

$$\begin{aligned}
P\left(\frac{S_n}{n} \geq p + \varepsilon\right) &\leq e^{-\lambda \varepsilon n} \left[p(\lambda q + e^{\lambda^2 q^2}) + q(-\lambda p + e^{\lambda^2 p^2}) \right]^n \\
&= e^{-\lambda \varepsilon n} \left[p e^{\lambda^2 q^2} + q e^{\lambda^2 p^2} \right]^n \\
&\leq e^{-\lambda \varepsilon n} \left[p e^{\lambda^2} + q e^{\lambda^2} \right]^n \\
&= e^{(\lambda^2 - \lambda \varepsilon) n} \\
&= e^{[(\lambda - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon)^2 - \frac{1}{4}\varepsilon^2] n}
\end{aligned}$$

This holds $\forall \lambda > 0$. in particular,

if $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon$, we get

$$P\left(\frac{S_n}{n} \geq p + \varepsilon\right) \leq e^{-\frac{1}{4}\varepsilon^2 n}.$$

□

Remark: $\forall \varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
P\left(\frac{S_n}{n} \leq p - \varepsilon\right) &= P\left(1 - \frac{S_n}{n} \geq 1 - p + \varepsilon\right) \\
&= P\left(\frac{(1-X_1) + \dots + (1-X_n)}{n} \geq q + \varepsilon\right) \\
&\leq e^{-\frac{1}{4}\varepsilon^2 n}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, $P\left(\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - p\right| \geq \varepsilon\right) \leq 2e^{-\frac{1}{4}\varepsilon^2 n}$

In particular, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P\left(\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - p\right| \geq \varepsilon\right) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2e^{-\frac{1}{4}\varepsilon^2 n} < \infty$

Hence, by the first Borel-Cantelli lemma, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(G_n(\varepsilon)^c) < \infty$

where $G_n(\varepsilon) = \left\{ \omega \in \Omega : \left| \frac{S_n(\omega)}{n} - p \right| < \varepsilon \right\}.$

$\underbrace{P(\omega \in \Omega : \omega \in G_n(\varepsilon)^c \text{ for infinitely many } n)}_{B(\varepsilon)} = 0$

Let $G(\varepsilon) = \left\{ \omega \in \Omega : \left| \frac{S_n(\omega)}{n} - p \right| \geq \varepsilon \text{ for just finitely many } n \right\}.$
 $= B(\varepsilon)^c$

Then $P(G(\varepsilon)) = 1.$

For each $\omega \in G(\varepsilon)$, there exists $N = N(\omega)$

such that for each $n \geq N$,

$$\left| \frac{S_n(\omega)}{n} - p \right| < \varepsilon.$$

Let $G = \bigcap_{\varepsilon > 0} G(\varepsilon)$. for all $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 > 0$,

if $\varepsilon_1 > \varepsilon_2$ then $G(\varepsilon_1) \supseteq G(\varepsilon_2).$

So $G = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} G(\frac{1}{n}) \in \mathcal{F}$

so $P(G) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(G(\frac{1}{n})) = 1$ ↖ countable
sub-additivity.

For each $\omega \in G$, for each $\varepsilon > 0$, we have

$\omega \in G(\varepsilon)$, so there exists N s.t.

for each $n \geq N$, $\left| \frac{S_n(\omega)}{n} - p \right| < \varepsilon$.

$$\text{So } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{S_n(\omega)}{n} = p \quad \forall \omega \in G.$$

Thus $\frac{S_n}{n} \rightarrow p$ almost surely.

General Principle:

Let (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) be a measure space.

Let $f, f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be measurable functions.

Suppose $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(|f - f_n| \geq \varepsilon) < \infty$

Then $f_n \rightarrow f$ μ -a.e.

Lemma (for Bernstein's inequality):

For each $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $e^x \leq x + e^{x^2}$.

Pf Define f, g on \mathbb{R} by $f(x) = e^{x^2} - e^x$ and $g(x) = -x$.

$$f(x) = \left(1 + x^2 + \dots\right) - \left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots\right)$$

$$= -x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \dots$$

so $f(0) = 0$ and $f'(0) = -1$.

Thus g is the tangent line to f at $x=0$.

Hence it suffices to show that f is convex

$$f'(x) = 2xe^{x^2} - e^x, \text{ and } f''(x) = (4x^2 + 2)e^{x^2} - e^x$$

$$= (4x^2 + 2 - e^{x-x^2})e^{x^2}$$

Now $4x^2 + 2 \geq 2$ while $e^{x-x^2} = e^{\frac{1}{4} - (\frac{1}{2} - x)^2} \leq e^{\frac{1}{4}} = 1.2840254... < 2$

$$(e^{\frac{1}{4}} \leq 4^{\frac{1}{4}} = 2^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1.41...))$$

hence $f''(x) > 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, so

f is convex as desired

□

Notation: $a_n \sim b_n$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ means $\frac{a_n}{b_n} \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Stirling's Formula: $n! \sim \underbrace{\sqrt{2\pi} n^{n+\frac{1}{2}} e^{-n}}_{\sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

In fact, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\sqrt{2\pi} n^{n+\frac{1}{2}} e^{-n} < n! < \sqrt{2\pi} n^{n+\frac{1}{2}} e^{-n} e^{\frac{1}{12n}}$

Moreover, the following sharper lower bound holds:

$$\sqrt{2\pi} n^{n+\frac{1}{2}} e^{-n} e^{\frac{1}{12n+1}} < n!$$

~~pf~~ for now, we'll prove these statements with $\sqrt{2\pi}$ replaced by e^C , where C is a suitable constant.

Later we'll give a probabilistic proof that $e^C = \sqrt{2\pi}$.

Since $x \mapsto \log x$ is increasing for $0 < x < \infty$, we have

$$\int_{k-1}^k \log x \, dx < \log k < \int_k^{k+1} \log x \, dx$$

for $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Summing over k from 1 to n , we get

$$\int_0^n \log x \, dx < \log(n!) < \int_1^{n+1} \log x \, dx$$

Evaluating the integrals, we see that

$$L_n < \log(n!) < U_n$$

$$\text{where } L_n = \int_0^n \log x \, dx = n \log n - n$$

$$U_n = \int_1^{n+1} \log x \, dx = (n+1) \log(n+1) - n$$

This already shows that

$$n^n e^{-n} < n! < (n+1)^{(n+1)} e^{-n}$$

But we want to do better...