

P2:

A variate X_k has the distribution

$$P(X_k = 0) = 1 - \left(\frac{2}{3^{2k+2}}\right), P(X_k = \pm 3^k) = 3^{-(2k+2)}$$

If $\{X_k\}$ is a sequence of independent r.vs, then show that $\{X_k\}$ obeys *SLLN*.

Solution:

Here $E(X_k) = 3^k \cdot 3^{-(2k+2)} - 3^k \cdot 3^{-(2k+2)} = 0$ and

$$\sigma_k^2 = V(X_k) = E(X_k^2) = 3^{2k} 3^{-(2k+2)} + 3^{2k} 3^{-(2k+2)} = \frac{2}{9}$$

Then we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sigma_k^2}{k^2} = \frac{2}{9} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \quad \text{Converges.}$$

Thus $\{X_n\}$ obeys the *SLLN*.