

This week:

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- Stochastic Convergence Review
- Moment-generating functions, Characteristic functions
  - Definition, Properties
  - Examples
  - Levy's Continuity Theorem
- Central Limit Theorem
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# I Moment-Generating and Characteristic functions:

$X$ : rv with pdf  $f_X(x)$

Define the moment-generating function  $M_X(s)$  for  $X$ :

$$M_X(s) = E_X[\exp(sX)]$$

$\forall s \in \mathbb{R}$  for which  $M_X(s)$  exists

$$M_X(s) = \int \exp(sx) \cdot f_X(x) dx \quad [X \text{ continuous}]$$

$$M_X(s) = \sum_k \exp(sk) \cdot p_X(k) \quad [X \text{ discrete}]$$

[Similar to a Laplace transform.]

Define the characteristic function  $\phi_X(t)$  for  $X$ :

$$\phi_X(t) = E_X[\exp(itX)]$$

$i = \sqrt{-1}$   
 $t \in \mathbb{R}$

So  $\phi_X(t) = M_X(s)|_{s=it}$

[Similar to a Fourier transform.]

$M_X(s)$  may not exist if the integral/sum is non-convergent.

$\phi_X(t)$  always exists since:  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$|\phi_X(t)| \leq E_X[|\exp(itX)|] = E_X[1] = 1$$

The name "moment-generating function" comes from the fact that all moments  $E[X^k]$  are expressible in terms of  $M_X(s)$  or  $\phi_X(t)$ . This is an effect of the properties of the (complex) exponential:

$$\exp(s \cdot X) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(s \cdot X)^k}{k!}$$

$$= 1 + s \cdot X + \frac{s^2 X^2}{2} + \frac{s^3 X^3}{3!} + \dots$$

if abs convergent sum  
 $\Rightarrow M_X(s)$  exists

$$\Rightarrow E_X[\exp(s \cdot X)] \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{s^k E[X^k]}{k!} = 1 + s E[X] + \frac{s^2 E[X^2]}{2} + \dots$$

Theorem:

$$(a) \quad E[X^k] = \left. \frac{d^k M_X(s)}{ds^k} \right|_{s=0}$$

$$(b) \quad i^k \cdot E[X^k] = \left. \frac{d^k \phi_X(t)}{dt^k} \right|_{t=0}$$

if  $E[|X|^k] < \infty$

$$\therefore E[X^0] = E[1] = 1 = \phi_X(0) = M_X(0)$$

### Properties of $\phi_x(t)$ :

1/ (a)  $\phi_x(0) = 1$

(b)  $|\phi_x(t)| \leq 1$

### 2/ [Uniqueness + Inversion]

(a)  $X \stackrel{d}{=} Y \iff \phi_x(t) = \phi_y(t) \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$

(b)  $f_x(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp(-itx) \phi_x(t) dt$

[cf. Fourier inversion]

3/  $Y = aX + b \implies \phi_y(t) = \exp(itb) \cdot \phi_x(at)$

$\therefore E_x[\exp(it(ax+b))] = \exp(itb) \cdot E_x[\exp(iatx)]$

$= \exp(itb) \cdot \phi_x(at)$

### 4/ [Sums] (also for $M_z(s)$ )

$Z = X + Y \} \iff \phi_z(t) = \phi_x(t) \cdot \phi_y(t)$

$X, Y$  independent

Proof:  $\stackrel{(\Rightarrow)}{\phi_z(t)} = E[\exp(it(x+y))] = E[\exp(itx) \cdot \exp(ity)]$

$\stackrel{\text{ind}}{=} E[\exp(itx)] \cdot E[\exp(ity)]$

$= \phi_x(t) \cdot \phi_y(t) \quad //$

$(\Leftarrow)$  by uniqueness

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$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \quad \{X_i\} \text{ iid}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_{S_n}(t) \stackrel{\text{by 4.}}{=} \prod_{i=1}^n \phi_{X_i}(t)$$
$$\stackrel{\text{by 2a.}}{=} \prod \phi_X(t)$$

$$\phi_{S_n}(t) = (\phi_X(t))^n //$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \phi_{\bar{X}_n}(t) \stackrel{\text{by 3.}}{=} \phi_{S_n}(t/n)$$

$$\phi_{\bar{X}_n}(t) = [\phi_X(t/n)]^n //$$

Examples of  $M_X(s)$  and  $\phi_X(t)$ :

g:  $X \sim b(n, p)$

$$M_X(s) = E[\exp(s \cdot X)]$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n \exp(s \cdot k) \cdot \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cdot e^{sk} \cdot p^k \cdot (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (p \cdot e^s)^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$M_X(s) \stackrel{\text{Bin. Thm}}{=} (1-p + p \cdot e^s)^n$$

[always exist because finite sums of finite #'s are abs. convergent.]

recall that  $X \sim b(n, p) \Rightarrow X = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$

where  $Y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$ ,  $\{Y_i\}$  iid

$$\Rightarrow \phi_{Y_i}(t) = \phi_Y(t) = (1-p) \cdot \exp(s \cdot 0) + p \cdot \exp(s \cdot 1)$$

$$\phi_Y(t) = 1-p + p e^s \quad \forall i$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_X(t) = [\phi_Y(t)]^n$$

$$= (1-p + p e^s)^n$$

b)  $X \sim \text{exp}(\theta)$

$$\phi_X(t) = E_X [\exp(itX)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\theta} \int_0^{\infty} \exp(itx) \cdot \exp(-x/\theta) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\theta} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \exp(x(it - 1/\theta)) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\theta(it - 1/\theta)} \cdot \exp(x(it - 1/\theta)) \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{\theta it - 1}$$

$$\therefore \phi_X(t) = \frac{1}{1 - \theta it}$$

Recall if  $X_i \sim \text{exp}(\theta)$  iid

$$Z = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \Rightarrow Z \sim n\text{-Erlang}(\theta) = \mathcal{G}(\alpha=n, \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_Z(t) = [\phi_X(t)]^n = \frac{1}{(1 - i\theta t)^n}$$

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<p>c. <math>\{N, \{X_i\}_i\}</math> : independent</p> <p><math>\{X_i\}_i</math> : iid</p> <p><math>N</math> : discrete, <math>\geq 0</math></p>	$S_N = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$ [Doubly random sum] [Compound process]
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$$\phi_{S_N}(t) = E[\exp(itS_N)]$$

$$\stackrel{\text{TE}}{=} E_N E_{S_N|N}[\exp(itS_N) | N]$$

$$\stackrel{\Sigma}{=} \sum_n P_N(n) \cdot E_{S_N|N}[\exp(itS_N) | N=n]$$

$$\stackrel{\text{iid/iid}}{=} \sum_n P_N(n) (E_X[\exp(itX)])^n$$

$$= \sum_n P_N(n) (\phi_X(t))^n$$

$$\phi_{S_N}(t) = E_N [(\phi_X(t))^N]$$

note:  $i \phi'_{S_N}(t) \Big|_{t=0} = \left[ i \phi'_X(t) \cdot \left( \sum_n P_N(n) \cdot n \cdot (\phi_X(t))^{n-1} \right) \right] \Big|_{t=0}$

i.e.  $E[S_N] = \mu_X \cdot \mu_N$  [recall Wald's Identity]

$$d) X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda) \Leftrightarrow f_X(k) = e^{-\lambda} \cdot \lambda^k / k!$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \phi_X(t) &= E[\exp(itX)] \\ &= \sum_k \exp(itk) \cdot e^{-\lambda} \cdot \lambda^k / k! \\ &= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\lambda \exp(it))^k / k! \\ &= e^{-\lambda} \cdot \exp(\lambda \cdot \exp(it)) \\ &= \exp[\lambda(\exp(it) - 1)] \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $N \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ ,  $\{X_k\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$  iid, indep of  $N$   
 $S_N = \sum_{k=0}^N X_k$  [Compound Poisson Process]

$$\Rightarrow \phi_{S_N}(t) = \sum_{n \geq 0} P_N(n) \cdot E_{S_N|N}[\exp(it \sum_{k=0}^n X_k) | N=n]$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} \prod_{k=0}^n E_{X_k}[\exp(itX_k)]$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{\lambda^n \cdot (\phi_X(t))^n}{n!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(\lambda \cdot \phi_X(t))^n}{n!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \cdot \exp(\lambda \cdot \phi_X(t))$$

$$\phi_{S_N}(t) = \exp[\lambda(\phi_X(t) - 1)]$$

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$$e_i: X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow \phi_X(t) = \exp[imt - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2]$$

Proof:

$$f_X(x) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right]$$

$$\phi_X(t) = E_X[\exp(itx)] = \int f_X(x) \cdot \exp(itx) dx$$

$$= (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \int \exp\left[itx - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right] dx$$

$$= C \cdot \int \exp\left[it(\sigma z + \mu) - \frac{z^2}{2}\right] dz$$

$$C = \sigma \cdot (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = (\sqrt{2\pi})^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_X(t) = C \cdot \exp(it\mu) \cdot \int \exp\left[it\sigma z - \frac{z^2}{2}\right] dz$$

$$it\sigma z - \frac{z^2}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}\left[z^2 - 2it\sigma z + (it\sigma)^2 - (it\sigma)^2\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow it\sigma z - \frac{z^2}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}\left[(z - it\sigma)^2 + t^2\sigma^2\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_X(t) = C \cdot \exp(it\mu) \cdot \exp(-t^2\sigma^2/2) \cdot \int \exp(-\frac{1}{2}(z - it\sigma)^2) dz$$

$$r = z - it\sigma \Rightarrow dr = dz$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_X(t) = \exp(it\mu - t^2\sigma^2/2) \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int \exp(-r^2/2) dr}_{= 1}$$

$\int f_2(z) dz$  für  $z \sim N(0,1)$

$$\therefore \boxed{\phi_X(t) = \exp(it\mu - t^2\sigma^2/2)}$$

Recall  $\vec{X} \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\vec{X} \sim N(\vec{\mu}, \underline{K}_{XX})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f_{\vec{X}}(\vec{x}) = \frac{\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} (\vec{x} - \vec{\mu})^T \underline{K}_{XX}^{-1} (\vec{x} - \vec{\mu})\right]}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d \text{Det}(\underline{K}_{XX})}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \phi_{\vec{X}}(\vec{t}) = E_{\vec{X}}[\exp(i \vec{t}^T \vec{X})] = E_{\vec{X}}[\exp(i \langle \vec{t}, \vec{X} \rangle)] \\ = \exp\left[i \langle \vec{t}, \vec{\mu} \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle \vec{t}, \underline{K}_{XX} \vec{t} \rangle\right]$$

[An example of a multi-dimensional ch.f.]

Kac's Theorem:  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$  independent

$$\Leftrightarrow \phi_{\vec{X}}(\vec{t}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \phi_{X_i}(t_i)$$

Note that  $f_{\vec{X}}$  for the Gaussian r. vector is a function of  $\underline{K}_{XX}^{-1}$  (inverse covar. mtr).  $\underline{K}_{XX}^{-1}$  does not always exist (when  $\exists i: \lambda_i = 0$  and  $\text{Det}(\underline{K}_{XX}) = 0$ ). i.e. there are

Gaussian distributions without well-defined pdfs. The ch.f. always exists though. Since  $\phi_{\vec{X}}(\vec{t})$  only involves  $\underline{K}_{XX}$ .

There are many other distributions with  $\phi_{\vec{X}}(\vec{t})$  but no  $f_{\vec{X}}(\vec{x})$ .

# Infinite - Divisibility :

$X$  is infinitely divisible if

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N} (!!!)$$

$\exists$  iid  $\{Y_i\}_{i=1}^n :$

$$X \stackrel{d}{=} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$\exists$  a <sup>unique</sup> ch.f.  $\phi_Y(t) :$

$$\phi_X(t) = [\phi_Y(t)]^n$$

e.g(a)  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, Y_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda/n)$

$$\phi_X(t) = \exp(\lambda(e^{it} - 1))$$

$$\phi_{Y_i}(t) = \exp(\lambda/n(e^{it} - 1))$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_X = (\phi_{Y_i})^n$$

$\therefore X$  is infinitely divisible //

(b)  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \text{let } Y_i \sim N(\mu/n, \sigma^2/n)$

$$\exp(it\mu - t^2\sigma^2/2) = [\exp(it\mu/n - t^2\sigma^2/n)]^n$$

$\therefore X$  is infinitely divisible

e.g.:  $X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right) \sim N(n\mu, n\sigma^2) \\ \left[ \sqrt{n} X + \mu(n - \sqrt{n}) \right] \sim N(n\mu, n\sigma^2) \end{array} \right.$$

i.e.  $c_n = \sqrt{n}$  ;  $d_n = \mu(n - \sqrt{n})$

or  
use  $\mu=0$

$$X_i \sim C(0, d)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right) \sim C(0, nd) \\ nX \sim C(0, nd) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\phi_X(t) = \exp(itm) \cdot \exp(-d|t|)$$

i.e.  $c_n = n$  ;  $d_n = 0$

NB.:  $\Rightarrow \bar{X}_n \stackrel{d}{=} X \quad \forall n$  when  $X \sim C$

The class of Symmetric Alpha-stable distribution satisfy this definition.

$$X \sim S\alpha S$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\phi_X(\omega) = e^{-d|\omega|^\alpha}} \quad \alpha \in (0, 2]$$

$$\alpha = 2 \Leftrightarrow X \sim N(0, d)$$

$$\alpha = 1 \Leftrightarrow X \sim C(0, d)$$

$$E_x[|X|^f] < \infty \quad \text{if } f < \alpha$$

(c)  $X \sim \gamma(\alpha, \theta)$   
 $Y_i \sim \gamma(\alpha/n, \theta)$   
 $\phi_X(t) = (1 - it\theta)^{-\alpha}$   
 $\phi_{Y_i}(t) = (1 - it\theta)^{-\alpha/n}$   
 $\Rightarrow (\phi_{Y_i})^n = \phi_X$

$\therefore \gamma(\alpha, \theta)$  is infinitely divisible

Levy Processes are based on sums of infinitely divisible rvs  $(N(\mu, \sigma^2), \text{Poisson}(\lambda))$ .

A special case of infinite divisibility addresses the limiting distribution of <sup>iid</sup> sums:

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) \stackrel{d}{=} c_n \cdot X + d_n$$

This special case is called stability:

$X$  is stable:

$\Leftrightarrow \exists c_n, d_n \in \mathbb{R} \forall n \in \mathbb{N} :$

$$\boxed{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \stackrel{d}{=} c_n X + d_n} \text{ for iid } X_i$$

where  $X$  and  $X_i$  have the same distribution.

$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{[\phi_X(t)]^n = \exp(id_n t) \phi_X(c_n t)}$

$d_n \equiv 0 \Leftrightarrow$  strict stability ;  $c_n \propto n^{1/\alpha}$   
 $\alpha$ : index of stability  $\in (0, 2]$

Levy's Continuity Theorem :

$\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  : with CDF  $\{F_n\}_{n \geq 1}$

$$a// \quad \boxed{X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \implies \phi_{X_n}(t) \longrightarrow \phi_X(t) \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}}$$

b// if  $\exists$  a function  $\phi_X(t)$  :

$$\boxed{\left. \begin{array}{l} \phi_{X_n}(t) \longrightarrow \phi_X(t) \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R} \\ \phi_X(t) \text{ continuous @ } t=0 \end{array} \right\} \implies X_n \xrightarrow{d} X}$$

where  $F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \phi_X(t) dt$

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Thus we can prove  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$  by proving that the ch.f.s  $\phi_n(t)$  converge pointwise to  $\phi(t)$ .

e.g. : [Poisson Law]

$$\left[ X_n \sim b(n, p) \right]_{\substack{n \rightarrow \infty, \\ p \rightarrow 0}} \implies X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda = np)$$

Proof:

$$\phi_X(t) = \exp(\lambda(e^{it} - 1))$$

$$\phi_{X_n}(t) = (1 - p + pe^{it})^n$$

$$\phi_{X_n}(t) = \left( 1 + \frac{np(e^{it} - 1)}{n} \right)^n \left[ \approx \left( 1 + \frac{x}{n} \right)^n \rightarrow e^x \right]$$

$$= \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda(e^{it} - 1)}{n} \right)^n \rightarrow \exp[\lambda(e^{it} - 1)]$$

i.e.  $\phi_{X_n}(t) \rightarrow \phi_X(t) \quad \forall t \quad \therefore X_n \rightarrow X \sim \text{Poisson}(np)$

## Central Limit Theorem:

-  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$  : iid,  $\sigma_x^2 < \infty$

$$- Z_n = \text{STD}(\bar{X}_n) = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} =$$

$$= \text{STD}\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}\right) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{Z_n \xrightarrow{d} Z \sim N(0,1)}$$

Proof: Show  $\phi_{Z_n} \xrightarrow{e} \phi_Z$  then use Levy's Theorem

$$\phi_n(t) = E[\exp(itZ_n)]$$

$$= E\left[\exp\left[\frac{it}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \cdot (\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n\mu)\right]\right]$$

$$= E\left[\exp\left[\frac{it}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)\right]\right]$$

$$= E\left[\prod_{i=1}^n \exp\left[\frac{it}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} (X_i - \mu)\right]\right]$$

$$\stackrel{\text{ind}}{=} \prod_{i=1}^n E\left[\exp\left[\frac{it}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} (X_i - \mu)\right]\right]$$

$$\stackrel{\text{id}}{=} \left(E\left[\exp\left[\frac{it}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} (X - \mu)\right]\right]\right)^n$$

$$\exp(y) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{y^k}{k!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_n(t) = \left(E\left[\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{y^k}{k!}\right]\right)^n \Big|_{y = \frac{it}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}(X - \mu)}$$

$$= \left(E\left[1 + \frac{it(X - \mu)}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} + \frac{(it)^2(X - \mu)^2}{2n\sigma^2} + \text{H.O.T.}\right]\right)^n$$

$$E[(X-\mu)] = \mu - \mu = 0; \quad E[(X-\mu)^2] = \sigma^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_n(t) = \left( 1 + 0 + \frac{\sigma^2(it)^2}{2\sigma^2 n} + E[\text{H.O.T.}] \right)^n$$

$$\phi_n(t) = \left( 1 - \frac{t^2/2}{n} + E[\text{HOT}] \right)^n$$

$$E[\text{HOT}] = o(t^2/n) \quad \text{i.e. } E[\text{HOT}] \ll t^2/n \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi_n(t) \cong \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 - \frac{t^2/2}{n} \right)^n$$

$$= \exp(-t^2/2) = \phi(t)$$

$$\therefore Z_n \xrightarrow{d} Z \sim N(0,1)$$

Lindeberg-Feller CLT :

Suppose  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$  is not iid, just independent,  $\sigma_i^2 < \infty \forall i$

And i/  $s_n^2 = \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2$

ii/  $\frac{\max \sigma_i^2}{s_n^2} \rightarrow 0$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_i)}{s_n} \right) \xrightarrow{d} Z \sim N(0,1)$$

S $\alpha$ S-CLT:

$\{X_i\}_i$  : iid S $\alpha$ S ; i.e.  $\phi_x(\omega) = \exp(-d|\omega|^\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 2]$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{1}{n^{1/\alpha}} \sum_{k=1}^n X_k \right) \xrightarrow{d} Z_\alpha \sim \text{S}\alpha\text{S}(\alpha, d)$$

e.g.  $\frac{1}{n} \sum X_i$   $X_i \sim C(n, d)$