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Lecture 10: Central Limit Theorem and the Sample Mean






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Announcement

- Course webpage:
<http://dcstl.cge.ntou.edu.tw/DCSTL/Web/rp.htm>
- Reading Assignment:
 - ◆ Chapter 7 (Papoulis)
 - ◆ Chapters 7 and 8 (Yates)
- Homework No. 5 due today!


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Central Limit Theorem

- Review: X_1, X_2, \dots iid Gaussian rv's
- $W_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$ is Gaussian with

$$E[W_n] = n\mu_X$$

$$Var[W_n] = n\sigma_X^2$$
- What if X_1, X_2, \dots are not Gaussian?



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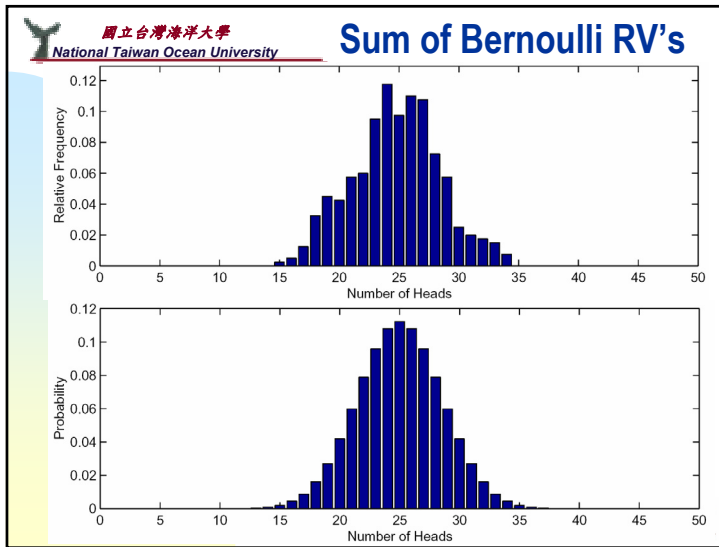

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Sum of Bernoulli RV's

- 50 flips of a fair coin: $X_i = 1$ is H on flip i .
- W_n is binomial

$$P_{W_n}(w) = \begin{cases} \binom{50}{w} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{50} & w = 0, 1, \dots, 50 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
- What does this look like?


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Central Limit Theorem

- Standardized rv Z_n :

$$Z_n = \frac{W_n - E[W]}{\sigma_W} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n\mu_X}{\sqrt{n\sigma_X^2}}$$
- $E[Z_n] = 0, \quad Var[Z_n] = 1$
- Central Limit Theorem:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{Z_n}(z) = \Phi(z)$$
- Usual Proof: Show MGF of Z_n converges to Gaussian MGF

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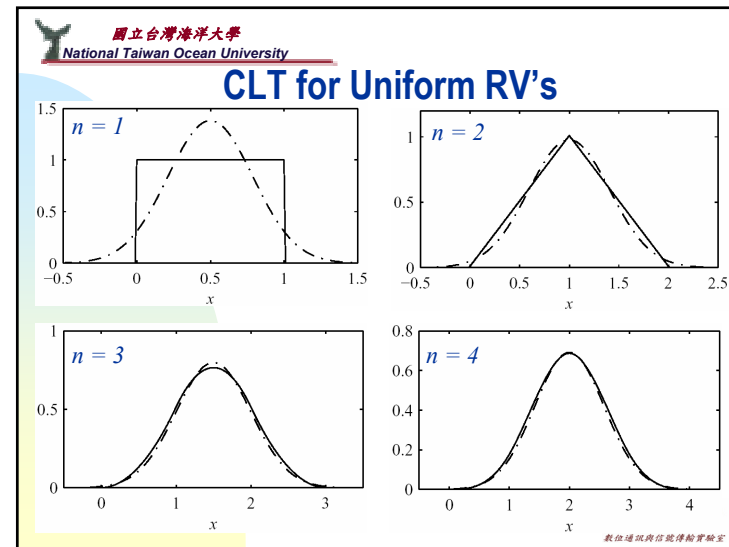
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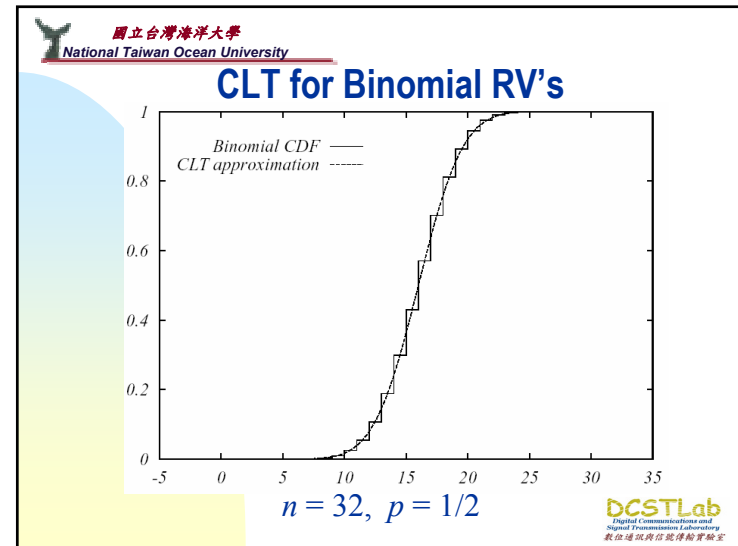
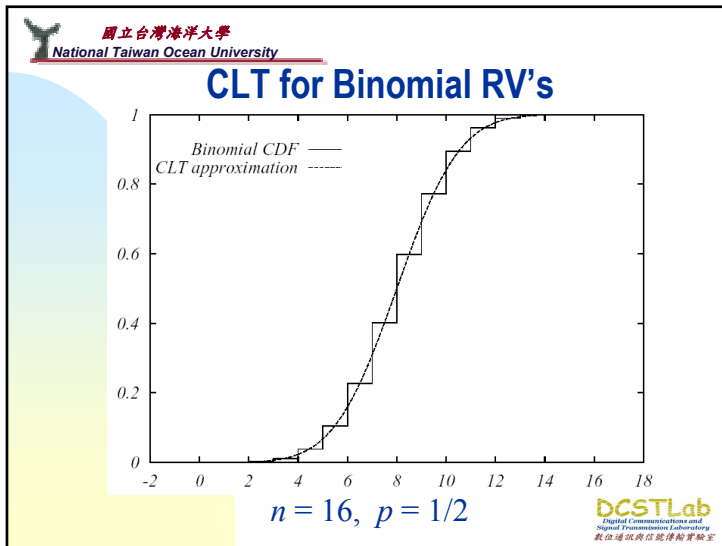
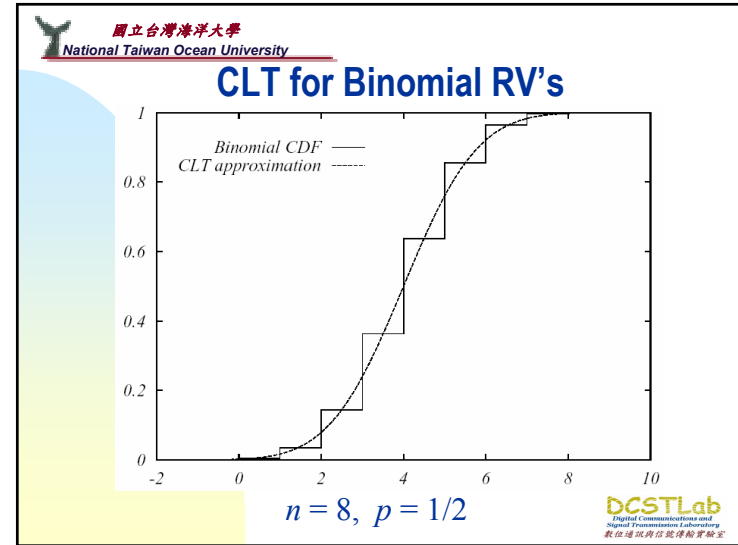
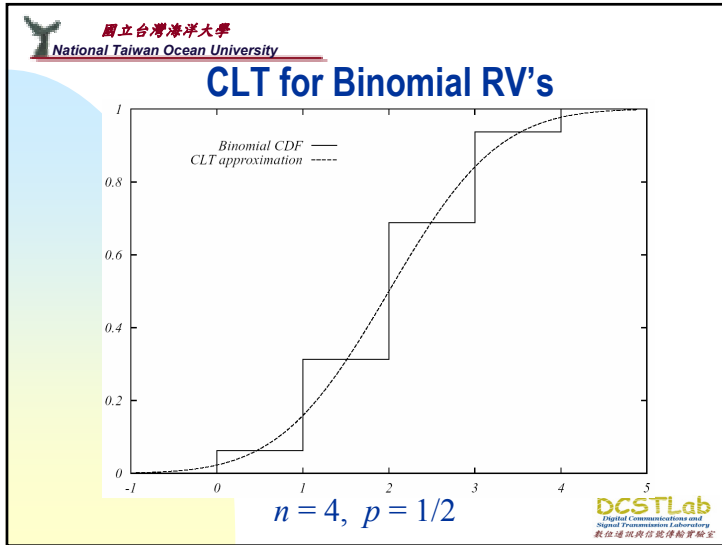
- For $W_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$,

$$F_{W_n}(w) = P\left[\sqrt{n\sigma_X^2}Z_n + n\mu_X \leq w\right] = F_{Z_n}\left(\frac{w - n\mu_X}{\sqrt{n\sigma_X^2}}\right)$$
- For large n , CLT says $F_{Z_n}(z) \approx \Phi(z)$.
- CLT Approximation:

$$F_{W_n}(w) \approx \Phi\left(\frac{w - n\mu_X}{\sqrt{n\sigma_X^2}}\right)$$

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Chap. 8: Sample Mean

- iid rv's X_1, \dots, X_n each with PDF $f_X(x)$
- The *sample mean* of X is the RV

$$M_n(X) = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n}$$
- Remember $M_n(X)$ is a RV!
- $M_n(X)$ is **not** the expected value $E[X]$

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Mean and Variance of $M_n(X)$

- Theorem:

$$E[M_n(X)] = E[X] \quad \text{Var}[M_n(X)] = \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{n}$$
- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Var}[M_n(X)] = 0$ suggests $M_n(X) \rightarrow E[X]$
- How does a sequence of RV's approach a constant?

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Markov Inequality

- For nonnegative rv X and $c > 0$,

$$P[X \geq c] \leq \frac{E[X]}{c}$$
- Proof: $f_X(x) = 0$ for $x < 0$ and

$$E[X] = \int_0^c x f_X(x) dx + \int_c^\infty x f_X(x) dx$$

$$\geq \int_c^\infty x f_X(x) dx \geq c \int_c^\infty f_X(x) dx = c P[X \geq c]$$

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Markov Inequality Example

- $X =$ height (in feet) of a random adult.
- $E[X] = 5.5$ ft
- Markov inequality says

$$P[X \geq 11] \leq 5.5/11 = 1/2$$
- Statement is true but is so weak it sounds wrong

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Chebyshev Inequality

- Let $X = (Y - \mu_Y)^2$ and apply the Markov inequality:

$$P[(Y - \mu_Y)^2 \geq c^2] \leq \frac{E[(Y - \mu_Y)^2]}{c^2}$$

- Chebyshev Inequality:

$$P[|Y - \mu_Y| \geq c] \leq \frac{\text{Var}[Y]}{c^2}$$

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Chernoff Bound

- For rv X and constant c ,

$$P[X \geq c] \leq \min_{s \geq 0} e^{-sc} \phi_X(s)$$

- Proof:

$$P[X \geq c] = \int_c^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = \int_c^{\infty} u(x - c) f_X(x) dx$$

- For all $s \geq 0$, $u(x - c) \leq e^{s(x-c)}$, implying

$$P[X \geq c] \leq \int_c^{\infty} e^{s(x-c)} f_X(x) dx$$

$$= e^{-sc} \int_c^{\infty} e^{sx} f_X(x) dx = e^{-sc} \phi_X(s)$$

- Upper bound must hold for minimizing s

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Heights: Chebyshev

- For height X , $E[X] = 5.5$ and $\sigma_X = 1$ ft

$$P[X \geq 11] = P[X - \mu_X \geq 11 - \mu_X] = P[|X - \mu_X| \geq 5.5]$$

- Chebyshev:

$$P[X \geq 11] = P[|X - \mu_X| \geq 5.5]$$

$$\leq \text{Var}[X] / (5.5)^2 = 0.033 \approx 1/30$$

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Heights: Chernoff

- If X is $M[5.5, 1]$, $\phi_X(s) = e^{(11s+s^2)/2}$

- The Chernoff bound is

$$P[X \geq 11] \leq \min_{s \geq 0} e^{-11s} e^{(11s+s^2)/2} = \min_{s \geq 0} e^{(s^2-11s)/2}$$

- Choose s to min $h(s) = s^2 - 11s \rightarrow s = 5.5$ and

$$P[X \geq 11] \leq e^{(s^2-11s)/2} \Big|_{s=5.5} = e^{-(5.5)^2/2} = 2.7 \times 10^{-7}$$

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Inequalities

- Markov: For nonnegative X and $c > 0$,

$$P[X \geq c] \leq \frac{E[X]}{c}$$
- Chebyshev:

$$P[|Y - \mu_Y| \geq c] \leq \frac{\text{Var}[Y]}{c^2}$$
- Chernoff:

$$P[X \geq c] \leq \min_{s \geq 0} e^{-sc} \phi_X(s)$$

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Chebyshev for $M_n(X)$

- For any $c > 0$,
 - $$P[|M_n(X) - \mu_X| \geq c] \leq \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{nc^2} = \alpha$$
 - $$P[|M_n(X) - \mu_X| < c] \geq 1 - \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{nc^2} = 1 - \alpha$$

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Chebyshev for $M_n(X)$

- $$P[|M_n(X) - \mu_X| < c] \geq 1 - \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{nc^2} = 1 - \alpha$$
- Prob. the sample mean is within c of the expected value less than $\frac{\text{Var}[X]}{nc^2}$
- c = size of confidence interval
- $\alpha = \text{Var}[X]/nc^2$ is the confidence coefficient
- Small α : high confidence

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Voter Survey

- Out of 1103 voters, the percentage supporting Jones is 58% ± 3 percentage points.
- In this case, the data provides an estimate $M_n(X) = 0.58$. What is the confidence coefficient α of this statement?

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Voter Survey

- Experiment: observe whether a random voter supports Jones.
- $X = 1$ if she supports Jones, and $X = 0$ otherwise
- X is a Bernoulli: $E[X] = p$, $Var[X] = p(1-p)$
- For $c = 0.03$, **Theorem 8.5(b)** says

$$P[|M_n(X) - p| < 0.03] \geq 1 - \frac{p(1-p)}{n(0.03)^2} = 1 - \alpha$$

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Voter Survey

- confidence is $\alpha = \frac{p(1-p)}{n(0.03)^2}$
- For all p , $Var[X] = p(1-p) \leq 0.25$,

$$\alpha \leq \frac{0.25}{n(0.03)^2} = \frac{277.778}{n} \rightarrow n \geq 1103$$

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Averaged Measurements

- X_i is i th independent measurement: $X_i = b + Z_i$
- Z_i is random, $E[Z_i] = 0$, $\sigma_Z = 1$
- Use $M_n(X)$ to get accurate estimate
- What n guarantees with a probability of $1 - \alpha = 0.99$, or higher, that the estimate is within 0.1cm of the exact length of the board?

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Averaged Measurements

- $E[X_i] = b$, $Var[X_i] = Var[Z] = 1$,

$$P[|M_n(X) - b| < 0.1] \geq 1 - \frac{1}{n(0.1)^2} = 1 - \frac{100}{n}$$

- $P[|M_n(X) - b| < 0.1] \geq 0.99$ if $100/n \leq 0.01$.
- we need $n \geq 10,000$ measurements.
- By knowledge of mean value and variance of the prob. model of measurement errors, 10000 times are required to have an accuracy measurement.

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Averaged Measurements

- Find n if Z_i are iid Gaussian
- $M_n(X) = b + 1/n(Z_1 + \dots + Z_n) = b + M_n(Z)$ is Gaussian with

$$E[M_n(Z)] = b, \quad \text{Var}[M_n(Z)] = \text{Var}[Z]/n = 1/n$$
- Thus

$$P[|M_n(X) - b| < 0.1] = 1 - [\Phi(0.1\sqrt{n}) - \Phi(-0.1\sqrt{n})] \\ = 2 - 2\Phi(\sqrt{n}/10).$$
- For $P[|M_n(X) - b| < 0.1] \leq 0.01$, we need

$$2 - 2\Phi(\sqrt{n}/10) \leq 0.01,$$

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Averaged Measurements

- That is, $\Phi(\sqrt{n}/10) \geq 0.995$.
- Table 4.1 indicates $\Phi(x) \geq 0.995 \rightarrow x \geq 2.58$
- Therefore, $\sqrt{n}/10 \geq 2.58$, or $n \geq 666$.
- With knowledge of entire prob. model, we learn that only 666 measurements are necessary to guarantee an accuracy condition.

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Weak Law of Large Numbers

- For any $c > 0$,
 - $-\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[|M_n(X) - \mu_X| \geq c] = 0$
 - $-\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[|M_n(X) - \mu_X| < c] = 1$

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Relative Frequencies

- n independent trials, event A indicator:

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A \text{ occurs on trial } i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
- $E[X_i] = P[A]$, $\text{Var}[X_i] = P[A](1 - P[A])$
- Relative frequency of A is

$$R_n = M_n(X) = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n}$$
- Weak law says $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[|R_n - P[A]| \geq c] = 0$

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Chebyshev for $M_n(X)$

- For any $c > 0$,
 - ◆ $P[|M_n(X) - \mu_X| \geq c] \leq \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{nc^2}$
 - ◆ $P[|M_n(X) - \mu_X| < c] \geq 1 - \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{nc^2}$
- Weak Law** For any $c > 0$,
 - ◆ $-\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[|M_n(X) - \mu_X| \geq c] = 0$
 - ◆ $-\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[|M_n(X) - \mu_X| < c] = 1$

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Convergence

- Deterministic Sequence:** $a_1, a_2, \dots \rightarrow a$ if given any $\delta > 0$, there exists n_0 such that for all $n \geq n_0$,

$$|a_n - a| \leq \delta.$$
- Y_n converges in probability to y if for any $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[|Y_n - y| \geq \varepsilon] = 0.$$
- If $a_n = P[|Y_n - y| \geq \varepsilon]$, then $Y_n \rightarrow y$ in probability iff $a_n \rightarrow 0$ deterministically.

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Sample Function Convergence

- Outcome s maps to sample sequence $y_1(s), y_2(s), y_3(s), \dots$
- Probability a sample function of Y_1, Y_2, \dots converges to y is

$$P[C_y] = P[\{s \in S \mid \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n(s) = y\}]$$
- Note: If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n(s)$ doesn't exist, then $s \notin C_y$

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Convergence with Probability 1

- Y_1, Y_2, \dots converges to y with probability 1, if and only if $P[C_y] = 1$. For this type of process we use the notation

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Y_n = y \text{ w.p. } 1$$
- Theorem: $Y_n \rightarrow y$ w.p. 1 iff for all $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[|Y_n - y| < \varepsilon, |Y_{n+1} - y| < \varepsilon, \dots] = 1$$

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Testing Convergence w.p. 1

- **Definition:** The prob. that eventually Y_n, Y_{n+1}, \dots are all close to y equals 1.
- **Theorem:** Eventually, the prob. that Y_n, Y_{n+1}, \dots are all close to y converges to 1.

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Example: w.p. 1

- U_1, U_2, \dots are iid uniform $[0,1]$
- Show $Y_n = \max\{U_1, \dots, U_n\} \rightarrow 1$ w.p.1

Proof:

- Since $Y_n = \max\{U_n, Y_{n-1}\}$ so $Y_n \geq Y_{n-1}$ and

$$P[Y_n \geq 1 - \varepsilon, Y_{n+1} \geq 1 - \varepsilon, \dots] = P[Y_n \geq 1 - \varepsilon]$$

$$= 1 - (1 - \varepsilon)^n$$
 and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[Y_n \geq 1 - \varepsilon, Y_{n+1} \geq 1 - \varepsilon, \dots] = 1$

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Lottery Example: Conv in Prob

- In a 50/50 lottery, each ticket costs \$1.
- 1 of n tickets picked randomly, winner gets $\$n/2$

- W_n has PMF

$$P_{W_n}(w) = \begin{cases} (n-1)/n & w = 0 \\ 1/n & w = n/2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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Lottery Example: Conv in Prob

- For $0 < \varepsilon < n/2$,
- $P[|W_n - 0| < \varepsilon] = P[W_n = 0] = (n-1)/n$
- Hence $W_n \rightarrow 0$ in probability since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[|W_n - 0| < \varepsilon] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n-1}{n} = 1$$

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Lottery Example: w.p.1 ?

- For $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2$,


$$P[|W_n - 0| < \varepsilon, |W_{n+1} - 0| < \varepsilon, \dots]$$


$$= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} P[W_n = 0, W_{n+1} = 0, \dots, W_j = 0]$$
- Implying

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} P[W_n = 0, W_{n+1} = 0, \dots, W_j = 0]$$

$$= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} P_{W_n}(0) P_{W_{n+1}}(0) \dots P_{W_j}(0)$$

$$= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n-1}{n} \frac{n}{n+1} \dots \frac{j-2}{j-1} \frac{j-1}{j} = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n-1}{j} = 0$$
- Thus W_n does *not* converge to zero w.p.1



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Strong Law of Large Numbers

- If X_1, X_2, \dots is an independent identically distributed random sequence with sample mean $M_n(X)$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_n(X) = E[X] \text{ w.p. 1}$$


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