

TAIL INEQUALITIES

MARKOV'S INEQUALITY

CHEBYSHEV'S INEQUALITY

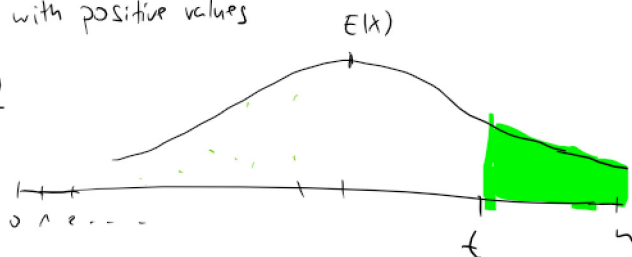
CHERNOFF'S INEQUALITY

MARKOV'S INEQUALITY

X - a random variable with positive values

$$\Pr(X \geq t) \leq \frac{E(X)}{t}$$

$t > E(X)$



EXAMPLE

LV1 - always gives correct answer and expected number

* \downarrow of calculation steps $E(n)$ is polynomial in n (size of the input)

LV2 - always has short calculations (polynomial in n)

but gives correct answer w.p. p only

w.p. $(1-p)$ it says IDK (??)

* Run LV1 for some time $(2E(n)+1)$ and if calculation is too long
 stop and say '??'
 \rightarrow LV2 algorithm,

The probability that our new algorithm produces (??)

X - number of steps needed in calculation for given input

$$\Pr(X \geq 2E(X)) \leq \frac{E(X)}{2E(X)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

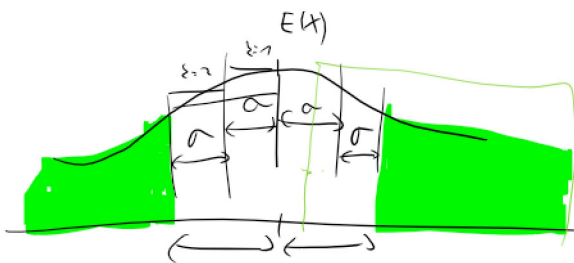
Chebyshev's inequality

X has a finite $E(X) = \mu$

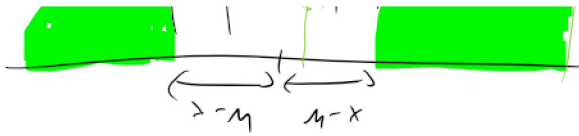
$\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$ σ - standard deviation

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

$$\Pr(|X - \mu| \geq t) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{t^2}$$



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Useful only for $k > 1$ ϕ

Chernoff's inequality

Specific form of random variables

i.i.d.

$X = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$, where X_i are identically and independently distributed

binary r.v.'s with $P(X_i=1) = p$.

$$\mu = E(X) = n \cdot p \quad \text{Euler's number}$$

$$\Pr(X > (1+\delta)\mu) < \left(\frac{e^\delta}{(1+\delta)^{1+\delta}} \right)^\mu$$



$$\Pr(X < (1-\delta)\mu) < \left(\frac{e^{-\delta}}{(1-\delta)^{1-\delta}} \right)^\mu$$



HARD TO USE \uparrow

Simpler (and looser) expressions are:

$$\Pr(X \leq (1-\delta)\mu) \leq e^{-\frac{\delta^2 \mu}{2}} \leq e^{-\frac{\delta^2 n}{3}}$$

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

$$\begin{matrix} 0 \leq \delta \leq 1 \\ 0 \leq \delta \leq 1 \end{matrix}$$



$$\Pr(|X - \mu| \geq \delta \mu) \leq 2 e^{-\frac{\delta^2 \mu}{3}}$$

$$\Pr(X - \mu \geq \delta \mu) \vee \Pr(\mu - X \geq \delta \mu)$$

$$(X \geq \delta \mu + \mu)$$

Exercise

In the experiment we roll a 6-sided die n times.

Let X be the number of outcomes '6' in our experiment

$$\text{Calculate (or estimate)} \quad \Pr(X \geq n/4) = \sum_{i \geq n/4}^n \binom{n}{i} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^i \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{n-i}$$

Markov's inequality

$$E(X) = n/6 \quad X = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \quad X_i = 1 \text{ if } i\text{th roll results in '6'}$$

$$E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i) = n \cdot E(X_i) = n \cdot \left(\frac{1}{6} \cdot 1 + \frac{5}{6} \cdot 0\right) = n/6$$

$$\Pr\left(X \geq \frac{n}{4}\right) \leq \frac{E(X)}{n/4} = \frac{n/6}{n/4} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Chebyshev's inequality

$$\text{Var}(X) = n \cdot p \cdot (1-p) = n \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{5}{6} = \frac{5n}{36}$$

$$\Pr\left(X \geq \frac{n}{4}\right)$$

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

$$\Pr(X - E(X) \geq t) \vee \Pr(E(X) - X \geq t) \leq \frac{5n/36}{\frac{n^2}{144}} = \frac{20}{5}$$

$$\Pr(X - E(X) \geq t)$$

$$\Pr(X \geq E(X) + t)$$

$$E(X) + t = n/4$$

$$t = n/4 - n/6$$

$$t = \frac{n}{12}$$

Chernoff's inequality

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

$$(1+\delta)\mu = \frac{n}{4}$$

$$(1+\delta)\frac{n}{6} = \frac{n}{4}$$

$$\delta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$Pr(X \geq (1+\frac{1}{2})\mu) \leq e^{-\frac{n}{72}}$$

Amplification of success probability for ZMC algorithms

BPP - Probability of a correct result $\geq \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon$

PP - Probability of a correct result $> \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon(n)$

Probability amplification = run the algorithm k times and use majority voting



Chernoff's bound

$X_i \sim$ characterizes its run

$X_i = 1$ if the correct answer was given

$X_i = 0$ if incorrect answer is given

$X = \sum_{i=1}^k X_i$ is the number of correct answers

$$E(X) = k \cdot (\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon) \quad \boxed{p = \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon}$$



$$E(X) = k \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\Pr(X \geq \frac{k}{2})$$

$$\Pr(X \leq \frac{k}{2})$$

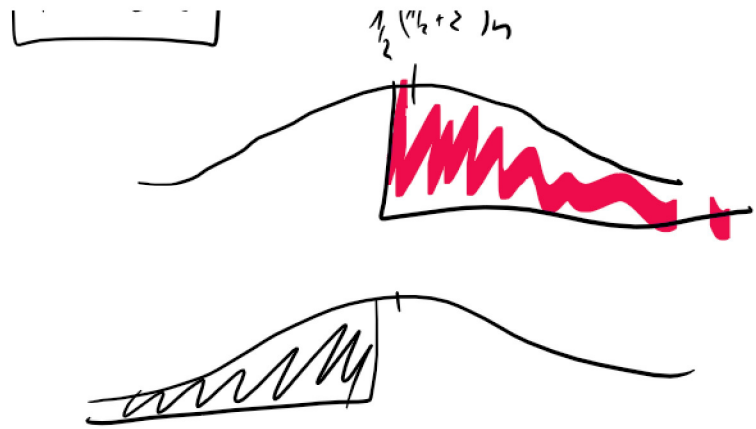
$$\Pr(X \leq (1-\delta)\eta) \leq e^{-\frac{\delta^2 \eta^2}{2}}$$

$$(1-\delta)\eta = \frac{k}{2}$$

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$$\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon} = \frac{\epsilon}{P}$$

$$\Pr(X \leq (1 - \frac{\epsilon}{P}) \cdot \underbrace{\eta}_{\frac{\sigma^2}{\epsilon^2} \cdot k \cdot P}) \leq e^{-\frac{\frac{\delta^2}{\epsilon^2} \cdot \eta^2}{2}} = \dots = e^{-\frac{k \cdot \epsilon^2}{1+2\epsilon}}$$



$$e^{-\frac{k \cdot \epsilon^2}{1+2\epsilon}} \leq d \rightarrow \text{desired small error} \quad / \ln$$

$$-\frac{k \cdot \epsilon^2}{1+2\epsilon} \leq \ln d$$

$$-k \epsilon^2 \leq \ln d \cdot (1+2\epsilon)$$

$$k \geq \frac{-\ln d \cdot (1+2\epsilon)}{\epsilon^2}$$

let n be the size of the input.

→ if ϵ does not depend on n then k does not depend on n either.

$$\rightarrow \text{let } \xi = \frac{1}{\text{polynomial}(n)}$$

then $\xi(n)$ is still a polynomial

$$\rightarrow \text{let } \xi = \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$$k(n) = o\left(\frac{\frac{1}{2^n}}{\frac{1}{2^n \cdot 2^n}}\right) = o(2^n)$$