Assignment 5

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1 Problem 103 from CSIR UGC NET - Dec 2012

Let $\{X_n : n > 0\}$ and X be random variables defined on a common probability space. Further assume that $\{X_n \geq 0 \ \forall n > 0\}$ and

$$\Pr(X = x) = \begin{cases} p, & x = 0 \\ 1 - p, & x = 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{1.0.1}$$

where, $0 \leq p \leq 1$. Which of the following statements are necessarily true?

1) If $p = 0$ and $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{d}} X$, $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{p}} X$
2) If $p = 1$ and $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{d}} X$, then $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{p}} X$
3) If $0 < p < 1$ and $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{d}} X$, then $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{p}} X$
4) If $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{p}} X$, then $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s}} X$

2 Solution

For any given sequence of real-valued random variables $X_1, X_2, X_3, \ldots, X_n$ and a random variable X, let us look at some definitions

Definition 1. ***Convergence in Distribution or Weak convergence****:*

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} F_{X_n}(x) = F_X(x) \tag{2.0.1}$$

where F_{X_n} and F_X are the cumulative probability distribution functions of X_n and X respectively.

Definition 2. ***Convergence in Probability****:*

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \Pr(|X_n - X| > \epsilon) = 0 \forall \epsilon > 0 \tag{2.0.2}$$

This is stronger than the convergence in distribution but weaker than Almost sure convergence.

Definition 3. ***Almost sure Convergence****:*

$$\Pr\left(\lim_{n\to\infty} X_n = X\right) = 1 \tag{2.0.3}$$

This type of convergence is stronger than both convergence in distribution and probability.

- In general, stronger statements imply weaker statements but not vice versa, i.e. Convergence in probability implies convergence in distribution and Almost sure convergence implies convergence in probability.

Lemma 1. *Convergence in distribution implies convergence in probability if X is a constant.*

Proof:

- Let $\epsilon > 0$. Let X = c and the sequence $X_1, X_2, X_3, \ldots, X_n$ converges to X in distribution.
- Let

$$B_c(\epsilon) \rightarrow \text{sphere centered at c, of radius } \epsilon \tag{2.0.4}$$

$$B_c(\epsilon)' \rightarrow \text{complement of } B_c(\epsilon) \tag{2.0.5}$$

$$\implies \Pr(|X_n - c| > \epsilon) = \Pr(X_n \in B_c(\epsilon)') \tag{2.0.6}$$

- From the Portmanteaus lemma,

Lemma 2. *The sequence $X_1, X_2, X_3, \ldots, X_n$ converges in distribution to X if and only if*

$$\limsup \Pr(X_n \in F) \leq \Pr(X \in F) \tag{2.0.7}$$

for every closed set F;

$$\because \lim_{n\to\infty} X_n = c \tag{2.0.8}$$

$$\implies \limsup_{n\to\infty} \Pr(X_n \in B_c(\epsilon)') \leq \Pr(c \in B_c(\epsilon)') \tag{2.0.9}$$

$$\Pr(c \in B_c(\epsilon)') = 0 \text{ (By defn)} \tag{2.0.10}$$

- Thus,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \Pr\left(|X_n - c| > \epsilon\right) = \lim_{n\to\infty} \Pr\left(X_n \in B_c(\epsilon)'\right) \tag{2.0.11}$$

$$\leq \limsup_{n\to\infty} \Pr\left(X_n \in B_c(\epsilon)'\right) \tag{2.0.12}$$

$$\leq \Pr\left(c \in B_c(\epsilon)'\right) \tag{2.0.13}$$

$$\leq 0 \tag{2.0.14}$$

$$= 0 \tag{2.0.15}$$

  (Since probability cannot be negative)
- Thus, by definition,

$$\Pr\left(|X_n - c| > \epsilon\right) = 0 \text{ for any } \epsilon > 0 \text{ given,}$$
$$\lim_{n\to\infty} F_{X_n}(x) = F_X(x) \text{ and X is constant} \tag{2.0.16}$$

Let us look at each option one after another.

1) Given,

$$p = 0 \implies X = 1$$

   Since X is a constant, from Lemma 1, we can say that option 1 is true.
2) Given,

$$p = 1 \implies X = 0$$

   Since X is a constant, from Lemma 1, we can say that option 2 is true.
3) Given,

$$0 < p < 1 \implies X \neq 0, 1$$

   Since X is not a constant, we can say that option 3 is false.
4) Since Convergence in probability is weaker than Almost sure convergence, we can say that option 4 is false as a weaker statement does not imply a stronger statement.