

The Median Method

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Abstract

The median method is an amplification result for randomized approximation algorithms described in [1]. Given an algorithm whose result is in a desired interval with a probability larger than $\frac{1}{2}$, it is possible to improve the success probability, by running the algorithm multiple times independently and using the median. In contrast to using the mean, the amplification of the success probability grows exponentially with the number of independent runs.

This entry contains a formalization of the underlying theorem: Given a sequence of n independent random variables, which are in a desired interval with a probability $\frac{1}{2} + \alpha$. Then their median will be in the desired interval with a probability of $1 - \exp(-2\alpha^2 n)$. In particular, the success probability approaches 1 exponentially with the number of variables.

In addition to that, this entry also contains a proof that order-statistics of Borel-measurable random variables are themselves measurable and that generalized intervals in linearly ordered Borel-spaces are measurable.

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1 Intervals are Borel measurable

theory *Median*

imports

HOL-Probability.Probability

HOL-Library.Multiset

Universal-Hash-Families.Universal-Hash-Families-More-Independent-Families

begin

This section contains a proof that intervals are Borel measurable, where an interval is defined as a convex subset of linearly ordered space, more precisely, a set is an interval, if for each triple of points $x < y < z$: If x and z are in the set so is y . This includes ordinary intervals like $\{a..b\}$, $\{a<..**b\}**$ but also for example $\{x::rat. x * x < (2::rat)\}$ which cannot be expressed in the standard notation.

In the *HOL-Analysis.Borel-Space* there are proofs for the measurability of each specific type of interval, but those unfortunately do not help if we want to express the result about the median bound for arbitrary types of intervals.

definition *interval* :: ('a :: linorder) set \Rightarrow bool **where**
interval I = ($\forall x y z. x \in I \longrightarrow z \in I \longrightarrow x \leq y \longrightarrow y \leq z \longrightarrow y \in I$)

definition *up-ray* :: ('a :: linorder) set \Rightarrow bool **where**
up-ray I = ($\forall x y. x \in I \longrightarrow x \leq y \longrightarrow y \in I$)

lemma *up-ray-borel*:

assumes *up-ray* (I :: (('a :: linorder-topology) set))

shows $I \in \text{borel}$

proof (*cases closed I*)

case *True*

then show *?thesis using borel-closed by blast*

next

case *False*

hence $b:\neg \text{closed } I$ **by** *blast*

have *open I*

proof (*rule Topological-Spaces.openI*)

fix *x*

assume $c:x \in I$

show $\exists T. \text{open } T \wedge x \in T \wedge T \subseteq I$

proof (*cases $\exists y. y < x \wedge y \in I$*)

case *True*

then obtain *y* **where** $a:y < x \wedge y \in I$ **by** *blast*

have *open* $\{y<..\}$ **by** *simp*

moreover have $x \in \{y<..\}$ **using** *a* **by** *simp*

moreover have $\{y<..\} \subseteq I$

using *a* *assms(1)* **by** (*auto simp: up-ray-def*)

ultimately show *?thesis* **by** *blast*

next

case *False*

hence $I \subseteq \{x..\}$ **using** *linorder-not-less* **by** *auto*

moreover have $\{x..\} \subseteq I$

using *c* *assms(1)* **unfolding** *up-ray-def* **by** *blast*

ultimately have $I = \{x..\}$

by (*rule order-antisym*)

moreover have *closed* $\{x..\}$ **by** *simp*

ultimately have *False* using *b* by *auto*
 then show *?thesis* by *simp*
 qed
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 then show *?thesis* by *simp*
 qed

definition *down-ray* :: ('a :: linorder) set \Rightarrow bool **where**
down-ray I = $(\forall x y. y \in I \longrightarrow x \leq y \longrightarrow x \in I)$

lemma *down-ray-borel*:
 assumes *down-ray* (I :: (('a :: linorder-topology) set))
 shows $I \in \text{borel}$
proof –
 have *up-ray* ($-I$) using *assms*
 by (*simp add: up-ray-def down-ray-def, blast*)
 hence $(-I) \in \text{borel}$ using *up-ray-borel* by *blast*
 thus $I \in \text{borel}$
 by (*metis borel-comp double-complement*)
 qed

Main result of this section:

lemma *interval-borel*:
 assumes *interval* (I :: (('a :: linorder-topology) set))
 shows $I \in \text{borel}$
proof (*cases* $I = \{\}$)
 case *True*
 then show *?thesis* by *simp*
next
 case *False*
 then obtain *x* where $a:x \in I$ by *blast*
 have $\bigwedge y z. y \in I \cup \{x..\} \Longrightarrow y \leq z \Longrightarrow z \in I \cup \{x..\}$
 by (*metis assms a interval-def IntE UnE Un-Int-eq(1) Un-Int-eq(2) atLeast-iff nle-le order.trans*)
 hence *up-ray* ($I \cup \{x..\}$)
 using *up-ray-def* by *blast*
 hence $b:I \cup \{x..\} \in \text{borel}$
 using *up-ray-borel* by *blast*

 have $\bigwedge y z. y \in I \cup \{..x\} \Longrightarrow z \leq y \Longrightarrow z \in I \cup \{..x\}$
 by (*metis assms a interval-def UnE UnI1 UnI2 atMost-iff dual-order.trans linorder-le-cases*)
 hence *down-ray* ($I \cup \{..x\}$)
 using *down-ray-def* by *blast*
 hence $c:I \cup \{..x\} \in \text{borel}$
 using *down-ray-borel* by *blast*

 have $I = (I \cup \{x..\}) \cap (I \cup \{..x\})$
 using *a* by *fastforce*

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then show ?thesis using b c
  by (metis sets.Int)
qed

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2 Order statistics are Borel measurable

This section contains a proof that order statistics of Borel measurable random variables are themselves Borel measurable.

The proof relies on the existence of branch-free comparison-sort algorithms. Given a sequence length these algorithms perform compare-swap operations on predefined pairs of positions. In particular the result of a comparison does not affect future operations. An example for a branch-free comparison sort algorithm is shell-sort and also bubble-sort without the early exit.

The advantage of using such a comparison-sort algorithm is that it can be lifted to work on random variables, where the result of a comparison-swap operation on two random variables X and Y can be represented as the expressions $\lambda\omega. \min (X \ \omega) (Y \ \omega)$ and $\lambda\omega. \max (X \ \omega) (Y \ \omega)$.

Because taking the point-wise minimum (resp. maximum) of two random variables is still Borel measurable, and because the entire sorting operation can be represented using such compare-swap operations, we can show that all order statistics are Borel measurable.

fun *sort-primitive* **where**

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sort-primitive i j f k = (if k = i then min (f i) (f j) else (if k = j then max (f i)
(f j) else f k))

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fun *sort-map* **where**

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sort-map f n = fold id [sort-primitive j i. i <- [0..<n], j <- [0..<i]] f

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lemma *sort-map-ind*:

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sort-map f (Suc n) = fold id [sort-primitive j n. j <- [0..<n]] (sort-map f n)
by simp

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lemma *sort-map-strict-mono*:

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fixes f :: nat => 'b :: linorder

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shows j < n => i < j => sort-map f n i ≤ sort-map f n j

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proof (*induction n arbitrary: i j*)

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case 0

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then show ?case by simp

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next

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case (Suc n)

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define g where g = (λk. fold id [sort-primitive j n. j <- [0..<k]] (sort-map f
n))

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define k where k = n

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have a:(∀ i j. j < n → i < j → g k i ≤ g k j) ∧ (∀ l. l < k → g k l ≤ g k n)

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proof (induction k)

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    case 0
    then show ?case using Suc by (simp add:g-def del:sort-map.simps)
next
case (Suc k)
have g (Suc k) = sort-primitive k n (g k)
  by (simp add:g-def)
then show ?case using Suc
  apply (cases g k k ≤ g k n)
  apply (simp add:min-def max-def)
  using less-antisym apply blast
  apply (cases g k n ≤ g k k)
  apply (simp add:min-def max-def)
  apply (metis less-antisym max.coboundedI2 max.orderE)
  by simp
qed

hence  $\bigwedge i j. j < \text{Suc } n \implies i < j \implies g \ n \ i \leq g \ n \ j$ 
  apply (simp add:k-def) using less-antisym by blast
moreover have sort-map f (Suc n) = g n
  by (simp add:sort-map-ind g-def del:sort-map.simps)
ultimately show ?case
  using Suc by (simp del:sort-map.simps)
qed

lemma sort-map-mono:
  fixes f :: nat  $\Rightarrow$  'b :: linorder
  shows j < n  $\implies$  i ≤ j  $\implies$  sort-map f n i ≤ sort-map f n j
  by (metis sort-map-strict-mono eq-iff le-imp-less-or-eq)

lemma sort-map-perm:
  fixes f :: nat  $\Rightarrow$  'b :: linorder
  shows image-mset (sort-map f n) (mset [0..\lambda(ts :: ((nat  $\Rightarrow$  'b)  $\Rightarrow$  nat  $\Rightarrow$  'b)).  $\exists$  i < n.  $\exists$  j < n. ts = sort-primitive i j)
  define t :: ((nat  $\Rightarrow$  'b)  $\Rightarrow$  nat  $\Rightarrow$  'b) list
    where t = [sort-primitive j i. i <- [0..\bigwedge x f. \text{is-swap } x \implies \text{image-mset } (x f) \ (\text{mset-set } \{0..
  proof -
    fix x
    fix f :: nat  $\Rightarrow$  'b :: linorder
    assume is-swap x
    then obtain i j where x-def: x = sort-primitive i j and i-bound: i < n and j-bound:j < n
      using is-swap-def by blast
    define inv where inv = mset-set {k. k < n  $\wedge$  k  $\neq$  i  $\wedge$  k  $\neq$  j}
    have b:{0..\wedge k  $\neq$  i  $\wedge$  k  $\neq$  j}  $\cup$  {i,j}

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    apply (rule order-antisym, rule subsetI, simp, blast, rule subsetI, simp)
    using i-bound j-bound by meson
  have c:  $\bigwedge k. k \in \# \text{ inv} \implies (x f) k = f k$ 
    by (simp add: x-def inv-def)
  have image-mset (x f) inv = image-mset f inv
    apply (rule multiset-eqI)
    using c multiset.map-cong0 by force
  moreover have image-mset (x f) (mset-set {i,j}) = image-mset f (mset-set
{i,j})
    apply (cases i = j)
    by (simp add: x-def max-def min-def)+
  moreover have mset-set {0..<n} = inv + mset-set {i,j}
    by (simp only: inv-def b, rule mset-set-Union, simp, simp, simp)
  ultimately show image-mset (x f) (mset-set {0..<n}) = image-mset f (mset-set
{0..<n})
    by simp
  qed

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  have ( $\forall x \in \text{set } t. \text{is-swap } x$ )  $\implies$  image-mset (fold id t f) (mset [0..<n]) =
image-mset f (mset [0..<n])
    by (induction t arbitrary: f, simp, simp add: a)
  moreover have  $\bigwedge x. x \in \text{set } t \implies \text{is-swap } x$ 
    apply (simp add: t-def is-swap-def)
    by (meson atLeastLessThan-iff imageE less-imp-le less-le-trans)
  ultimately have image-mset (fold id t f) (mset [0..<n]) = image-mset f (mset
[0..<n]) by blast
  then show ?thesis by (simp add: t-def)
  qed

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lemma list-eq-iff:
  assumes mset xs = mset ys
  assumes sorted xs
  assumes sorted ys
  shows xs = ys
  using assms properties-for-sort by blast

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lemma sort-map-eq-sort:
  fixes f :: nat  $\Rightarrow$  ('b :: linorder)
  shows map (sort-map f n) [0..<n] = sort (map f [0..<n]) (is ?A = ?B)
proof -
  have mset ?A = mset ?B
    using sort-map-perm[where f=f and n=n]
    by (simp del: sort-map.simps)
  moreover have sorted ?B
    by simp
  moreover have sorted ?A
    apply (subst sorted-wrt-iff-nth-less)
    apply (simp del: sort-map.simps)
    by (metis sort-map-mono nat-less-le)

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ultimately show $?A = ?B$
 using *list-eq-iff* by *blast*
 qed

lemma *order-statistics-measurable-aux*:

fixes $X :: \text{nat} \Rightarrow 'a \Rightarrow ('b :: \{\text{linorder-topology, second-countable-topology}\})$

assumes $n \geq 1$

assumes $j < n$

assumes $\bigwedge i. i < n \implies X\ i \in \text{measurable } M \text{ borel}$

shows $(\lambda x. (\text{sort-map } (\lambda i. X\ i\ x)\ n)\ j) \in \text{measurable } M \text{ borel}$

proof –

have $n \geq 0 : n > 0$ using *assms* by *simp*

define *is-swap* where *is-swap* = $(\lambda(ts :: ((\text{nat} \Rightarrow 'b) \Rightarrow \text{nat} \Rightarrow 'b)). \exists i < n. \exists j < n. ts = \text{sort-primitive } i\ j)$

define $t :: ((\text{nat} \Rightarrow 'b) \Rightarrow \text{nat} \Rightarrow 'b)$ list

where $t = [\text{sort-primitive } j\ i. i < - [0..<n], j < - [0..<i]]$

define *meas-ptw* :: $(\text{nat} \Rightarrow 'a \Rightarrow 'b) \Rightarrow \text{bool}$

where *meas-ptw* = $(\lambda f. (\forall k. k < n \longrightarrow f\ k \in \text{borel-measurable } M))$

have *ind-step*:

$\bigwedge x (g :: \text{nat} \Rightarrow 'a \Rightarrow 'b). \text{meas-ptw } g \implies \text{is-swap } x \implies \text{meas-ptw } (\lambda k\ \omega. x (\lambda i. g\ i\ \omega)\ k)$

proof –

fix $x\ g$

assume *meas-ptw* g

hence $a : \bigwedge k. k < n \implies g\ k \in \text{borel-measurable } M$ by (*simp add:meas-ptw-def*)

assume *is-swap* x

then obtain $i\ j$ where *x-def*: $x = \text{sort-primitive } i\ j$ and *i-le*: $i < n$ and *j-le*: $j < n$

by (*simp add:is-swap-def, blast*)

have $\bigwedge k. k < n \implies (\lambda\ \omega. x (\lambda i. g\ i\ \omega)\ k) \in \text{borel-measurable } M$

proof –

fix k

assume $k < n$

thus $(\lambda\ \omega. x (\lambda i. g\ i\ \omega)\ k) \in \text{borel-measurable } M$

apply (*simp add:x-def*)

apply (*cases k = i, simp*)

using *a i-le j-le borel-measurable-min* apply *blast*

apply (*cases k = j, simp*)

using *a i-le j-le borel-measurable-max* apply *blast*

using *a* by *simp*

qed

thus *meas-ptw* $(\lambda k\ \omega. x (\lambda i. g\ i\ \omega)\ k)$

by (*simp add:meas-ptw-def*)

qed

have $(\forall x \in \text{set } t. \text{is-swap } x) \implies \text{meas-ptw } (\lambda k\ \omega. (\text{fold id } t (\lambda k. X\ k\ \omega))\ k)$

proof (*induction t rule:rev-induct*)

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    case Nil
    then show ?case using assms by (simp add: meas-ptw-def)
next
    case (snoc x xs)
    have a: meas-ptw (λk ω. fold (λa. a) xs (λk. X k ω) k) using snoc by simp
    have b: is-swap x using snoc by simp
    show ?case using ind-step[OF a b] by simp
qed
moreover have ∧x. x ∈ set t ⇒ is-swap x
    apply (simp add: t-def is-swap-def)
    by (meson atLeastLessThan-iff imageE less-imp-le less-le-trans)
ultimately show ?thesis using assms
    by (simp add: t-def[symmetric] meas-ptw-def)
qed

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Main results of this section:

lemma *order-statistics-measurable*:

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    fixes X :: nat ⇒ 'a ⇒ ('b :: {linorder-topology, second-countable-topology})
    assumes n ≥ 1
    assumes j < n
    assumes ∧i. i < n ⇒ X i ∈ measurable M borel
    shows (λx. (sort (map (λi. X i x) [0..

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definition *median* :: nat ⇒ (nat ⇒ ('a :: linorder)) ⇒ 'a **where**
median n f = sort (map f [0..

lemma *median-measurable*:

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    fixes X :: nat ⇒ 'a ⇒ ('b :: {linorder-topology, second-countable-topology})
    assumes n ≥ 1
    assumes ∧i. i < n ⇒ X i ∈ measurable M borel
    shows (λx. median n (λi. X i x)) ∈ measurable M borel
    apply (simp add: median-def)
    apply (rule order-statistics-measurable[OF assms(1) - assms(2)])
    using assms(1) by force+

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3 The Median Method

This section contains the proof for the probability that the median of independent random variables will be in an interval with high probability if the individual variables are in the same interval with probability larger than $\frac{1}{2}$. The proof starts with the elementary observation that the median of a sequence with n elements is in an interval I if at least half of them are in I . This works because after sorting the sequence the elements that will be in the interval must necessarily form a consecutive subsequence, if its length is larger than $\frac{n}{2}$ the median must be in it.

The remainder follows the proof in [1, §2.1] using the Hoeffding inequality to estimate the probability that at least half of the sequence elements will be in the interval I .

lemma *interval-rule*:

assumes *interval I*
assumes $a \leq x \ x \leq b$
assumes $a \in I$
assumes $b \in I$
shows $x \in I$
using *assms(1)* **apply** (*simp add: interval-def*)
using *assms* **by** *blast*

lemma *sorted-int*:

assumes *interval I*
assumes *sorted xs*
assumes $k < \text{length } xs \ i \leq j \ j \leq k$
assumes $xs ! i \in I \ xs ! k \in I$
shows $xs ! j \in I$
apply (*rule interval-rule*[**where** $a=xs ! i$ **and** $b=xs ! k$])
using *assms* **by** (*simp add: sorted-nth-mono*)**+**

lemma *mid-in-interval*:

assumes $2 * \text{length } (\text{filter } (\lambda x. x \in I) \ xs) > \text{length } xs$
assumes *interval I*
assumes *sorted xs*
shows $xs ! (\text{length } xs \ \text{div } 2) \in I$

proof –

have $\text{length } (\text{filter } (\lambda x. x \in I) \ xs) > 0$ **using** *assms(1)* **by** *linarith*
then obtain v **where** $v-1: v < \text{length } xs$ **and** $v-2: xs ! v \in I$
by (*metis filter-False in-set-conv-nth length-greater-0-conv*)

define J **where** $J = \{k. k < \text{length } xs \wedge xs ! k \in I\}$

have *card-J-min*: $2 * \text{card } J > \text{length } xs$
using *assms(1)* **by** (*simp add: J-def length-filter-conv-card*)

consider

(a) $xs ! (\text{length } xs \ \text{div } 2) \in I$ |
(b) $xs ! (\text{length } xs \ \text{div } 2) \notin I \wedge v > (\text{length } xs \ \text{div } 2)$ |
(c) $xs ! (\text{length } xs \ \text{div } 2) \notin I \wedge v < (\text{length } xs \ \text{div } 2)$
by (*metis linorder-cases v-2*)

thus *?thesis*

proof (*cases*)

case a

then show *?thesis* **by** *simp*

next

case b

have $p: \bigwedge k. k \leq \text{length } xs \ \text{div } 2 \implies xs ! k \notin I$

using $b \ v-2$ *sorted-int*[*OF assms(2) assms(3) v-1*, **where** $j=\text{length } xs \ \text{div } 2$]

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apply simp by blast
  have  $\text{card } J \leq \text{card } \{\text{Suc } (\text{length } xs \text{ div } 2) .. < \text{length } xs\}$ 
    apply (rule card-mono, simp)
    apply (rule subsetI, simp add: J-def not-less-eq-eq[symmetric])
    using  $p$  by metis
  hence  $\text{card } J \leq \text{length } xs - (\text{Suc } (\text{length } xs \text{ div } 2))$ 
    using card-atLeastLessThan by metis
  hence  $\text{length } xs \leq 2 * (\text{length } xs - (\text{Suc } (\text{length } xs \text{ div } 2)))$ 
    using card-J-min by linarith
  hence False
    apply (simp add: nat-distrib)
    apply (subst (asm) le-diff-conv2) using  $b \ v-1$  apply linarith
    by simp
  then show ?thesis by simp
next
  case  $c$ 
  have  $p: \bigwedge k. k \geq \text{length } xs \text{ div } 2 \implies k < \text{length } xs \implies xs ! k \notin I$ 
    using  $c \ v-1 \ v-2$  sorted-int[OF assms(2) assms(3), where  $i = v$  and  $j = \text{length } xs \text{ div } 2$ ] apply simp by blast
  have  $\text{card } J \leq \text{card } \{0 .. < (\text{length } xs \text{ div } 2)\}$ 
    apply (rule card-mono, simp)
    apply (rule subsetI, simp add: J-def not-less-eq-eq[symmetric])
    using  $p$  linorder-le-less-linear by blast
  hence  $\text{card } J \leq (\text{length } xs \text{ div } 2)$ 
    using card-atLeastLessThan by simp
  then show ?thesis using card-J-min by linarith
qed
qed

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lemma median-est:

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assumes interval  $I$ 
assumes  $2 * \text{card } \{k. k < n \wedge f k \in I\} > n$ 
shows median  $n \ f \in I$ 
proof -
  have  $a: \{k. k < n \wedge f k \in I\} = \{i. i < n \wedge \text{map } f [0 .. < n] ! i \in I\}$ 
    apply (rule order-antisym, rule subsetI, simp)
    by (rule subsetI, simp, metis add-0 diff-zero nth-map-upt)

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show ?thesis

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  apply (simp add: median-def)
  apply (rule mid-in-interval[where  $I = I$  and  $xs = \text{sort } (\text{map } f [0 .. < n])$ , simplified])
  using assms  $a$  apply (simp add: filter-sort comp-def length-filter-conv-card)
  by (simp add: assms)
qed

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lemma prod-pmf-bernoulli-mono:

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assumes finite  $I$ 
assumes  $\bigwedge i. i \in I \implies 0 \leq f i \wedge f i \leq g i \wedge g i \leq 1$ 

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assumes $\bigwedge x y. x \in A \implies (\forall i \in I. x i \leq y i) \implies y \in A$
shows $\text{measure } (Pi\text{-pmf } I d (\text{bernoulli-pmf } \circ f)) A \leq \text{measure } (Pi\text{-pmf } I d (\text{bernoulli-pmf } \circ g)) A$
(is ?L ≤ ?R)
proof –
define q **where** $q i = \text{pmf-of-list } [(0::\text{nat}, f i), (1, g i - f i), (2, 1 - g i)]$ **for** i

have $wf:\text{pmf-of-list-wf } [(0::\text{nat}, f i), (1, g i - f i), (2, 1 - g i)]$ **if** $i \in I$ **for** i
using $\text{assms}(2)[OF \text{ that}]$ **by** $(\text{intro pmf-of-list-wfI}) \text{ auto}$

have $0: \text{bernoulli-pmf } (f i) = \text{map-pmf } (\lambda x. x = 0) (q i)$ **(is ?L1 = ?R1)**
if $i \in I$ **for** i
proof –
have $0 \leq f i$ $f i \leq 1$ **using** $\text{assms}(2)[OF \text{ that}]$ **by** auto
hence $\text{pmf } ?L1 x = \text{pmf } ?R1 x$ **for** x
unfolding $q\text{-def pmf-map measure-pmf-of-list}[OF wf][OF \text{ that}]$
by $(\text{cases } x;\text{simp-all add:vimage-def})$
thus $?thesis$
by $(\text{intro pmf-eqI}) \text{ auto}$
qed

have $1: \text{bernoulli-pmf } (g i) = \text{map-pmf } (\lambda x. x \in \{0,1\}) (q i)$ **(is ?L1 = ?R1)**
if $i \in I$ **for** i
proof –
have $0 \leq g i$ $g i \leq 1$ **using** $\text{assms}(2)[OF \text{ that}]$ **by** auto
hence $\text{pmf } ?L1 x = \text{pmf } ?R1 x$ **for** x
unfolding $q\text{-def pmf-map measure-pmf-of-list}[OF wf][OF \text{ that}]$
by $(\text{cases } x;\text{simp-all add:vimage-def})$
thus $?thesis$
by $(\text{intro pmf-eqI}) \text{ auto}$
qed

have $2: (\lambda k. x k = 0) \in A \implies (\lambda k. x k = 0 \vee x k = \text{Suc } 0) \in A$ **for** x
by $(\text{erule assms}(3)) \text{ auto}$

have $?L = \text{measure } (Pi\text{-pmf } I d (\lambda i. \text{map-pmf } (\lambda x. x = 0) (q i))) A$
unfolding comp-def **by** $(\text{simp add:0 cong: Pi-pmf-cong})$
also have $\dots = \text{measure } (\text{map-pmf } ((\circ) (\lambda x. x = 0)) (Pi\text{-pmf } I (\text{if } d \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } 2) q)) A$
by $(\text{intro arg-cong2}[\text{where } f=\text{measure-pmf.prob}] Pi\text{-pmf-map}[OF \text{ assms}(1)]) \text{ auto}$
also have $\dots = \text{measure } (Pi\text{-pmf } I (\text{if } d \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } 2) q) \{x. (\lambda k. x k = 0) \in A\}$
by $(\text{simp add:comp-def vimage-def})$
also have $\dots \leq \text{measure } (Pi\text{-pmf } I (\text{if } d \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } 2) q) \{x. (\lambda k. x k \in \{0,1\}) \in A\}$
using 2 **by** $(\text{intro measure-pmf.finite-measure-mono subsetI}) \text{ auto}$
also have $\dots = \text{measure } (\text{map-pmf } ((\circ) (\lambda x. x \in \{0,1\}))) (Pi\text{-pmf } I (\text{if } d \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } 2) q)) A$
by $(\text{simp add:vimage-def comp-def})$

also have ... = *measure* (*Pi-pmf* *I d* ($\lambda i. \text{map-pmf } (\lambda x. x \in \{0,1\}) (q i)$)) *A*
by (*intro arg-cong2*[**where** *f=measure-pmf.prob*] *Pi-pmf-map*[*OF assms(1), symmetric*]) *auto*
also have ... = ?*R*
unfolding *comp-def* **by** (*simp add:1 cong: Pi-pmf-cong*)
finally show ?*thesis* **by** *simp*
qed

lemma *discrete-measure-eqI*:

assumes *sets M = count-space UNIV*
assumes *sets N = count-space UNIV*
assumes *countable Ω*
assumes $\bigwedge x. x \in \Omega \implies \text{emeasure } M \{x\} = \text{emeasure } N \{x\} \wedge \text{emeasure } M \{x\} \neq \infty$

assumes *AE x in M. x $\in \Omega$*
assumes *AE x in N. x $\in \Omega$*
shows *M = N*

proof –

define *E* **where** *E = insert {} (($\lambda x. \{x\}$) ‘ Ω)*

have *0: Int-stable E* **unfolding** *E-def* **by** (*intro Int-stableI*) *auto*

have *1: countable E* **using** *assms(3)* **unfolding** *E-def* **by** *simp*

have *E \subseteq Pow Ω* **unfolding** *E-def* **by** *auto*

have *emeasure M A = emeasure N A* **if** *A-range: A $\in E$* **for** *A*

using *that assms(4)* **unfolding** *E-def* **by** *auto*

moreover have *sets M = sets N* **using** *assms(1,2)* **by** *simp*

moreover have $\Omega \in \text{sets } M$ **using** *assms(1)* **by** *simp*

moreover have *E $\neq \{\}$* **unfolding** *E-def* **by** *simp*

moreover have $\bigcup E = \Omega$ **unfolding** *E-def* **by** *simp*

moreover have *emeasure M a $\neq \infty$* **if** *a $\in E$* **for** *a*

using *that assms(4)* **unfolding** *E-def* **by** *auto*

moreover have *sets (restrict-space M Ω) = Pow Ω*

using *assms(1)* **by** (*simp add:sets-restrict-space range-inter*)

moreover have *sets (restrict-space N Ω) = Pow Ω*

using *assms(2)* **by** (*simp add:sets-restrict-space range-inter*)

moreover have *sigma-sets Ω E = Pow Ω*

unfolding *E-def* **by** (*intro sigma-sets-singletons-and-empty assms(3)*)

ultimately show ?*thesis*

by (*intro measure-eqI-restrict-generator*[*OF 0 - - - - - assms(5,6) 1*]) *auto*

qed

Main results of this section:

The next theorem establishes a bound for the probability of the median of independent random variables using the binomial distribution. In a follow-up step, we will establish tail bounds for the binomial distribution and corresponding median bounds.

This two-step strategy was suggested by Yong Kiam Tan. In a previ-

ous version, I only had verified the exponential tail bound (see theorem `median_bound` below).

theorem (in *prob-space*) *median-bound-raw*:

fixes $I :: ('b :: \{\text{linorder-topology, second-countable-topology}\}) \text{ set}$

assumes $n > 0 \ p \geq 0$

assumes *interval* I

assumes *indep-vars* $(\lambda. \text{borel}) \ X \ \{0..<n\}$

assumes $\bigwedge i. i < n \implies \mathcal{P}(\omega \text{ in } M. X \ i \ \omega \in I) \geq p$

shows $\mathcal{P}(\omega \text{ in } M. \text{median } n \ (\lambda i. X \ i \ \omega) \in I) \geq 1 - \text{measure} (\text{binomial-pmf } n \ p) \ \{..n \ \text{div } 2\}$

(is $?L \geq ?R$)

proof –

let $?pi = \text{Pi-pmf } \{..<n\}$ *undefined*

define $q \ i$ **where** $q \ i = \mathcal{P}(\omega \text{ in } M. X \ i \ \omega \in I)$ **for** i

have $n\text{-ge-1}: n \geq 1$ **using** *assms(1)* **by** *simp*

have $0: \{k. k < n \wedge (k < n \implies X \ k \ \omega \in I)\} = \{k. k < n \wedge X \ k \ \omega \in I\}$ **for** ω
by *auto*

have *countable* $(\{..<n\} \rightarrow_E \ (UNIV :: \text{bool set}))$

by (*intro countable-PiE*) *auto*

hence *countable-ext*: *countable* (*extensional* $\{..<n\} :: (\text{nat} \implies \text{bool}) \text{ set}$)

unfolding *PiE-def* **by** *auto*

have $m0: I \in \text{sets borel}$

using *interval-borel[OF assms(3)]* **by** *simp*

have $m1: \text{random-variable borel } (\lambda x. X \ k \ x)$ **if** $k \in \{..<n\}$ **for** k

using *assms(4)* **that** **unfolding** *indep-vars-def* **by** *auto*

have $m2: (\lambda x. x \in I) \in \text{borel} \rightarrow_M \ (\text{measure-pmf } ((\text{bernoulli-pmf} \circ q) \ k))$

for k **using** $m0$ **by** *measurable*

hence $m3: \text{random-variable } (\text{measure-pmf } ((\text{bernoulli-pmf} \circ q) \ k)) \ (\lambda x. X \ k \ x \in I)$

if $k \in \{..<n\}$ **for** k

by (*intro measurable-compose[OF m1]*) *that*

hence $m4: \text{random-variable } (\text{PiM } \{..<n\} \ (\text{bernoulli-pmf} \circ q)) \ (\lambda \omega. \lambda k \in \{..<n\}. X \ k \ \omega \in I)$

by (*intro measurable-restrict*) *auto*

moreover **have** $A \in \text{sets } (\text{PiM } \{..<n\} \ (\lambda x. \text{measure-pmf } (\text{bernoulli-pmf } (q \ x))))$

if $A \subseteq \text{extensional } \{..<n\}$ **for** A

proof –

have $A = (\bigcup a \in A. \{a\})$ **by** *auto*

also **have** $\dots = (\bigcup a \in A. \text{PiE } \{..<n\} \ (\lambda k. \{a \ k\}))$

using *that* **by** (*intro arg-cong[where f=Union]*) *image-cong refl PiE-singleton[symmetric]*)

auto

also **have** $\dots \in \text{sets } (\text{PiM } \{..<n\} \ (\lambda x. \text{measure-pmf } (\text{bernoulli-pmf } (q \ x))))$

using *that countable-ext countable-subset*
by (*intro sets.countable-Union countable-image image-subsetI sets-PiM-I-finite*)
auto
finally show *?thesis by simp*
qed
hence *m5: id ∈ (PiM {..*n*} (bernoulli-pmf ∘ *q*)) →_{*M*} (count-space UNIV)*
by (*intro measurableI*) (*simp-all add:vimage-def space-PiM PiE-def*)
ultimately have *random-variable (count-space UNIV) (id ∘ (λ*ω*. λ*k*∈{..*n*}. *X* *k* *ω* ∈ *I*))*
by (*rule measurable-comp*)
hence *m6: random-variable (count-space UNIV) (λ*ω*. λ*k*∈{..*n*}. *X* *k* *ω* ∈ *I*)*
by *simp*

have *indep: indep-vars (bernoulli-pmf ∘ *q*) (λ*i* *x*. *X* *i* *x* ∈ *I*) {0..*n*}*
by (*intro indep-vars-compose2[OF assms(4)] m2*)

have *measure M {x ∈ space M. (X k x ∈ I) = ω} = measure (bernoulli-pmf (q*
k)) {ω}
if *k < n for ω k*
proof (*cases ω*)
case *True*
then show *?thesis unfolding q-def by (simp add:measure-pmf-single)*
next
case *False*
have *{x ∈ space M. X k x ∈ I} ∈ events*
using *that m0 by (intro measurable-sets-Collect[OF m1]) auto*
hence *prob {x ∈ space M. X k x ∉ I} = 1 - prob {ω ∈ space M. X k ω ∈ I}*
by (*subst prob-neg*) *auto*
thus *?thesis using False unfolding q-def by (simp add:measure-pmf-single)*
qed

hence *1: emeasure M {x ∈ space M. (X k x ∈ I) = ω} = emeasure (bernoulli-pmf*
(q k)) {ω}
if *k < n for ω k*
using *that unfolding emeasure-eq-measure measure-pmf.emeasure-eq-measure*
by *simp*

interpret *product-sigma-finite (bernoulli-pmf ∘ q)*
by *standard*

have *distr M (count-space UNIV) (λ*ω*. (λ*k*∈{..*n*}. *X* *k* *ω* ∈ *I*)) = distr*
*(distr M (PiM {..*n*} (bernoulli-pmf ∘ *q*)) (λ*ω*. λ*k*∈{..*n*}. *X* *k* *ω* ∈ *I*))*
(count-space UNIV) id
by (*subst distr-distr[OF m5 m4]*) (*simp add:comp-def*)
also have *... = distr (PiM {..*n*} (λ*i*. (distr M ((bernoulli-pmf ∘ *q*) *i*) (λ*ω*. *X**
**i* *ω* ∈ *I*))))*
(count-space UNIV) id
using *assms(1) indep atLeast0LessThan by (intro arg-cong2[where f=λ*x* *y*.*
*distr *x* *y* id]*

$iffD1[OF\ indep\ vars\ iff\ distr\ eq\ PiM] m3) auto$
also have ... = $distr (PiM \{..<n\} (bernoulli\ pmf \circ q)) (count\ space\ UNIV) id$
using $m3\ 1$ **by** ($intro\ distr\ cong\ PiM\ cong\ refl\ discrete\ measure\ eqI[where\ \Omega=UNIV]$)
($simp\ all\ add:emeasure\ distr\ vimage\ def\ Int\ def\ conj\ commute$)
also have ... = $?pi (bernoulli\ pmf \circ q)$
proof ($rule\ discrete\ measure\ eqI[where\ \Omega=extensional\ \{..<n\}]$, $goal\ cases$)
case 1 show $?case$ **by** $simp$
next
case 2 show $?case$ **by** $simp$
next
case 3 show $?case$ **using** $countable\ ext$ **by** $simp$
next
case ($4\ x$)
have $emeasure (PiM \{..<n\} (bernoulli\ pmf \circ q)) \{x\} =$
 $emeasure (PiM \{..<n\} (bernoulli\ pmf \circ q)) (PiE \{..<n\} (\lambda k. \{x\ k}))$
using $PiE\ singleton[OF\ 4]$ **by** $simp$
also have ... = $(\prod i < n. emeasure (measure\ pmf (bernoulli\ pmf (q\ i))) \{x\ i\})$
by ($subst\ emeasure\ PiM$) $auto$
also have ... = $emeasure (Pi\ pmf \{..<n\} undefined (bernoulli\ pmf \circ q))$
 $(PiE\ dflt \{..<n\} undefined (\lambda k. \{x\ k}))$
unfolding $measure\ pmf.emeasure\ eq\ measure$
by ($subst\ measure\ Pi\ pmf\ PiE\ dflt$) ($simp\ all\ add:prod\ ennreal$)
also have ... = $emeasure (Pi\ pmf \{..<n\} undefined (bernoulli\ pmf \circ q)) \{x\}$
using 4 **by** ($intro\ arg\ cong2[where\ f=emeasure]$) ($auto\ simp\ add:PiE\ dflt\ def\ extensional\ def$)
finally have $emeasure (PiM \{..<n\} (bernoulli\ pmf \circ q)) \{x\} =$
 $emeasure (Pi\ pmf \{..<n\} undefined (bernoulli\ pmf \circ q)) \{x\}$
by $simp$
thus $?case$ **using** 4
by ($subst (1\ 2) emeasure\ distr[OF\ m5]$) ($simp\ all\ add:vimage\ def\ space\ PiM\ PiE\ def$)
next
case 5
have $AE\ x\ in\ PiM \{..<n\} (bernoulli\ pmf \circ q). x \in extensional \{..<n\}$
by ($intro\ AE\ I2$) ($simp\ add:space\ PiM\ PiE\ def$)
then show $?case$ **by** ($subst\ AE\ distr\ iff[OF\ m5]$) $simp\ all$
next
case 6
then show $?case$ **by** ($intro\ AE\ pmfI$) ($simp\ add: set\ Pi\ pmf\ PiE\ dflt\ def\ extensional\ def$)
qed
finally have $2: distr\ M (count\ space\ UNIV) (\lambda \omega. (\lambda k \in \{..<n\}. X\ k\ \omega \in I)) =$
 $?pi (bernoulli\ pmf \circ q)$
by $simp$

have $3: n < 2 * card \{k. k < n \wedge y\ k\}$ **if**
 $n < 2 * card \{k. k < n \wedge x\ k\} \wedge i. i < n \implies x\ i \implies y\ i$ **for** $x\ y$
proof –

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have 2 * card {k. k < n ∧ x k} ≤ 2 * card {k. k < n ∧ y k}
  using that(2) by (intro mult-left-mono card-mono) auto
thus ?thesis using that(1) by simp
qed

have 4: 0 ≤ p ∧ p ≤ q i ∧ q i ≤ 1 if i < n for i
  unfolding q-def using assms(2,5) that by auto

have p-range: p ∈ {0..1}
  using 4[OF assms(1)] by auto

have ?R = 1 - measure-pmf.prob (binomial-pmf n p) {k. 2 * k ≤ n}
  by (intro arg-cong2[where f=(-)] arg-cong2[where f=measure-pmf.prob])
auto
also have ... = measure (binomial-pmf n p) {k. n < 2 * k}
  by (subst measure-pmf.prob-compl[symmetric]) (simp-all add:set-diff-eq not-le)
also have ... = measure (?pi (bernoulli-pmf ∘ (λ-. p))) {ω. n < 2 * card {k. k
< n ∧ ω k}}
  using p-range by (subst binomial-pmf-altdef'[where A={..<n} and dflt=undefined])
auto
also have ... ≤ measure (?pi (bernoulli-pmf ∘ q)) {ω. n < 2 * card {k. k < n
∧ ω k}}
  using 3 4 by (intro prod-pmf-bernoulli-mono) auto
also have ... =
  P(ω in distr M (count-space UNIV) (λω. λk∈{..<n}. X k ω ∈ I). n < 2 * card
{k. k < n ∧ ω k})
  unfolding 2 by simp
also have ... = P(ω in M. n < 2 * card {k. k < n ∧ X k ω ∈ I})
  by (subst measure-distr[OF m6]) (simp-all add:vimage-def Int-def conj-commute
0)
also have ... ≤ ?L
  using median-est[OF assms(3)] m0 m1
  by (intro finite-measure-mono measurable-sets-Collect[OF median-measurable[OF
n-ge-1]]) auto
finally show ?R ≤ ?L by simp
qed

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Cumulative distribution of the binomial distribution (contributed by Yong Kiam Tan):

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lemma prob-binomial-pmf-upto:
  assumes 0 ≤ p p ≤ 1
  shows measure-pmf.prob (binomial-pmf n p) {..m} =
    sum (λi. real (n choose i) * pi * (1 - p)(n-i)) {0..m}
  by (auto simp: pmf-binomial[OF assms] measure-measure-pmf-finite intro!: sum.cong)

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A tail bound for the binomial distribution using Hoeffding's inequality:

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lemma binomial-pmf-tail:
  assumes p ∈ {0..1} real k ≤ real n * p

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shows measure (binomial-pmf n p) {..k} ≤ exp (− 2 * real n * (p − real k /
n) ^2)
  (is ?L ≤ ?R)
proof (cases n = 0)
  case True then show ?thesis by simp
next
  case False
  let ?A = {..n}
  let ?pi = Pi-pmf ?A undefined (λ-. bernoulli-pmf p)

  define μ where μ = (∑ i<n. (∫ x. (of-bool (x i) :: real) ∂ ?pi))
  define ε :: real where ε = μ − k

  have μ = (∑ i<n. (∫ x. (of-bool x :: real) ∂ (map-pmf (λω. ω i) ?pi)))
    unfolding μ-def by simp
  also have ... = (∑ i<n. (∫ x. (of-bool x :: real) ∂ (bernoulli-pmf p)))
    by (simp add: Pi-pmf-component)
  also have ... = real n * p using assms(1) by simp
  finally have μ-alt: μ = real n * p
    by simp

  have ε-ge-0: ε ≥ 0
    using assms(2) unfolding ε-def μ-alt by auto

  have indep: prob-space.indep-vars ?pi (λ-. borel) (λk ω. of-bool (ω k)) {..n}
    by (intro prob-space.indep-vars-compose2[OF prob-space-measure-pmf indep-vars-Pi-pmf])
  auto
  interpret Hoeffding-ineq ?pi {..n} λk ω. of-bool (ω k) λ-.0 λ-.1 μ
    using indep unfolding μ-def by (unfold-locale) simp-all

  have ?L = measure (map-pmf (λf. card {x ∈ ?A. f x}) ?pi) {..k}
    by (intro arg-cong2[where f=measure-pmf.prob] binomial-pmf-altdef' assms(1))
  auto
  also have ... = ℙ(ω in ?pi. (∑ i<n. of-bool (ω i)) ≤ μ − ε)
    unfolding ε-def by (simp add:vimage-def Int-def)
  also have ... ≤ exp (− 2 * ε2 / (∑ i<n. (1 − 0)2))
    using False by (intro Hoeffding-ineq-le ε-ge-0) auto
  also have ... = ?R
    unfolding ε-def μ-alt by (simp add:power2-eq-square field-simps)
  finally show ?thesis by simp
qed

theorem (in prob-space) median-bound:
  fixes n :: nat
  fixes I :: ('b :: {linorder-topology, second-countable-topology}) set
  assumes interval I
  assumes α > 0
  assumes ε ∈ {0<..1}
  assumes indep-vars (λ-. borel) X {0..n}

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assumes $n \geq -\ln \varepsilon / (2 * \alpha^2)$
assumes $\bigwedge i. i < n \implies \mathcal{P}(\omega \text{ in } M. X i \omega \in I) \geq 1/2 + \alpha$
shows $\mathcal{P}(\omega \text{ in } M. \text{median } n (\lambda i. X i \omega) \in I) \geq 1 - \varepsilon$
proof –
have $0 < -\ln \varepsilon / (2 * \alpha^2)$
using *assms* **by** (*intro divide-pos-pos*) *auto*
also have $\dots \leq \text{real } n$ **using** *assms* **by** *simp*
finally have $\text{real } n > 0$ **by** *simp*
hence $n\text{-ge-0}: n > 0$ **by** *simp*

have $d0: \text{real-of-int } \lfloor \text{real } n / 2 \rfloor * 2 / \text{real } n \leq 1$
using $n\text{-ge-0}$ **by** *simp linarith*

hence $d1: \text{real } (\text{nat } \lfloor \text{real } n / 2 \rfloor) \leq \text{real } n * (1 / 2)$
using $n\text{-ge-0}$ **by** (*simp add:field-simps*)
also have $\dots \leq \text{real } n * (1 / 2 + \alpha)$
using *assms(2)* **by** (*intro mult-left-mono*) *auto*
finally have $d1: \text{real } (\text{nat } \lfloor \text{real } n / 2 \rfloor) \leq \text{real } n * (1 / 2 + \alpha)$ **by** *simp*

have $1/2 + \alpha \leq \mathcal{P}(\omega \text{ in } M. X 0 \omega \in I)$ **using** $n\text{-ge-0}$ **by** (*intro assms(6)*)
also have $\dots \leq 1$ **by** *simp*
finally have $d2: 1 / 2 + \alpha \leq 1$ **by** *simp*

have $d3: \text{nat } \lfloor \text{real } n / 2 \rfloor = n \text{ div } 2$ **by** *linarith*

have $1 - \varepsilon \leq 1 - \exp(-2 * \text{real } n * \alpha^2)$
using *assms(2,3,5)* **by** (*intro diff-mono order.refl iffD1[OF ln-ge-iff]*) (*auto simp:field-simps*)
also have $\dots \leq 1 - \exp(-2 * \text{real } n * ((1/2 + \alpha) - \text{real } (\text{nat } \lfloor \text{real } n / 2 \rfloor) / \text{real } n)^2)$
using $d0$ $n\text{-ge-0}$ *assms(2)*
by (*intro diff-mono order.refl iffD2[OF exp-le-cancel-iff]*) *mult-left-mono-neg power-mono*) *auto*
also have $\dots \leq 1 - \text{measure } (\text{binomial-pmf } n (1/2 + \alpha)) \{.. \text{nat } \lfloor \text{real } n / 2 \rfloor\}$
using *assms(2)* $d1$ $d2$ **by** (*intro diff-mono order.refl binomial-pmf-tail*) *auto*
also have $\dots = 1 - \text{measure } (\text{binomial-pmf } n (1/2 + \alpha)) \{.. n \text{ div } 2\}$ **by** (*simp add:d3*)
also have $\dots \leq \mathcal{P}(\omega \text{ in } M. \text{median } n (\lambda i. X i \omega) \in I)$
using *assms(2)* **by** (*intro median-bound-raw n-ge-0 assms(1,4,6) add-nonneg-nonneg*) *auto*
finally show *?thesis* **by** *simp*
qed

This is a specialization of the above to closed real intervals.

corollary (*in prob-space*) *median-bound-1*:

assumes $\alpha > 0$
assumes $\varepsilon \in \{0 < .. < 1\}$
assumes *indep-vars* $(\lambda -. \text{borel}) X \{0 .. < n\}$
assumes $n \geq -\ln \varepsilon / (2 * \alpha^2)$

assumes $\forall i \in \{0..<n\}. \mathcal{P}(\omega \text{ in } M. X i \omega \in (\{a..b\} :: \text{real set})) \geq 1/2 + \alpha$
shows $\mathcal{P}(\omega \text{ in } M. \text{median } n (\lambda i. X i \omega) \in \{a..b\}) \geq 1 - \varepsilon$
using *assms(5)* **by** (*intro median-bound[OF - assms(1,2,3,4)]*) (*auto simp:interval-def*)

This is a specialization of the above, where $\alpha = \frac{1}{6}$ and the interval is described using a mid point μ and radius δ . The choice of $\alpha = \frac{1}{6}$ implies a success probability per random variable of $\frac{2}{3}$. It is a commonly chosen success probability for Monte-Carlo algorithms (cf. [2, §4] or [3, §1]).

corollary (*in prob-space*) *median-bound-2*:

fixes $\mu \delta :: \text{real}$

assumes $\varepsilon \in \{0 < .. < 1\}$

assumes *indep-vars* ($\lambda. \text{borel}$) $X \{0..<n\}$

assumes $n \geq -18 * \ln \varepsilon$

assumes $\bigwedge i. i < n \implies \mathcal{P}(\omega \text{ in } M. \text{abs } (X i \omega - \mu) > \delta) \leq 1/3$

shows $\mathcal{P}(\omega \text{ in } M. \text{abs } (\text{median } n (\lambda i. X i \omega) - \mu) \leq \delta) \geq 1 - \varepsilon$

proof –

have $b: \bigwedge i. i < n \implies \text{space } M - \{\omega \in \text{space } M. X i \omega \in \{\mu - \delta.. \mu + \delta\}\} = \{\omega \in \text{space } M. \text{abs } (X i \omega - \mu) > \delta\}$

apply (*rule order-antisym, rule subsetI, simp, linarith*)

by (*rule subsetI, simp, linarith*)

have $\bigwedge i. i < n \implies 1 - \mathcal{P}(\omega \text{ in } M. X i \omega \in \{\mu - \delta.. \mu + \delta\}) \leq 1/3$

apply (*subst prob-compl[symmetric]*)

apply (*measurable*)

using *assms(2)* **apply** (*simp add:indep-vars-def*)

apply (*subst b, simp*)

using *assms(4)* **by** *simp*

hence $a: \bigwedge i. i < n \implies \mathcal{P}(\omega \text{ in } M. X i \omega \in \{\mu - \delta.. \mu + \delta\}) \geq 2/3$ **by** *simp*

have $1 - \varepsilon \leq \mathcal{P}(\omega \text{ in } M. \text{median } n (\lambda i. X i \omega) \in \{\mu - \delta.. \mu + \delta\})$

apply (*rule median-bound-1[OF - assms(1) assms(2), where $\alpha=1/6$], simp*)

using *assms(3)* **apply** (*simp add:power2-eq-square*)

using *a* **by** *simp*

also have $\dots = \mathcal{P}(\omega \text{ in } M. \text{abs } (\text{median } n (\lambda i. X i \omega) - \mu) \leq \delta)$

apply (*rule arg-cong2[where $f=\text{measure}$], simp*)

apply (*rule order-antisym, rule subsetI, simp, linarith*)

by (*rule subsetI, simp, linarith*)

finally show *?thesis* **by** *simp*

qed

4 Some additional results about the median

lemma *sorted-mono-map*:

assumes *sorted xs*

assumes *mono f*

shows *sorted (map f xs)*

using *assms* **apply** (*simp add:sorted-wrt-map*)

apply (rule sorted-wrt-mono-rel[**where** $P=(\leq)$])
by (simp add:mono-def, simp)

This could be added to *HOL.List*:

lemma map-sort:
assumes mono f
shows sort (map f xs) = map f (sort xs)
using assms **by** (intro properties-for-sort sorted-mono-map) auto

lemma median-cong:
assumes $\bigwedge i. i < n \implies f i = g i$
shows median n f = median n g
apply (cases n = 0, simp add:median-def)
apply (simp add:median-def)
apply (rule arg-cong2[**where** $f=(!)$])
apply (rule arg-cong[**where** $f=sort$], rule map-cong, simp, simp add:assms)
by simp

lemma median-restrict:
median n ($\lambda i \in \{0..<n\}. f i$) = median n f
by (rule median-cong, simp)

lemma median-commute-mono:
assumes $n > 0$
assumes mono g
shows g (median n f) = median n (g o f)
apply (simp add: median-def del:map-map)
apply (subst map-map[symmetric])
apply (subst map-sort[OF assms(2)])
apply (subst nth-map, simp) **using** assms **apply** fastforce
by simp

lemma median-rat:
assumes $n > 0$
shows real-of-rat (median n f) = median n ($\lambda i. real-of-rat (f i)$)
apply (subst (2) comp-def[**where** $g=f$, symmetric])
apply (rule median-commute-mono[OF assms(1)])
by (simp add: mono-def of-rat-less-eq)

lemma median-const:
assumes $k > 0$
shows median k ($\lambda i \in \{0..<k\}. a$) = a
proof –
have b: sorted (map ($\lambda-. a$) [0..<k])
by (subst sorted-wrt-map, simp)
have a: sort (map ($\lambda-. a$) [0..<k]) = map ($\lambda-. a$) [0..<k]
by (subst sorted-sort-id[OF b], simp)
have median k ($\lambda i \in \{0..<k\}. a$) = median k ($\lambda-. a$)
by (subst median-restrict, simp)

also have $\dots = a$ using *assms* by (*simp add:median-def a*)
finally show *?thesis* by *simp*
qed
end

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