

1. Title of the second chapter

1.1 Problem chapter 9 Feller

Definition 1 (δ, ε) . Let $(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, p)$ be a symmetric random walk. $\delta_n(k)$ shall denote $P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = k, S_n = 0\right)$, $\varepsilon_n^r(k)$ shall denote $P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = k, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{r-1} > 0, S_r = 0, S_n = 0\right)$, $\varepsilon_n^{r,+}(k)$ shall denote $P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = k, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{r-1} > 0, S_r = 0, S_n = 0\right)$, $\varepsilon_n^{r,-}(k)$ shall denote $P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = k, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{r-1} < 0, S_r = 0, S_n = 0\right)$.

Lemma 1 (Factorization of $\delta_{2n}(2k)$). $\delta_{2n}(2k) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^n (f_{2r} \delta_{2n-2r}(2k-2r) + f_{2r} \delta_{2n-2r}(2r))$.

Proof. Because $S_{2n} = 0$ a return to origin must have happened. Let $2r$ the time of first return to origin, where $r \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. By the law of total probability:

$$\delta_{2n}(2k) = P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = k, S_{2n} = 0\right) = \sum_{r=1}^n P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} \neq 0, S_{2r} = 0, S_{2r+1}, \dots, S_{2n} = 0\right)$$

which can be again by the law of total probability factorized as: $\sum_{r=1}^n P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} > 0, S_{2r} = 0, S_{2r+1}, \dots, S_{2n} = 0\right) + \sum_{r=1}^n P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} < 0, S_{2r} = 0, S_{2r+1}, \dots, S_{2n} = 0\right)$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^n \varepsilon_{2n}^{2r,+}(2k) + \sum_{r=1}^n \varepsilon_{2n}^{2r,-}(2k). \text{ Now let us calculate } \varepsilon_{2n}^{2r,+}(2k). \varepsilon_{2n}^{2r,+}(2k) = P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} > 0, S_{2r} = 0, S_{2r+1}, \dots, S_{2n} = 0\right)$$

$$= P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_{2n} = 0 \mid S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} > 0, S_{2r} = 0\right) P(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} > 0, S_{2r} = 0, S_{2r+1}, \dots, S_{2n} = 0)$$

$$= P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_{2n} = 0 \mid S_{2r} = 0\right) \frac{1}{2} f_{2r} = *b P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n-2r} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k-2r, S_{2n-2r} = 0\right) \frac{1}{2} f_{2r} = *b \delta_{2n-2r}(2k-2r) + \frac{1}{2} f_{2r}$$

$$= *c \delta_{2n-2r}(2k-2r) \frac{1}{2} f_{2r}. \text{ Similarly } \varepsilon_{2n}^{2r,-}(2k) = P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} < 0, S_{2r} = 0, S_{2r+1}, \dots, S_{2n} = 0\right)$$

$$= P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_{2n} = 0 \mid S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} < 0, S_{2r} = 0\right) P(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} < 0, S_{2r} = 0, S_{2r+1}, \dots, S_{2n} = 0)$$

$$= P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_{2n} = 0 \mid S_{2r} = 0\right) \frac{1}{2} f_{2r} = *b P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n-2r} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_{2n-2r} = 0\right) \frac{1}{2} f_{2r} = *b \delta_{2n-2r}(2k) + \frac{1}{2} f_{2r}$$

$$= *c \delta_{2n-2r}(2k) \frac{1}{2} f_{2r}. \text{ Therefore } \delta_{2n}(2k) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^n f_{2r} \delta_{2n-2r}(2k-2r) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^n f_{2r} \delta_{2n-2r}(2k) =$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^n (f_{2r} \delta_{2n-2r}(2k-2r) + f_{2r} \delta_{2n-2r}(2k)) \quad \square$$

Theorem 2 (Equidistributional theorem). Let $(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, p)$ be a symmetric random walk and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $\forall k, l \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\} : \delta_{2n}(2k) = \delta_{2n}(2l) = \frac{u_{2n}}{n+1}$.

Proof. Let us prove this statement by induction in n . In case that $n = 1$ we have two options for k . Either $k = 0$ or $k = 1$. $\delta_2(0) = P(S_1 < 0, S_2 = 0) = \frac{1}{2} f_2 = *a \frac{1}{2} u_2 \frac{1}{2-1} = \frac{u_2}{2} \delta_2(2) = P(S_1 > 0, S_2 = 0) = \frac{1}{2} f_2 = \frac{u_2}{2}$.

Let the statement be true for all $l \leq n-1$. In that case $\delta_{2(n-l)}(2k) = \frac{u_{2(n-l)}}{n-l+1}$. We

want to show that $\delta_{2n} = \frac{u_{2n}}{n+1}$. Let us calculate δ_{2n} . $\delta_{2n} = *b \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^n (f_{2r} \delta_{2n-2r}(2k-2r) + f_{2r} \delta_{2n-2r}(2k))$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^n \left(f_{2r} u_{2n-2r} \frac{1}{n-r+1} + f_{2r} u_{2n-2r} \frac{1}{n-r+1} \right) = \sum_{r=1}^n \left(\frac{f_{2r} u_{2n-2r}}{n-r+1} \right) \quad \square$$