

Homework 2

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2.6

$$p_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0.25 & x=1 \\ 0.5 & x=2 \\ 0.25 & x=3 \end{cases}$$

$$a) E[X] = \sum_x p_X(x) \cdot x = 2$$

$$b) \text{Var}[X] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = 4.5 - 4 = 0.5$$

$$c) \text{Var}[\bar{X}_n] = \text{Var}\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}[X_i] = \frac{0.5}{n}$$

Using the Chebyshev inequality, we have:

$$P(|\bar{X}_n - E[\bar{X}_n]| < \varepsilon) \geq 1 - \frac{\text{Var}[\bar{X}_n]}{\varepsilon^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(|\bar{X}_n - E[\bar{X}_n]| < 0.1) \geq 1 - \frac{0.5}{0.01n}$$

$$P(|\bar{X}_n - 2| < 0.1) \geq 0.999$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{0.5}{0.01n} \geq 0.999 \Rightarrow 0.01n \geq 500 \Rightarrow n \geq 50000$$

d) For $\varepsilon = 0.01$, using the Chebyshev inequality we have:

$$P(|\bar{X}_n - E[\bar{X}_n]| < 0.01) \geq 1 - \frac{0.5}{0.0001n}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{0.5}{0.0001n} \geq 0.999 \Rightarrow n \geq 5000000$$

e) 626

f) 826

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import numpy as np
p = [0.25, 0.5, 0.25]
X = [1, 2, 3]
X_mean = np.sum([i * j for i, j in zip(X, p)])
N = 50
n_iter = 1000
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count = 0
for _ in range(n_iter):
    X_bar = np.mean(np.random.choice(X, N, p=p))
    count += 1 if np.abs(X_bar - X_mean) <= 0.1 else 0
print(count)

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2.9

$$P(|X - \mu| \geq k\sigma) \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$$

Proof:

Let $Y = (X - \mu)^2$, by using the Markov inequality we have

$$P(Y \geq k^2 \sigma^2) \leq \frac{E[Y]}{k^2 \sigma^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P((X - \mu)^2 \geq k^2 \sigma^2) \leq \frac{E[(X - \mu)^2]}{k^2 \sigma^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(|X - \mu| \geq k\sigma) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{k^2 \sigma^2} = \frac{1}{k^2} \quad \square$$

2.10

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|\bar{X} - E[X]| < \varepsilon) = 1$$

Proof:

Using the Chebyshev inequality, we have

$$P(|\bar{X} - E[\bar{X}]| < \varepsilon) \geq 1 - \frac{\text{Var}[\bar{X}]}{\varepsilon^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{As } \bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \text{ we have}$$

$$+ E[\bar{X}] = E\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i] = E[X] \quad (2)$$

$$+ \text{Var}[\bar{X}] = \text{Var}\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}[X_i] = \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{n} \quad (3)$$

Plug (2) (3) into (1), we have

$$P(|\bar{X} - E[X]| < \varepsilon) \geq 1 - \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{n\varepsilon^2}$$

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$$P(|\bar{X} - E[X]| < \varepsilon) \geq 1 - \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{n \varepsilon^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|\bar{X} - E[X]| < \varepsilon) \geq 1 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{n \varepsilon^2} = 1 \quad \square$$