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• Samples needed 
$$K\mathcal{O}\left(\log(1/\delta)\sum_{a}\frac{1}{(\mu_{\max}-\mu_{a})^{2}}\right)$$

- Linear in the number arms.
- ullet Increases as  $\delta$  is closer to 1
- $\bullet$  Increases when arms are hard to distinguish i.e.  $\Delta_a := \mu_{\max} \mu_a$  is small