

## Lecture 4: Chernoff Bound

→ (Markov inequality) For a non-negative R.V  $X$ ,

$$\Pr(X \geq a) \leq \frac{E(X)}{a}, \text{ for all } a > 0. \Rightarrow \text{증명}$$

의미:  $X \rightarrow$  distribution  $\Rightarrow$  확률 분포, bound  
 예제:  $\Pr(X \leq a) = 1 - \Pr(X > a)$

정리에 의거해  $\Pr(X > a)$ 를 증명

→ (Chebychev's inequality) For any  $a > 0$ ,

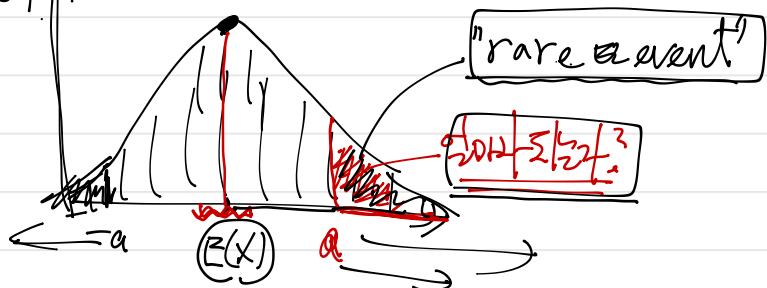
$$\Pr(|X - E[X]| \geq a) \leq \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{a^2}. \Rightarrow \text{증명}$$

tail probability

$X$ : 확률 분포에서 특정 범위를 벗어나는 사건은?

Continuous R.V.  $X$

$$f_X(x)$$



의미:  $\text{Variance}^2$ 가 작을 때, 확률 분포가 정규분포와 비슷한 경우에  $\Pr(|X - E[X]| \geq a)$ 가 작다.

Corollary)

For any  $t > 1$ ,

$$\Pr(|X - E[X]| \geq t \cdot \text{std}(X)) \leq \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{t^2 \cdot \text{std}^2(X)} = \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{t^2}$$

$$\Pr(|X - E[X]| \geq t \cdot \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}) \leq \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{t^2 \cdot \text{Var}(X)}$$

second moment

(Ex) - n fair coin flips  $\rightarrow$   
 $\rightarrow$  Prob(more than  $\frac{3}{4}n$  heads)

Let  $X$  be the RV that represents # of heads in  $n$  fair coin flips

$$(i) \text{ MI: } \Pr(X > \frac{3}{4}n) \leq \frac{E(X)}{\frac{3}{4}n} = \frac{\frac{n}{2}}{\frac{3}{4}n} = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$(ii) \text{ CI: } \Pr(X > \frac{3}{4}n) \leq \Pr\left(|X - E(X)| > \frac{n}{4}\right) \leq \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{\left(\frac{n}{4}\right)^2}$$

$\text{Var}(X) = \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i\right) = n \text{Var}(Y_i)$

$X_i: \text{Binomial}$   
 $(n, p) \quad (n, \frac{1}{2}) \rightarrow np(\text{np})$

$Y_i: \text{Bernoulli with } p = \frac{1}{2}$

$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(Y_i) = \frac{1}{4}$

$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(X) = n \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{n}{4}$

$\Rightarrow \Pr(X > \frac{3}{4}n) \leq \frac{\frac{n}{4}}{\left(\frac{n}{4}\right)^2} = \frac{4}{n}$

No  $\frac{3}{4}n$  |  
 30% |  
 CI is tight

(Chernoff Bound) Given i.i.d. RVs,  $X_1, \dots, X_m$ , for any  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\Pr\left(\sum_{i=1}^m X_i \geq na\right) \leq e^{-nh(a)}$$

where  $h(a) = \sup_{\theta \geq 0} [\theta a - \log E(e^{\theta X_1})]$ .

2nd regime:  $a > E(X_1)$

(a)  $\Pr\left(\sum_{i=1}^m X_i \geq a\right)$

(Question)  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^m X_i}{m} \xrightarrow{P} E(X)$

$\text{LB} \rightarrow \text{exponentially fast}$ .  
 $a < E(X)$   
 $\Pr(h(a) < 0)$  trivial

Law of Large Numbers (LLN)  
 $\sum_{i=1}^m X_i / m \xrightarrow{a.s.} E(X)$  (why?)  
 hint: SLLN (1) WLLN (2)  
 Deterministic

Proof) For all  $\theta \geq 0$ , ~~by MGF~~

$$\Pr\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \geq n\alpha\right) = \Pr\left(e^{\theta \sum_{i=1}^n X_i} \geq e^{n\alpha}\right)$$

$$\leq e^{-n\alpha} E\left(e^{\theta \sum_{i=1}^n X_i}\right) \quad (\text{from MGF})$$

$$= e^{-n\alpha} \cdot E\left(e^{\theta X_1} \cdot e^{\theta X_2} \cdot e^{\theta X_3} \cdots e^{\theta X_n}\right)$$

$$= e^{-n\alpha} \cdot \boxed{[E(e^{\theta X_i})]^n} \rightarrow e^{n\alpha(\log E(e^{\theta X_i}))}$$

$$= e^{-n(\theta\alpha - \log E(e^{\theta X_i}))}$$

$$\leq \sup_{\theta \geq 0} e^{-n(\theta\alpha - \log E(e^{\theta X_i}))} \quad h(\alpha).$$

$$h(\alpha) = \sup_{\theta \geq 0} (\theta\alpha - \log E[e^{\theta X_i}])$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{rate function}}$   $\xrightarrow{X_i \in \text{MGF}}$   $\xrightarrow{\log \text{MGF}}$

$$= \sup_{\theta \geq 0} (\theta\alpha - \log \underline{M}_{\theta}(h))$$

Homework

(1)  $X \sim \text{Gaussian}$  with mean  $\mu$ ,  $\text{Var} = \sigma^2$   $h(\alpha) = \frac{[(\alpha - \mu)^2]}{2\sigma^2}$

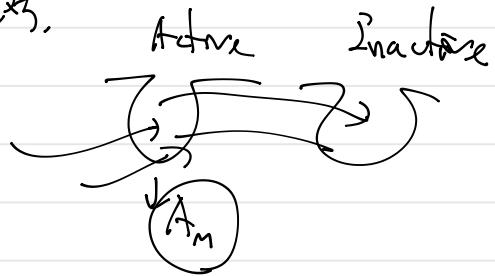
(2)  $X \sim \exp(\mu)$ ,  $h(\alpha) = ?$

(3)  $X \sim \text{poisson}(\lambda)$ ,  $h(\alpha) = ?$

(4)  $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$ ,  $h(\alpha) = ?$

1.5 Total population  $\leq$  bound  
 $\text{with } \frac{n}{\lambda} \text{ steps.}$

Recall:  $A_m = 1 + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i - m \right)$



$$P(X \geq k) = P(A_1 \geq 0, A_2 \geq 0, \dots, A_k \geq 0)$$

$$\leq P_r(A_k \geq 0)$$

$$= P_r \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^k \xi_i - k \geq 0 \right) = P_r \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \xi_i \geq k-1 \right)$$

$$= P_r \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \xi_i \geq k \right) = P_r \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k \xi_i}{k} \geq 1 \right) \quad (\cancel{E(\xi_i) < 1})$$

$$\leq \exp(-kh(1)), \text{ where } h(x) \stackrel{x < 1}{=} \text{rate function,}$$

$$h(x) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \sup_{\theta > 0} [\theta x - \log E(\exp \theta \xi)].$$



# <Chernoff Bound for independent Poisson trials>

$\rightarrow \frac{a^k}{k!} \leq \frac{1}{2}$ : ~~i.i.d.~~  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m$   $\Pr\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^m X_i}{m} > a\right)$

$\rightarrow \frac{a^k}{k!} \leq \frac{1}{2}$  "identical, independent, not necessarily identical."

Let  $\Pr(X_i = 1) = P_i$   $X_i = 0, 1$  : poisson trial, Bernoulli trial

$$\Pr\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^m X_i}{m} > a\right) \approx \Pr\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^m X_i}{m} \geq na\right) \quad \text{if } a > E\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^m X_i}{m}\right) \text{ then } a \geq \sum P_i$$

$$a > \frac{\sum P_i}{m} \Rightarrow na > \sum P_i$$

Let  $X = \sum_{i=1}^m X_i$  Let  $\mu = E(X) = \sum P_i$

$$\Pr\left(\frac{X}{m} > (1+\delta)\mu\right) \stackrel{?}{=} \Pr(X > (1+\delta)\mu)$$

Thm  $\Pr(X > (1+\delta)\mu) \leq e^{-\mu h(\delta)}$ , where

$$h(\delta) = (1+\delta) \log(1+\delta) - \delta \quad \text{for any } \delta \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-\mu h(\delta)} &= e^{-\mu((1+\delta) \log(1+\delta) - \delta)} = e^{-\mu(1+\delta) \log(1+\delta)} \cdot e^{\mu \delta} \\ &= \left( \frac{(1+\delta)^{1+\delta}}{e^{\mu(1+\delta)}} \right)^{\mu} \\ &= \left( \frac{(1+\delta)^{1+\delta}}{(1+\delta)^{\mu(1+\delta)}} \right)^{\mu} \end{aligned}$$

(Proof) For any  $\theta > 0$ ,

$$\Pr(X - \mu \geq \theta\mu) \leq \mathbb{E}(e^{\theta(X - \mu)}) \cdot e^{-\theta\mu} \quad (\text{from M.I.})$$

Linear  $\rightarrow$  Exp

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(X \leq 0) &= \mathbb{E}(e^{\theta(X - \mu)}) \cdot e^{-\theta\mu} = (1 + p_i e^\theta) \\ &= e^{-\theta\mu} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(e^{\theta X_i}) = 1 + p_i (e^\theta - 1) \\ &= e^{-\theta\mu((1+\delta))} \prod_{i=1}^n (1 + p_i (e^\theta - 1)) \\ &\leq e^{-\theta\mu((1+\delta))} \prod_{i=1}^n p_i (e^\theta - 1) \\ &= e^{-\theta\mu((1+\delta))} \cdot (e^\mu (e^\theta - 1)) = e^{-\mu(\theta(1+\delta) + 1 - e^\theta)} \\ &\leq e^{-\mu(\theta(1+\delta) + 1 - e^\theta)} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(\theta) = \theta(1+\delta) + 1 - e^\theta$$

$$f'(\theta) = 1 + \delta - e^\theta = 0$$

$$\theta^* = \log(1 + \delta)$$



(Homework) 习题

(1) If  $0 < \delta \leq 1$ ,  $\Pr(X \geq (1+\delta)\mu) \leq e^{-\mu \frac{\delta^2}{3}}$

(hint)  $\frac{e^\delta}{(1+\delta)^{1+\delta}} \leq e^{\mu \frac{\delta^2}{3}}$

$0 < \delta \leq 1$

(2)  $R \geq 6\mu$ ,  $\Pr(X \geq R) \leq 2^{-R}$

$\Pr(X \geq (1+\delta)R)$

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