

POBABILITY, Lesson 6.

• Useful Inequalities

1. *Markov's Inequality*: Let X be a r.v. taking on nonnegative values. Then

$$\mathbb{P}(X \geq c) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}(X)}{c}, \quad \forall c > 0.$$

2. *Chebyshev's Inequality*: Let X be a r.v. with finite second moment. Then

$$\mathbb{P}(|X - \mathbb{E}(X)| \geq \varepsilon) \leq \frac{\mathbb{D}^2(X)}{\varepsilon^2}, \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0.$$

3. *Chernoff's Inequality*: X_1, \dots, X_n i.i.d., $|X_i| \leq K$, $X := \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. Then

$$\mathbb{P}(|X - \mathbb{E}(X)| \geq a) \leq e^{-\frac{a^2}{2(\mathbb{D}^2(X) + Ka/3)}}, \quad \forall a > 0.$$

• Laws of Large Numbers, Central Limit Theorem

1. *Weak Law*: If X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. with finite $\mathbb{E}(X_i) = \mu$, then $\bar{X}_n \rightarrow \mu$ in probability:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| > \varepsilon) = 0, \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \quad \text{where } \bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i.$$

2. *Strong Law*: If X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. with finite $\mathbb{E}(X_i) = \mu$, then $\bar{X}_n \rightarrow \mu$ almost surely:

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{X}_n = \mu\right) = 1.$$

3. **CLT**: If X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. with finite $\mathbb{E}(X_i) = \mu$ and $\mathbb{D}^2(X_i) = \sigma^2$, then

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad \text{in distribution (convergence of c.d.f.'s), } n \rightarrow \infty.$$