

Proposition: Let x_1, \dots, x_n be n random variables (possibly correlated;
taking values in $\{0,1\}$ for us, x_i denotes
winning the i^{th} game).
 $\pi \in S_n$ be a random variable, uniformly distributed.

Then

$$\Pr \left\{ \left| \frac{x_{\pi(1)} + x_{\pi(2)} + \dots + x_{\pi(n-1)}}{n-1} - \underbrace{\frac{\sum_{\pi \in S_n} E(x_{\pi(n)})}{|S_n|}}_{E(x_{\pi(n)})} \right| > \lambda \right\} \leq 2e^{-c n \lambda^2}$$

for some $c > 0$.

Lemma 1:

Let x_i 's & π be as before.

Then

$$\Pr \left\{ \left| x_{\pi(1)} + x_{\pi(2)} + \dots + x_{\pi(n-1)} - \frac{1}{|S_n|} \sum_{\pi \in S_n} (x_{\pi(1)} + \dots + x_{\pi(n-1)}) \right| \geq \lambda \right\} \leq 2e^{-\frac{c \lambda^2}{n}}$$

for some $c > 0$.

Lemma 2: Let x_i 's be as before.

Then

$$\Pr \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{|S_n|} \sum_{\pi \in S_n} \left[\frac{n}{n-1} (x_{\pi(1)} + \dots + x_{\pi(n-1)}) - E(x_{\pi(1)} + \dots + x_{\pi(n)}) \right] \right| \geq \lambda \right\} \leq 2e^{-\frac{c \lambda^2}{n}}$$

for some $c > 0$

Proof of Lemma 1:

$$\text{Let: } Q_i := E(x_{\pi(1)} + x_{\pi(2)} + \dots + x_{\pi(n-1)} \mid F^{i-1})$$

where $\{F^i\}_{i=0}^n$ is a filtration which specifies $\pi(1)$

& F^0 specifies x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n .

NB1: We saw that Q_i forms a martingale.

$$\text{NB2: } |Q_i - Q_{i-1}| \leq d \quad \text{for some } d > 0.$$

Remark: We can therefore apply the Azuma-Hoeffding inequality

$$\text{to get } \Pr\{|Q_1 - Q_n| > \lambda\} \leq e^{-c \lambda^2}.$$

to get $\Pr \{ |Q_1 - Q_n| > \epsilon \} \leq e^{-c\epsilon^2}$.

NB: $Q_1 = \frac{1}{|S_n|} \sum_{\pi \in S_n} (X_{\pi(1)} + X_{\pi(2)} + \dots + X_{\pi(n-1)})$

$Q_n = X_{\pi(1)} + X_{\pi(2)} + \dots + X_{\pi(n-1)}$

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Proof of Lemma 2:

Let $Y_i = \frac{1}{|S_n|} \sum_{\pi \in S_n} X_{\pi(i)}$, for $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

NB: $Y_1 = Y_2 = \dots = Y_n$; Defⁿ: $Y := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$

Narrator: We want to estimate $\frac{1}{|S_n|} \sum_{\pi \in S_n} E(X_{\pi(n)}) = E\left(\frac{\sum_{\pi \in S_n} X_{\pi(n)}}{|S_n|}\right) = E(Y)$.

This motivates the following defⁿ.

Defⁿ: $Z_i := E(Y | F^{i-1})$

fixed $\pi = \pi$ and $X_{\pi(1)}, X_{\pi(2)}, \dots, X_{\pi(i-1)}$
& $F^0 = \{\emptyset, \Omega\}$

NB: $\{Z_i, F^i\}$ form a martingale (\because as in the eg. F^i is a filter)
& $|Z_{i+1} - Z_i| < \text{bounded by some const.}$

Narrator: From Azuma-Hoeffding, we have that

$\Pr \{ |Z_0 - Z_n| > \epsilon \} \leq 2e^{-c\epsilon^2}$ for some c .

NB: $Z_n = Y$ & $Z_0 = E(Y)$

$\frac{1}{|S_n|} \sum_{\pi \in S_n} E(X_{\pi(1)} + \dots + X_{\pi(n)})$

$\frac{\left(\sum_{\pi \in S_n} X_{\pi(1)} + X_{\pi(2)} + \dots + X_{\pi(n-1)} \right) + \sum_{\pi \in S_n} X_{\pi(n)}}{n \cdot |S_n|}$

$= \frac{n}{n-1} \frac{\left(\sum_{\pi \in S_n} X_{\pi(1)} + \dots + X_{\pi(n-1)} \right)}{n \cdot |S_n|}$

$\frac{1}{n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X \right) = \frac{nX}{n} = X$
 $\frac{(n-1)X}{n} = X'$
 $\frac{n}{n-1}$

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