

Definition 1. μ_n, μ probability measures on $(E, \mathcal{B}(E))$, where (E, ρ) is a metric space. We say that $\mu_n \implies \mu$, that is μ_n converges in law/in distribution/weakly to μ , iff $\forall f \in C_b(E) \int_E f d\mu_n \rightarrow \int_E f d\mu$.

Theorem 2. The following are equivalent:

1. $\mu_n \implies \mu$,
2. $\forall f$ if f is uniformly continuous and bounded on E , then $\int_E f d\mu_n \rightarrow \int_E f d\mu$,
3. $\forall G \subset E$ open $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_n(G) \geq \mu(G)$,
4. $\forall F \subset E$ closed $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_n(F) \leq \mu(F)$,
5. $\forall A \in \mathcal{B}(E) \mu(\partial A) = 0 \implies \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_n(A) = \mu(A)$.

Definition 3. μ probability measure on \mathbb{R}^d , then its distribution function is $F_\mu(t) = \mu((-\infty, t_1] \times \dots \times (-\infty, t_n])$.

Theorem 4. $\mu_n \implies \mu$ iff $\forall t$ if F_μ is continuous at t , then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{\mu_n}(t) = F_\mu(t)$.

Lemma 5. μ_n, μ probability measures on $(E, \mathcal{B}(E))$, \mathcal{A} a π -system of Borel sets (i.e. $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{A} A \cap B \in \mathcal{A}$) such that any open set in E is a union of at most countably many sets in \mathcal{A} , and $\forall A \in \mathcal{A} \mu_n(A) \rightarrow \mu(A)$, then $\mu_n \implies \mu$.

Proposition 6. μ_n, μ probability measures on \mathbb{R}^d , then $\mu_n \implies \mu$ iff $\forall f \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^d) \int_E f d\mu_n \rightarrow \int_E f d\mu$.

Definition 7. X_n, X random variables with values in metric space (E, ρ) , then X_n converges to X in law (or in distribution, or weakly) iff $\mu_{X_n} \implies \mu_X$. We write $X_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X$ or $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ or $X_n \implies X$.

Remark 8. $\int_E f(t) \mu_X(t) = \mathbb{E}f(X)$, so $X_n \implies X$ iff $\forall f \in C_b(E) \mathbb{E}f(X_n) \rightarrow \mathbb{E}f(X)$.

Remark 9. X_n and X may be defined on distinct spaces.

Remark 10. X_n may have the same law and be very different.

Remark 11. Convergence in probability implies convergence in law, but not conversely.

Proposition 12. X_n, Y_n, X random variables with values in (E, ρ) , $X_n \implies X$, $\rho(X_n, Y_n) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0$.
Then $Y_n \implies X$.

Corollary 13. $Y_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} X$ implies $Y_n \implies X$.

Definition 14. $\{\mu_i\}_{i \in I}$ a family of probability measures on (E, ρ) , we say that this family is *tight* iff $\forall_{\varepsilon > 0} \exists_K \text{ compact in } E \forall_{i \in I} \mu_i(K) \geq 1 - \varepsilon$.

Definition 15. $\{X_i\}$ tight iff $\{\mu_{X_i}\}$ tight.

Example 16. $E = \mathbb{R}, \mu_n = \delta_n$ not tight.

Remark 17. $E = \mathbb{R}, \{\mu_i\}$ tight iff $\forall_{\varepsilon > 0} \exists_M \forall_{i \in I} \mu_i([-M, M]) \geq 1 - \varepsilon$.

Remark 18. X_i random variables in $\mathbb{R}, p > 0, \sup_i \mathbb{E}|X_i|^p < \infty \implies \{X_i\}_{i \in I}$ is tight.

Theorem 19 (Prokhorov). $\{\mu_i\}_{i \in I}$ probability measures on \mathbb{R}^d . This family is tight iff for any sequence of measures μ_k in the family one may choose a weakly convergent subsequence μ_{k_l} .