

FoDA L6

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Central Limit Theorem  
and  
Estimation

Data set :  $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$

observations iid from distribution  $f$

iid: Identically and Independently Distributed

each  $p_i$  comes from  
same distribution

one observation  
does not  
influence another

Random Variable  $X$  w/ pdf  $f_X$



$$X \sim f_X$$

drawn from

interested in  $\mu$  mean  $f_X = E[X]$

observations  $P = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n\}$  from  $f_X$

sample  $\bar{P} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{P_i \in P} P_i$  R.V.

$\bar{P}$

$\sum_{i=1}^n P_i$

$\{P_i\} \leftarrow \{X_i\}$   
realization

$\sim f_X$   
iid

# Central Limit Theorem

$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  drawn iid from  $f$   
 $\{X_i\}: \text{iid } f$

mean  $f = \mu$

Variance  $f = \sigma^2$   
bounded

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

• as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   $f_{\bar{X}}$  converges to a normal

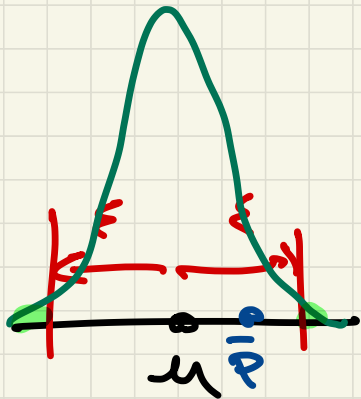
•  $E[\bar{X}] = E[X_i] = \mu$

•  $\text{Var}[\bar{X}] = \frac{\text{Var}[X_i]}{n} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \rightarrow \text{sd-dev}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$

# How to measure accuracy?

- ~~$\bar{P}$  is at most  $\epsilon$  far from  $\mu$ .~~
- ~~With high  $(1-\delta)$  probability~~

~~$\bar{P} = \mu$       $\Pr[\bar{P} = \mu] = 0$~~



Probably Approximately  
Correct (PAC)

$$\Pr\left[|\bar{x} - \mathbb{E}[\bar{x}]\right] \geq \epsilon \leq \delta$$