

# Some moment inequalities and moment estimates for characteristic functions

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# Introduction

In 1900–1901 A. M. Lyapounov proposed a powerful tool for proving limit theorems — the method of **characteristic functions**. Convergence conditions in many limit theorems can be expressed in terms of **moments**. In this talk the attention is focused on:

- moment estimates for characteristic function;
- moment inequalities;
- applications to the central limit theorem.

Let  $X$  be a r.v. with  $E|X|^n < \infty$  for some  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ . Denote

- characteristic function (ch.f.):

$$f(t) = Ee^{itX}, \quad t \in \mathbf{R},$$

- moments (algebraic and absolute):

$$\alpha_k = EX^k, \quad \beta_k = E|X|^k, \quad |\alpha_k| \leq \beta_k, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

# Estimates for ch.f. in the vicinity of zero. I

Behavior of the ch.f. in the vicinity of zero determines the rate of convergence, e.g., in limit theorems for sums of independent random variables.

Denote

$$R_n(t) = f(t) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha_k (it)^k}{k!} = \mathbb{E} \left( e^{itX} - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(itX)^k}{k!} \right), \quad t \in \mathbf{R}.$$

Well-known estimate:

$$|R_n(t)| \leq \frac{\beta_n |t|^n}{n!}, \quad t \in \mathbf{R}.$$

## Theorem

If  $\beta_n < \infty$ , then for all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$

$$|R_n(t)| \leq 2\beta_{n-1} \int_0^{|t|} \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \cdots \int_0^{t_2} \sin \left( \frac{\beta_n t_1}{2\beta_{n-1}} \wedge \frac{\pi}{2} \right) dt_1 \cdots dt_{n-2} dt_{n-1}.$$

# Estimates for ch.f. in the vicinity of zero. II

Well-known estimate:

$$|R_n(t)| \equiv \left| f(t) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha_k (it)^k}{k!} \right| \leq \frac{\beta_n |t|^n}{n!}, \quad t \in \mathbf{R}.$$

## Theorem

If  $\beta_n < \infty$ , then for all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$

$$|R_n(t)| \leq \inf_{0 \leq \lambda < 1/2} (\lambda |\alpha_n| + q_n(\lambda) \beta_n) \frac{|t|^n}{n!}, \quad t \in \mathbf{R},$$

$$\left| \frac{d^m R_n(t)}{dt^m} \right| \leq \inf_{0 \leq \lambda < 1/2} (\lambda |\alpha_n| + q_{n-m}(\lambda) \beta_n) \frac{|t|^{n-m}}{(n-m)!}, \quad m = 1, \dots, n.$$

where

$$q_n(\lambda) = n! \sup_{x>0} x^{-n} \left| e^{ix} - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(ix)^k}{k!} - \lambda \frac{(ix)^n}{n!} \right|, \quad 0 \leq \lambda < \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\text{(Prawitz, 1991): } R_n(t) \leq \frac{n|\alpha_n| + (n+2)\beta_n}{2(n+1)} \cdot \frac{|t|^n}{n!} \leq \frac{\beta_n |t|^n}{n!}, \quad t \in \mathbf{R}.$$

# Example for $n = 3$

Jensen's inequality:  $|\alpha_3| \leq \beta_3$ .

## Theorem

For all  $b \geq 1$  and any r.v.  $X$  with  $\alpha_1 = 0$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 1$

$$|\alpha_3| \leq A(\beta_3)\beta_3,$$

where

$$A(b) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{1+8b^{-2}} + \frac{1}{2} - 2b^{-2}} < 1, \quad b \geq 1,$$

with the equality attained for each value of  $\beta_3 = b \geq 1$  at the distribution

$$P\left(X = \frac{1}{2}\left(b \pm \sqrt{b^2 + 4}\right)\right) = \frac{2 + b(b \mp \sqrt{b^2 + 4})/2}{b^2 + 4}.$$

In particular, if  $\beta_3 = 1$ , then  $\alpha_3 = 0$ .

# Example for $n = 3$

Well-known estimate:

$$|R_3(t)| \equiv |f(t) - 1 - i\alpha_1 t + \alpha_2 t^2/2| \leq \frac{\beta_3 |t|^3}{6} \approx 0.1667 \cdot \beta_3 |t|^3, \quad t \in \mathbf{R}.$$

Prawitz' estimate:

$$|R_3(t)| \leq \left( \frac{3}{8} |\alpha_3| + \frac{5}{8} \beta_3 \right) \frac{|t|^3}{6} \approx (0.0625 \cdot |\alpha_3| + 0.1042 \cdot \beta_3) |t|^3.$$

By considering symmetric three-point distributions (for which  $\alpha_3 = 0$ ) Prawitz also noticed that the factor  $\frac{5}{48} \approx 0.1042$  cannot be less than

$$\varkappa_3 \equiv \sup_{x>0} x^{-3} (\cos x - 1 + x^2/2) \approx 0.0992.$$

## Corollary

1°. If  $\alpha_3 = 0$ , then

$$|R_3(t)| \leq \varkappa_3 \cdot \beta_3 |t|^3, \quad t \in \mathbf{R}.$$

2°. If  $\alpha_1 = 0$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 1$ , then for all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} |R_3(t)| &\leq \inf_{\lambda \geq 0} (\lambda |\alpha_3| + q_3(\lambda) \beta_3) |t|^3 / 6 \leq \\ &\leq \inf_{\lambda \geq 0} (\lambda A(b) + q_3(\lambda) \beta_3) \frac{|t|^3}{6} \leq \begin{cases} 0.0992 \cdot \beta_3 |t|^3, & \beta_3 = 1, \\ 0.1110 \cdot \beta_3 |t|^3, & \beta_3 \leq 1.01, \\ 0.1328 \cdot \beta_3 |t|^3, & \beta_3 \leq 1.1, \\ 0.1556 \cdot \beta_3 |t|^3, & \beta_3 \leq 1.5, \\ 0.1667 \cdot \beta_3 |t|^3, & \forall \beta_3. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

# Square bias transformation

If  $EX^2 < \infty$ , then  $\frac{f'(t) - f'(0)}{tf''(0)}$ ,  $\frac{f''(t)}{f''(0)}$  are ch.f.'s as well (Lukacs, 1970).

Definition (see also (Goldstein, Reinert, 1997))

Let  $X$  be a r.v. with the ch.f.  $f(t)$  and  $EX = 0$ ,  $EX^2 = \sigma^2 > 0$ . Then the distribution of any r.v.  $X^{(z)}$  with the ch.f.

$$\frac{f'(t) - f'(0)}{tf''(0)} = -\frac{f'(t)}{\sigma^2 t}$$

is called the  **$X$ -zero biased distribution**.

Definition (see also (Goldstein, 2007))

Let  $X$  be a r.v. with the ch.f.  $f(t)$  and  $EX^2 = \sigma^2 > 0$ . Then the distribution of any r.v.  $X^\square$  with the ch.f.

$$f^\square(t) = \frac{f''(t)}{f''(0)} = -\frac{f''(t)}{\sigma^2}$$

is called the  **$X$ -square biased distribution**.

## Elementary properties of $X^\square$ :

- $dP(X^\square < x) = \frac{x^2}{\sigma^2} dP(X < x)$ ,  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ .
- $EX^2G(X) = \sigma^2EG(X^\square) \forall G \Leftrightarrow X^\square$  has the  $X$ -square biased distribution (see also (Goldstein, Reinert, 2005)).
- $X^\square \stackrel{d}{=} X \Leftrightarrow P(|X| = \sigma) = 1$ .
- $(cX)^\square \stackrel{d}{=} cX^\square$ .
- If  $E|X|^3 < \infty$ , then  $\sigma^2EX^\square = EX^3$ ,  $\sigma^2E|X^\square| = E|X|^3$ .

## Theorem

If  $EX = 0$  and  $E|X|^3 < \infty$ , then

$$L_1(X, X^\square) \leq E|X|^3,$$

with the equality attained at any symmetric three-point distribution with an atom at zero,  $L_1(X, Y)$  being the  $L_1$ -distance:

$$L_1(X, Y) \equiv \inf \left\{ E|X' - Y'| : X' \stackrel{d}{=} X, Y' \stackrel{d}{=} Y \right\}.$$



# Square bias transformation: applications

## Theorem

For any r.v.'s  $X, Y$  with  $E|X| \vee E|Y| < \infty$

$$|Ee^{itX} - Ee^{itY}| \leq 2 \sin \left( L_1(X, Y) \frac{|t|}{2} \wedge \frac{\pi}{2} \right), \quad t \in \mathbf{R}.$$

$$L_1(X, X^{(z)}) \leq \frac{1}{2} E|X|^3 \quad (\text{Tyurin, 2009}), \quad (\text{Goldstein, 2009}).$$

$$L_1(X, X^\square) \leq E|X|^3 \quad (\text{Sh., 2012}).$$

## Corollary

For any r.v.  $X$  with  $EX = 0$ ,  $EX^2 = 1$  and  $E|X|^3 = b \geq 1$  for all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$

$$\left| \frac{f'(t)}{t} + f(t) \right| \leq 2 \sin \left( \frac{b|t|}{4} \wedge \frac{\pi}{2} \right),$$

$$|f''(t) + f(t)| \leq 2 \sin \left( \frac{b|t|}{2} \wedge \frac{\pi}{2} \right).$$

# Exact estimates for the real part of ch.f.

## Theorem

For any r.v.  $X$  with  $EX^2 = 1$  and  $\beta_{2+\delta} \equiv E|X|^{2+\delta} < \infty$ ,  $0 < \delta \leq 1$ ,

$$E \cos tX \leq 1 - \psi_\delta(t, \beta_{2+\delta}) \leq 1 - t^2/2 + \varkappa_\delta \beta_{2+\delta} |t|^{2+\delta}, \quad t \in \mathbf{R}, \quad (1)$$

where

$$\psi_\delta(t, \varepsilon) = \begin{cases} t^2/2 - \varkappa_\delta \varepsilon |t|^{2+\delta}, & \varepsilon^{1/\delta} |t| < \theta, \\ \varepsilon^{-2/\delta} (1 - \cos(\varepsilon^{1/\delta} t)), & \theta \leq \varepsilon^{1/\delta} |t| \leq 2\pi, \quad \varepsilon > 0, \\ 0, & \varepsilon^{1/\delta} |t| > 2\pi, \end{cases}$$

$\theta = \theta(\delta)$  is the unique root of the equation

$$\delta\theta^2 + 2\theta \sin \theta = 2(2 + \delta)(1 - \cos \theta), \quad 0 < \theta < 2\pi,$$

$$\varkappa_\delta = \sup_{x>0} (\cos x - 1 + x^2/2)x^{-2-\delta} = (\cos \theta - 1 + \theta^2/2)\theta^{-2-\delta}.$$

Equality in (1) is attained at a symmetric three-point distribution.

(Prawitz, 1972):  $\delta = 1$ .

(Ushakov, 1999):  $E \cos tX \leq 1 - t^2/2 + \varkappa_\delta \beta_{2+\delta} |t|^{2+\delta}$ ,  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $0 < \delta \leq 1$ .

# Sharpening of the von Mises inequality

## Corollary

For any r.v.  $X$  with  $EX = 0$ ,  $EX^2 = 1$ ,  $\beta_\delta \equiv E|X|^\delta$  and  $\beta_{2+\delta} \equiv E|X|^{2+\delta} < \infty$ ,  $0 < \delta \leq 1$ ,

$$|Ee^{itX}| \leq \sqrt{1 - 2\psi_\delta(t, \beta_{2+\delta} + \beta_\delta)}, \quad t \in \mathbf{R},$$

$$\Rightarrow |Ee^{itX}| < 1, \quad |t|(\beta_{2+\delta} + \beta_\delta)^{1/\delta} < 2\pi.$$

## Corollary

For any lattice r.v.  $X$  with span  $h$  and  $EX = 0$ ,  $EX^2 = 1$ ,  $\beta_\delta \equiv E|X|^\delta$ ,  $\beta_{2+\delta} \equiv E|X|^{2+\delta} < \infty$  for some  $0 < \delta \leq 1$ ,

$$h \leq (\beta_{2+\delta} + \beta_\delta)^{1/\delta}; \quad \text{in particular, for } \delta = 1: h \leq \beta_3 + \beta_1.$$

If  $X$  has a symmetric distribution, then

$$h \leq \max\{\beta_{2+\delta}^{1/\delta}, 2\}; \quad \text{in particular, for } \delta = 1: h \leq \max\{\beta_3, 2\}.$$

(Mises, 1939):  $h \leq 2\beta_3$ .

# Centering inequality for the third moments

## Theorem

For all  $a \in \mathbf{R}$  and any r.v.  $X$  with  $EX = a$  and  $E|X|^3 < \infty$

$$E|X - a|^3 \leq \frac{17 + 7\sqrt{7}}{27} E|X|^3 < 1.3156 \cdot E|X|^3,$$

with the equality attained at the two-point distribution of the form

$$P\left(X = \frac{6a}{4 - \sqrt{7} \pm \sqrt{1 + 2\sqrt{7}}}\right) = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{1 + 2\sqrt{7}}}{6}.$$

Applications: method of truncation.

# The Esseen moment inequality

## Theorem

For any r.v.  $X$  with  $EX = 0$ ,  $EX^2 = 1$ ,  $EX^3 = \alpha_3$ ,  $E|X|^k = \beta_k$ ,  $k = 1, 3$ ,

$$|\alpha_3| + 3\beta_1 \leq \inf_{\lambda \geq 1} \{ \lambda \beta_3 + M(p(\lambda), \lambda) \},$$

where  $p(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{\lambda+1}{\lambda+3}} \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{1}{3} \arctan \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\frac{\lambda-1}{\lambda+3}} \right)$ ,

$$M(p, \lambda) = \frac{1 - \lambda + 2(\lambda + 2)p - 2(\lambda + 3)p^2}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}}, \quad 0 < p \leq \frac{1}{2}, \lambda \geq 1,$$

**(Esseen, 1945, 1956):**  $X, X_1, X_2, \dots$  — i.i.d.,  $EX = 0$ ,  $EX^2 = 1$ ,  $\Rightarrow$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n} \sup_x |P(X_1 + \dots + X_n < x\sqrt{n}) - \Phi(x)| = \frac{|\alpha_3| + 3h}{6\sqrt{2\pi}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{10} + 3}{6\sqrt{2\pi}} \beta_3,$$

$h$  being the span, if  $X$  is lattice, and  $h = 0$  otherwise.

**(Sh., 2009, 2012)**  $\Rightarrow$

$$|\alpha_3| + 3h \leq |\alpha_3| + 3(\beta_3 + \beta_1) \leq \inf_{\lambda \geq 1} \{ (\lambda + 3)\beta_3 + M(p(\lambda), \lambda) \} \leq (\sqrt{10} + 3)\beta_3.$$

# Applications

# Applications: CLT for sums of independent r.v.'s

By  $\mathcal{F}_3$  denote the set of all d.f.'s of a r.v.  $X$  such that

$$EX = 0, \quad E|X|^3 < \infty.$$

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be independent r.v.'s with d.f.'s  $F_1, \dots, F_n \in \mathcal{F}_3$ . Let

$$\sigma_j^2 = EX_j^2, \quad \beta_{3,j} = E|X_j|^3, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

$$B_n^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n \sigma_j^2 > 0, \quad \ell_n = \frac{1}{B_n^3} \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_{3,j}, \quad \tau_n = \frac{1}{B_n^3} \sum_{j=1}^n \sigma_j^3,$$

$$\bar{F}_n(x) = P(X_1 + \dots + X_n < xB_n) = (F_1 * \dots * F_n)(xB_n),$$

$$\Delta_n = \Delta_n(F_1, \dots, F_n) = \sup_x |\bar{F}_n(x) - \Phi(x)|,$$

$$\Delta_n(F) = \Delta_n(F, \dots, F), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

$\Phi(\cdot)$  being the standard normal d.f. It can be made sure that

$$\ell_n \geq \tau_n \geq n^{-1/2}.$$

# Moment-type estimates with optimal structure. I

## Theorem

Let  $\beta_{1,j} = E|X_j|$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . Then for all  $F_1, \dots, F_n \in \mathcal{F}_3$ ,  $n \geq 1$

$$\Delta_n \leq \frac{2\ell_n}{3\sqrt{2\pi}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\beta_{1,j} \sigma_j^2}{B_n^3} + \begin{cases} 6\ell_n^{5/3}, & \text{non-i.i.d. case,} \\ 3\ell_n^2, & \text{i.i.d. case,} \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta_n \leq \frac{2\ell_n}{3\sqrt{2\pi}} + \sqrt{\frac{2\sqrt{3}-3}{6\pi}} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\sigma_j^3}{B_n^3} + \begin{cases} 3\ell_n^{7/6}, & \text{non-i.i.d. case,} \\ 2\ell_n^{3/2}, & \text{i.i.d. case.} \end{cases}$$

$$(2\sqrt{2\pi})^{-1} = 0.1994\dots, \quad \sqrt{(2\sqrt{3}-3)/(6\pi)} = 0.1569\dots$$

## Theorem

$$\underline{C}_{\text{AE}}(\mathcal{F}_3) = \limsup_{\ell \rightarrow 0} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}_3: \ell_n = \ell} \frac{\Delta_n(F)}{\ell} = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{2\pi}} = 0.2659\dots$$

$$\Delta_n \leq \frac{2\ell_n}{3\sqrt{2\pi}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\sigma_j^3}{B_n^3} + \begin{cases} O(\ell_n^{4/3}), & \text{non-i.i.d. case (Bentkus, 1991),} \\ O(\ell_n^2), & \text{i.i.d. case (Prawitz, 1975).} \end{cases}$$



# Moment-type estimates with optimal structure. II

## Theorem

For all  $c \geq 2/(3\sqrt{2\pi})$ ,  $n \geq 1$ ,  $F_1, \dots, F_n \in \mathcal{F}_3$

$$\Delta_n \leq c\ell_n + K(c) \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\sigma_j^3}{B_n^3} + \begin{cases} 3\ell_n^{7/6} \wedge A(c)\ell_n^{4/3}, & \text{non-i.i.d. case,} \\ 2\ell_n^{3/2} \wedge A(c)\ell_n^2, & \text{i.i.d. case,} \end{cases}$$

where  $K(c) = \frac{1 - \theta + 2(\theta + 2)p(\theta) - 2(\theta + 3)p^2(\theta)}{6\sqrt{2\pi p(\theta)(1 - p(\theta))}} \Big|_{\theta=6\sqrt{2\pi}c-3}$ ,

$$p(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{\theta+1}{\theta+3}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{1}{3} \arctan \sqrt{\theta^2 + 2\frac{\theta-1}{\theta+3}}\right), \quad \theta \geq 1,$$

$A(c) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $c \rightarrow 2/(3\sqrt{2\pi})$ ,  $A(c)$  decreases monotonically and is given in the explicit form. Value of  $K(c)$  can be made less for no  $c \geq \frac{2}{3\sqrt{2\pi}}$ .

**Remark.**  $K(c)$  decreases monotonically for  $c \geq 2/(3\sqrt{2\pi})$  and

$$K\left(\frac{\sqrt{10} + 3}{6\sqrt{2\pi}}\right) = 0.$$

Estimates in Kolmogorov's form:

## Corollary

For all  $n \geq 1$  and  $F_1, \dots, F_n \in \mathcal{F}_3$

$$\Delta_n \leq \frac{\sqrt{10} + 3}{6\sqrt{2\pi}} \ell_n + \begin{cases} 4\ell_n^{4/3}, & \text{non-i.i.d. case,} \\ 3\ell_n^2, & \text{i.i.d. case.} \end{cases}$$

(Chistyakov, 2001):  $\Delta_n \leq \frac{\sqrt{10} + 3}{6\sqrt{2\pi}} \ell_n + O(\ell_n^{40/39} |\log \ell_n|^{7/6})$ .

For symmetric Bernoulli distributions:

## Corollary

For all  $n \geq 1$  and  $F_1, \dots, F_n \in \mathcal{F}_3$  such that  $\beta_{3,j} = \sigma_j^3$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ ,

$$\Delta_n \leq \frac{\ell_n}{\sqrt{2\pi}} + \begin{cases} 4\ell_n^{4/3}, & \text{non-i.i.d. case,} \\ 3\ell_n^2, & \text{i.i.d. case.} \end{cases}$$

# Applications: Poisson random sums

Let  $X, X_1, X_2, \dots$  be i.i.d. r.v.'s with common d.f.  $F(x)$ , and such that

$$EX = a, \quad EX^2 = a^2 + \sigma^2 > 0, \quad E|X|^3 = \beta_3 < \infty.$$

By  $\mathcal{F}_3$  denote the set of all d.f.'s of the r.v.  $X$ , satisfying the above conditions for some  $a, \sigma > 0$  and  $\beta_3$ .

Let  $N_\lambda$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ , have the Poisson distribution:

$$P(N_\lambda = k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

and be independent of  $X_1, X_2, \dots$ . Denote

$$S_\lambda = X_1 + \dots + X_{N_\lambda} \quad (\text{for } N_\lambda = 0 \text{ define } S_\lambda = 0),$$

$$\Delta_\lambda = \Delta_\lambda(F) = \sup_{x \in \mathbf{R}} \left| P \left( \frac{S_\lambda - \lambda a}{\sqrt{\lambda(a^2 + \sigma^2)}} < x \right) - \Phi(x) \right|, \quad \lambda > 0, \quad x \in \mathbf{R},$$

$$\ell_\lambda = \frac{\beta_3}{(a^2 + \sigma^2)^{3/2} \sqrt{\lambda}}.$$

# Convergence rate estimates for Poisson random sums

## Theorem

For all  $\lambda > 0$  and  $F \in \mathcal{F}_3$

$$\Delta_\lambda \leq \frac{2\ell_\lambda}{3\sqrt{2\pi}} + \frac{\ell_\lambda^2}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_\lambda \leq \begin{cases} 0.3031 \cdot \ell_\lambda, & \forall \ell_\lambda, \\ 0.2929 \cdot \ell_\lambda, & \ell_\lambda \leq 0.1, \\ 0.2660 \cdot \ell_\lambda, & \ell_\lambda \leq 10^{-4}. \end{cases}$$

The **lower asymptotically exact** and **asymptotically exact** constants:







$$\underline{M}_{\text{AE}}(\mathcal{F}_3) = \limsup_{\ell \rightarrow 0} \limsup_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}_3: \ell_\lambda = \ell} \Delta_\lambda(F)/\ell,$$

$$M_{\text{AE}}(\mathcal{F}_3) = \limsup_{\ell \rightarrow 0} \sup_{\lambda, F \in \mathcal{F}_3: \ell_\lambda = \ell} \Delta_\lambda(F)/\ell.$$

## Theorem

$$\underline{M}_{\text{AE}}(\mathcal{F}_3) = M_{\text{AE}}(\mathcal{F}_3) = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{2\pi}} = 0.2659 \dots$$

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