

p/t

I will show the Poisson Limit Theorem.

Original from link above.

$$\binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-k}$$

$p = \frac{\lambda}{n}$  and we are letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\lambda$  is kept small accordingly

$p$  also becomes moderate.

$$= \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \frac{\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n}{\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^k} \frac{n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdots (n-k+1)}{n^k} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2}{n}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{k-1}{n}\right)$$

$$= \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \frac{\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n}{\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^k} \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \left(1 - \frac{i}{n}\right)$$

now  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n = e^{-\lambda}$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^k = 1$ , and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \left(1 - \frac{i}{n}\right) = 1$$

therefore  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda}$

therefore  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = \frac{1}{k!} e^{-p}$

this the proof you often see in textbooks. there are two issues.

one minor problem is with  $k=0$ .

But this can be solved easily.

The bigger problem is that under this limit  $n \gg k$  ( $n$  is much larger than  $k$ ). we want this approximation to hold even for  $k$  close to  $n$ .

The proof below addresses this problem.

But before we start, we need a sub result.

lemma:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{\sqrt{n}} = 1$

proof put  $m = \sqrt{n}$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n^2}\right)^m = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^i \binom{m}{i} \frac{\lambda^i}{n^{2i}}$$

note we are assuming  $n$  is a square of an integer. This

is ok to do. You may want to

think why.

$$= 1 + \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m (-1)^i \binom{m}{i} \frac{\lambda^i}{m^{2i}}$$
$$= 1 + \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (-1)^i \binom{m}{i} \frac{\lambda^i}{m^{2i-1}}$$

look at the terms of the summation.

$$\left| (-1)^i \binom{m}{i} \frac{\lambda^i}{m^{2i-1}} \right| = \binom{m}{i} \frac{\lambda^i}{m^{2i-1}} = \frac{m!}{i!(m-i)!} \frac{\lambda^i}{m^{2i-1}}$$
$$\leq m \cdot (m-1) \cdots (m-i+1) \frac{\lambda^i}{m^{2i-1}} \leq m^i \frac{\lambda^i}{m^{2i-1}} = \frac{\lambda^i}{m^{i-1}}$$

a series with  
these terms are absolutely convergent,  
↑  
google.

Since the terms of our series is  
bounded by the terms of this series,  
our series is also absolutely convergent.

therefore  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m (-1)^i \binom{m}{i} \frac{\lambda^i}{m^{2i-1}}$  is finite

therefore  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (-1)^i \binom{m}{i} \frac{\lambda^i}{m^{2i-1}}$  is 0

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n = 1$$

Q.E.D.

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right) = 1$$

Now to the proof of PLT.

we will divide it into three cases

1st case :  $k=0$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1-p)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n = e^{-\lambda} \\ &= e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^0}{0!} \quad \text{good} \end{aligned}$$

无穷可分分布的中心

是 Poisson

(1) (2) (3) → check

↓ spread case  
Lindberg

↓  
Feller  $\mu$  or  $\sigma^2$

ignore.

case 2:  $1 \leq k \leq \sqrt{n}$

$$\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^k \leq \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^0 = 1$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^k \geq \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

therefore  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^k = 1$  (sandwiching)

now for  $0 \leq i \leq k$ ,

$$1 - \frac{i}{n} \leq 1 \quad \text{and}$$

$$1 - \frac{i}{n} \geq 1 - \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n} = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

therefore again by the sandwiching

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 - \frac{i}{n} = 1 \quad \text{therefore}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \left(1 - \frac{i}{n}\right) = 1.$$

So as in above, we get what  
we want. good.

case 3: lastly  $k > \sqrt{n}$

$$\text{now } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^k < \infty$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k-1}{1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) < \infty$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n = e^{-\lambda} < \infty$$

and since  $\frac{\lambda \sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n}!} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

and  $k > \sqrt{n}$

$$\frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

therefore the binomial probability in the limit,  
for  $k > \sqrt{n}$  is 0.

on the other hand, for the Poisson,

$$e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \text{ also goes to 0 as}$$

$$n \rightarrow \infty \text{ for } k > \sqrt{n}.$$

$J_n \rightarrow \infty$  for  $k > J_n$ .

Therefore, again, the two probability  
match. good

