

CS70 Continuous Probability II

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- CLT is stronger; it states that the distribution of the sample mean converges to normal distribution (this works for any sampling distribution)!

Problem Time!