

Answer on Question #42453 - Math - Statistics and Probability

Consider a random variable X such that $P(x=1)=1/4$ and $P(x=0)=3/4$. $E(x)=1/4$ and standard deviation is $\sqrt{3}/4$. If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample of the population X , then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X_1+X_2+\dots+X_n/n > C) = 0$ for every $C > 1/4$.

Proof

$$\text{Let } \bar{X}_n = \frac{X_1+X_2+\dots+X_n}{n}.$$

$$\text{Compute } E(\bar{X}_n) = \frac{E(X_1)+E(X_2)+\dots+E(X_n)}{n} = \frac{nE(X_1)}{n} = E(X_1) = \frac{1}{4},$$

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}_n) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{X_1+X_2+\dots+X_n}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \text{Var}(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) = \frac{n\sigma^2}{n^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} = \frac{3}{16n},$$

Using Chebyshev's inequality on \bar{X}_n results in $P\{|\bar{X}_n - E(\bar{X}_n)| \geq \varepsilon\} \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{n\varepsilon^2}$.

$$P\{|\bar{X}_n - E(\bar{X}_n)| \geq \varepsilon\} = P\{(\bar{X}_n \geq \varepsilon + E(\bar{X}_n)) \cup (\bar{X}_n \leq E(\bar{X}_n) - \varepsilon)\} \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{n\varepsilon^2}.$$

$$0 \leq |\text{non-negativity of probability}| \leq P\{\bar{X}_n \geq \varepsilon + E(\bar{X}_n)\} \leq |\text{monotonicity of probability}| \leq$$

$$\leq P\{(\bar{X}_n \geq \varepsilon + E(\bar{X}_n)) \cup (\bar{X}_n \leq E(\bar{X}_n) - \varepsilon)\} \leq |\text{Chebyshev's inequality on } \bar{X}_n| \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{n\varepsilon^2}$$

We obtain $P\{\bar{X}_n > C\} \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{n\varepsilon^2}$, for every $C > E(\bar{X}_n) = \frac{1}{4}$.

Pass to the limit and consider $0 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\frac{X_1+X_2+\dots+X_n}{n} > C\right) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sigma^2}{n\varepsilon^2} = 0$, ε, C, σ^2 are fixed.

By squeeze theorem we conclude

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\frac{X_1+X_2+\dots+X_n}{n} > C\right) = 0 \text{ for every } C > \frac{1}{4}.$$

Q.E.D