

Central Limit Theorem: Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be i.i.d random variables with mean $E[X_i] = \mu$, and variance $\text{Var}[X_i] = \sigma^2$, then

$$Z_n = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow N(0,1)$$

Proof. Suppose Y is a random variable with $E[Y] = 0$ and $\text{Var}[Y] = 1$. Then

$$\Phi_Y(t) = E[e^{tY}] = 1 + \frac{t^2}{2} + o(t^2)$$

Let $Y_i = \frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma}$, then $E[Y_i] = 0$ and $\text{Var}[Y_i] = 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{Z_n}(t) &= E \left[e^{t \left[\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \right]} \right] \\ &= E \left[e^{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} [Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_n]} \right] \\ &= E \left[e^{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} Y_1} \right] \dots E \left[e^{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} Y_n} \right] \\ &= \left[\Phi_Y \left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right]^n \\ &= \left[1 + \frac{t^2}{2n} + o \left(\frac{t^2}{n} \right) \right]^n \rightarrow e^{\frac{t^2}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $Z_n \sim N(0,1)$.

Stirling's Formula: $n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e} \right)^n$

First Proof. Suppose that the random variable X is Poisson with mean $E[X] = n$, and variance $\text{Var}[X] = n$, then we have

$$\Pr\{X = n\} = \frac{n^n e^{-n}}{n!}$$

Consider the random variable X as the sum of n independent and identical Poisson random variables X_i defined as follows:

$$X = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$$

where each X_i is a Poisson random variable with mean 1 and variance 1. From the central limit theorem, we have

$$\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n - n}{\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0,1)$$

Therefore,

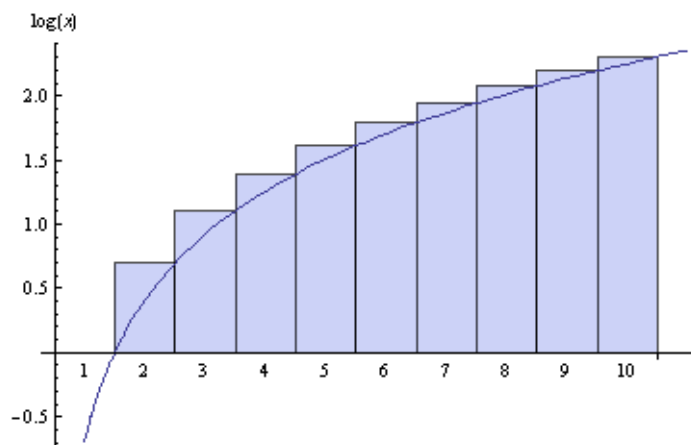
$$\begin{aligned} \Pr\{X = n\} &= \Pr \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n - n}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}}^{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = \frac{e^{-\frac{\theta^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi n}}, \quad \left(\theta \in \left[-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} \right] \right) \end{aligned}$$

Since $\theta \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, hence

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n^n e^{-n}}{n!} &\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi n}} \\ \rightarrow n! &\sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e} \right)^n \end{aligned}$$

Second Proof. Take logarithm of $n!$, we have

$$\text{Log } n! = \text{Log } 1 + \text{Log } 2 + \cdots + \text{Log } n$$



Let I_n denote the area under the curve $\text{Log } x$, we have

$$I_n = \int_1^n \text{Log } x \, dx = n \text{Log } n - n + 1$$

Upper limit (trapezoids):

$$I_n > \frac{1}{2} \text{Log } 1 + \text{Log } 2 + \text{Log } 3 + \cdots + \frac{1}{2} \text{Log } n$$

$$\text{Log } n! < \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \text{Log } n - n + 1$$

Lower limit (middle point):

$$I_n < \frac{1}{8} + \text{Log } 2 + \text{Log } 3 + \cdots + \frac{1}{2} \text{Log } n$$

$$\text{Log } n! > \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \text{Log } n - n + \frac{7}{8}$$

Let $a_n = \text{Log } n! - \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \text{Log } n + n$. We have

$$\frac{7}{8} < a_n < 1$$

To show that $\{a_n\}$ converges, we need to prove that it's monotonic. Use Taylor series expansion, we have

$$\text{Log} \frac{1+t}{1-t} = \text{Log}(1+t) - \text{Log}(1-t) = 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k+1} t^{2k+1}$$

Substitute t by $\frac{1}{2n+1}$, we have

$$\text{Log} \frac{n+1}{n} = 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k+1} \left(\frac{1}{2n+1}\right)^{2k+1}$$

Hence,

$$a_n - a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} (2n+1) \text{Log} \frac{n+1}{n} - 1 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k+1} \left(\frac{1}{2n+1}\right)^{2k} > 0$$

Therefore, the sequence $\{a_n\}$ is monotonically decreasing and convergent. Assume that $n! = C \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \sqrt{n}$. We need the following Wallis formula to determine the constant C .

$$\begin{aligned}
S_n &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^n x \, dx \\
&= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{n-2} x (1 - \sin^2 x) \, dx \\
&= S_{n-2} + \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{n-2} x (-\sin x) \sin x \, dx \\
&= S_{n-2} + \frac{\cos^{n-1} x \sin x}{n-1} \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} - \frac{1}{n-1} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^n x \, dx \\
&= S_{n-2} - \frac{1}{n-1} S_n \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{S_n}{S_{n-2}} = \frac{n-1}{n}
\end{aligned}$$

Since $S_0 = \frac{\pi}{2}$, and $S_1 = 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{2n} &= \frac{2n-1}{2n} \cdot \frac{2n-3}{2n-2} \cdots \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \\
S_{2n-1} &= \frac{2n-2}{2n-1} \cdot \frac{2n-4}{2n-3} \cdots \frac{2}{3} \cdot 1 \\
\Rightarrow \frac{S_{2n}}{S_{2n-1}} &= \pi n \left[\frac{(2n-1)(2n-3) \cdots 3 \cdot 1}{2n(2n-2) \cdots 4 \cdot 2} \right]^2
\end{aligned}$$

Because $\{S_n\}$ is monotonically decreasing, and $\frac{S_n}{S_{n-2}} = \frac{n-1}{n} \sim 1$. We have $\frac{S_{2n}}{S_{2n-1}} \sim 1$. Therefore

$$\sqrt{\pi n} \frac{(2n-1)(2n-3) \cdots 3 \cdot 1}{2n(2n-2) \cdots 4 \cdot 2} \sim 1$$

Multiply the denominator to both nominator and denominator, we have

$$\sqrt{\pi n} \frac{(2n)!}{(2^n n!)^2} \sim 1$$

Substitute $n!$ by $\left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \sqrt{n} \cdot C$, we have

$$\sqrt{\pi n} \frac{\left(\frac{2n}{e}\right)^{2n} \sqrt{2n} \cdot C}{\left(2^n \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \sqrt{n} \cdot C\right)^2} \sim 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad C \sim \sqrt{2\pi}$$

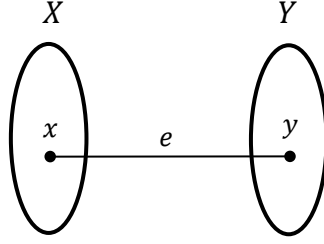
Hence, the Stirling's formula $n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n$ is established.

Hall's Theorem: A bipartite graph $G(X, Y, E)$ contains a matching of X if and only if $|N(S)| \geq |S|, \forall S \subseteq X$.

Proof. We prove the theorem by induction on $|X|$. For $|X| = 1$, the assertion is true. Now, let

$|X(G)| = n$ ($n \geq 2$), and assume Hall's theorem holds for all $|X| < n$.

Case 1: $|N_G(S)| \geq |S| + 1, \forall S \subset X$



Take an edge $e = xy, x \in X, y \in Y$. Let

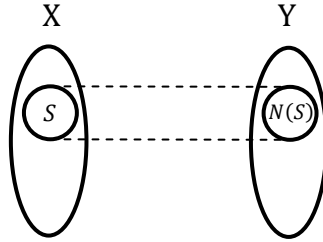
$$G' = G - \{x, y\}$$

Then the condition satisfies:

$$|N_{G'}(S)| \geq |S|, \forall S \subseteq X - \{x\}$$

Because $|X(G')| = |X - \{x\}| = n - 1 < n$, by the induction hypothesis, G' contains a matching of $X - \{x\}$. Together with the edge e , this yields a matching of X .

Case 2: $|N_G(S)| = |S|, \exists S \subset X$



Let

$$G' = S \cup N_G(S)$$

By the induction hypothesis, G' contains a matching M_1 of S . We show that $G - G'$ satisfies the marriage condition by contradiction. Suppose that

$$|N_{G-G'}(S')| < |S'|, \exists S' \subseteq X - S$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} |N_G(S' \cup S)| &= |N_G(S')| + |N_G(S)| - |N_G(S') \cap N_G(S)| = |N_{G-G'}(S')| + |S| < |S'| + |S| \\ &= |S' \cup S| \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts our assumption. Again, by induction, $G - G'$ contains a matching M_2 of $X - S$. The union of the two matchings $M_1 \cup M_2$ is a matching of X .

Corollary: m -regular bipartite graph can be edge colored by m colors.

Proof. Consider a bipartite graph $G(X, Y, E)$ with $\delta(v) = m, \forall v \in G$. Define

$$E(S) := \{e | e \text{ is incident to a vertex } v \in S\},$$

we have

$$E(S) \subseteq E(N(S)), \quad \forall S \subseteq X.$$

Therefore

$$|E(S)| \leq |E(N(S))|$$

Because $|E(S)| = m|S|$, and $|E(N(S))| = m|N(S)|$, we have

$$m|S| \leq m|N(S)|$$

$$\Rightarrow |N(S)| \geq |S|$$

which satisfies Hall's condition, and thus a matching M exists in G . Since the bipartite graph

$$G' = G - M$$

is also regular with $\delta(v) = m - 1, \forall v \in G'$. Therefore we can use the above strategy repeatedly until $\delta(v) = 0$. As a result, we get a total of m matching in G , each corresponds to a color, hence G can be edge colored by m colors.

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