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# Chapter 6

## Strong Typicality

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**Example** Let  $\mathbf{x} = (1, 3, 2, 1, 1)$ .

- $N(1; \mathbf{x}) = 3, N(2; \mathbf{x}) = N(3; \mathbf{x}) = 1$
- The empirical distribution of  $\mathbf{x}$  is  $\left\{\frac{3}{5}, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{5}\right\}$ .

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1) If  $\mathbf{x} \in W_{[X]\epsilon}^n$ , then

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**Proof** Chernoff bound.