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1 General Info

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Section 5.4: normal random variables. density, expectation and variance

Normal approximation to binomial (the DeMoivre-Laplace central limit theorem. rounding correctly when using normal to approximate integer-valued random variables.

Section 5.5: Exponential random variables: density, distribution, expectation, variance, memoryless property.

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