

Durrett Probability

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0.1 Property of Integral

Definition 0.1. A π -system on a set Ω is a collection \mathcal{P} of certain subsets of Ω such that:

- (i) $\mathcal{P} \neq \emptyset$
- (ii) $A \in \mathcal{P} \wedge B \in \mathcal{P} \Rightarrow A \cap B \in \mathcal{P}$

If two probability measures agree on a π -system, then they agree on the σ -algebra generated by that π -system

Definition 0.2. A λ -system on a set Ω is a collection \mathcal{D} of certain subsets of Ω such that:

- (i) $\Omega \in \mathcal{D}$
- (ii) $A, B \in \mathcal{D} \wedge A \subset B \Rightarrow B \setminus A \in \mathcal{D}$
- (iii) $A_n \in \mathcal{D}, A_n \subset A_{n+1}, \forall n \geq 1 \Rightarrow \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{D}$

Theorem 0.1. $\pi - \lambda$ Theorem. If \mathcal{P} is a π -system and \mathcal{D} is a λ -system with $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathcal{D}$, then $\sigma\{\mathcal{P}\} \subset \mathcal{D}$.

Definition 0.3. Semi-algebra. A collection of set \mathcal{S} is a semi-algebra if it is closed under intersection, and if $S \in \mathcal{S}$ then S^C is a finite disjoint union of sets in \mathcal{S} .

Lemma 0.1. If \mathcal{S} is a semi-algebra, then $\mathcal{F} = \{\text{finite disjoint unions of sets in } \mathcal{S}\}$ is an algebra, called the algebra generated by \mathcal{S}

Definition 0.4. A measure μ is said to be σ -finite if there is a sequence of sets $A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ so that $\mu(A_n) < \infty$ and $\bigcup_n A_n = \Omega$. Equivalently, $\exists A_n \uparrow \Omega$ such that $\mu(A_n) < \infty$.

More generally, a set A in \mathcal{A} is σ -finite if there $\exists A_n \uparrow A$, such that $\mu(A_n) < \infty$. But one can prove that if this property hold for Ω , then it also hold for all sets in \mathcal{A} .

Theorem 0.2. Jensen's inequality. Suppose φ is convex, that is,

$$\lambda\varphi(x) + (1 - \lambda)\varphi(y) \geq \varphi(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y), \forall \lambda \in (0, 1), x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

If μ is a probability measure, and f and $\varphi(f)$ are integrable, then:

$$\varphi\left(\int f d\mu\right) \leq \int \varphi(f) d\mu$$

Theorem 0.3. Holder's inequality. If $p, q \in (1, \infty)$ with $1/p + 1/q = 1$. Then:

$$\int |fg| d\mu \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$$

The special case $p = q = 2$ is called **Cauchy-Schwarz inequality**

Theorem 0.4. Bounded Convergence Theorem. Let E be a set, $\mu(E) < \infty$. Suppose f_n vanishes on E^c , $|f_n(x)| \leq M$, and $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure. Then:

$$\int f d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu$$

Theorem 0.5. Fatou's Lemma. If $f_n \geq 0$, then:

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu \geq \int \left(\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n \right) d\mu$$

Theorem 0.6. Monotone Convergence Theorem. If $f_n \geq 0$, and $f_n \uparrow f$, then

$$\int f_n d\mu \uparrow \int f d\mu$$

Theorem 0.7. Dominated Convergence Theorem. If $f_n \rightarrow f$ a.e., $|f_n| \leq g, \forall n$, and g is integrable, then:

$$\int f_n d\mu \rightarrow \int f d\mu$$

Construction of Product Spaces, Product Measures

Let $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu_1), (Y, \mathcal{B}, \mu_2)$ be two σ -finite measure spaces. Let $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B}$ be the σ -algebra generated by \mathcal{S} .

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= X \times Y = \{(x, y) \mid x \in X, y \in Y\} \\ \mathcal{S} &= \{A \times B \mid A \in \mathcal{A}, B \in \mathcal{B}\} \end{aligned}$$

Sets in \mathcal{S} are called rectangles. \mathcal{S} is a semi-algebra.

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= X \times Y \\ \mathcal{S} &= \{A \times B \mid A \in \mathcal{A}, B \in \mathcal{B}\} \\ \mathcal{F} &= \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B} = \sigma(\mathcal{S}). \end{aligned}$$

Let (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) and (Y, \mathcal{B}, ν) be two σ -finite measure spaces.

Theorem 0.8. Product Measure. There is a unique measure μ on \mathcal{F} with:

$$\mu(A \times B) = \mu_1(A)\mu_2(B)$$

Theorem 0.9. Fubini's Theorem. Given p.m μ_1 on $\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_1$ and μ_2 on $\mathcal{S}_2, \mathcal{S}_2$, and product measure $\mu = \mu_1 \times \mu_2$ on $\mathcal{S}_1 \times \mathcal{S}_2$. Then:

- (i) $\mu(A \times B) = \mu_1(A)\mu_2(B); A \in \mathcal{S}_1, B \in \mathcal{S}_2$
- (ii) $\mu(D) = \int_{\mathcal{S}_1} \mu_2(D_{s_1})\mu_1(ds_1); D \in \mathcal{S}_1 \times \mathcal{S}_2$. For $D_{s_1} = \{s_2 \mid (s_1, s_2) \in D\}$, and equivalently for the other direction
- (iii) If $f \geq 0$ or $\int |f| d\mu < \infty$ then:

$$\int_X \int_Y f(x, y) \mu_2(dy) \mu_1(dx) = \int_{X \times Y} f d\mu = \int_Y \int_X f(x, y) \mu_1(dx) \mu_2(dy)$$

1 Laws of Large Number

1.1 Independence

Definition 1.1. $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$; $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ are called independent if $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A)\mathbb{P}(B)$

Two σ -fields \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H} are independent if $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A)\mathbb{P}(B), \forall A \in \mathcal{G}, B \in \mathcal{H}$.

Two random variable X, Y are independent iff $\sigma(X), \sigma(Y)$ are independent.

Definition 1.2. \mathcal{A} is a π -system if it is closed under intersection. \mathcal{L} is a λ -system if (i) $\Omega \in \mathcal{L}$, (ii) $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{L}, A \subset B$ then $B - A \in \mathcal{L}$, and (iii) If $A_n \in \mathcal{L}, A_n \uparrow A$ then $A \in \mathcal{L}$.

Theorem 1.1. π - λ Theorem. If \mathcal{P} is a π -system and \mathcal{L} is a λ -system that contains \mathcal{P} then $\sigma(\mathcal{P}) \subset \mathcal{L}$.

Theorem 1.2. Suppose $\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2, \dots, \mathcal{A}_n$ are independent and each \mathcal{A}_i is a π -system, then $\sigma(\mathcal{A}_1), \sigma(\mathcal{A}_2), \dots, \sigma(\mathcal{A}_n)$ are independent.

Theorem 1.3. In order for X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n to be independent, it is sufficient that for all $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\mathbb{P}[X_1 \leq x_1, \dots, X_n \leq x_n] = \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}[X_i \leq x_i]$$

Theorem 1.4. Suppose X_1, \dots, X_n are independent random variables and X_i has distribution μ_i , then (X_1, \dots, X_n) has distribution $\mu_1 \times \mu_2 \times \dots \times \mu_n$.

Theorem 1.5. If X and Y are independent, then:

$$\mathbb{P}[X + Y \leq z] = \int F(z - y) dG(y)$$

1.2 Weak Laws of Large Number

Definition 1.3. We say Y_n converges to Y in probability if $\forall \epsilon > 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}[|Y_n - Y| < \epsilon] = 0$.

Lemma 1.1. If $p > 0$ and $\mathbb{E}|Z_n|^p \rightarrow 0$ then $Z_n \rightarrow 0$ in probability.

Theorem 1.6. L^2 weak law. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be uncorrelated random variables with $\mathbb{E}X_i = \mu$ and $\text{Var}(X_i) \leq C < \infty$. If $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$ then $S_n/n \rightarrow \mu$ in L^2 and in probability.

Theorem 1.7. L^1 weak law. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be i.i.d with $\mathbb{E}|X_i| < \infty$. Then $S_n/n \rightarrow \mathbb{E}X_1$ in probability

1.3 Borel-Cantelli Lemmas

Definition 1.4. $A_n \subset \Omega$.

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup A_n &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \bigcup_{n=m}^{\infty} A_n = \{\omega \text{ that are in infinitely many } A_n\} \\ \liminf A_n &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \bigcap_{n=m}^{\infty} A_n = \{\omega \text{ that are in all but finitely many } A_n\} \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1.8. The First Borel-cantelli Lemma. If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}A_n < \infty$ then:

$$\mathbb{P}[A_n \text{ i.o.}] = 0$$

Theorem 1.9. Relation between Convergence in Probability and Almost Surely.

$X_n \rightarrow X$ in probability iff for every subsequence $X_{n(m)}$ there is a further subsequence $X_{n(m_k)}$ that converges almost surely to X .

Theorem 1.10. If f is continuous and $X_n \rightarrow X$ in probability then $f(X_n) \rightarrow f(X)$ in probability. If, in addition, f is bounded then $\mathbb{E}f(X_n) \rightarrow \mathbb{E}f(X)$.

Theorem 1.11. L^4 Strong Law of Large Number 1. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be i.i.d with $\mathbb{E}X_i = \mu$ and $\mathbb{E}X_i^4 < \infty$. Then $S_n/n \rightarrow \mu$ a.s.

Theorem 1.12. The Second Borel-Cantelli Lemma. If A_n are independent then $\sum \mathbb{P}A_n = \infty$ implies $\mathbb{P}[A_n \text{ i.o.}] = 1$.

Theorem 1.13. “Anti” LLN. If X_i are i.i.d with $\mathbb{E}|X_i| = \infty$, then $\mathbb{P}[|X_n| \geq n \text{ i.o.}] = 1$. So $\mathbb{P}[\lim S_n/n = a \in (-\infty, \infty)] = 0$

Theorem 1.14. If A_1, A_2, \dots are pairwise independent and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n) = \infty$ then as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\sum_{m=1}^n \mathbb{I}[A_m] \Big/ \sum_{m=1}^n \mathbb{P}[A_m] \rightarrow 1 \text{ a.s.}$$

1.4 Strong Law of Large Numbers

Theorem 1.15. SLLN. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be pairwise independent identically distributed random variables with $\mathbb{E}|X_i| = \mu < \infty$. Then $S_n/n \rightarrow \mu$ a.s. as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Lemma 1.2. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be i.i.d with $\mathbb{E}X_i^+ = \infty$ and $\mathbb{E}X^- < \infty$. Then $S_n/n \rightarrow \infty$ a.s.

Lemma 1.3. Renewal Theory. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be i.i.d with $T_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$. Let $N_t = \sup\{n : T_n \leq t\}$. If $\mathbb{E}X_i = \mu < \infty$, then as $t \rightarrow \infty$, $N_t/t \rightarrow 1/\mu$ a.s.

Lemma 1.4. Empirical Distribution Functions. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be i.i.d. with distribution F and let:

$$F_n(x) = n^{-1} \sum_{m=1}^n \mathbb{I}(X_m \leq x).$$

The Glivenko-Cantelli theorem states that as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\sup_x |F_n(x) - F(x)| \rightarrow 0$ a.s.

1.5 Convergence of Random Series

Definition 1.5. Tail σ -field. $\mathcal{F}'_n := \sigma(X_n, X_{n+1}, \dots)$. Tail σ -field is defined as $\mathcal{T} = \bigcap_n \mathcal{F}'_n$.

E.g. If $B_n \in \mathbb{R}$ then $\{X_n \in B_n \text{ i.o.}\} \in \mathcal{T}$. Thus $\{A_n \text{ i.o.}\} \in \mathcal{T}$.

Theorem 1.16. Kolmogorov’s 0-1 law. If X_1, X_2, \dots are independent and $A \in \mathcal{T}$ then $\mathbb{P}A = 0$ or 1.

Theorem 1.17. Kolmogorov’s maximal inequality. Suppose X_1, \dots, X_n are independent with $\mathbb{E}X_i = 0$ and $\text{Var}(X_i) < \infty$. If $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$ then:

$$\mathbb{P}\left[\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |S_k| \geq x\right] \leq x^{-2} \text{Var}(S_n)$$

This is slightly better than Chebyshev’s inequality.

Theorem 1.18. X_1, X_2, \dots are independent and have $\mathbb{E}X_n = 0$. If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{Var}(X_n) < \infty$ then with probability one $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n(\omega)$ converges.

Theorem 1.19. Kolmogorov’s Three-series Theorem. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be independent. Let $A > 0$ and let $Y_i = X_i \mathbb{I}\{|X_i| \leq A\}$. In order that $\sum X_n$ converges a.s., it is necessary and sufficient that:

- (i) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}[|X_n| > A] < \infty$
- (ii) $\sum \mathbb{E}Y_n$ converges
- (iii) $\sum \text{Var}Y_n < \infty$

Theorem 1.20. *Kronecker's lemma. If $a_n \uparrow \infty$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n/a_n$ converges then: $a_n^{-1} \sum_{m=1}^n x_m \rightarrow 0$.*

Theorem 1.21. *The SLLN. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be i.i.d random variables with $\mathbb{E}|X_i| < \infty$. Let $\mathbb{E}X_i = \mu$ and $S_1 = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$. Then $S_n/n \rightarrow \mu$ a.s. as $n \rightarrow \infty$.*

Theorem 1.22. *Rates of Convergence. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be i.i.d random variables with $\mathbb{E}X_i = 0$ and $\mathbb{E}X_i^2 = \sigma^2 < \infty$. Let $S_1 = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$. If $\epsilon > 0$ then:*

$$S_n/n^{1/2}(\log n)^{1/2+\epsilon} \rightarrow 0 \text{ a.s.}$$

Theorem 1.23. *Let X_1, X_2, \dots be i.i.d with $\mathbb{E}X_1 = 0$ and $\mathbb{E}|X_1|^p < \infty$ where $1 < p < 2$. Then $S_n/n^{1/p} \rightarrow 0$ a.s.*

Theorem 1.24. *Infinite Mean. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be i.i.d with $\mathbb{E}|X_i| = \infty$. Let a_n be a sequence of positive numbers with a_n/n increasing. Then $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |S_n|/a_n = 0$ or ∞ according as $\sum_n \mathbb{P}[|X_1| \geq a_n] < \infty$ or $= \infty$.*

1.6 Large Deviation

Let X_1, X_2, \dots be i.i.d. and let $S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$. We are interested in the rate at which $\mathbb{P}[S_n > na] \rightarrow 0$ for $a > \mu = \mathbb{E}X_i$. We will ultimately conclude that if $\varphi(\theta) = \mathbb{E} \exp(\theta X_i) < \infty$ for some $\theta > 0$, $\mathbb{P}[S_n \geq na] \rightarrow 0$ exponentially rapidly and we will identify:

$$\gamma(a) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \mathbb{P}[S_n \geq na] \quad (1)$$

The first step is to prove that the limit exists. Let $\pi_m = \mathbb{P}[S_m \geq ma]$. Then $\pi_{m+n} \geq \pi_m \pi_n$.

Lemma 1.5. *If $\gamma_{m+n} \geq \gamma_m + \gamma_n$ then as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\gamma_n/n \rightarrow \sup_m \gamma_m/m$.*

This Lemma implies that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \mathbb{P}[S_n \geq na]$ exists. (1) can also be rewritten as $\mathbb{P}[S_n \geq na] \leq \exp(n\gamma(a))$

Note that the following are equivalent:

1. $\gamma(a) = -\infty$
2. $\mathbb{P}[X_1 \geq a] = 0$
3. $\mathbb{P}[S_n \geq na] = 0, \forall n$

From the definition, we can conclude that $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$, then $\gamma(\lambda a + (1-\lambda)b) \geq \lambda\gamma(a) + (1-\lambda)\gamma(b)$. Thus by the argument of monotonicity, we have this inequality holds for all $\lambda \in [0, 1]$. So γ is concave and hence Lipschitz continuous on compact subset of $\{a \mid \gamma(a) > -\infty\}$.

Now we make the assumption:

(H1) $\varphi(\theta) = \mathbb{E} \exp(\theta X_i) < \infty$ for some $\theta > 0$.

Let $\theta_+ = \sup \{\theta \mid \varphi(\theta) < \infty\}$, $\theta_- = \inf \{\theta \mid \varphi(\theta) < \infty\}$ then $\varphi(\theta) < \infty, \forall \theta \in (\theta_-, \theta_+)$. We note that $\varphi(0) = 0$ so the interval (θ_-, θ_+) contains a neighborhood around 0. If $\theta > 0$, Chebysev's inequality implies:

$$\exp(\theta na) \mathbb{P}[S_n \geq na] \leq \mathbb{E} \exp M(\theta S_n) = \varphi^n(\theta)$$

Let $\kappa(\theta) = \log \varphi(\theta)$ then:

$$\mathbb{P}[S_n \geq na] \leq \exp(-n(a\theta - \kappa(\theta)))$$

Lemma 1.6. *If $a > \mu$ and $\theta > 0$ is small then $a\theta - \kappa(\theta) > 0$.*

So we were able to find an upper bound for $\mathbb{P}[S_n \geq na]$ (which is meaningful as it is <1 by the Lemma). We now find the optimal θ by setting the first derivative equal to zero, and checking the second derivative of $a\theta - \kappa(\theta)$. We find θ to be the solution to $a = \varphi'(\theta)/\varphi(\theta)$.

Theorem 1.25. *Suppose in addition to (H1) and (H2) that there is a $\theta_a \in (0, \theta_+)$ so that $a = \varphi'(\theta)/\varphi(\theta)$. Then as $n \rightarrow \infty$:*

$$n^{-1} \log \mathbb{P}[S_n \geq na] \rightarrow -a\theta_a + \log \varphi(\theta_a).$$

Note that we already prove that $\limsup LHS \leq RHS$ from above. We can also prove that $\liminf LHS \geq RHS$, which will complete the proof for Theorem 1.25.

1.7 Stopping Times

General Setting: X_i i.i.d on (S, \mathcal{S}) . $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \{(\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots) \mid \omega_i \in S\} \\ \mathcal{F} &= \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S} \times \dots \\ \mathbb{P} &= \mu \times \mu \times \dots \\ X_n(\omega) &= \omega_n \\ \mathcal{F}_n &= \sigma(X_1, \dots, X_n)\end{aligned}$$

Definition 1.6. A Stopping Time T is a random variable from \mathcal{F} to $\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ such that: $\{T = n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

E.g. The random variable $T = \inf \{n \mid S_n \in A\}$ is a stopping time. Because:

$$\{T = n\} = \{S_1 \in A^c, \dots, S_{n-1} \in A^c, S_n \in A\} \in \mathcal{F}_n$$

The minimum of two stopping times S, T is denoted as $S \wedge T$, while the maximum is $S \vee T$. Both of them are stopping time. Also $S + T$ is a stopping time. In the discrete setting that we are on ST is also a stopping time, however in the continuous case it might not as S or T can be smaller than 1, making the other possible to be larger than n . The difference $S - T$ is not a stopping time in both discrete and continuous case.

Theorem 1.26. *Assume $\mathbb{P}[T < \infty] > 0$. Then conditional on $\{T < \infty\}$, $\{X_{N+n}, n \geq 1\}$ is independent of \mathcal{F}_N and has the same distribution as the original sequence.*

Theorem 1.27. *Wald's equation. Let $\mathbb{E}|X_i| < \infty, \mathbb{E}T < \infty$. Then $\mathbb{E}S_T = \mathbb{E}X_1 \mathbb{E}T$*

Theorem 1.28. *Wald's second equation. Let $\mathbb{E}X_n = 0, \mathbb{E}X_n^2 = \sigma^2 < \infty, \mathbb{E}T < \infty$. Then $\mathbb{E}S_T^2 = \sigma^2 \mathbb{E}T$.*

2 Conditional

2.1 Constructing Random Variable

(From David Aldous note)

A r.v. X with values in a measurable space (S, \mathcal{S}) has a distribution ν .

$$\nu(A) = \mathbb{P}(X \in A), \forall A \in \mathcal{S}$$

Now given a p.m ν , does there exists a r.v. X whose distribution is ν . Uninteresting answer: Yes, we can take $\Omega = S$ and $X = \text{identity}$. To get something more interesting

Lemma 2.1. *Probability Integral Transform. Let μ be a p.m on \mathbb{R} , let $F(x) = \mu((-\infty, x])$ be its distribution function, let:*

$$F^{-1}(u) = \inf \{x \mid F(x) \geq u, 0 \leq u \leq 1\}$$

be the inverse distribution function. Then $F^{-1}(U)$ has distribution μ , where U has $U(0, 1)$ distribution.

Definition 2.1. A measurable space (X, \mathcal{A}) is called standard if it satisfies the following equivalent conditions:

- (i) (X, \mathcal{A}) is isomorphic to some compact metric space with the Borel σ -algebra
- (ii) (X, \mathcal{A}) is isomorphic to some separable complete metric space with the Borel σ -algebra
- (iii) (X, \mathcal{A}) is isomorphic to some Borel subset of some separable complete metric space with the Borel σ -algebra.

Lemma 2.2. *(??) A pair (X, \mathcal{A}) of set and collection of subset is a Standard measurable space iff it is a Polish space.*

Any uncountable Polish space is homeomorphic to $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$

Lemma 2.3. *Let ν be a p.m on a standard Borel space, then there exists measurable $h : [0, 1] \rightarrow S$ such that $h(U)$ has distribution ν .*

Corollary 2.1. *Let X_1, X_2, \dots be r.v. Then there exists measurable h_1, h_2, \dots such that $(h_1(U), h_2(U), \dots)$ has the same joint distribution as (X_1, X_2, \dots) .*

Corollary 2.2. *Let $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots$ be p.m on \mathbb{R} . Then there exists independent r.v. X_1, X_2, \dots such that X_i has distribution θ_i .*

Definition 2.2. Absolutely Continuous. We say a measure ν is absolutely continuous w.r.t μ , and write $\nu \ll \mu$ if $\mu(A) = 0$ implies $\nu(A) = 0$.

Definition 2.3. Radon-Nikodym Theorem. If μ, ν are σ -finite measures and ν is absolutely continuous w.r.t μ , then there is a $g \geq 0$ so that $\nu(E) = \int_E g d\mu$. If g is another such function then $g = h$, μ a.e. The function g is denoted $d\nu/d\mu$.

2.2 Conditional Distribution

Definition 2.4. $(S_1, \mathcal{S}_1), (S_2, \mathcal{S}_2)$ are measure spaces, and $(S_1 \times S_2, \mathcal{S}_1 \times \mathcal{S}_2)$ are their product space. And $(S_1 \times S_2, \mathcal{S}_1 \times \mathcal{S}_2)$ is their product space. A kernel Q from S_1 to S_2 is a map $Q : S_1 \times \mathcal{S}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that:

- (i) $B \rightarrow Q(s_1, B)$ is a p.m. on (S_2, \mathcal{S}_2) for each fixed $s_1 \in S_1$
- (ii) $s_1 \rightarrow Q(s_1, B)$ is a measurable function $S_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for each fixed $B \in \mathcal{S}_2$.

Proposition 2.1. *Given a p.m. μ on $S_1 \times S_2$, a p.m. μ_1 on S_1 and a kernel Q from S_1 to S_2 , the following are equivalent.*

- (i) $\mu(A \times B) = \int_A Q(s, B) \mu_1(ds); A \in \mathcal{S}_1, B \in \mathcal{S}_2$
 - (ii) $\mu(D) = \int_{S_1} Q(s_1, D_{s_1}) \mu(ds_1); D \in \mathcal{S}_1 \times \mathcal{S}_2$ where $D_{s_1} = \{s_2 \mid (s_1, s_2) \in D\}$
 - (iii) $\int_{S_1 \times S_2} h(s_1, s_2) \mu(ds) = \int_{S_1} \left(\int_{S_2} h(s_1, s_2) Q(s_1, ds_2) \right) \mu_1(ds_1)$
- for all measurable $h_1 : S_1 \times S_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for which either $h \geq 0$ or $\int |h| d\mu < \infty$.*

Q is called conditional probability kernel for μ .

Lemma 2.4. *For each $D \in \mathcal{S}_1 \times \mathcal{S}_2$*

- (i) $D_{s_1} \in \mathcal{S}_2, \forall s_1 \in S_1$
- (ii) $s_1 \rightarrow Q(s_1, D_{s_1})$ is measurable.

Theorem 2.1. *Let μ_1 be a p.m. on S_1 and let Q be a kernel from S_1 to S_2 . Then there exists a unique p.m. μ on $S_1 \times S_2$ such that the relations of Proposition 2.1 hold.*

Conversely, let μ be a p.m. on $S_1 \times S_2$. Define μ_1 by $\mu_1(A) = \mu(A \times S_2)$. Then provided S_2 is a standard Borel space, there exists a kernel Q from S_1 to S_2 such that the relations of Proposition 5 hold.

Note the the Fubini theorem follows from this theorem.

Theorem 2.2. *Conditional Density.* Suppose (X, Y) has joint density $f(x, y)$. Define $f(y | x) = f(x, y) / f_X(x)$ where $f_X(x) > 0$. Define $Q(x, \cdot)$ to be the distribution with density $f(\cdot | x)$. Then Q is the conditional probability kernel for Y given X .

Theorem 2.3. *Kolmogorov Extension.* Let $(\mu_n; 1 \leq n < \infty)$ be a p.m. on \mathbb{R}^n . Suppose they are consistent in the following sense. For each n , regard μ_{n+1} as a measure on $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}$: then the marginal of μ_{n+1} is μ_n . Then there exists a unique p.m. μ_∞ on \mathbb{R}^∞ such that writing $\mathbb{R}^\infty = \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^\infty$, the marginal of μ_∞ is μ_n .

2.3 Conditional Expectation

Definition 2.5. For X with $\mathbb{E}|X| < \infty$, for sub- σ -field \mathcal{G} , $\mathbb{E}X | \mathcal{G}$ is a random variable Z such that:

- (i) Z is \mathcal{G} -measurable
- (ii) $\mathbb{E}[Z\mathbb{I}_{\{G\}}] = \mathbb{E}[X\mathbb{I}_{\{G\}}], \forall G \in \mathcal{G}$

Existence of Conditional Expectation: for $G \in \mathcal{G}$, define $\nu(G) = \mathbb{E}[X\mathbb{I}_{\{G\}}]$. Then $\nu \ll P$ as measure on Ω, \mathcal{G} . Consider $Z(\omega)$ as the Radon-Nikodym density $\frac{d\nu}{dP}(\omega)$.

Lemma 2.5. If $\mathbb{E}|Y| < \infty$, if Y is \mathcal{G} -measurable, if $\mathbb{E}[Y | \mathcal{G}] > 0, \forall G \in \mathcal{G}$, then $Y \geq 0$ a.s.

Lemma 2.6. (a) If $Z = \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}]$ then, for any bounded \mathcal{G} -measurable RV V , $\mathbb{E}[ZV] = \mathbb{E}[XV]$.

(b) If Z is \mathcal{G} -measurable, to prove $Z = \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}]$ it is enough to prove $\mathbb{E}[Z\mathbb{I}_A] = \mathbb{E}[X\mathbb{I}_A], \forall A \in \mathcal{A}$, where \mathcal{A} is some π -class with $\mathcal{G} = \sigma(\mathcal{A})$.

Theorem 2.4. *Rules for Conditional Expectation.*

- (a) $\mathbb{E}[aX + Y | \mathcal{F}] = a\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}] + \mathbb{E}[Y | \mathcal{F}]$, for $\mathbb{E}|X|, \mathbb{E}|Y| < \infty$
- (b) $X \leq Y, \mathbb{E}|X| < \infty, \mathbb{E}|Y| < \infty \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}] \leq \mathbb{E}[Y | \mathcal{F}]$
- (c) $X_n \geq 0, X_n \uparrow X, \mathbb{E}X < \infty \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X_n | \mathcal{F}] \uparrow \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}]$ a.s.
- (d) $\mathbb{E}[VX | \mathcal{G}] = V\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}], \forall V$ bounded and \mathcal{G} -measurable
- (e) $|\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}]| \leq \mathbb{E}[|X| | \mathcal{G}]$
- (f) If $\mathcal{F}_1 \subset \mathcal{F}_2$ and $\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}] \in \mathcal{F}$ then $\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}] = \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}]$
- (g) Tower Property.

If $\mathcal{F}_1 \subset \mathcal{F}_2$, then $\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}_1] | \mathcal{F}_2] = \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}_1]$.

And $\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}_2] | \mathcal{F}_1] = \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}_1]$

So the smaller σ -field always win

(h) $\mathbb{E}X^2 < \infty, \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}]$ is the variable $Y \in \mathcal{F}$ that minimizes the mean square error $\mathbb{E}(X - Y)^2$.

(i) $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{E}X^2 < \infty$, then:

$$\mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}])^2] + \mathbb{E}[(\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}] - \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}])^2] = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}])^2]$$

When $\mathcal{G} = \{\emptyset, \Omega\}$, this becomes the bias variance formula as follow:

(j) Let $\mathbb{V}[X | \mathcal{F}] = \mathbb{E}[X^2 | \mathcal{F}] - \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}]^2$. Then:

$$\mathbb{V}X = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{V}[X | \mathcal{F}]] + \mathbb{V}[\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}]]$$

3 Martingale

3.1 Definitions

Definition 3.1. Martingale. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}, \{\mathcal{F}_n\})$ be a filtration. $X_n \in \mathcal{F}_n$ is a martingale w.r.t \mathcal{F}_n iff:

- (i) $\mathbb{E}|X_n| < \infty$
- (ii) X_n is adapted to \mathcal{F}_n
- (iii) $\mathbb{E}[X_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n] = X_n, \forall n$

If in the last condition $=$ is replaced by \geq , we have submartingale, if replaced by \leq , we have super martingale.

Using an induction argument, we have the a similar statement in (iii) for X_{n+k} and X_n for $k > 0$ is true.

Theorem 3.1. If X_n is a martingale w.r.t \mathcal{F}_n and φ is a convex function with $\mathbb{E}|\varphi(X_n)| < \infty$ for all n then $\varphi(X_n)$ is a submartingale w.r.t. \mathcal{F}_n . (by Jensen inequality)

Theorem 3.2. If X_n is a submartingale w.r.t. \mathcal{F}_n and φ is an increasing convex function with $\mathbb{E}|\varphi(X_n)| < \infty, \forall n$, then $\varphi(X_n)$ is a submartingale w.r.t. \mathcal{F}_n . Consequently, (i) If X_n is a submartingale then $(X_n - a)^+$ is a submartingale. (ii) If X_n is a supermartingale then $X_n \wedge a$ is a supermartingale.

Definition 3.2. Predictable. H_n is predictable iff H_n is adapted to \mathcal{F}_{n-1}

Theorem 3.3. Let $X_n, n \geq 0$ be a supermartingale. If $H_n \geq 0$ is predictable and each H_n is bounded then $(H \cdot X)_n$ is a supermartingale.

Theorem 3.4. If N is a ST and X_n is a supermartingale, then $X_{N \wedge n}$ is a supermartingale.

Definition 3.3. Upcrossing. Let $X_n, n \geq 0$ is a submartingale. Let $a < b, N_0 = -1$, and for $k \geq 1$ let:

$$\begin{aligned} N_{2k-1} &= \inf \{m > N_{2k-2} \mid X_m \leq a\} \\ N_{2k} &= \inf \{m > N_{2k-1} \mid X_m \geq b\} \end{aligned}$$

Then N_j are stopping times. $U_n = \sup \{k \mid N_{2k} \leq n\}$ is defined as the number of upcrossings completed by time n .

Theorem 3.5. Upcrossing inequality. If $X_m, m \geq 0$ is a submartingale then:

$$(b - a)\mathbb{E}U_n \leq \mathbb{E}[X_n - a]^+ - \mathbb{E}[X_0 - a]^+$$

Theorem 3.6. Martingale Convergence Theorem. If X_n is a submartingale with $\sup \mathbb{E}X_n^+ < \infty$ then as $n \rightarrow \infty, X_n$ converges a.s. to a limit X with $\mathbb{E}|X| < \infty$.

Corollary 3.1. If $X_n \geq 0$ is a supermartingale then as $n \rightarrow \infty, X_n \rightarrow X$ a.s. and $\mathbb{E}X_n \leq \mathbb{E}X_0$

Theorem 3.7. Doob's decomposition. Any submartingale $X_n, n \geq 0$ can be written in a unique way as $X_n = M_n + A_n$, where M_n is a martingale and A_n is predictable increasing sequence with $A_0 = 0$.

3.2 Examples

Theorem 3.8. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be a martingale with $|X_{n+1} - X_n| \leq M < \infty$. Let

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \{\lim X_n \text{ exists and is finite}\} \\ D &= \{\limsup X_n = +\infty \wedge \liminf X_n = -\infty\} \end{aligned}$$

Then $\mathbb{P}[C \cup D] = 1$

Theorem 3.9. Second Borel-Centelli Lemma, II. Let $\mathcal{F}_n, n \geq 0$ be a filtration with $\mathcal{F}_0 = \{0, \Omega\}$ and $A_n, n \geq 0$ a sequence of events with $A_n \in \mathcal{F}_n$. Then

$$\{A_n \text{ i.o.}\} = \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}[A_n \mid \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] = \infty \right\}$$

Theorem 3.10. Radon-Nikodym Derivatives. Suppose $\mu_n \ll \nu_n, \forall n$. Let $X_n = d\mu_n/d\nu_n$ and let $X = \limsup X_n$. Then:

$$\mu(A) = \int_A X d\nu + \mu(A \cap \{X = \infty\})$$

Theorem 3.11. *Kakutani Dichotomy for infinite product measures. Let μ and ν be measures on a sequence space (R^N, \mathcal{R}^N) that make the coordinates $\xi_n(\omega) = \omega_n$ independent. Let $F_n(x) = \mu(\xi_n \leq x)$, $G_n(x) = \nu(\xi_n \leq x)$. Suppose $F_n \ll G_n$ and let $q_n = dF_n/dG_n$. Let $\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma(\xi_m \mid m \leq n)$, let μ_n and ν_n be the restriction of μ and ν to \mathcal{F}_n , and let:*

$$X_n = \frac{d\mu_n}{d\nu_n} = \prod_{m=1}^n q_m.$$

Radon-Nikodym Derivatives Theorem implies that $X_n \rightarrow X$ ν -a.s. $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \log q_m > -\infty$ is a tail event, so the Kolmogorov 0-1 law implies $\nu(X = 0) \in \{0, 1\}$. And it follows from Radon-Nikodym theorem that either $\mu \ll \nu$ or $\mu \perp \nu$.

$\mu \ll \nu$ or $\mu \perp \nu$, according as $\prod_{m=1}^{\infty} \int \sqrt{q_m} dG_m > 0$ or $= 0$.

3.3 Doob's inequality, Convergence in L^p

Theorem 3.12. *If X_n is a submartingale and N is a ST with $\mathbb{P}[N \leq k] = 1$ then:*

$$\mathbb{E}X_0 \leq \mathbb{E}X_n \leq \mathbb{E}X_k$$

Theorem 3.13. *Doob's inequality. Let X_m be a submartingale.*

$$\bar{X}_n = \max_{0 \leq m \leq n} X_m^+$$

$\lambda > 0$, and $A = \{\bar{X}_n \geq \lambda\}$. Then

$$\lambda \mathbb{P}[A] \leq \mathbb{E}X_n \mathbb{I}_A \leq \mathbb{E}X_n^+$$

Theorem 3.14. *L^p maximum inequality. If X_n is a submartingale then for $1 < p < \infty$,*

$$\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}_n^p] \leq \left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)^p \mathbb{E}[X_n^+]^p$$

Consequently, if Y_n is a martingale and $Y_n^ = \max_{0 \leq m \leq n} |Y_m|$,*

$$\mathbb{E}|Y_n^*|^p \leq \left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)^p \mathbb{E}|Y_n|^p$$

Theorem 3.15. *Let X_n be a submartingale and $\log^+ x = \max(\log x, 0)$*

$$\mathbb{E}\bar{X}_n \leq (1 + e^{-1})^{-1} \{1 + \mathbb{E}[X_n^+ \log^+(X_n^+)]\}$$

Theorem 3.16. *L^p convergence theorem. If X_n is a martingale with $\sup \mathbb{E}|X_n|^p < \infty$ where $p > 1$, then $X_n \rightarrow X$ a.s. and in L^p .*

Theorem 3.17. *Orthogonality of Martingale Increments. Let X_n be a martingale with $\mathbb{E}X_n^2 < \infty, \forall n$. If $m \leq n$ and $Y \in \mathcal{F}_m$ and $\mathbb{E}Y^2 < \infty$ then:*

$$\mathbb{E}[(X_n - X_m)Y] = 0$$

Theorem 3.18. *Conditional Variance Formula. If X_n is a martingale with $\mathbb{E}X_n^2 < \infty, \forall n$*

$$\mathbb{E}[(X_n - X_m)^2 \mid \mathcal{F}_m] = \mathbb{E}[X_n^2 \mid \mathcal{F}_m] - X_m^2$$