

AMATH 562: Homework 1

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1. 6.2

Let us define

$$A := \{s \in S : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |X_n(s) - X(s)| = 0\}$$

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For all $s \in (0, 1)$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n(s) = s$$

Even

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n(1) = 1$$

But,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n(0) = 0$$

Thus,

$$A = S - \{0\}$$

Since the probability distribution is uniform and so, the probability at any particular point is zero,

$$P(A) = 1$$

Thus, the sequence X_n converges almost surely to X under this probability measure.

2. 6.3

We know there exists A and B such that

$$A := \{s \in S : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |X_n(s) - X(s)| = 0\}$$

$$B := \{s \in S : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |Y_n(s) - Y(s)| = 0\}$$

and $P(A)=P(B)=1$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |X_n(s) - X(s) + Y_n(s) - Y(s)| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |X_n(s) - X(s)| + |Y_n(s) - Y(s)|$$

So,

$$C := \{s \in S : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |X_n(s) + Y_n(s) - X(s) - Y(s)| = 0\} \supseteq A \cap B$$

$$P(C) \geq P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B) = 1$$

Thus, the sequence $X_n + Y_n$ converges almost surely to $X+Y$ under this probability measure.

3. 6.6

(a) For convergence in probability to 0, we need

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n| > \epsilon) = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n| > \epsilon) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n| = 1) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n$$

Thus by definition, for this problem, convergence in probability occurs if and only if p_n go to zero.

(b) Since this converges in probability, we can get almost sure convergence by Theorem 6.6.2, if

$$\sum_n P(|X_n| > \epsilon) < \infty$$

$$\sum_n P(|X_n| > \epsilon) = \sum_n P(|X_n| = 1) = \sum_n p_n < \infty$$

Now, we have to show if X_n converges to 0 almost surely, then $\sum_n p_n < \infty$.

We try to prove the contra-positive. If $\sum_n p_n = \infty$, then X_n does not converge to 0. Since the events are independent, by Borel Cantelli,

$$P(|X_n| > \epsilon, i.o) = 1$$

So,

$$P(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |X_n| > \epsilon) = 1$$

which is the same as

$$P(\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} |X_n| < \epsilon) = 1$$

which is the definition of almost sure convergence (From Wikipedia).

4. 6.7

For $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log X_n}{\log n} = C$, we need

$$P\left(\frac{\log X_n}{\log n} < C + \epsilon, a.b.f.m\right) = 1$$

$$P\left(\frac{\log X_n}{\log n} < C - \epsilon, i.o\right) = 1$$

Let $Y_n = \frac{\log X_n}{\log n}$

$$P(Y_n > y) = P\left(\frac{\log X_n}{\log n} > y\right) = P(X_n > n^y) = \frac{1}{n^{5y}}$$

If $y > \frac{1}{5}$

$$\sum_n P(Y_n > y) < \infty$$

Thus, by Borel-Cantelli, for $y > \frac{1}{5}$,

$$P(Y_n > y, i.o) = 0$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y_n \leq y, a.b.f.m) &= 1 \\ P(Y_n < \frac{1}{5} + \epsilon, a.b.f.m) &= 1 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

If $y \leq \frac{1}{5}$

$$\sum_n P(Y_n \leq y) = \infty$$

Thus, by Borel-Cantelli, for $y \leq \frac{1}{5}$,

$$P(Y_n > y, i.o) = 1$$

$$P(Y_n > \frac{1}{5} - \epsilon, i.o) = 1 \tag{2}$$

From [1] and [2], we can say

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log X_n}{\log n} = C = \frac{1}{5}$$