

Weak Law of Large numbers:

Statement $\Rightarrow$ Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ be a sequence of random variables and $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n$ be their respective expectations and let,

$$B_n = \text{Var}(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) < \infty$$

$$\text{Then, } P \left\{ \left| \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n} - \frac{\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \dots + \mu_n}{n} \right| < \epsilon \right\} > 1 - \frac{B_n}{n\epsilon^2}$$

for all $n > n_0$ where ϵ and n_0 are arbitrary small positive numbers provided $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{B_n}{n^2} \rightarrow 0$ or $n \rightarrow \infty$

Note: If $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ be a sequence of independent and identically distributed (i.i.d) random variables then $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_n = \mu$ (say) and,

$$\begin{aligned} B_n &= \text{Var}(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) = n\sigma_1^2 \end{aligned} \quad \text{If } \text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma_1^2$$

then the statement can be rewritten as follows:

~~P.S.~~ Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ be a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables each having finite mean $E[X_i] = \mu$, then for any $\epsilon > 0$,

$$P \left\{ \left| \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n} - \mu \right| \geq \epsilon \right\} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Proof of first statement $\Rightarrow$

Using Chebyshev's inequality to the random variable $\left(\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n} \right)$ we get for

any $\epsilon > 0$,

$$P \left\{ \left| \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n} - E \left(\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n} \right) \right| < \epsilon \right\} > 1 - \frac{B_n}{n\epsilon^2}$$

Since $B_n = \text{Var}(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n)$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{B_n}{n^2} &= \frac{1}{n^2} \text{Var}(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) \\ &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n}\right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore P\left\{\left|\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n} - \frac{E(X_1) + E(X_2) + \dots + E(X_n)}{n}\right| < \epsilon\right\} \geq 1 - \frac{B_n}{n^2 \epsilon^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left\{\left|\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n} - \frac{\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \dots + \mu_n}{n}\right| < \epsilon\right\} \geq 1 - \frac{B_n}{n^2 \epsilon^2}$$

As $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\frac{B_n}{n^2 \epsilon^2} \rightarrow 0$. From the definition of limit we can say that, for any chosen $\eta > 0$ (arbitrarily small) there exist a positive $n_0 > 0$ such that, for all $n > n_0$,

$$\frac{B_n}{n^2 \epsilon^2} < \eta$$

$$\text{Hence } -\frac{B_n}{n^2 \epsilon^2} > -\eta$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left\{\left|\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n} - \frac{\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \dots + \mu_n}{n}\right| < \epsilon\right\} \geq 1 - \eta$$

for all $n > n_0$, where ϵ and η are arbitrary small positive numbers provided, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{B_n}{n^2} \rightarrow 0$

So, for nothing is assumed about the behaviour of B_n for ~~identifying~~ indefinitely increasing value of n . Since ϵ is arbitrary,

we assume $\frac{B_n}{n^2} \rightarrow 0$ as n become

indefinitely large. Thus having chosen two arbitrary small positive numbers ϵ and η , numbers n_0 can be found so that the

inequality $\frac{B_n}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}} \leq n$ will hold for $n > n_0$.
Consequently, we shall have,

$$P\left\{\left|\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n} - \frac{\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \dots + \mu_n}{n}\right| < \epsilon\right\} \geq 1 - \eta.$$

for, all $n > n_0(\epsilon, \eta)$.

Note: Proof of the second statement is directly follows from the first one by replacing,

$$E\left(\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n}\right) = \frac{\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \dots + \mu_n}{n} \\ = \mu$$

$$\text{and } B_n = \text{Var}(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n)$$

$$= n\sigma^2$$

[Since X_i 's are independent
 $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = 0 \forall i \neq j$]

Since X_i 's are identical,
 $\text{Var}(X_i) = \text{Var}(X_j) \forall i \neq j$

Central Limit Theorem (CLT) :

Statement $\Rightarrow$ If $X_i (i=1, 2, \dots, n)$ be independent random variables such that $E(X_i) = \mu_i$ and $\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma_i^2$, then under certain general conditions, the random variable, $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$ is asymptotically normal with mean μ and s.d σ where,

$$\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i, \quad \sigma = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2}$$

Q De Moivre's Laplace Theorem: (This is also a CLT)

$$\text{If } X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{with probability } p \\ 0 & \text{with probability } q \end{cases}$$

then the distribution of the random variable $S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$, where X_i 's are independent, is asymptotically normal as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof: We prove this theorem using moment generating function.

Let $M_{X_i}(t)$ be the moment generating function of X_i .

Then,

$$M_{X_i}(t) = E(e^{tx_i})$$

$$= e^{t \cdot 1} \cdot p + e^{t \cdot 0} \cdot q$$

$$= p \cdot e^t + q$$

$$= q + p \cdot e^t \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

[this is true for all $i=1, 2, \dots, n$]

Thus

$$M_{S_n}(t) = M_{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}(t)$$

$$= M_{X_1}(t) \cdot M_{X_2}(t) \cdot \dots \cdot M_{X_n}(t)$$

$$= (q + p e^t)^n \quad [\text{Since } M_{X_1 + X_2}(t) = M_{X_1}(t) \cdot M_{X_2}(t)]$$

$$\rightarrow \textcircled{2} = M_{X_1}(t) \cdot M_{X_2}(t)$$

(eqn 2)

This is the moment generating function of Binomial random variable with parameters n, p . From the uniqueness of M.G.F of a distribution, we can write,

$$S_n \sim B(n, p)$$

$$\text{Thus } E(S_n) = \mu = np$$

$$\text{and } \text{Var}(S_n) = \sigma^2 = npq$$

Let $Z = \frac{S_n - \mu}{\sigma}$ is a standardized random variable.

If we can show that Z is a standard normal variable $N(0,1)$, then S_n will be a normal random variable with parameters μ, σ .

Let us find the m.g.f of Z , i.e. $M_Z(t)$.

$$M_Z(t) = E(e^{Zt})$$

$$= E\left(e^{\frac{S_n - \mu}{\sigma} t}\right)$$

$$= E\left(e^{\frac{S_n t}{\sigma}} \cdot e^{-\frac{\mu t}{\sigma}}\right)$$

$$= e^{-\frac{\mu t}{\sigma}} \cdot E\left(e^{\frac{S_n t}{\sigma}}\right)$$

$$= e^{-\frac{\mu t}{\sigma}} \cdot M_{S_n}\left(\frac{t}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$= e^{-\frac{\mu t}{\sigma}} \cdot (q + pe^{t/\sigma})^n \quad \left[M_{S_n}(t) = \frac{e^{pt}}{q + pe^t} \right]$$

$$= e^{-\frac{n\mu t}{\sigma}} \left(q + p e^{\frac{t}{\sigma}} \right)^n$$

$$= \left[q \cdot e^{-\frac{pt}{\sigma}} + p \cdot e^{\frac{t - pt}{\sigma}} \right]^n$$

$$= \left[q \cdot e^{-\frac{pt}{\sigma}} + p \cdot e^{\frac{qt}{\sigma}} \right]^n$$

$$= \left[q \left\{ 1 - \frac{pt}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{pt}{\sigma} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{3!} \left(\frac{pt}{\sigma} \right)^3 + \dots \right\} + p \left\{ 1 + \frac{qt}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{qt}{\sigma} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \left(\frac{qt}{\sigma} \right)^3 + \dots \right\} \right]^n$$

$$= \left[(p+q) + \frac{pqt}{\sigma} + \frac{pqt}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{t}{\sigma} \right)^2 (q^2 p^2 + pq^2) + \frac{1}{3!} \left(\frac{t}{\sigma} \right)^3 (pq^3 + qp^3) + \dots \right]^n$$

$$= \left[1 + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{t^2}{n\sigma^2} \cdot \sigma^2 (p+q) + \frac{1}{3!} \left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \right)^3 (\sigma^3 q - \sigma^3 p) + \frac{1}{4!} \left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \right)^4 (\sigma^4 pq + \sigma^4 qp) + \dots \right]^n$$

$$= \left[1 + \frac{t^2}{2n} + O(n^{-3/2}) \right]^n$$

where $O(n^{-3/2})$ represents terms involving $n^{3/2}$ and higher powers of n in the denominator.

Proceeding to the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_2(t) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[1 + \frac{t^2}{2n} + O(n^{-3/2}) \right]^n \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[1 + \frac{t^2}{2n} \right]^n \\ &= e^{t^2/2} \end{aligned}$$

which is the M.G.F. of a standard normal variate. Hence by uniqueness theorem of M.G.F.,

$$Z = \frac{S_n - \mu}{\sigma} \text{ is asymptotically } N(0, 1).$$

Hence $S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$ is asymptotically $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

▣ Lindeberg-Levy Theorem: (This is also a CLT)

Statement:

If $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ are independently and identically distributed random variables with $E(X_i) = \mu_1$ and $V(X_i) = \sigma_1^2$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

then the sum $S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$ is asymptotically normal with mean $\mu = n\mu_1$ and variance $\sigma^2 = n\sigma_1^2$.

[Here we make the following assumption

i) The variables are independent and identically distributed.

ii) $E(X_i^2)$ exists for all $i = 1, 2, \dots$]

Proof: Let $M_i(t)$ denote the M.G.F of each of the deviation $(X_i - \mu_1)$ and $M(t)$ denote the M.G.F of the standard variate

$$Z = \frac{S_n - \mu}{\sigma}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1' \text{ of the deviation } (X_i - \mu_1) &= E(X_i - \mu_1) \\ &= E(X_i) - E(\mu_1) \\ &= \mu_1 - \mu_1 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_2' \text{ of the deviation } (X_i - \mu_1) &= E(X_i - \mu_1)^2 \\ &= E(X_i^2 - 2\mu_1 X_i + \mu_1^2) \\ &= E(X_i^2) - 2\mu_1 E(X_i) + \mu_1^2 \\ &= E(X_i^2) - 2\mu_1^2 + \mu_1^2 \\ &= E(X_i^2) - \mu_1^2 \\ &= \sigma_1^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now we know that,

$$M_1(t) = 1 + \mu_1' t + \mu_2' \frac{t^2}{2!} + \mu_3' \frac{t^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$= 1 + O_1 \frac{t^2}{2!} + O(t^3)$$

where $O(t^3)$ denotes the terms with t^3 and higher powers of t .

We have,

$$Z = \frac{S_n - n\mu_1}{\sigma}$$

$$= \frac{(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) - n\mu_1}{\sigma}$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_1)}{\sigma}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{X_i - \mu_1}{\sigma} \right) \quad [\text{since } X_i \text{'s are independent}]$$

Now

$$M_2(t) = M_{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{X_i - \mu_1}{\sigma} \right)}(t)$$

$$= M_{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_1)} \left(\frac{t}{\sigma} \right)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n M_{(X_i - \mu_1)} \left(\frac{t}{\sigma} \right)$$

$$= \left\{ M_1 \left(\frac{t}{\sigma} \right) \right\}^n$$

$$= \left[M_1 \left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}\sigma_1} \right) \right]^n$$

$$= \left[1 + O_1 \frac{t^2}{n\sigma_1^2 2!} + O(n^{-3/2}) \right]^n$$

For every fixed t , the term $O(n^{-3/2}) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Therefore as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get,

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_2(t) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[1 + \frac{t^2}{2n} + O(n^{-3/2}) \right]^n \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[1 + \frac{t^2}{2n} \right]^n \\ &= e^{t^2/2}\end{aligned}$$

which is M.G.F of standard normal variate $N(0,1)$. Hence by uniqueness of M.G.F's,

$Z = \frac{S_n - \mu}{\sigma}$ is asymptotically $N(0,1)$ and

S_n is asymptotically $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, where $\mu = n\mu_1$ and $\sigma^2 = n\sigma_1^2$.

Note: The C.L.T can be stated in another form as follows $\rightarrow$

i) If $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ are i.i.d, with mean μ_1 and variance σ_1^2 and,

$S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$, then for $-\infty < a < b < \infty$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left[a \leq \frac{S_n - n\mu_1}{\sigma_1 \sqrt{n}} \leq b\right] = \int_a^b \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{or, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left[a < \frac{S_n - E(S_n)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(S_n)}} \leq b\right] &= \Phi(b) - \Phi(a) \\ &= \int_a^b \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx.\end{aligned}$$