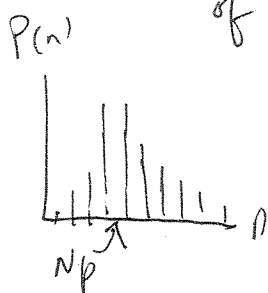


Some Probability theory Results

Prob. Distrⁿ : Discrete and continuous

Binomial Distrⁿ : N independent trials, each having two outcomes: "success" (1), or "failure" (0). The probability of getting n successes



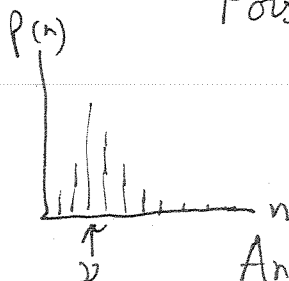
$$P(n) = {}^N C_n p^n q^{N-n}$$

$\uparrow$ # of ways n successes could be chosen from N trial
 $\nwarrow$ prob of n successes in a specific order
 $\swarrow$ prob of $N-n$ failures

$q = 1 - p$

One can show that $\langle n \rangle = Np$, $\text{Var}(n) = \langle n^2 \rangle - \langle n \rangle^2 = Np$

If there are many trials ($N \rightarrow \infty$) and success in each trial is very unlikely ($p \rightarrow 0$), in such a way that $Np = \nu$ stays fixed, then we get Poisson distribution out of Binomial distrⁿ.



$$P(n) = e^{-\nu} \frac{\nu^n}{n!}$$

Another interesting limit of binomial distrⁿ is as N is defining the variable

$$Z = \frac{(n - Np)}{\sqrt{Npq}}$$

As $N \rightarrow \infty$, Prob distrⁿ of Z gets well approximated by a normal distrⁿ



$$P(z_1 \leq Z \leq z_2) = \int_{z_1}^{z_2} dx \frac{e^{-x^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

For prob. distrns taking real values we could calculate something called the characteristic function

$$F(k) = \langle e^{ikx} \rangle = \int dx p(x) e^{ikx}$$

Fourier transform
of the probdistrn.

[or $\sum_n p(n) e^{ikn}$ for
the discrete example]

Knowing $F(k)$ is eqvt. to knowing $p(x)$.
Since

$$p(x) = \int \frac{dk}{2\pi} F(k) e^{-ikx}$$

This is related to generating function for integer valued distrns $\sum p(n) z^n$ with z replaced by e^{ik} .

One use of characteristic function is calculation of moments

$$F(k) = \langle e^{ikx} \rangle = \left\langle \sum_n \frac{(ik)^n}{n!} x^n \right\rangle = \sum_n \frac{(ik)^n}{n!} \langle x^n \rangle$$

So the Taylor expr of $F(k)$, provided it exists, gives the moments of the distribution.

One last comment about characteristic functions: If we have two random variables X_1 & X_2 with char. function $F_1(k)$ and $F_2(k)$, then the char. function for the

Sum $X = X_1 + X_2$ is $\frac{F(k)}{\boxed{}} = F_1(k) F_2(k)$

The proof is just an application of convolution theorem from $\boxed{}$ Fourier transform.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prob}(X=x) &= \int dx_1 dx_2 p_1(x_1) p_2(x_2) \delta(x-x_1-x_2) \\ &= \int dx_1 p_1(x_1) \boxed{} p_2(x-x_1) = (p_1 * p_2)(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle e^{ikx} \rangle &= \int dx e^{ikx} \int dx_1 p_1(x_1) p_2(x-x_1) \\ &= \int dx_1 \int dx e^{ik(x-x_1)} p_2(x-x_1) \boxed{\phantom{e^{ikx_1} p_1(x)}} e^{ikx_1} p_1(x) \\ &= \int dx_1 F_2(k) e^{ikx_1} p_1(x) \\ &= F_1(k) F_2(k) \end{aligned}$$

If $X = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_N$,

$$F(k) = F_1(k) F_2(k) \dots F_N(k)$$

This relation would be very important in studying the distribution of ~~the~~ the sum of a large number of random variables.

By the way, how much is $F(0)$?

$$F(0) = \langle 1 \rangle = 1$$

Now let us get some practice calculating $F(k)$ for various distributions.

BTW, $\log F(k) = ik \times \text{mean} + \frac{(ik)^2}{2} \times \text{variance} + O(k^3)$

Binomial: $F(k) = \sum_n \binom{N}{n} p^n q^{N-n} e^{ikn} = (pe^{ik} + q)^N$

$$\begin{aligned} F(k) &= \left[p \left(1 + ik - \frac{k^2}{2} + O(k^3) \right) + q \right]^N = \left[\underbrace{p+q}_1 + p \left(ik - \frac{k^2}{2} \right) + O(k^3) \right]^N \\ &= 1 + Np \left(ik - \frac{k^2}{2} \right) + \frac{N(N-1)}{2} p^2 \left(ik - \frac{k^2}{2} \right)^2 + O(k^3) \\ &= 1 + iNpk + \left\{ -\frac{N(N-1)}{2} p^2 k^2 - Np \frac{k^2}{2} \right\} + O(k^3) \\ &= 1 + ik Np + \frac{(ik)^2}{2} \{ Np^2 + Np(1-p) \} + O(k^3) \end{aligned}$$

$\langle n \rangle = Np$ $\langle n^2 \rangle = Np(1-p) + (Np)^2$

$\text{Var}(n) = \langle n^2 \rangle - \langle n \rangle^2 = Np(1-p) = Np q$

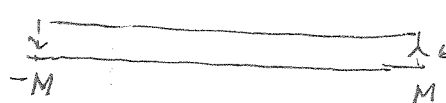
Poisson: $F(k) = \sum_n \frac{e^{-\nu} \nu^n}{n!} e^{ikn} = e^{\nu(e^{ik} - 1)}$

$\log F(k) = \nu(e^{ik} - 1) = \nu \left(ik + \frac{(ik)^2}{2} + \dots \right)$

Mean = ν , variance = ν , ...

Gaussian:
$$\begin{aligned} F(k) &= \int dx \frac{e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{ikx} = e^{ik\mu} \int \frac{dy}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2} + iky} \\ &= e^{ik\mu} \frac{(ik\sigma)^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int e^{-(y+ik\sigma^2)^2/2\sigma^2} \frac{dy}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \\ &= e^{ik\mu + \frac{(ik)^2}{2}\sigma^2} \end{aligned}$$

We need $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy e^{-(y+ia)^2/2\sigma^2} = \int_{-a+ia}^{a+ia} dz e^{-z^2/2\sigma^2} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy e^{-y^2/2\sigma^2}$

 $ae^{-\frac{M^2}{2\sigma^2}} \rightarrow 0$ as $M \rightarrow \infty$

Note that Poisson $\ln H(k) = \ln(1 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{8} + \dots)$

True of asymmetric distribn in general

For symm! Binomial at $p=q=\frac{1}{2}$ $F(k) = e^{ik\frac{1}{2}} (2\cos\frac{k}{2})^N = (2e^{i\frac{k}{2}})^N e^{-\frac{Nk^2}{8}} = \frac{N!}{k!} + \dots$

Sum of i.i.d variables

$$Y = X_1 + \dots + X_N$$

each X_i is independent and identically distributed with pdf $p(x)$

Char. fnc. of each X_i is $f(k) = \int e^{ikx} p(x) dx$

Characteristic function of Y

$$F(k) = (f(k))^N$$

$$\text{Let } f(k) = e^{ik\mu + \frac{(ik)^2}{2}\sigma^2 + O(k^3)}$$

$$F(k) = e^{ikN\mu + \frac{(ik)^2}{2}N\sigma^2 + O(Nk^3, Nk^4)}$$

$$\text{Mean} \sim N\mu$$

$$\text{Variance} \sim N\sigma^2 \quad \text{std. dev} \sim \sqrt{N}\sigma$$

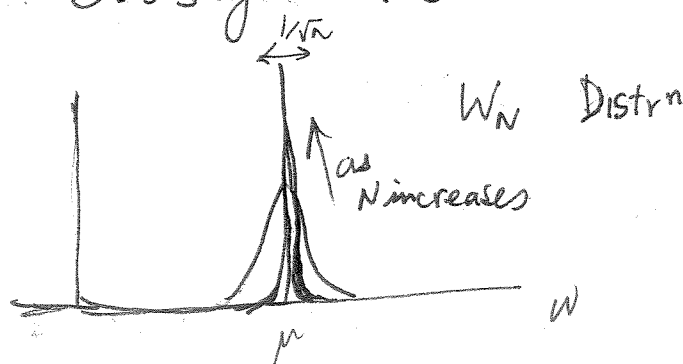
$$\text{If we define } W_N = \frac{Y}{N} = \frac{1}{N} (X_1 + \dots + X_N)$$

$$\text{Mean}(W) = \mu$$

$$\text{Std. dev}(W) = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$$

↳ gets smaller as $N \rightarrow \infty$

Basis of Central Limit thm



Weak law of large numbers:

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{Prob}(|W_N - \mu| < \epsilon) = 1$$

Uncorrelated variables with μ, σ^2

Stronger version: $\text{Prob}(\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} W_N = \mu) = 1$
 provided X_i 's are i.i.d with $\langle |X_i| \rangle$ are finite.

Once more consider i.i.d variables with well defined μ and σ^2 . Greater understanding comes from asking limiting form of the distribution of the departure of W_N from μ . Since we expect this to be of order $1/\sqrt{N}$, let us define

$$Z_N = \frac{W_N - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{N}}$$

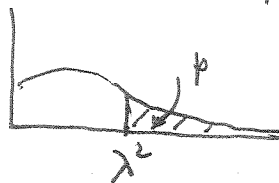
One could show $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{Prob}(Z_N \leq z) = \Phi(z)$
 where $\Phi(z)$ is the error fnc. $\Phi(z) = \int_{-\infty}^z \frac{e^{-y^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dy$

This is the central limit theorem.

Proof of the weak version of law of large numbers depend of Chebyshev inequality

$$\text{Prob}(|X - \mu| > k\sigma) \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$$

Proof Consider the distrⁿ of $|X - \mu|^2$



Say $\text{Prob}(|X - \mu|^2 \geq \lambda^2) = p$
 What is the smallest $\langle |X - \mu|^2 \rangle$, we could get

subject to that constraint

1-p
 what at 0 $\rightarrow$ $\begin{cases} 1 & \text{at } 0 \\ 0 & \text{at } \lambda^2 \end{cases}$

$$\text{So } \sigma^2 \geq p \lambda^2$$

Choose $p = \frac{1}{k^2}$, $k^2 \sigma^2 \geq \lambda^2$

$$\text{Prob}(|X - \mu| > k\sigma) = \text{Prob}(|X - \mu|^2 > k^2\sigma^2) \\ \leq \text{Prob}(|X - \mu|^2 > \lambda^2) = \frac{1}{k^2} \quad [\text{Q.E.D.}]$$

$$\langle W_N \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum \langle X_i \rangle = \mu$$

$$\text{Var}(W_N) = \frac{1}{N^2} \sum \text{Var}(X_i) = \frac{N\sigma^2}{N^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{N}$$

$$\text{Prob}(|W_N - \mu| > \frac{k\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}) \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$$

Put $k = \frac{\varepsilon\sqrt{N}}{\sigma}$. Then Chebyshev says

$$\text{Prob}(|W_N - \mu| > \varepsilon) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{\varepsilon^2 N}, \text{ which goes to zero as } N \rightarrow \infty$$

Proof of Central limit thm. utilizes char. fns.

$$\langle e^{ikx} \rangle = F(k)$$

Note that if we do a $x \rightarrow x+a$ $F(k) \rightarrow e^{ika} F(k)$

$$\langle e^{ik(x+a)} \rangle = e^{ika} \langle e^{ikx} \rangle = e^{ika} F(k)$$

$$x \rightarrow \lambda x \quad F(k) \rightarrow F(\lambda k)$$

$$\langle e^{ik(\lambda x)} \rangle = \langle e^{i(\lambda k)x} \rangle = F(\lambda k)$$

Charfnc. of the z_N distn $z_N = \frac{W_N - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{N}}$

$$\langle e^{ikz_N} \rangle = e^{ika} F(k)$$

note other way to say it is that $\frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma}$ has a char. func. like $(1 - \frac{k^2}{2} + o(k^2)) + \dots$
 $Z_N \Rightarrow (1 - \frac{k^2}{2N} + o(\frac{k^2}{N}))^N$

$$Z_N = \frac{\sum_i X_i - N\mu}{\sqrt{N}\sigma}$$

Char func of each X_i is $f(k)$

$$\sum X_i \Rightarrow (f(k))^N$$

$$\sum X_i - N\mu \Rightarrow e^{-ikN\mu} f(k)^N = e^{-\frac{k^2}{2}N\sigma^2 + o(Nk^2)}$$

~~$$e^{-ikN\mu} f(k)^N = e^{-\frac{k^2}{2}N\sigma^2 + o(Nk^2)}$$~~

when

$$f(k) = e^{ik\mu + \frac{(ik)^2}{2}\sigma^2 + o(k^2)}$$

big O

~~$$e^{-ikN\mu} f(k)^N = e^{-\frac{k^2}{2}N\sigma^2 + o(Nk^2)}$$~~

$$\frac{\sum X_i - N\mu}{\sqrt{N}\sigma}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-\frac{k^2}{2} + o(\frac{k^2}{\sqrt{N}})}$$

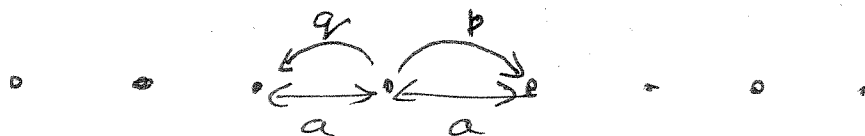
↓
 Vanishes
 when $N \rightarrow \infty$

[In fact all we needed was $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (1 - \frac{k^2}{2N} + \underset{\text{small } O}{o(\frac{k^2}{N})})^N = e^{-\frac{k^2}{2}}$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} N \times o(\frac{k^2}{N}) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{O(\frac{k^2}{N})}{\frac{1}{N}} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{O(k^2)}{N} = 0 \times 0 = 0$$

choose $r = k$

We will discuss a Stochastic process in great detail later. But at this point ~~Stochastic processes~~ we could consider particular Stochastic process in discrete time, namely, Random walk.



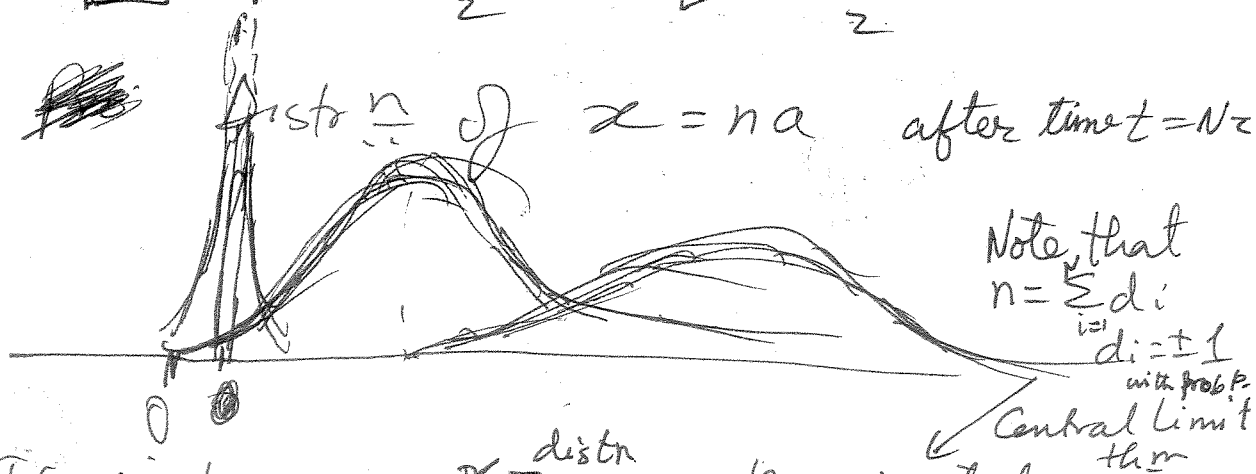
Left moves L (Prob q)
 # Right " R (prob p)

$x = R - L = \text{total displacement}$
 $N = R + L = \text{total \# of steps}$

Distrⁿ of R $\text{Prob}(R) = \binom{N}{R} p^R q^L$

~~Box~~ $R = \frac{N+x}{2}$ $L = \frac{N-x}{2}$

~~Distr~~ Distrⁿ of $x = na$ after time $t = Nz$



If N is large, x ^{distr} is approximately described by a gaussian with mean ~~(p-q)at~~ $\mu = (p-q)at$ and variance ~~4atpq~~ $\sigma^2 = 4atpq$, where $\mu = \frac{p-q}{2}at$, $D = \frac{p+q}{2}$

$$P(x, t) \approx \frac{e^{-\frac{(x-vt)^2}{4Dt}}}{\sqrt{4\pi Dt}}$$

D is the diffusion const, and v is the average drift.

Examples: Brownian motion in presence of force ~~carriers~~, ~~in a~~ semiconductor under a field.

There are generalizations of Central limit thm to distrn without well defined variance. We will leave that to an ~~exercise~~ exercise.

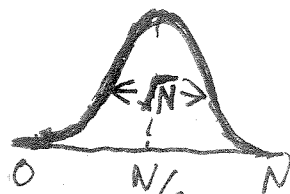
We finish the prob. theory discussion by discussing large deviations in sum of random variables.

Let us take a concrete example: binomial distrn at $p=q=\frac{1}{2}$

$$P(n) = \binom{N}{n} \frac{1}{2^N}$$

$n = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$ where $x_i = 0, 1$ with prob $1/2$ each
 x_i 's are i.i.d

$P(n)$ peaks around $n = N/2$



We also know that for $n = N/2 + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{N}z$

with z order 1, $P(n)$ is well approximated by a gaussian $\text{const. } e^{-2(n-N/2)^2/N}$

However we might need to know what happens when n deviates from $N/2$ by amounts order N and not order $\sqrt{N}$. Namely $n = \frac{1+x}{2}N$ with x order 1. We are probing the large dev. in the tail

In this case we could, fortunately, explicitly calculate it, thanks to the Stirling formula

$$N! \approx \sqrt{2\pi N} e^{-N} N^N$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2^N} \binom{N}{n} &= \frac{1}{2^N} \frac{N!}{n!(N-n)!} \\ &= \frac{1}{2^N} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi N} e^{-N} N^N}{\sqrt{2\pi n} e^{-n} n^n \sqrt{2\pi(N-n)} e^{-(N-n)} (N-n)^{N-n}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\pi N(1-x^2)}} \frac{1}{\left[(1+x)^{\frac{1+x}{2}} (1-x)^{\frac{1-x}{2}} \right]^N}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \ln P(n) &= -N \left[\frac{1+x}{2} \ln(1+x) + \frac{1-x}{2} \ln(1-x) \right] \\ &\quad + O(\ln N) \end{aligned}$$

Note that when x is small

$$\begin{aligned}\ln P(n) &= -N \left[\frac{1+x}{2} \left(x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \dots \right) + \frac{1-x}{2} \left(-x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \dots \right) \right] + o(\ln N) \\ &= -\frac{N}{2} x \left[(1+x) \left(1 - \frac{x}{2} + \dots \right) - (1-x) \left(1 + \frac{x}{2} + \dots \right) \right] \\ &= -\frac{N}{2} x \times \frac{1}{2} x = -\frac{N x^2}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } P(n) \sim \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi N}} e^{-\frac{N x^2}{2}}$$

Note that in that limit $z = \frac{n - N/2}{\sqrt{N}/2} = \frac{N/2 \cdot x}{\sqrt{N}/2} = \sqrt{N} x$

So $P(n) \sim e^{-z^2/2}$ as dictated by the central limit theorem. However for large x , we need $P(n) \sim \exp[-N \phi(x)] / \sqrt{2\pi N(1-x^2)^{3/2}}$

$$\phi(x) = 1+x \ln(1+x) + 1-x \ln(1-x)$$

~~the distribution~~

Is there a general method to extract the ~~distribution~~ of large deviations for sum of random variables? Yes, but the answer is dependent on the details of the distribution of individual variables (beyond just the mean and variance, the only quantities that matter for the central limit theorem).

We first go the ^{evaluation} fancy route: ~~Do it by the saddle point method of the characteristic func.~~

$$f(k) = \langle e^{ikx_i} \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(e^{ik} + 1)$$

Characteristic func. of $n \equiv \sum_i x_i$ $\left[\frac{e^{ik} + 1}{2} \right]^N$

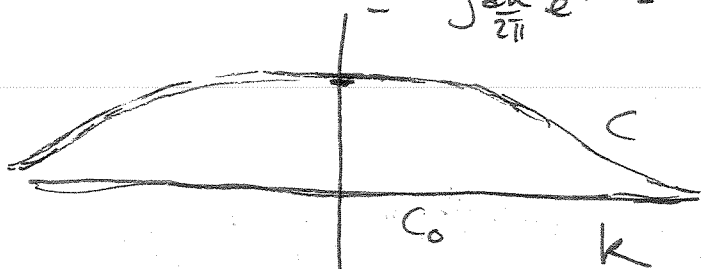
~~Consider the limit of the characteristic func. as $N \rightarrow \infty$~~

$$P(n) = \int \frac{dk}{2\pi} e^{-ikn} \left[\frac{e^{ik} + 1}{2} \right]^N$$

Put $n = \frac{N}{2}(1+x)$

$$P(n) = \int \frac{dk}{2\pi} e^{-iN \frac{kx}{2}} \left[\frac{e^{ik/2} + e^{-ik/2}}{2} \right]^N$$

$$= \int \frac{dk}{2\pi} e^{N[-ikx/2 + \ln \cos k/2]}$$



Could we do this k integral by some approximation for N large

Expand $-ikx/2 + \ln \cos k/2$

$$\tan k/2 = -ix$$

Let us find a point in complex k space where the integrand is stationary

$$\tan k/2 = -ix$$

$\Rightarrow k$ is imaginary, $k = -i\chi$

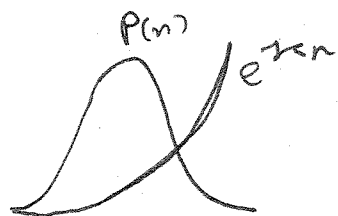
$$\tanh \frac{\chi}{2} = x \Rightarrow \chi = \frac{e^{\chi/2} - e^{-\chi/2}}{e^{\chi/2} + e^{-\chi/2}} \Rightarrow \frac{1+x}{1-x} = e^{\chi}$$



The thirdway ~~to~~ to get the same answer. Consider the characteristic func with $ik = r$

$$f(ir) = \sum_n P(n) e^{r n} = Z(r)$$

Consider now a new prob distr: $\tilde{P}(n) = \frac{e^{r n} P(n)}{Z(r)}$



product
→



max position $\bar{n}$ defn 1

$$\tilde{P}(n) \sim \text{Prefactor } e^{\frac{N r \bar{x}}{2}} e^{-N \phi(x)}$$

$$\approx \text{Prefactor } e^{N(\kappa \bar{x} - \phi(\bar{x}))} e^{-\frac{1}{2} N \phi''(\bar{x}) (x - \bar{x})^2}$$

$$\langle \delta x^2 \rangle \sim \frac{1}{N}$$

$$(\delta n)^2 = \left(\frac{N \delta x}{2} \right)^2 \sim N$$

$$n \sim N \pm \sqrt{N}$$

Find r , s.t. $\langle n \rangle = \bar{n}$

$$\bar{n} = \frac{\sum n \tilde{P}(n)}{\sum \tilde{P}(n)} = \frac{\sum n e^{r n} P(n)}{\sum e^{r n} P(n)} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \ln Z(r)$$

$$Z(r) = \sum_n P(n) e^{r n} \approx P(\bar{n}) e^{r \bar{n}} \sum_n e^{-\alpha \frac{\delta n^2}{2N}} = P(\bar{n}) e^{r \bar{n}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{2\pi N}{\alpha}}}$$

Note that $\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \ln Z(r) = \frac{\sum n e^{r n} P(n)}{\sum e^{r n} P(n)}$

$$= \frac{\sum n^2 e^{r n} P(n)}{\sum e^{r n} P(n)} - \left(\frac{\sum n e^{r n} P(n)}{\sum e^{r n} P(n)} \right)^2 = \langle (n - \bar{n})^2 \rangle_P = \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

$$Z(\kappa) = \left(1 + \frac{e^{\kappa}}{2}\right)^N = e^{\frac{\kappa N}{2}} \text{ch} \frac{\kappa}{2}$$

$$\partial_{\kappa} \ln Z(\kappa) = \frac{N}{2} + \frac{N}{2} \tanh \frac{\kappa}{2}$$

$$\bar{n} = \frac{N}{2} \left(1 + \tanh \frac{\kappa}{2}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{\kappa}{2} = \tanh^{-1} \frac{2\bar{n}}{N}$$

$$P(\bar{n}) = e^{-\kappa \bar{n}} Z(\kappa) \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{2\pi N}}$$

$$= e^{\kappa(N-\bar{n})} \text{ch}^N \frac{\kappa}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{2\pi N}} = e^{\kappa(N-\bar{n})} \text{ch}^N \frac{\kappa}{2} \times \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi \text{sech}^2 \frac{\kappa}{2}}}$$

$$\frac{N}{2} = \partial_{\kappa}^2 \ln Z(\kappa) = \frac{N}{4} \text{sech}^2 \frac{\kappa}{2}$$

$$P(\bar{n}) = e^{-N \Phi(x)} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi(1-x^2)^N}}$$

Forcing $P(n)$ to $\tilde{P}(n)$ by multiplying with a factor like $e^{x n}$; making something ~~rare~~ rare into something common place is a very useful trick in simulations.

$$\langle 1_s(n) \rangle_P = \sum_n 1_s(n) P(n) = \sum_n 1_s(n) \frac{e^{-x n} e^{x n} P(n)}{\sum_n e^{-x n} e^{x n} P(n)} = \frac{\langle 1_s(n) e^{-x n} \rangle_P}{\langle e^{-x n} \rangle_P}$$

