

# Probability Assignment

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Question: Let  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  and Let  $\{Y_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be two sequences of random variables and  $X$  and  $Y$  be two random variables, all of them defined on the same probability space. Which one of the following statements is true?

- (A) If  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  converges in distribution to a real constant  $c$ , then  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  converges in probability to  $c$ .
- (B) If  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  converges in probability to  $X$ , then  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  converges in 3<sup>rd</sup> mean to  $X$ .
- (C) If  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  converges in distribution to  $X$  and  $\{Y_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  converges in distribution to  $Y$ , then  $\{X_n + Y_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  converges in distribution to  $X + Y$ .
- (D) If  $\{E(X_n)\}_{n \geq 1}$  converges to  $E(X)$ , then  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  converges in 1<sup>st</sup> mean to  $X$ .

**Solution:**

$X_n$  converges in distribution to  $X$ ,  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ , then for all  $x$ ,

$$F_{X_n}(x) \rightarrow F_X(x) \quad (1)$$

$X_n$  converges in probability to  $X$ ,  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$ , then for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(|X_n - X| > \epsilon) = 0 \quad (2)$$

For  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $B$  be defined as

$$B = \{x : |x - c| \geq \epsilon\} \quad (3)$$

Now,

$$\Pr(|X_n - c| \geq \epsilon) = \Pr(X_n \in B) \quad (4)$$

Using Portmanteau Lemma, if  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} c$ , we have

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(X_n \in B) \leq \Pr(c \in B) \quad (5)$$

$$\leq \Pr(|0 - 0| \geq \epsilon) \quad (6)$$

$$\leq \Pr(0 \geq \epsilon) \quad (7)$$

$$\leq 0 \quad (8)$$

$$= 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(|X_n - c| > \epsilon) = 0 \quad (10)$$

From (2),  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} c$ . So, we have

$$X_n \xrightarrow{d} c \implies X_n \xrightarrow{p} c \quad (11)$$

Option (A) is correct.