

# COMPSCI 514: Algorithms for Data Science

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Lecture 13

## Markovs, Chebyshev's

- The exam is this Thursday in class.
- Closed book, no calculator (will be designed so neither are needed).
- My office hours are **today at 2:30pm in LGRC A215** and **tomorrow at 4:00pm in CS 140**.
- Suggested studying approach: Review the study guide to get a sense of what you need to know, and then mostly focus on doing practice questions. Review slides only as needed.
- The very last topic on the study guide, high dimensional geometry, will not be covered.

- No simHash, HyperLogLog

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I encourage you to review the JL material as Q5 should not be too difficult if you know the outline of the JL lemma proof. Do not need to know details.

## Content or Format Questions?

Bloom Filters: optimal # hash functions  $\frac{\ln 2 \cdot m}{n}$

# Questions

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Random Hash Functions  
 $h(x): U \rightarrow [n]$

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Fully random  
hash function



# Concentration Bounds

## Concentration Bound Requirements

Markov's	Chebyshev's	Chernoff	Bernstein
$\Pr(X > t) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}X}{t}$ $X$ non-negative $\mathbb{E}X$	$\mathbb{E}X, \text{Var}(X)$ $\Pr( X - \mathbb{E}X  \geq t) \leq \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{t^2}$	$\leftarrow$ sum of independent $\{0,1\}$ $n^2$	$\sum$ sum of ind. vms $X_1, \dots, X_n$ $X_i \in [-m, m]$ $\text{Var}(\sum X_i)$

For JL Lemma:

$X$ -squared bound

for  $m = \frac{\log(1/d)}{\epsilon^2}$   
 $m = \frac{1}{\delta \epsilon^2}$

$\|\Pi y\| \approx \|y\|$

$m = \frac{\log\binom{n}{d}}{\epsilon^2} = \frac{\log\binom{n}{d}}{\epsilon^2} \leq \sum \text{Var}(X_i) \leq 4m^2 = O(m^2)$

union bound over  $\binom{n}{d}$   $y$  vectors  
 $\delta / \binom{n}{d}$

# Sampling For Mean Estimation

Say I have  $n$  numbers  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  all lying in  $[-M, M]$  with mean  $\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ . How can I estimate  $\mu$  without reading all the numbers?

$y_1 \dots y_t$

$y_i = x_j$  w.p.  $\frac{1}{n}$

independent

$\pm \epsilon M$

$$t = \left( \frac{\log(1/\delta)}{\epsilon^2} \right)$$

track  $s_i, x_i$

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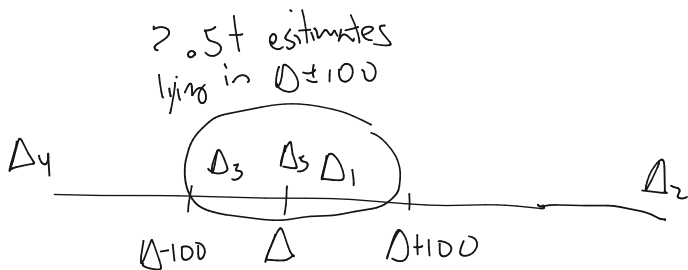
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where  $x_i = \underset{j=1 \dots n}{\operatorname{argmin}} h(x_j)$

~~$s_i$~~   $s_i = h(x_i)$

# Johnson-Lindenstrauss Proof Outline



# Median Trick

3. Consider an algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  running in time  $T(\mathcal{A})$ , that with probability  $\frac{6}{10}$  outputs an estimate of the number of triangles in an input graph up to error  $\pm 100$ , and with probability  $\frac{4}{10}$  outputs some bad estimate with worse error. Describe an algorithm that outputs an estimate of the number of triangles in an input graph up to error  $\pm 100$  with probability  $\geq .99$  and runs in time  $O(T(\mathcal{A}))$ .

run  $\mathcal{A}$   $t$  times independently  $\rightarrow \Delta_1, \Delta_2, \dots, \Delta_t$   
output  $\tilde{\Delta} = \text{median}(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_t)$

1-B  $\Pr(|\tilde{\Delta} - \Delta| \geq 100) \leq .01$

A  $\Pr(X > .5t) \leq$   
B  $\Pr(|\Delta - \tilde{\Delta}| \leq 100)$

$X = \#$  successful trials.  $\mathbb{E}X = .6t$

IF  $X > .5t$  then median lies in  $\Delta \pm 100$

1-A  $\Pr(X \leq .5t) \leq .01$        $\Pr(X \leq \frac{5}{6} \mathbb{E}X) \leq \Pr(|X - \mathbb{E}X| \geq \frac{1}{6} \mathbb{E}X)$

The Chernoff bound states that for independent random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  taking values in  $\{0, 1\}$ , letting  $\mu = \mathbb{E}[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i]$ , for any  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$\Pr(|\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - \mu| > \delta\mu) \leq 2 \exp\left(-\frac{\delta^2 \mu}{2+\delta}\right).$$

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$$\Pr(|X - \mathbb{E}X| \geq \frac{1}{6} \mathbb{E}X) \leq .01$$

$X =$  # successful trials

$$\leq 2 \exp\left(\frac{-1/6^2 \cdot .6t}{2 + 1/6}\right)$$

$$X = X_1 + \dots + X_t$$

$$\leq \frac{2 \exp(-ct)}{.01}$$

$$t \gg c \quad t = \frac{1}{c} \cdot \log(2/.01)$$

$$\leq .01 \quad 2 \exp(-c \cdot t) = 2 \exp(-\log(2/.01)) = 2 \cdot \frac{.01}{2} = .01$$

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$\delta = 1/6$

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(a) Let  $\mathbf{X}$  be the number of users that visit the site on the given day. What is  $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}]$ .  $= 500$

(b) Apply a Chernoff bound to show that  $\Pr[\mathbf{X} \geq 600] \leq .01$ .

(c) Apply Markov's inequality and Chebyshev's inequality to bound the same probability. How do they compare?

$$\Pr(|X - \mathbb{E}X| \geq \frac{1}{6} \mathbb{E}X) \leq \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{\left(\frac{1}{6} \mathbb{E}X\right)^2} \leq \frac{.3t}{\frac{1}{36} \cdot .6^2 \cdot t^2} = \frac{C}{t} \leq \frac{1}{100}$$

$$\text{Var}(X)$$

$$X = \sum X_i \quad \text{Var}(X) = \sum \text{Var}(X_i) \quad .6(1-.6) \leq .3t \quad t = 1000$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sum \text{Var}(X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{1000} p_i(1-p_i) \leq 250 \leq 500$$

$t = \alpha\left(\frac{1}{\theta}\right)$   
 $t = \alpha(\log(1/\theta))$

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$$p_i - p_i^2 \quad 1 - 2p_i = 0 \quad p_i = .5$$

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ALWAYS, SOMETIMES, or NEVER:

2.  $\Pr[\max(X_1, \dots, X_n) \geq t] \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \Pr[X_i \geq t]$  for any random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ .

(c)  $\Pr[\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{s} \cap \mathbf{Y} = t] = \Pr[\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{s}] \cdot \Pr[\mathbf{Y} = t]$ .