

We will show that $\mathbf{P}(|X_n + Y_n - a - b| \geq \epsilon)$ converges to zero, for any $\epsilon > 0$. To bound this probability, we note that for $|X_n + Y_n - a - b|$ to be as large as ϵ , we need either $|X_n - a|$ or $|Y_n - b|$ (or both) to be at least $\epsilon/2$. Therefore, in terms of events, we have

$$\{|X_n + Y_n - a - b| \geq \epsilon\} \subset \{|X_n - a| \geq \epsilon/2\} \cup \{|Y_n - b| \geq \epsilon/2\}.$$

This implies, using also the union bound, that

$$\mathbf{P}(|X_n + Y_n - a - b| \geq \epsilon) \leq \mathbf{P}(|X_n - a| \geq \epsilon/2) + \mathbf{P}(|Y_n - b| \geq \epsilon/2),$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{P}(|X_n + Y_n - a - b| \geq \epsilon) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{P}(|X_n - a| \geq \epsilon/2) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{P}(|Y_n - b| \geq \epsilon/2) = 0,$$

where the last equality follows since X_n and Y_n converge, in probability, to a and b , respectively.