

# 106349 - Advanced probability

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## Abstract

## 1 Introduction. Summary of course through an example. Branching process

We have an individual that gives a birth to a random number of offsprings – random variable  $X$ .  $X$  define a distribution, i.e.,  $P : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , i.e.,  $P(X = k) \in [0, 1]$ , and  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P(X = k) = 1$ .

**Definition 1.1.**  $f_X(\theta) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \theta^k P(X = k)$  – moment-generating function.

The series is absolutely convergent for  $\theta \in [-1, 1]$  since  $k$  sums to 1. For  $\theta \in (-1, 1)$ ,  $f_X$  is analytic, thus we can differentiate it term-by-term:

$$f'_X(\theta) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \theta^{k-1} P(X = k)$$

Since,  $f_X$  is analytic, knowing it means knowing  $P(X = k)$  and vice versa.

Note that  $f_X(0) = P(X = 0)$  and  $f_X(1) = 1$ . Also

$$f'_X(1) = \sum_{k \geq 0} k P(X = k) = \mathbb{E}X = \mu$$

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 1} \frac{f_X(1) - f_X(\theta)}{1 - \theta} = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 1} \frac{1 - f_X(\theta)}{1 - \theta}$$

Note also that  $f_X$  is convex, since second derivative is positive.

**Size of  $n^{th}$  generation** Let  $(X_r^{(n)})_{n,r=1}^{\infty}$ , where  $n$  is generation and  $r$  is offspring number (index) in  $n^{th}$  generation.

Assume  $X_r^{(n)}$  are i.i.d. (independent, identically distributed) random variables.

Identically distributed means

$$P(X_n^r = k) = P(X = k)$$

Independence means

$$P(\forall i < J \ X_{r_i}^{n_i} = k) = \prod_{i=1}^J P(X_{r_i}^{n_i} = k)$$

Define  $z_1 = X_1^1$ .  $z_2 = \sum_{r=1}^{z_1} X_r^2$  and so on:

$$z_{n+1} = \sum_{r=1}^{z_n} X_r^n$$

We want to study asymptotics of  $z_n$ .

Given  $U$  and  $V$  taking values in  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}[U|V = k] = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} j P(U = j|V = k)$$

, where

$$P(U = j|V = k) = \frac{P(U = j, V = k)}{P(V = k)}$$

If  $U, V$  are independent,  $P(U = j|V = k) = P(U = j)$  and thus  $\mathbb{E}[U|V = k] = \mathbb{E}U$ .

**Definition 1.2.** Define random variable  $\mathbb{E}[U|V]$  such that

$$\mathbb{E}[U|V] = \mathbb{E}[U|V = k]$$

if  $V = k$ .

**Definition 1.3** (Tower property).

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[U|V]] = \mathbb{E}U$$

Define

$$f_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \theta^k P(z_n = k) = \mathbb{E}\theta^{z_n}$$

**Theorem 1.1.**

$$f_{n+1}(\theta) = f_n(f_X(\theta))$$

or

$$f_n(\theta) = \underbrace{f \circ f \circ \dots \circ f}_{n \text{ times}}(\theta)$$

*Proof.* Use tower property with  $U^{z_{n+1}}$  and  $V = \theta^{z_n}$ . By tower property

$$\mathbb{E}[\theta^{z_{n+1}}] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[\theta^{z_{n+1}}|\theta^{z_n}]]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[\theta^{z_{n+1}}|\theta^{z_n}]] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P(z_n = k) \mathbb{E}[\theta^{z_{n+1}}|\theta^{z_n} = k]$$

What is  $\mathbb{E}[\theta^{z_{n+1}}|\theta^{z_n} = k]$ ?

$$\mathbb{E}[\theta^{z_{n+1}}|\theta^{z_n} = k] = \mathbb{E}[\theta^{\sum_{j=1}^k X_j^{n+1}}|\theta^{z_n} = k] \stackrel{\text{independence}}{=} \mathbb{E}[\theta^{\sum_{j=1}^{z_n} X_j^{n+1}}] \stackrel{\text{independence}}{=} \prod_{j=1}^k \mathbb{E}[\theta^{X_j^{n+1}}] \stackrel{\text{i.d.}}{=} (f_X(\theta))^k$$

Thus

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[\theta^{z_{n+1}}|\theta^{z_n}]] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P(z_n = k) (f_X(\theta))^k = f_n(f(\theta))$$

Also we can say

$$\mathbb{E}[\theta^{z_{n+1}}|z_n] = (f_X(\theta))^{z_n}$$

□

**Study of  $z_n$**  What is  $\pi_n = P(z_n = 0) = f_n(0) = f(\pi_{n-1})$ , probability that population is extinguished. Since  $z_{n-1} = 0 \Rightarrow z_n = 0$ , i.e.  $\pi_n$  is non-decreasing.

Let  $P(z_n = 0 \text{ for some } n) = \pi$ .

We hope that  $\{z_n = 0\}$  such that

$$\bigcup_n \{z_n = 0\} = \{z_n = 0 \text{ for some } n\}$$

i.e.,  $\pi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi_n$ . We call  $\pi$  the extinction probability.

**Theorem 1.2.** If  $\mu = \mathbb{E} > 1$  then  $\pi$  is a unique root of  $\pi = f(\pi)$  and  $\pi \in [0, 1]$ . If  $\mu \leq 1$ ,  $\pi = 1$ .

If we look at  $f(\pi)$  and  $\pi$ , they intersect in 1, and they can intersect in two points since  $f(x)$  is convex. There is second intersection iff  $f'(1) = \mu > 1$ .

**Construction of  $X_n^r$**  Construct set  $\Omega$ ,  $f_{n,r} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  a collection of subsets of  $\Omega$  with  $P : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ .

Let  $\Omega = \mathbb{Z}^+ \times \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\mathcal{F} = \{0, 1\}^\Omega$ .

The problem is when we have infinitely number of variables.

**Example** Example of not well-behaved triple  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ .  $\Omega = \mathbb{N}$ . Now  $\mathcal{F} = \{C \subset \mathbb{N} : C \text{ has density}\}$ .  $C$  has density means

$$\frac{|C \cap \mathbb{N}|}{n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(C)$$

However, for  $C(m) = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ,  $\forall m$   $\rho(C_m)$ , and

$$\rho\left(\bigcup C_m\right) = 1$$

Thus  $(\mathbb{N}, \mathcal{F}, \rho)$  is not a good probability space, since it doesn't fulfill this  $\pi_n \rightarrow \pi$  property. Note we can define other probabilities on naturals, for example

$$P(\{i\}) = 2^{-i}$$

**Asymptotics of  $z_i$**  Assuming  $\pi \in (0, 1)$ , what is behavior of  $z_n$ ?

**Definition 1.4.**  $z_n$  is a Markov chain if

$$P(z_{n+1} = j | z_i = k_i \quad \forall i \leq n) = P(z_{n+1} = j | z_n = k_n)$$

We can use to compute expectation:

$$\mathbb{E}[z_{n+1} | z_i = k_i \quad \forall i < n] = \mathbb{E}[z_{n+1} | z_n = k_n]$$

Then, since  $E\left[\sum_{i=1}^J X_i^n\right] = J\mu$

$$E[z_{n+1} | z_n] = \mu z_n$$

Let  $M_n = \frac{z_n}{\mu^n}$  then  $\mathbb{E}[M_n] = 1$ . Also

$$\mathbb{E}[M_{n+1} | z_0, \dots, z_n] = M_n$$

This is a definition of martingale with respect to  $z_0, \dots, z_n$ .

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  we say  $S$  happens almost surely (a.s.) if

$$P(\{w \in \Omega : S \text{ is true for } w\}) = 1$$

**Theorem 1.3 (Martingale convergence theorem).** If  $M_n$  is a positive martingale then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_n = M_\infty$  exists a.s. and

- $\mu \leq 1$ .  $M_\infty = 0$  a.s. That means  $\mathbb{E}M_\infty = 0$  but  $\mathbb{E}M_n = 1$ , i.e.,

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_n\right] < \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[M_n]$$

- $\mu > 1$ . If  $M_\infty > 0$  with positive probability then  $z_n \sim \mu^n M_\infty$ .

**Lemma 1.1 (Fatou's lemma).**

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_n\right] \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[M_n]$$

**Theorem 1.4.**

$$\mathbb{E}[M_\infty] = 1 \iff \mu > 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}[X \log(X)] < \infty$$

## 2 Overview of measure theory

**Notation**

- $S$  is a set.
- $\mathcal{A}$  is algebra of subsets of  $S$

1.  $S \in \mathcal{A}$

2.

$$E \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow E^C \in \mathcal{A}$$

, where  $E^C = S \setminus E$

3.

$$E_1, E_2 \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow E_1 \cup E_2 \in \mathcal{A}$$

meaning

$$E_1, E_2 \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow E_1 \cap E_2 \in \mathcal{A}$$

- $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra if the last item works for countable union.

- $E \Delta F = E \setminus F \cup F \setminus E$

**Definition 2.1.** A measurable space is a pair  $\{S, \mathcal{F}\}$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** If we have  $(\mathcal{F}_i)_{i \in I}$ , then  $\bigcap_{i \in I} \mathcal{F}_i$  is also a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $C$  be a collection of subsets of  $S$ .  $\sigma(C)$  is a smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing  $C$  ( $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $C$ ). It is easy to construct one

$$I = \{\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{F} \supset C\}$$

and then

$$\sigma(C) = \bigcap_{\mathcal{F} \in I} \mathcal{F}$$

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $\{S, \mathcal{F}\}$  be a topological space.  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  (Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra) is defined as  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by open sets. We denote  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Exercise**

$$\pi(\mathbb{R}) = \{(-\infty, x], x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Show that  $\sigma(\pi(\mathbb{R})) = \mathcal{B}$

**Definition 2.4.** Additive set function on a collection of sets  $\mathcal{F}$  is

$$\mu : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$$

$$\forall E, F \in \mathcal{F} \ E \cap F = \emptyset \quad \mu(E \cup F) = \mu(E) + \mu(F)$$

We say  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -additive if same holds of countable infinite sets

$$\forall \{E_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \ E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset \quad \mu(E \cup F) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i)$$

**Definition 2.5.** A triple  $(S, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  is a measure space if  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $S$  and  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -additive on  $\mathcal{F}$ .

**Definition 2.6.**  $(S, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  is finite if  $\mu(S) < \infty$

$(S, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  is  $\sigma$ -finite if

$$\exists \{E_i, \mu(E_i) < \infty\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \quad S = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i$$

**Definition 2.7.** If  $\mu(S) = 1$ ,  $(S, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  is probability space.

**Definition 2.8.**  $E$  is null if  $\mu(E) = 0$ .

**Definition 2.9.**  $\phi$  is said to be true almost everywhere with respect of  $\mu$  if

$$\mu(\{X : \phi(X) = \text{False}\}) = 0$$

## 2.1 Results from measure theory

**Definition 2.10.** A collection of sets  $\mathcal{D}$  is called a  $\pi$ -system if  $E, F \in \mathcal{D} \Rightarrow E \cap F \in \mathcal{D}$

**Theorem 2.2 (Uniqueness).** Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a  $\pi$ -system generating a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{F}$ . Let  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be two finite measures on  $\mathcal{F}$  which agree on  $\mathcal{D}$ . Then  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ .

**Collary 2.2.1.**  $(S, \mathcal{F}, P_1), (S, \mathcal{F}, P_2)$  probability spaces,  $P_1 = P_2$  on  $\pi$ -system  $\mathcal{D}$ , then  $P_1 = P_2$ .

**Theorem 2.3 (Carathéodory's extension theorem).** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an algebra of sets.  $\mu_0 : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$   $\sigma$ -additive set function on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then exists unique extension  $\bar{\mu} : \sigma(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $\bar{\mu} = \mu_0$ .

**Homework** Lebesgue on  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $\mathcal{A} = \{\text{open set}\}$ . If we have

$$O = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (a_i, b_i)$$

then

$$\mu_0(O) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} b_i - a_i$$

Check that  $\mu_0$  is well defined and  $\sigma$ -additive.

**Lemma 2.1.**  $(S, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  measure space.  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ , then

$$\mu(A \cup B) \leq \mu(A) + \mu(B)$$

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(F_i)$$

If  $\mu(S) < \infty$

$$\mu(A \cup B) = \mu(A) + \mu(B) - \mu(A \cap B)$$

From that we get inclusion-exclusion:

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(A_i) - \sum_{i \neq j} \mu(A_i \cap A_j) + \cdots + (-1)^{n-1} \mu\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i\right)$$

**Exercise** Proof the lemma

**Lemma 2.2.** If  $F_n \subseteq F_{n+1}$  then

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(F_n)$$

If  $\mu(S) < \infty$  and  $F_n \supseteq F_{n+1}$  then

$$\mu\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(F_n)$$

*Proof.* Assume  $\mu(S) < \infty$ . Define  $F_{\infty} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i$ . Let  $G_n = F_n \setminus F_{n+1}$ . Then

$$F_{\infty} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} G_i$$

Meaning

$$\mu(F_{\infty}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(G_i)$$

$$\mu(F_n) = \sum_{k=1}^n \mu(G_k)$$

Since measure is finite, the tail of series tends to 0, thus

$$\mu(F_{\infty}) - \mu(F_n) = \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \mu(G_k) \rightarrow 0$$

Then we can take complements and get the second statement. □

**Exercise** Proof unconditionally

### 3 Recasting measure theory as probability

**Definition 3.1.** A probability space is a  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  is a measure space such that  $P(\Omega) = 1$ . We call  $\omega \in \Omega$  an outcome.  $E \in \mathcal{F}$  is an event.  $P(E)$  is probability of the event.

**Example** Tossing finite or infinite sequence of coins.

#### Tossing 4 coins

$$\Omega = \{HHHH, HHHT, HHTH, \dots, TTTH, TTTT\}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = 2^\Omega$$

$$P(\omega \in \Omega) = \frac{1}{|\Omega|}$$

#### Tossing infinite number coins

$$\Omega = \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$$

$\Omega$  has a natural topology which is called a product topology. It is coarsest topology such that  $\pi_i : \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$   $\pi_i(\omega) = \omega_i$  is continuous.

Let  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{B}(\Omega)$ .

Smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra such that

$$\pi_i^{-1}(0) \subset \Omega \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$\pi_i^{-1}(1) \subset \Omega \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$\pi_i(\Omega, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \left( \{0, 1\}, \{0, 1\}^{\{0, 1\}} \right)$$

Natural  $\pi$ -system  $\mathcal{F}_n$  smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra making  $\pi_1, \dots, \pi_n$  measurable.

Note that

**Proposition 3.1.**

$$\bigcup_n \mathcal{F}_n \neq \mathcal{F}$$

*Proof.* Define  $S_n(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^n \omega_i$ .

$$X_n = \frac{S_n(\omega)}{n}$$

Define

$$Y(\omega) = \limsup X_n(\omega)$$

$$E = \left\{ \omega : Y(\omega) \geq \frac{1}{3} \right\}$$

$$E \in \mathcal{F} \setminus \bigcup_n \mathcal{F}_n$$

□

**What  $\mathcal{F}_n$  looks like?** For example,  $\mathcal{F}_2$  has 4 outcomes, deciding only first two tosses.

**Note** If we take  $(\Omega_4, \mathcal{F}^{(4)}, P_4)$ , restricting to  $(\Omega_3, \mathcal{F}^{(3)}, P_3)$

$$P_4(\{(0, 0, 0, \omega_4)\}) = P_3(\{(0, 0, 0)\})$$

Thus we want  $P_{fair}$  defined on  $\Omega$  to fulfill same property:

$$P_{fair}(E) = P_n(\tilde{E})$$

where  $E \in \mathcal{F}_n$  and  $\tilde{E} \in \mathcal{F}^{(n)}$ .

**Definition 3.2.**  $E \subset \mathcal{F}$  occurs almost surely (a.s.) if  $P(E) = 1$ .

**Definition 3.3 (lim sup and lim inf).** Let  $\{E_n\}$  be a sequence of events.

$$\limsup E_n = \bigcap_m \bigcup_{n \geq m} E_n = \{E_n \text{ occurs infinitely often (i.o.)}\} = \{\omega \in \Omega : \forall m \exists n(\omega) > m \quad \omega \in E_n(\omega)\}$$

Alternatively,  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  and  $\{E_n\}$  there is a natural map

$$I : \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$$

$$\omega \mapsto \{1_{E_n}(\omega)\}$$

where

$$1_E(\omega) = \begin{cases} 0 & \omega \notin E \\ 1 & \omega \in E \end{cases}$$

Now

$$\liminf E_n = \bigcup_m \bigcap_{n \geq m} E_n = \{E_n \text{ occurs eventually}\} = \{\omega \in \Omega : \exists m(\omega) \forall n \geq m(\omega) \quad \omega \in E_n(\omega)\}$$

**Remark** Since everything is countable, if  $E_n \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $\limsup E_n, \liminf E_n \in \mathcal{F}$

We can write

$$\left\{ \frac{S_n}{n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \right\} = \left\{ \limsup \frac{S_n}{n} \leq \frac{1}{2} \right\} \cap \left\{ \liminf \frac{S_n}{n} \geq \frac{1}{2} \right\}$$

Choose  $q \in \mathbb{Q}^+$  and take a look at

$$\left\{ \liminf \frac{S_n}{n} > q \right\} = \liminf E_n(q)$$

where  $E_n = \{\omega : \frac{S_n}{n} > q\}$ .

In addition

$$\left\{ \limsup \frac{S_n}{n} < q \right\} = \liminf F_n(q)$$

where  $F_n = \{\omega : \frac{S_n}{n} < q\}$ .

Therefore  $\{\liminf \frac{S_n}{n} > q\} \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Finally,

$$\left\{ \liminf \frac{S_n}{n} \geq \alpha \right\} = \bigcap_{q < \alpha} \left\{ \liminf \frac{S_n}{n} > q \right\}$$

**Lemma 3.1** (Fatou's lemma).

$$P\left[\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n\right] \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(E_n)$$

*Proof.*

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n = \bigcup_m \bigcap_{n \geq m} E_n$$

Sets  $F_m = \bigcap_{n \geq m} E_n$  are increasing and  $F_n \subseteq E_n$ , thus

$$P\left[\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n\right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(F_n) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(E_n)$$

□

**Lemma 3.2** (Fatou's lemma).

$$P\left[\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n\right] \geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(E_n)$$

*Proof.* Note that  $(\limsup E_n)^C = \liminf E_n^C$ , thus this is straightforward from previous lemma.

□

**Lemma 3.3** (First Borel-Cantelli lemma). Let  $\{E_n\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  be a sequence of events s.t.  $\sum_n P(E_n) < \infty$ , then

$$P(E_n \text{ happens i.o.}) = 0$$

*Proof.*

$$P(E_n \text{ i.o.}) = P\left(\bigcap_m \bigcup_{n \geq m} E_n\right) \leq P\left(\bigcup_{n \geq m} E_n\right) \leq \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} P(E_n) \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

Since  $P(E_n \text{ i.o.})$  is independent on  $m$ , it got to be 0.

□

**Example** Fix  $\epsilon > 0$ . Look at  $P\left(\left|\frac{S_n(\omega)}{n} - \frac{1}{2}\right| > \epsilon\right)$ .

### Claim

$$P\left(\left|\frac{S_n(\omega)}{n} - \frac{1}{2}\right| > \epsilon\right) \leq \frac{12}{\epsilon^4} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

By 3.3  $P\left(\left|\frac{S_n(\omega)}{n} - \frac{1}{2}\right| > \epsilon \text{ i.o.}\right) = 0$  thus

$$\left\{\frac{S_n}{n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\right\} = \bigcap_{\epsilon > 0} \left\{\left|\frac{S_n(\omega)}{n} - \frac{1}{2}\right| < \epsilon \text{ eventually}\right\} = 1$$

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $(S, \mathcal{F})$ ,  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B})$  be measurable spaces.

$$\phi : S \rightarrow \Omega$$

$\phi$  is  $((\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{B}))$ -measurable if  $\forall B \in \mathcal{B} \quad \phi^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{F}$ .

**Remark**  $\mathcal{C}$  is collection of sets in  $\Omega$ .  $\phi^{-1}(\mathcal{C}) = \{\phi^{-1}(C) : C \in \mathcal{C}\}$ .

•

$$\phi^{-1}\left(\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i\right) = \bigcap \phi^{-1}(B_i)$$

•

$$\phi^{-1}\left(\bigcup_{i \in I} B_i\right) = \bigcup \phi^{-1}(B_i)$$

•

$$\phi^{-1}(B^C) = [\phi^{-1}(B)]^c$$

**Lemma 3.4.** Let  $\sigma(\mathcal{C}) = \mathcal{B}$ .  $\phi$  is measurable iff  $\phi^{-1}(\mathcal{C}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ .

**Collary 3.1.1.**  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$  then  $\phi$  is measurable iff

$$\forall x \quad \phi^{-1}((-\infty, x]) \in \mathcal{F}$$

**Lemma 3.5.** Let  $(S, \mathcal{F})$ ,  $(T, \mathcal{T})$ ,  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B})$  be measurable spaces. Let  $\phi_1 : S \rightarrow T$  and  $\phi_2 : T \rightarrow \Omega$  measurable. Then  $\phi_2 \circ \phi_1$  is measurable.

*Proof.* Let  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ . Then  $\phi_2^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{T}$ , and thus  $\phi_1^{-1}(\phi_2^{-1}(B)) \in \mathcal{F}$ , meaning  $(\phi_2 \circ \phi_1)^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{F}$ . □

**Lemma 3.6.**  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\{\phi | \phi \text{ is } \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{B}\text{-measurable}\}$  is an algebra over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* Using previous lemma and the fact  $+$  is continuous, and thus measurable, we define  $\Psi(s) = (\phi_1(s), \phi_2(s))$ .  $\Psi$  is measurable. Take a look at

$$\Psi^{-1}((-\infty, x_1] \times (-\infty, x_2]) = \{s : \phi_1(s) \in (-\infty, x_1], \phi_2(s) \in (-\infty, x_2]\}$$

□

### Notation

$$\phi : (S, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow (\Omega, \mathcal{B})$$

We write  $\phi \in \mathcal{F}$  for  $\phi$  is  $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{B}$  measurable.



### Constructions preserved by measurability

**Proposition 3.2.** If  $\{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  measurable maps  $(S, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow (\Omega, \mathcal{B})$ , then  $\liminf \phi_n$ ,  $\limsup \phi_n$ ,  $\inf \phi_n$ ,  $\sup_n$  are also measurable.

*Proof.* For example, for infimum, we need to show that

$$\left\{s \mid \inf_n \phi_n(s) \leq c\right\} \in \mathcal{F}$$

or alternatively,

$$\left\{s \mid \inf_n \phi_n(s) > c\right\} \in \mathcal{F}$$

which is just countable intersection:

$$\bigcap_n \{s : \phi_n(s) > c\}$$

Same for  $\limsup$ , which is just infimum of supremum:

$$\limsup \phi_n = \inf_m \left( \sup_{n \geq m} \phi_n \right)$$

□

### Recall

$$S_n = \text{number of 1's until } n$$

We can view  $s_n$  as a composition of projection and sum:

$$\omega \mapsto (\pi_1(\omega), \dots, \pi_n(\omega)) \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n \pi_i(\omega)$$

Both are continuous (projection from the definition of product topology) and thus measurable, and so is  $\frac{S_n}{n}$ .

## 4 Random variables

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a probability space.  $X : \Omega \rightarrow (S, \mathcal{S})$  measurable is called a random variable.

### Notation

$$\{\omega : X(\omega) \in A\} = X^{-1}(A)$$

We use notation like  $X \in A$ .

### Basic constructions with random variables

**Definition 4.2.** Given a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and measurable  $(S, \mathcal{S})$ ,  $X$  induces measure  $\mathcal{L}_X$  on  $(S, \mathcal{S})$  via

$$\mathcal{L}_X(E) = P(X \in E)$$

$\mathcal{L}_X$  is called marginal distribution of  $X$  or law of  $X$ .

**Proposition 4.1.**  $\mathcal{L}_X$  is countably additive set function.

If  $(S, \mathcal{S})$  is  $\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}$ . By uniqueness theorem,  $\mathcal{L}_X$  if defined by

$$F_X(x) = \mathcal{L}_X((-\infty, x]) = P(X \in (-\infty, x])$$

**Proposition 4.2.**  $\mathcal{L}_X \mapsto F_X$  is 1-1 and onto.

*Proof.* Uniqueness:

If  $\mu, \nu$  exists such that

$$\mu((-\infty, x]) = F_X(x) = \nu((-\infty, x])$$

then, since they agree on  $\pi$ -system, and thus are equal by uniqueness theorem.

Existence  $\mu((-\infty, x])$  fulfills Carathéodory's extension theorem requirements, thus there exists unique extension. □

We assume there exists Lebesgue measure on Borel sets  $([0, 1], \mathcal{B}, \lambda)$ .

**Definition 4.3.** A coupling of  $X, Y$  is  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and  $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\mu_{\tilde{X}} = \mu_X$  and  $\mu_{\tilde{Y}} = \mu_Y$ .

**Theorem 4.3** (Skorokhod's representation (of a random variable  $X$ )). Given  $\mu_X, \mu_Y$  can we construct  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and  $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\mu_{\tilde{X}} = \mu_X$  and  $\mu_{\tilde{Y}} = \mu_Y$ , i.e., a coupling of  $X, Y$ .

*Proof.* Given increasing, right continuous  $F$  such that  $F(-\infty) = 0$  and  $F(\infty) = 1$ . We want to define  $X : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $F_X = F$ .

$$X^-(\omega) = \inf \{x : F(x) \geq \omega\}$$

(We could also choose  $X^+(\omega) = \inf \{x : F(x) \geq \omega\}$ , which is a bit different)

We want to show that

$$\{\omega : X^-(\omega) \leq x\} = \{\omega \leq F(x)\}$$

$X^-(\omega) \leq x$  means that  $F(x) \geq \omega$  (by definition), verifying  $\{\omega : X^-(\omega) \leq x\} \subseteq \{\omega \leq F(x)\}$

$F(x) \geq \omega$  means  $X^-(\omega) \leq x$  (since  $F$  is increasing), finishing the proof.

Note, that  $X^+$  and  $X^-$  disagree only on countable number of points.

□

$F_X$  is cumulative distribution function (CDF) or distribution function of  $X$ .

We ask the question: what are set properties distinguish  $F_X$ ?

**Proposition 4.4** (Properties of CDF). 1.  $F_X$  is non-decreasing

2.  $F_X$  is right continuous

3.  $F_X(-\infty) = 0$

*Proof.* 1. If  $x < y$ ,  $(-\infty, x] \subseteq (-\infty, y]$ , thus, from monotonicity of measure  $F_X(x) \leq F_X(y)$

2. we want to show

$$\lim_{x \downarrow x_0} F(x) = F(x_0)$$

Since if  $E_n \downarrow E$ , then  $\mu(E_n) \rightarrow \mu(E)$

We can look on sequence  $\{x_n\}$ :

$$\omega \in \bigcap_n \{X \in (-\infty, x_n)\} \Rightarrow \forall n \quad X(\omega) \leq x_n \Rightarrow X(\omega) \leq x \Rightarrow \bigcap_n \{X \in (-\infty, x_n)\} \subseteq \{X \in (-\infty, x)\}$$

The other direction is obvious.

3. Since

$$\bigcap_x X^{-1}((-\infty, x]) = \emptyset$$

□

## 4.1 Independence

$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  probability space. Let  $\{\mathcal{J}_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a collection of sub- $\sigma$ -algebras of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

**Definition 4.4** (Independence of  $\sigma$ -algebras). Say  $\{\mathcal{J}_i\}_{i \in I}$  are independent if

$$\forall i_1, \dots, i_k \quad \forall j \quad G_{ij} \in \mathcal{J}_i \quad P\left(\bigcap_{j=1}^k G_{ij}\right) = \prod_{j=1}^k P(G_{ij})$$

**Definition 4.5** (Independence of random variables). Say  $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$  are independent if  $\sigma(X_i)$  are independent.

**Definition 4.6** (Independence of sets). Say  $\{E_i\}_{i \in I}$  are independent if random variables  $\mathbb{1}_{E_i}$  are independent.

### Connection with elementary probability theory

**Lemma 4.1 (Checking independence).** Let  $\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2$  be  $\sigma$ -algebras,  $\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2$   $\pi$ -systems such that  $\sigma(\mathcal{A}_\infty) = \mathcal{F}_i$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2$  are independent iff

$$\forall A_1 \in \mathcal{A}_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{A}_2 \quad P(A_1 \cap A_2) = P(A_1)P(A_2)$$

*Proof.* Given  $E \in \mathcal{F}$  let  $P_E(A) = P(A \cap E)$ , a measure on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ .

Given  $A_1 \in \mathcal{A}_1$  consider  $P_{A_1}|_{\mathcal{F}_2}$ .

$$\forall A_2 \in \mathcal{A}_2 \quad P_{A_1}(A_2) = P(A_1)P(A_2)$$

Thus  $P_{A_1}$  and  $P(A_2) \times P$  are measures on  $\mathcal{F}_2$  agreeing on  $\mathcal{A}_2$ .

$$\forall A_1 \in \mathcal{A}_1, E_2 \in \mathcal{F}_2 \quad P(A_1 \cap E_2) = P(A_1)P(E_2)$$

Next iterate argument argument for  $\mathcal{F}_1$

$$\forall E_2 \in \mathcal{F}_2 \quad P_{E_2} = P(E_2)P$$

By uniqueness

$$\forall E_i \in \mathcal{F}_i \quad P(E_1 \cap E_2) = P(E_1)P(E_2)$$

□

**Corollary 4.4.1.** To check  $X_1, \dots, X_k$  are independent random variables it suffices

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^k \quad P(X_i \leq x_i) = \prod_{i=1}^k P(X_i \leq x_i)$$

**Lemma 4.2 (Second Borel-Cantelli lemma).** If  $\sum_i P(E_i) = \infty$  and  $\{E_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  are independent, then

$$P(E_n \text{ i.o.}) = 0$$

*Proof.*

$$\{E_i \text{ i.o.}\}^C = \{E_i^C \text{ eventually}\}$$

It's enough to show

$$P\left(\bigcap_{i \geq n} E_i^C\right) = 0$$

or, by truncating

$$P\left(\bigcap_{i \geq n}^k E_i^C\right) = 0$$

By independence

$$P\left(\bigcap_{i \geq n} E_i^C\right) \prod_{i=n}^k P(E_i^C) = \prod_{i=n}^k [1 - P(E_i)] \leq e^{-\sum_{i=n}^k P(E_i)}$$

Since the sum tends to infinity, the exponent tends to 0.

□

**Example** Let  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  be i.i.d.  $\text{Exp}(1)$  random variables, i.e.

$$P(X_i > x) = e^{-x}$$

We are interested in growth rate of  $X_n \leq f(n)$ .

If  $f(n) = \alpha \log(n)$

$$P(X_n > f(n)) = e^{-f(n)} = n^{-\alpha}$$

Thus, from Lemmas 3.3, 4.2

$$P(X_n \geq \alpha \log(n) \text{ i.o.}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \alpha > 1 \\ 1 & \alpha \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Define  $L = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X_n}{\log(n)}$ , then

$$P(L \geq 1) = P(X_n \geq \log(n) \text{ i.o.}) = 1$$

Finally, if we look at  $E = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \{L \geq 1 + \frac{1}{k}\}$ ,

$$P(E) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P\left(L \geq 1 + \frac{1}{k}\right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P\left(X_n \geq \left(1 + \frac{1}{2k}\right) \log(n)\right) = 0$$

thus  $P(L \leq 1) = 1$ .

**Method of generation of i.i.d. uniform  $[a, b]$  variables** We write  $\omega = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\omega_i}{2^i}$

$$\begin{cases} w^{(1)} = \omega_1 \omega_3 \omega_6 \omega_{10} \omega_{15} \dots \\ w^{(2)} = \omega_2 \omega_5 \omega_9 \omega_{14} \dots \\ w^{(3)} = \omega_4 \omega_8 \omega_{13} \omega_{19} \dots \\ \vdots \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 4.5** (Kolmogorov's zeroone law).

$$\mathcal{T}_n = \sigma(X_n, X_{n+1}, \dots)$$

$$\mathcal{T} = \bigcap_n \mathcal{T}_n$$

Suppose  $\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are independent, then  $\forall A \in \mathcal{T}$ ,  $P(A) \in \{0, 1\}$ .

*Proof.* We show that  $P(A) = P(A)^2$ .

We show that  $\mathcal{T}$  is independent of itself,  $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{T}$   $P(A \cup B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$ .

$\mathcal{T} \subset \mathcal{T}_1$ . Consider  $\mathcal{I}_{l,n} = \sigma(X_l, X_{l+1}, \dots, X_n)$

For  $n < k$ , take  $A \in \mathcal{I}_{l,n}$ ,  $B \in \mathcal{I}_{k,m}$ , then  $A, B$  are independent.

Let  $\Pi_n = \bigcup_{m>n+1} \mathcal{I}_{n+1,m}$ .  $\Pi_n$  is  $\pi$ -system, and  $\sigma(\Pi_n) = \mathcal{T}_n$ .

By lemma 4.1,  $\mathcal{I}_{l,n}$  is independent on  $\mathcal{T}_n$ . Thus  $\forall A \in \mathcal{I}_{l,n}$ ,  $B \in \mathcal{T}_n$ ,

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

$\mathcal{T}_1 = \sigma(\bigcup_n \mathcal{I}_{1,n})$ , and thus  $\mathcal{T}_1$  is independent from  $\mathcal{T}$  and since  $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{T}_1$ , thus  $\mathcal{T}$  is independent of itself and

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{T} \quad P(A) = P(A \cap A) = P(A)^2$$

□

**Collary 4.5.1.** If  $\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  i.i.d.  $s_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  then  $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}$   $P(\limsup \frac{s_n}{n} \geq c) \in \{0, 1\}$ .

**Proposition 4.6.** Let  $\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  i.i.d.  $s_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  then  $P(\limsup \frac{s_n}{n} \text{ exists}) \in \{0, 1\}$ .

If  $P(\limsup \frac{s_n}{n} \text{ exists}) = 1$ , then  $\exists c \in [-\infty, \infty]$  such that  $P(\limsup \frac{s_n}{n} = c) = 1$ .

## 5 Integration theory

**Definition 5.1** (Notation).  $(S, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ . Given  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  measurable. We define

$$\mu(f) = \int_S f(S) d\mu(S)$$

If  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ :

$$\mu(f_j A) = \mu(f \cdot \mathbf{1}_A) = \int_A f(S) d\mu(S) = \int_A f d\mu$$

## Desirable properties of integral

1. Linearity

$$\int \alpha f + g \, d\mu = \alpha \int f \, d\mu + \int g \, d\mu$$

2. Positivity:

$$f > 0 \Rightarrow \int f \, d\mu > 0$$

3.

$$\int \mathbb{1}_A \, d\mu = \mu(A)$$

Classes of functions we are going to consider:

1.

$$\mathcal{S} = \left\{ f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \mathbb{1}_{A_k} \mid a_k > 0, A_k \in \mathcal{F} \right\}$$

2.

$$\mathcal{P} = \{\text{positive measurable functions}\}$$

3.

$$\mathcal{I} = \left\{ f(x) = g(x) - h(x) \mid g, h \in \mathcal{P}, \int g \, d\mu \text{ or } \int h \, d\mu \text{ finite.} \right\}$$

**Definition 5.2.** For  $\phi \in \mathcal{S}$  let  $\mu_0(\phi) = \int_S \phi(S) \, d\mu_0 = \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \mu(A_k)$ .

**Definition 5.3.** For  $f \in \mathcal{P}$  let  $\mu(\phi) = \sup_{\substack{\phi \in \mathcal{S} \\ \phi \leq f}} \mu_0(\phi)$ .

**Proposition 5.1.** If  $f = g$   $\mu$  a.e., then  $\mu(f) = \mu(g)$ .

**Lemma 5.1.** If  $\mu(f) = 0$  then  $f = 0$  a.e.

**Lemma 5.2.**

$$\mu\left((\min\{f, k\}) \cdot \mathbb{1}_{\frac{1}{k} \leq f}\right) \rightarrow \mu(f)$$

*Proof.* Given  $\phi \in S^+$ ,  $\phi \leq f$ , for  $k$  large enough,  $\phi \leq (\min\{f, k\}) \cdot \mathbb{1}_{\frac{1}{k} \leq f}$ . Since  $\phi = \sum_{l=1}^m a_l \mathbb{1}_{A_l}$   $\phi \leq f \cdot \mathbb{1}_{\frac{1}{k} \leq f}$  and for  $k$  large enough  $\phi \leq \min\{f, k\}$ . Thus

$$\phi \leq (\min\{f, k\}) \cdot \mathbb{1}_{\frac{1}{k} \leq f}$$

and

$$\mu_0(\phi) \leq \mu\left((\min\{f, k\}) \cdot \mathbb{1}_{\frac{1}{k} \leq f}\right)$$

Taking the limit

$$\mu_0(\phi) \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu\left((\min\{f, k\}) \cdot \mathbb{1}_{\frac{1}{k} \leq f}\right)$$

By taking supremum over  $\phi$

$$\mu(f) \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu\left((\min\{f, k\}) \cdot \mathbb{1}_{\frac{1}{k} \leq f}\right)$$

Other direction is trivial and thus

$$\mu\left((\min\{f, k\}) \cdot \mathbb{1}_{\frac{1}{k} \leq f}\right) \rightarrow \mu(f)$$

□

**Theorem 5.2 (Monotone convergence theorem).** Let  $0 < f_n$  and  $f_n \uparrow f$ , then  $\mu(f_n) \uparrow \mu(f)$

*Proof.* From lemma we can assume  $f$  is bonded and

$$\exists \epsilon \quad \{f > 0\} = \{f > \epsilon\}$$

If  $\mu(f > \epsilon) = \infty$ , then  $\mu(f) = \infty$ . Also

$$\left\{f_n > \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right\} \uparrow \left\{f \geq \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right\} \Rightarrow \mu\left(f_n > \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right) \rightarrow \mu\left(f \geq \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)$$

Thus  $\mu(f_n > \epsilon) \rightarrow \infty$   
 If  $\mu(f > \epsilon) < \infty$ , given  $\delta > 0$ , let

$$C_n = \{|f - f_n| > \delta, f > \epsilon\}$$

Then  $C_n \downarrow \emptyset$ , thus  $\forall \delta > 0 \mu(C_n) \rightarrow 0$ .  
 Given  $S \ni \phi \leq f$ ,

$$\phi = \phi \mathbf{1}_{f > \epsilon} = (\phi - \delta) \mathbf{1}_{f > \epsilon} + \delta \mathbf{1}_{f > \epsilon}$$

Let  $\phi_n = (\phi - \delta) \mathbf{1}_{f > \epsilon} \mathbf{1}_{|f - f_n| < \delta}$ . Obviously  $\phi_n \leq f_n$ .

We claim

$$\exists C > 0 \quad |\mu_0(\phi_n) - \mu_0(\phi)| \leq C \cdot (\delta + \mu(C_n))$$

since

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_0(\phi_n) &= \mu_0(\phi) - \delta \mu(f > \epsilon, |f - f_n| > \delta) - \delta \mu(f > \epsilon) \\ |\mu_0(\phi_n) - \mu_0(\phi)| &\leq \delta \mu(f > \epsilon) + M \mu(C_n) \end{aligned}$$

for  $M \geq f$ .

Since  $\delta$  is arbitrary,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C \cdot (\delta + \mu(C_n)) = 0$ , thus

$$\mu_0(\phi) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_0(f_n)$$

Optimizing over  $\phi$  we get

$$\mu(f) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(f_n)$$

□

**Collary 5.2.1.**  $f, g \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $a \geq 0$  then

$$\mu(af + g) = a\mu(f) + \mu(g)$$

*Proof.* Taking staircase functions  $\alpha_f^{(r)}$  and  $\alpha_g^{(r)}$ . Then  $a\alpha_f^{(r)} + \alpha_g^{(r)} \uparrow af + g$  and

$$\mu(a\alpha_f^{(r)} + \alpha_g^{(r)}) = a\mu(\alpha_f^{(r)}) + \mu(\alpha_g^{(r)})$$

By 5.2

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \mu(a\alpha_f^{(r)} + \alpha_g^{(r)}) &= \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} a\mu(\alpha_f^{(r)}) + \mu(\alpha_g^{(r)}) \\ \mu(af + g) &= a\mu(f) + \mu(g) \end{aligned}$$

□

**Collary 5.2.2.**

$$\mu(\liminf f_n) \leq \liminf \mu(f_n)$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf f_n &= \sup_k \left[ \underbrace{\inf_{n \geq k} f_n}_{g_k} \right] \\ g_k &\uparrow \liminf f_n \end{aligned}$$

From 5.2

$$\mu(\liminf f_n) = \lim_k \mu(g_k) \leq \liminf_k \mu(f_k)$$

□

**Definition 5.4.** Let  $f = g - h$  a.s. such that  $g, h \geq 0$ , and at most one of  $\int g d\mu, \int h d\mu$  is infinite. Then define

$$\int f d\mu = \int g d\mu - \int h d\mu$$

**Proposition 5.3.**  $\int f d\mu$  is well defined.

*Proof.* If  $g_1 - h_1 = f = g_2 - f_2$  a.s. it is true that

$$g_1 - g_2 + h_2 - h_1 = 0$$

$$g_1 + h_2 = g_2 + h_1$$

$$\int g_1 d\mu + \int h_2 d\mu = \int g_2 d\mu + \int h_1 d\mu$$

Since maximum one term on each side is infinite we can move the other one to the second side, getting the

$$\int g_1 d\mu - \int g_2 d\mu = \int h_1 d\mu - \int h_2 d\mu$$

as required □

**Definition 5.5.**

$$f^\pm(\omega) = \max \{ \pm f(\omega), 0 \}$$

**Definition 5.6.** We say  $f \in L^1(\mu)$  if  $\exists g, h$  such that  $f = g - h$   $\int g d\mu + \int h d\mu < \infty$ .

For  $f \in L^1(\mu)$ ,  $\int f d\mu = \int f^+ d\mu - \int f^- d\mu$ .

$|f| = f^+ + f^-$  and  $f \in L^1(\mu) \iff \int |f| d\mu < \infty$ .

**Lemma 5.3.**  $L^1(\mu)$  is a vector space.

*Proof.*  $f, g \in L^1(\mu)$  thus, since  $|f + g| \leq |f| + |g|$ ,  $f + g \in L^1(\mu)$ .

$$\int f + g d\mu = \int f^+ + g^+ d\mu - \int f^- + g^- d\mu = \int f d\mu + \int g d\mu$$

□

If  $\|f\|_1 = \int |f| d\mu$  then  $\|\cdot\|_1$  is a norm on  $L^1(\mu)$

Further  $L^1(\mu)$  is complete, i.e., each Cauchy sequence converges.

**Lemma 5.4 (Reverse Fatou's Lemma).** Let  $\{f_n\}$  be a sequence of functions such that  $0 \leq f_n \leq g$  such that  $\int g d\mu < \infty$ . Then

$$\int \limsup f_n d\mu \geq \limsup \int f_n d\mu$$

*Proof.* Let  $h_n = g - f_n$ . By 3.2

$$\int \liminf h_n d\mu \leq \liminf \int h_n d\mu$$

Using the fact  $\liminf h_n = g - \limsup f_n$  we get the result. □

**Theorem 5.4 (Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem).** Let  $f_n$  be a sequence such that  $|f_n| \leq g$  and  $g \in L^1(\mu)$  and  $f_n \rightarrow f$  then

$$\int f_n \rightarrow \int f$$

and

$$\int |f_n - f| \rightarrow 0$$

*Proof.* We first proof that  $\int f_n \rightarrow \int f$ .

Sine  $|f_n| < g$ ,  $g \pm f_n \geq 0$ . Applying 3.2 to  $g \pm f_n$ :

$$\int \liminf f_n \leq \liminf \int f_n$$

$$\int f \leq \liminf \int f_n$$

and

$$\int \liminf (-f_n) \leq \liminf \int (-f_n)$$

$$\int \limsup f_n \geq \limsup \int f_n$$

$$\int f \geq \limsup \int f_n \geq \liminf \int f_n \geq \int f$$

We have  $h_n = |f_n - f|$ , and  $h_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0$  and  $h_n \leq 2g$  so by first statement

$$0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int h_n$$

□

## 5.1 Integration on probability spaces and integration

**Definition 5.7 (Expectation).** Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a probability space and  $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a random variable.

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int X(\omega) dP(\omega)$$

**Theorem 5.5 (Bounded convergence theorem).** Let  $X_n \rightarrow X$  a.s. and  $|X|_n \leq C$ . Then  $\mathbb{E}[|X|_n - X] \rightarrow 0$ .

independent of DCT. Define  $E_\epsilon = \{\omega : |X_n(\omega) - X(\omega)| < \epsilon\}$ .

$$\mathbb{E}[|X_n(\omega) - X|] = \mathbb{E}[|X_n - X| \mathbf{1}_{E_\epsilon}] + \mathbb{E}[|X_n - X| \mathbf{1}_{E_\epsilon^C}]$$

Since  $|X_n - X| \mathbf{1}_{E_\epsilon} \leq \epsilon \mathbf{1}_{E_\epsilon}$  and  $|X_n - X| \mathbf{1}_{E_\epsilon^C} \leq 2C \mathbf{1}_{E_\epsilon^C}$ :

$$\mathbb{E}[|X_n(\omega) - X|] \leq \epsilon \mathbf{1}_{E_\epsilon} + 2C \mathbf{1}_{E_\epsilon^C} \leq \epsilon + 2cP((E_\epsilon^n)^C)$$

For some  $m > n$

$$(E_\epsilon^n)^C = \{\omega : |X_n - X| > \epsilon\} \subseteq \{\omega : |X_m - X| > \epsilon\}$$

$$\bigcap_n F_{n,\epsilon} = \{\omega : \limsup |X_n - X| > \epsilon\}$$

By continuity of measure

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(F_{n,\epsilon}) &= 0 \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P((E_\epsilon^n)^C) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Definition 5.8.** Let  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ .

$$\int_A f d\mu = \mu(f; A) = \mu(f \mathbf{1}_A)$$

We can look on it as constructing a new measure space:  $(S \cap A = A, \mathcal{F}_A, \mu|_A)$

We claim that

$$\mu|_A(f) = \mu(f \mathbf{1}_A)$$

**Proposition 5.6 (The standard machine).** 1. Check for  $\mathbf{1}_E$ .

2. Check for simple functions (use linearity)

3. Use MCT to check positive functions.

4. Use linearity to extend to  $L^1$ .

**Proposition 5.7.** If  $h, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are Borel-measurable and  $X, Y$  are independent, then  $h(X), g(Y)$  are independent.

*Proof.*  $h(X), g(Y)$  are measurable, and  $\sigma$ -algebras generated by them are sub- $\sigma$ -algebras of original ones, and thus they're independent. □

**Proposition 5.8.** Suppose  $X, Y \in L^1$  are independent and in  $L_1$ , then  $X \cdot Y \in L_1$  and

$$\mathbb{E}[XY] = \mathbb{E}[X] \cdot \mathbb{E}[Y]$$



*Proof.*  $X = X^+ - X_-$  and  $Y = Y^+ - Y^-$ , by linearity it's enough to check for  $X^\pm, Y^\pm$ .

So we can assume  $X, Y > 0$ . Denote  $X_N = \max\{X, N\}$ ,  $Y_N = \max\{Y, N\}$ , from 5.2 if the claim holds for  $X_N, Y_N$ , then it holds for  $X, Y$ .

Since now  $X, Y$  are bounded, we can find simple functions  $\alpha^{(r)}(X) \rightarrow X$ ,  $\alpha^{(r)}(Y) \rightarrow Y$ .

From 5.5 the identity would hold for bounded functions if it holds for simple functions. From linearity it's enough to show for indicators:

$$\mathbb{E}\mathbf{1}_E(X)\mathbf{1}_F(Y) = P(X \in E, Y \in F) = P(X \in E)P(Y \in F) = \mathbb{E}\mathbf{1}_E(X) \cdot \mathbb{E}\mathbf{1}_F(Y)$$

□

**Proposition 5.9.** Let  $X : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$ . Let  $\mu_X$  be a law of  $X$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ :

$$\mu_X(B) = P(X \in B)$$

let  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\mathbb{E}[h(X)] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} h(x)\mu_X(dx)$

*Proof.* Use the Standard machine. □

*Proof.* □

**Definition 5.9.** Say  $\nu \triangleleft \mu$  if  $\mu(A) = 0 \Rightarrow \nu(A) = 0$ . We say  $\mu$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$ .

**Theorem 5.10.**  $S, \mathcal{F}$  is nice.  $\nu \triangleleft \mu \iff \exists f \in L^1(\mu)$  and  $f \geq 0$ ,  $\int f d\mu = 1$  such that  $\nu(A) = \int_A f d\mu$ . We call  $f = \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial \mu}$  a Radon-Nikodym derivative.

$P(X = \cdot | Z = z_j)$  is probability measure on  $\{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$  for  $j$  fixed.  $\mathbb{E}[X|Z = z_j] = \sum_i x_i P(X = x_i | Z = z_j)$  is a conditional expectation. note that it is random variable:  $\mathbb{E}[X|Z] = \sum_j \mathbb{E}[X|Z = z_j]$ .

Properties

1.  $\mathbb{E}[X|Z] \in \sigma(Z)$
2.  $\forall A \in \sigma(Z)$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{1}_A \cdot \mathbb{E}[X|Z]\right] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{1}_A X]$$

It's enough to check for  $A = \{z_j\}$ :

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{1}_A \mathbb{E}[X|Z]\right] = P(Z = z_j) \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{E}[X|z_j]\right] = \sum_i x_i P(X = x_i, Z = z_j) = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{1}_A X]$$

**Definition 5.10.** We say that  $Y$  is a conditional expectation of  $Z$  given  $\mathcal{J}$  if  $Y \in \mathcal{J}$ ,  $Y \in L^1(P)$  and  $\forall A \in \mathcal{J} \mathbb{E}[Y\mathbf{1}_A] = \mathbb{E}[X\mathbf{1}_A]$

**Lemma 5.5.** If conditional expectation  $Y$  exists, it is unique up to sets of measure 0. Henceforth call  $Y$  by  $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}]$

*Proof.* Let  $Y, Y'$  two conditional expectations. We'll show that  $Y = Y'$   $P$  a.s. then by symmetry  $Y = Y'$   $P$  a.s. Let  $A_n = \{Y > Y' + \frac{1}{n}\}$ ,  $A_n \in \mathcal{J}$ . □

**$L^2(P)$  remark** For  $X, Y \in L^2(P)$  define  $\langle X, Y \rangle = \mathbb{E}[XY]$  and  $\|X\| = \sqrt{\langle X, X \rangle} = \sqrt{\mathbb{E}[X^2]}$ . Parallelogram law:

$$\|X + Y\|^2 + \|X - Y\|^2 = 2\|X\|^2 + 2\|Y\|^2$$

**Theorem 5.11.** Let  $K \subseteq L^2(P)$  be a closed convex subset,  $X \in L^2(P)$  then  $\exists! Y \in K$  such that  $\inf\{\|X - Z\| : z \in K\} = \|X - Y\|$ , call  $Y = P_K(X)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $Y_n \in K$  such that  $\|X - Y_n\| \rightarrow \Delta = \inf\{\|X - Z\| : z \in K\}$

We claim  $Y_n$  is Cauchy.

$$\|X - Y_n\|^2 + \|X - Y_m\|^2 = 2\left\|X - \frac{Y_n + Y_m}{2}\right\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\|Y_n - Y_m\|^2$$

Since  $\frac{Y_n + Y_m}{2} \in K$  by convexity, thus

$$2\left\|X - \frac{Y_n + Y_m}{2}\right\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\|Y_n - Y_m\|^2 \geq 2\Delta^2 + \frac{1}{2}\|Y_n - Y_m\|^2$$

and

$$\|X - Y_n\|^2 + \|X - Y_m\|^2 \rightarrow 2\Delta^2$$

thus

$$\frac{1}{2} \|Y_n - Y_m\|^2 \rightarrow 0$$

i.e.,  $\{Y_n\}$  is Cauchy and thus the limit exists and is in  $K$ .

If there are two different sequences, then from same identity, the distance between limits goes to 0.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.12.** If  $X \in L^1$  and  $\mathcal{J} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  then  $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}]$  exists

**Definition 5.11.**  $P_K(X) = Y$ ,  $P_K : L^2(P) \rightarrow V$ . Then  $P_K(X)$  is linear, contractive and self-adjoint.

We want to use  $P_K$  to define  $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}]$ .

- For all  $\mathcal{J} \subset \mathcal{F}$  containing all sets of measure 0  $\{Y, \mathbb{E}[Y^2]\}$  forms a closed subspace of  $L^2(P)$  and  $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{J}, P)$  is called complete measure space.
- $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{J}, P)$  is complete by Lemma.
- $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{J}, P) \subseteq L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$

**Definition 5.12.** For  $X \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and  $\mathcal{J} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  is complete then

$$\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{F}] = P_{L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{J}, P)}(X)$$

**Proposition 5.13.**

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_A X] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_A P \cdot (X)]$$

*Proof.* The statement is equivalent to

$$\langle \mathbb{1}_A, X \rangle = \langle \mathbb{1}_A, P_{L^2(\mathcal{J})} X \rangle$$

However for  $Y \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{J}, P)$ ,  $P \cdot Y = Y$ :

$$\langle \mathbb{1}_A, X \rangle = \langle P \cdot \mathbb{1}_A, X \rangle = \langle \mathbb{1}_A, P \cdot X \rangle$$

$\square$

**Lemma 5.6.** If  $X \geq 0$  a.s. and  $X \in L^2$  then  $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}] \geq 0$  a.s.

*Proof.* Let  $A_n = \{\omega : \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}] < \frac{1}{n}\}$ . We clame  $P(A_n) = 0$ .

$$0 \leq \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_{A_n} X] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_{A_n} \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}]] \leq -\frac{1}{n} \mathbb{1}_{A_n} \Rightarrow P(A_n) = 0$$

$\square$

Note that to define conditional expectation  $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}]$  for  $X \in L^1$ , we can assume  $X > 0$ , since we can define

$$\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}] = \mathbb{E}[X^+|\mathcal{J}] - \mathbb{E}[X^-|\mathcal{J}]$$

So, let  $X_n = \max\{X, n\}$ , then  $X_n \in L^2(\mathcal{F})$  so  $\mathbb{E}[X_n|\mathcal{J}]$  exists, and  $X_n \uparrow X$ . We want that (a.s.)  $\mathbb{E}[X_n|\mathcal{J}] \uparrow_n$

Take a look at  $X_n - X_m \geq 0$  for  $n > m$ :

$$\mathbb{E}[X_n - X_m|\mathcal{J}] \geq 0$$

thus

$$\mathbb{E}[X_n|\mathcal{J}] \geq \mathbb{E}[X_m|\mathcal{J}]$$

so the sequence is increasing.

Let us define

$$\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[X_n|\mathcal{J}]$$

Now  $\forall A \in \mathcal{J}$ , from monotone convergence,

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_A X_n] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_A X]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_A X_n] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_A \mathbb{E}[X_n|\mathcal{J}]]$$

and also

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_A \mathbb{E}[X_n|\mathcal{J}]] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_A \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}]]$$

and thus

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_A X] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_A \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}]]$$

i.e., it is the conditional expectation.

**Proposition 5.14** (Properties of conditional expectations). 1. If  $Y = \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}]$  a.s., then  $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[Y]$

2. If  $X \in \mathcal{J}$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}] = X$  a.s.

3.

$$\mathbb{E}[aX + Y|\mathcal{J}] = a\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}] + \mathbb{E}[Y|\mathcal{J}]$$

4. If  $X \geq 0$  then  $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}] \geq 0$

5. If  $X_n \uparrow X$  then  $\mathbb{E}[X_n|\mathcal{J}] \uparrow \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}]$

6. If  $X_n \geq 0$

$$\mathbb{E}[\liminf X_n|\mathcal{J}] \leq \liminf \mathbb{E}[X_n|\mathcal{J}]$$

7.  $|X_n| \leq V(w)$  and  $\mathbb{E}[V] < \infty$ ,  $X_n \rightarrow X$  a.s., then

$$\mathbb{E}[X_n|\mathcal{J}] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}]$$

8.

$$\mathbb{E}[c(X)|\mathcal{J}] \geq c(\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}])$$

9. For  $\mathcal{H} \subseteq \mathcal{J} \subset \mathcal{F}$

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}]|\mathcal{H}] = \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{H}]$$

10. For  $Z \in \mathcal{J}$ :

$$\mathbb{E}[ZX|\mathcal{J}] = Z\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}]$$

11. For  $\mathcal{H}$  independent on  $\sigma(X, \mathcal{J})$ :

$$\mathbb{E}[X|\sigma(\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{H})] = \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}]$$

**Proposition 5.15** (Jensen's inequality). *Proof.* So let

$$S = \{a, b | ax + b \leq c(x)\}$$

Let  $S' \subset S$  be a countable dense subset.

$$\forall a, b \in S' \quad a\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}] + b \leq \mathbb{E}[c(X)|\mathcal{J}]$$

Since for convex function

$$c(x) = \sup_{ax+b \leq c(x)} \{ax + b\}$$

Optimizing over  $S'$  we get the Jensen inequality. □

**Proposition 5.16** (Hölder's inequality).

$$|\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}]|^p \leq \mathbb{E}[X^p|\mathcal{J}]$$

If  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ :

$$|\mathbb{E}[XY|\mathcal{J}]| \leq (\mathbb{E}[|X|^p|\mathcal{J}])^{\frac{1}{p}} + (\mathbb{E}[|Y|^q|\mathcal{J}])^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

**Proposition 5.17** (Minkowski's inequality).

$$|\mathbb{E}[(X + Y)^p|\mathcal{J}]|^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq |\mathbb{E}[X^p|\mathcal{J}]|^{\frac{1}{p}} + |\mathbb{E}[Y^p|\mathcal{J}]|^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

**Example** Let  $X, Z$  be random variable.

$$P((X, Z) \in A) = \int_A f_{(X, Z)}(x, z) \, dx \, dz$$

where  $f_{(X, Z)}$  is called the joint distribution

**Proposition 5.18.**

$$\mathbb{E}[h(x)|\sigma(Z)] = \frac{\int f(x, z)h(x) \, dx}{\int f(x, z) \, dx} \mathbb{1}_{\int f(x, z) \, dx \neq 0} = \phi(z)$$

*Proof.* We want to check that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[h(X); z \in \mathcal{B}] &= \mathbb{E}[\phi(z); z \in \mathcal{B}] \\ \mathbb{E}[\phi(z); z \in \mathcal{B}] &= \mathbb{E}[\phi(z)\mathbb{1}_{z \in \mathcal{B}}] = \int \phi(z)\mathbb{1}_{z \in \mathcal{B}} f(x, z) dx dz \\ \mathbb{E}[h(X); z \in \mathcal{B}] &= \int dz \left[ \int f(x, z) h(x) dx \right] \mathbb{1}_{z \in \mathcal{B}} = \int \left[ \frac{\int f(x, z) h(x) dx}{\int f(x, z) dx} \right] \mathbb{1}_{z \in \mathcal{B}} f(u, z) du dz = \int \phi(z)\mathbb{1}_{z \in \mathcal{B}} f(x, z) dx dz\end{aligned}$$

□

Suppose  $\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{J} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$   $\sigma$ -algebras. We want to regard

$$X \in \mathcal{H} \mapsto \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}]$$

as the expectation corresponding to some probability distribution.

$$P(A|\mathcal{J}) = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_A|\mathcal{J}]$$

So  $A, \omega \mapsto P(A|\mathcal{J})(\omega)$  is random set function on  $\mathcal{H}$ . For  $\omega$  fixed a.s. is this a probability measure? Generally, no.

**Definition 5.13.** Let  $P(\cdot, \cdot) : \mathcal{F} \times \Omega \mapsto [0, 1]$  We say that  $P$  is a regular conditional probability distribution for  $\mathcal{J}$  if

1.  $\forall F \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $P(F, \cdot)$  is a version of  $\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_F|\mathcal{J}]$ .
2. a.e.  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $P(\cdot, \omega)$  is a probability measure on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ .

**Proposition 5.19.** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_k$  be independent random variables. Given  $h \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^k)$

$$\gamma_n(x) = \mathbb{E}[h(x, X_2, \dots, X_k)]$$

then

$$\gamma(X_1) = \mathbb{E}[h(X_1, \dots, X_k)|\sigma(X_1)]$$

*Proof.* If  $C = \{h \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^k) \text{ s.t. identity holds} \}$  then we check that  $C$  is monotone class.

Note, for  $A = A_1 \times \dots \times A_k$  then

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_{A_1} \dots \mathbb{1}_{A_k}|\sigma(X_1)] = \mathbb{1}_{A_1} \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_{A_2} \dots \mathbb{1}_{A_k}|\sigma(X_1)] = \mathbb{1}_{A_2} P(A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_k) = \gamma_n(x)$$

□

**Example** Let  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  i.i.d. random variables and define

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

Let

$$\mathcal{G}_n = \sigma(S_n, S_{n+1}, \dots) = \sigma(S_n, X_{n+1}, \dots)$$

What is

$$\mathbb{E}[X_1|\mathcal{G}_n] = \mathbb{E}[X_1|\sigma(\sigma(S_n), \sigma(X_{n+1}, \dots))]$$

Since both  $X_1$  and  $S_n$  is independent on  $\sigma(X_{n+1}, \dots)$  we can rewrite as

$$\mathbb{E}[X_1|\mathcal{G}_n] = \mathbb{E}[X_1|\sigma(\sigma(S_n), \sigma(X_{n+1}, \dots))] = \mathbb{E}[X_1|\sigma(S_n)]$$

We claim that

$$\mathbb{E}[X_1|S_n] = \frac{1}{n} S_n$$

since for  $i \leq n$

$$\mathbb{E}[X_1|S_n] = \mathbb{E}[X_i|S_n]$$

Since

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X_i|S_n]; \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in B}] = \mathbb{E}[X_i; \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in B}] = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} x_i \mathbb{1}_B(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n) \prod_{i=1}^n d\mu(x_i) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} x_1 \mathbb{1}_B(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n) \prod_{i=1}^n d\mu(x_i) = \mathbb{E}[X_1; \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in B}] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X_1|S_n]; \mathbb{1}_{S_n \in B}]$$

thus

$$S_n = \mathbb{E}[S_n|S_n] = \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{E}[X_k|S_n] = n\mathbb{E}[X_1|S_n]$$

## 6 Martingales

**Definition 6.1 (Filtration).**  $\{\mathcal{F}_i\}_{i=0}^\infty$  sequence of  $\sigma$ -algebras is a filtration if

$$\mathcal{F}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{F}_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq \mathcal{F}_\infty \subseteq \mathcal{F}$$

where  $\mathcal{F}_\infty = \sigma(\bigcup_{i=1}^\infty \mathcal{F}_i)$

**Example** Let  $\{W_i\}_{i=0}^\infty$  sequence of random variables (stochastic process). Let  $\mathcal{F}_i = \sigma(W_0, \dots, W_i)$ , then  $\{\mathcal{F}_i\}_{i=0}^\infty$  is a filtration.

**Definition 6.2 (Martingale).** A sequence  $\{X_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  (sub-/super-) martingale with respect to  $\{\mathcal{F}_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  if

1.  $X_n \in L^1(\mathcal{F}_n, P)$
2.  $\mathbb{E}[X_{n+1}|\mathcal{F}_n] = X_n$  ( $\geq$  for sub- and  $\leq$  for super-).

We may assume  $X_n = 0$  since if  $X_n$  is martingale, so is  $Y_n = X_n - X_0$ .

**Example** Let  $X_i$  be i.i.d. and  $X_i \geq 0$  with  $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = 1$ .

$$M_n = \prod X_i$$

Then

$$\mathbb{E}[M_{n+1}|\mathcal{F}_n] = \mathbb{E}\left[\prod_1^{n+1} X_i|\mathcal{F}_n\right] = \mathbb{E}[X_{n+1}|\mathcal{F}_n] \prod X_i = \prod 1 \cdot \prod X_i = M_n$$

**Example** Consider  $\vec{X}_i$  i.i.d. vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with natural filtration  $\mathcal{F}_n$  and

$$\vec{S}_n = \sum \vec{X}_i$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\vec{S}_{n+1}|\mathcal{F}_n] = \vec{S}_n + \mathbb{E}[\vec{X}_{n+1}|\mathcal{F}_n]$$

Thus if  $\mathbb{E}[\vec{X}_{n+1}|\mathcal{F}_n] = 0$ ,  $\vec{S}_n$  is martingale.

**Example** Let  $d = 2$  and  $\vec{X}_i$  be equiprobable out of  $\pm\epsilon\hat{x}$ ,  $\pm\epsilon\hat{y}$ .

Given  $f \in C^3(\mathbb{R}^2)$  consider  $Z_n = f(S_n^\epsilon)$

**Definition 6.3.**  $f$  is (sub-/super-) harmonic if  $Z_n$  is a (sub-/super-) martingale

What happens for small  $\epsilon$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[f(X_{n+1}|\mathcal{F}_n)] &= \frac{1}{4}(f(\epsilon\hat{x} + S_n) + f(-\epsilon\hat{x} + S_n) + f(\epsilon\hat{y} + S_n) + f(-\epsilon\hat{y} + S_n)) = \\ &= f(S_n) + \frac{1}{4} \left( [f(S_n + \epsilon\hat{x}) - f(S_n)] + [f(S_n - \epsilon\hat{x}) - f(S_n)] + [f(S_n + \epsilon\hat{y}) - f(S_n)] + [f(S_n - \epsilon\hat{y}) - f(S_n)] \right) \end{aligned}$$

For Taylor expansion we get

$$f(\epsilon\hat{x} + \vec{S}_n) = \epsilon \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$$

thus

$$\mathbb{E}[f(X_{n+1}|\mathcal{F}_n)] = f(S_n) + \frac{\epsilon^2}{4} \nabla^2 f + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$$

i.e., we get a condition on the Laplacian of  $f$  which decides whether  $Z_n$  is martingale.

**Information exposure martingale** For some  $\{\mathcal{F}_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $X \in L^1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$

- $M_n = \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{F}_n]$  is a martingale by tower property.
- From Jensen  $Z_n = \phi(M_n)$  is submartingale if  $\phi$  is convex.

We'll show that

$$M_n \xrightarrow{L_1 \text{ a.s.}} \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{F}_\infty]$$

We are interested when  $X = \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{F}_\infty]$ .

**Example** Let  $X_n, \mathcal{F}_n$  be martingale.  $X_n - X_{n-1}$  is an amount we won in  $n^{th}$  game.

**Definition 6.4.**  $C_n$  is predictable if  $C_n \in \mathcal{F}_{n-1}$ .

**Definition 6.5 (Discrete stochastic integral).** Discrete stochastic integral with respect to  $X$  is

$$(C \circ X)_n = \sum_{j=1}^n C_j (X_j - X_{j-1})$$

i.e., total amount won at time  $n$  won using strategy using gambling strategy  $C$ .

**Proposition 6.1.** If  $X_n - X_{n-1}$  is (super)martingale with respect to  $\mathcal{F}_n$  and  $C_n$  are bounded and positive (not necessarily uniformly) then so is  $C \circ X$ .

*Proof.*

$$\mathbb{E}[(C \circ X)_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] = \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{E}[C_j (X_j - X_{j-1}) | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] = (C \circ X)_{n-1} + C_n \mathbb{E}[(X_n - X_{n-1}) | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}]$$

□

So what is expected winning  $\mathbb{E}[(C \circ X)_n]$ ?

$$\mathbb{E}[(C \circ X)_n] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[(C \circ X)_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}]] = \mathbb{E}[(C \circ X)_{n-1}]$$

by induction  $\mathbb{E}[(C \circ X)_n] = \mathbb{E}[(C \circ X)_0] = 0$ .

Similarly, if  $X$  is a supermartingale and  $C \geq 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}[(C \circ X)_n] \leq 0$$

**Definition 6.6.**  $T : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is called stopping time with respect to  $\mathcal{F}_n$  if  $\forall n \{ \omega : T(\omega) \leq n \} \in \mathcal{F}_n$ . Equivalently is  $\{T = n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n$ .

Note that  $\{T \geq n\} \in \mathcal{F}_{n-1}$ , since its complementary of  $\{T \leq n-1\}$ .

**Definition 6.7.** Given a process  $\{X_n\}_n$  we say  $X_n$  is adapted to  $\{\mathcal{F}_n\}_n$  if  $\forall n \quad X_n \in \mathcal{F}_n$ .

**Definition 6.8.** Given an adapted process  $\{X_n\}_n$  and stopping time  $T$  the stopped process

$$X_n^{(T)} = X_{\min\{T, n\}}$$

**Lemma 6.1.** If  $X_n$  is (super-/sub-)martingale, so is  $X_n^{(T)}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $C_n = \mathbb{1}_{\{T \geq n\}}$  predictable, then

$$(C \circ X)_n = \sum_{k \leq n} C_k (X_k - X_{k-1}) = \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n} \mathbb{1}_{T \geq k} (X_k - X_{k-1}) = X_{\min\{T, n\}} - X_0$$

By we already know that  $(C \circ X)_n$  preserve martingale property.

□

**Theorem 6.2.** Let  $X_n$  be a supermartingale, then  $\forall n \quad \mathbb{E}[X_{\min\{T, n\}}] \leq \mathbb{E}[X_0]$ .

Would the property survive under  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ? No!

**Example** Let  $X_n$  be a SRW on  $\mathbb{Z}$  starting from 0.

$$T_1 = \inf \{n : X_n = 1\}$$

By theorem,  $\mathbb{E}[X_{\min\{T, n\}}] = 0$ . On the other hand, since  $P(T < \infty) = 1$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[X_T] = 1$ .

The problem is  $T$  doesn't have expectation.

**Theorem 6.3 (Doob's optional sampling theorem).** Let  $T$  be a stopping time and let  $X_n$  be a supermartingale. If one of the following holds

1.  $T$  is bounded
2.  $X$  is bounded
3.  $\mathbb{E} < \infty$  and  $|X_n - X_{n-1}| \leq K \quad \forall n \quad P \text{ a.s.}$

then  $\mathbb{E}[X_T] \leq \mathbb{E}[X_0]$ .

*Proof.* 1.

$$\mathbb{E}[X_0] \geq \mathbb{E}[X_{\min\{T, n\}}]$$

Since

$$X_{\min\{T, n\}} \rightarrow X_T$$

a.s. since  $T$  is bounded,  $|X_{\min\{T, n\}}| \leq \max |X_k|$  by dominated convergence theorem,

$$\mathbb{E}[X_{\min\{T, n\}}] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X_T]$$

2. Bounded convergence

3.

$$|X_{\min\{T, n\}}| \leq K \cdot \min\{T, n\} \leq KT$$

By DCT,

$$\mathbb{E}[X_{\min\{T, n\}}] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X_T]$$

□

**Collary 6.3.1.** If  $M$  is a martingale and  $|M_n - M_{n-1}| \leq K$  and  $C$  is predictable and  $|C| \leq K$  and  $\mathbb{E}[T] < \infty$  then  $\mathbb{E}[C \circ X] = 0$

**Collary 6.3.2.** If  $X$  is a positive supermartingale and  $T < \infty$  a.s. then

$$\mathbb{E}[X_T] \leq \mathbb{E}[X_0]$$

*Proof.* Fatou lemma

□

**Lemma 6.2.** Let  $T$  be a stop time such that  $\exists k > 0$  so that  $\exists \epsilon > 0 \forall n > 0$

$$P(T \leq n + k | \mathcal{F}_n) > \epsilon$$

Then  $\mathbb{E}[T] < \infty$

*Proof.*

$$\mathbb{E}[T] = \sum_j P(T \geq j)$$

Consider  $J$ ,

$$P(T \geq kJ) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_{T \geq kJ} \mathbb{1}_{T \geq k(J-1)} | \mathcal{F}_{k(J-1)}] \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{1}_{T \geq k(J-1)} \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_{T \geq kJ} | \mathcal{F}_{k(J-1)}]}_{\leq 1 - P(T \leq kJ | \mathcal{F}_{k(J-1)}) = 1 - \epsilon} \right] \leq (1 - \epsilon) P(T \geq k(J-1)) \leq (1 - \epsilon)^J$$

Thus  $P(T \geq kJ)$  decays exponentially.

□

## 6.1 Markov chains

Let  $\{X_n\}$  be a stochastic process taking values in  $(E, \mathcal{E})$  and  $\{\mathcal{F}_n\}$  be a filtration such that  $X_n \in \mathcal{F}_n$ .

**Definition 6.9.**  $p : E \times \mathcal{E} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a transition kernel on  $E$  if

1.  $\forall e \in E$   $P(e, \cdot)$  is a probability measure.

2.  $\forall A \in \mathcal{E}$   $p(\cdot, A) \in \mathcal{E}$

**Definition 6.10.**  $\{X_n\}$  is a Markov chain with respect to  $\mathcal{F}_n$  with transition kernel  $p$  if  $\forall A \in \mathcal{E}$

$$P(X_{n+1} \in A | \mathcal{F}_n) = p(X_n, A)$$

We can acquire

$$\mathbb{E}[h(X_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n)] = \int_E p(X_n, de) h(e)$$

Given  $(E, \mathcal{E}, p)$  does  $\exists X_n, \mathcal{F}_n$  Markov with kernel  $p$ ? The answer is yes.

Let  $\Omega = E^{\mathbb{N}}$ ,  $\mathcal{F} = E^{\otimes \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma(X_i(\omega) : i \leq n)$ . We want  $X(\omega) = \omega_n$ .

We want to define law of  $\{X_n\}$  by first specifying

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_0 \times A_1 \times \dots \times A_n \times E \times E \times \dots) &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \prod_{i=0}^n \mathbb{1}_{X_i \in A_i} \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \mathbb{1}_{X_i \in A_i} \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_{X_n \in A_n} | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \mathbb{1}_{X_i \in A_i} p(X_{n-1}, A_n) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \prod_{i=0}^{n-2} \mathbb{1}_{X_i \in A_i} \int_{A_{n-1}} p(X_{n-2}, de) p(e, A_n) \right] = \dots = \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{1}_{X_0 \in A_0} \int_{A_1} \dots \int_{A_n} p(X_0, de_1) p(e_1, de_2) \dots p(e_{n-1}, de_n) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Let law of  $X_0$  be  $\mu$  on  $E$ . Then

$$P(A_0 \times A_1 \times \dots \times A_n \times E \times E \times \dots) = \int_{A_0} \mu(de_0) \int_{A_1} p(X_0, de_1) \int_{A_2} p(e_1, de_2) \dots \int_{A_n} \dots p(e_{n-1}, de_n)$$

From now on we'll assume  $E$  is either finite or countable. In this case, Markov condition is  $\exists p(i, j)$  such that

$$P(X_{n+1} = j | \mathcal{F}_n) = p(X_n, j)$$

And then

$$\mathbb{E}[h(X_{n+1}) | \mathcal{F}_n] = \sum_{j \in E} P(X_n, j) h(j) = p \cdot j$$

where  $p$  is matrix and  $h$  is a vector.

**Definition 6.11.**  $h$  is called  $p$ -superharmonic if  $p \cdot h \leq h$  or alternatively, if  $Y_n = h(X_n)$  is a  $p$ -supermartingale.

**Definition 6.12.** Let  $T_i = \inf \{n \geq 1 : X_n = i\}$ .

**Definition 6.13.** We say  $X_n$  is irreducible if  $P_i(T_j < \infty) > 0$  where  $P_i$  is a law of  $X_n$  started with  $X_0 = i$  with probability 1.

**Definition 6.14.** We say  $X_n$  is irreducible recurrent if  $\forall i, j \in E \quad P_i(T_j < \infty) = 1$ .

**Theorem 6.4.**  $\{X_n\}$  is irreducible recurrent on  $E$  iff all positive superharmonic are constant.

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ : Let  $\{X_n\}$  is irreducible recurrent on  $E$  and  $h$  a positive  $p$ -superharmonic function. Consider

$$\mathbb{E}_i[h(X_n^{T_j})] \leq h(i)$$

Thus by Fatou

$$\mathbb{E}_i[\liminf h(X_n^{T_j})] \leq h(i)$$

and now  $h(i) \leq h(j)$ . By symmetry,  $h(j) = h(i)$ . □

How to produce  $p$ -harmonic functions? Let  $A \subseteq E$  be some set and  $g : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bounded function. Assume  $\forall i P_i(T_A < \infty) = 1$  and let  $h(i) = \mathbb{E}_i[g(X_{T_A})]$ .

**Lemma 6.3.**  $h$  is  $p$ -harmonic on  $A^c$ .

*Proof.* For  $i \notin A$ ,  $T_A \geq 1$ .

$$P(X_{n+1} \in A | \mathcal{F}_n) = p(X_n, A)$$

$$\forall i \quad P_i(X_{n+1} \in A_i, X_{n+2} \in A_2 | \mathcal{F}_n) = \int_{A_1} p(X_n, de_1) \int_{A_2} p(X_n, de_2) = P(\hat{X}_1 \in A_1, \hat{X}_2 \in A_2)$$

where  $\hat{X}_i = X_{n+i}$ .

Moreover

$$P(X_{n+i} \in F | \mathcal{F}_i) = P_{X_n}(\hat{X}_i \in F)$$

Thus

$$\mathbb{E}[g(X_{T_A}) | \mathcal{F}_1] = \mathbb{E}_{X_1}[g(X_{T_A})] = h(X_1)$$

and

$$h(i) = \mathbb{E}_i[\mathbb{E}[g(X_{T_A}) | \mathcal{F}_1]] = \mathbb{E}_i[h(X_1)] = \sum_j p_{ij} h_j = p \cdot h$$

□



**Theorem 6.5 (Martingale convergence).**  $X$  is a supermartingale,  $\sup_n \mathbb{E}[X_n] < \infty$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = X_\infty$  exists a.s. (but not necessary in  $L^1$ )

**Definition 6.15 (Uniform integrability).** A collection  $C$  is uniformly integrable if  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists K$  such that  $\forall X \in C \mathbb{E}[|X|; |X| > K] < \epsilon$ .

Example

$$X \in L^1 \Rightarrow C = \{\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{J}] : \mathcal{J} \subseteq \mathcal{F} \text{ subalgebra}\}$$

**Lemma 6.4.**  $X \in L^1$  then  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta$  such that  $P(F) < \delta$  then  $\mathbb{E}[|X|; F] < \epsilon$ .

**Theorem 6.6.**  $X_n \xrightarrow{L^1} X \iff$

1.  $\forall \epsilon > 0 P(|X|_n - X > \epsilon) \rightarrow 0$
2.  $\{X_n\}, X$  are uniformly integrable.

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ :

From Markov we get

$$\epsilon P(|X_n - X| < \epsilon) \leq \mathbb{E}[|X_n - X|]$$

Now we want to show uniform integrability:

$$\mathbb{E}[|X_n - X + X|; |X|_n > K] \leq \mathbb{E}[|X_n - X|; |X_n| > K] + \mathbb{E}[|X|; |X_n| > K] \leq \epsilon + \mathbb{E}[|X|; |X_n| > K]$$

Choose  $K(\delta)$  such that  $\sup_n \mathbb{E}[|X_n|] < \delta(\epsilon)$  use lemma for  $X$  to say  $\mathbb{E}[|X|; |X_n| > K] < \epsilon$

Says  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists n(\epsilon), K(\epsilon)$  such that  $\mathbb{E}[|X_n|; |X_n| > K] < \epsilon$ .  $\Leftarrow$  □

**Theorem 6.7.** Let  $M_n$  be u.i. martingale. Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_n = M_\infty$  a.s. and in  $L_1$ .

*Proof.* A.s. convergence follows from 6.5. Since convergence in probability follows from a.s. convergence, we get  $L_1$  convergence. □

**Theorem 6.8 (Levy's upwards theorem).** Let  $\mathcal{F}_n$  filtration  $\eta \in L^1$  and  $\mathcal{F}_\infty = \sigma(\bigcup_n \mathcal{F}_n)$ .  $M_n = \mathbb{E}[\eta|\mathcal{F}_n]$  is a u.i. martingale and  $M_n \rightarrow M_\infty$  a.s. and  $L^1$  and moreover,  $M_\infty = \mathbb{E}[\eta|\mathcal{F}_\infty]$

*Proof.* If  $F \in \mathcal{F}_n \forall r > n$ :

$$\mathbb{E}[M_r; F] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[M_r|\mathcal{F}_n]; F] = \mathbb{E}[M_n; F]$$

Thus

$$\mathbb{E}[M_\infty; F] = \mathbb{E}[M_n; F] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[\eta|\mathcal{F}_\infty]; F]$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} F &\mapsto \mathbb{E}[M_\infty; F] \\ F &\mapsto \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[\eta|\mathcal{F}_\infty]; F] \end{aligned}$$

agree on  $\bigcup \mathcal{F}_n$  by  $\pi$ - $\lambda$  they agree on  $\mathcal{F}_\infty$ , □

**Definition 6.16 (Backward filtration).**  $\mathcal{F}_n$  is a backward filtration if  $\mathcal{F}_n \supset \mathcal{F}_{n+1}$

**Definition 6.17 (Backward martingale).**

$$\mathbb{E}[M_n|\mathcal{F}_{n+1}] = M_{n+1}$$

**Theorem 6.9 (Levy's downwards theorem).** Let  $\mathcal{F}_n$  backward filtration  $\eta \in L^1$  and  $\mathcal{F}_\infty = \bigcap_n \mathcal{F}_n$   $M_n = \mathbb{E}[\eta|\mathcal{F}_n]$  is a u.i. martingale and  $M_n \rightarrow M_\infty$  a.s. and  $L^1$  and moreover,  $M_\infty = \mathbb{E}[\eta|\mathcal{F}_\infty]$

*Proof.* Recheck upcrossing inequality works for backward martingale. □

**Theorem 6.10 (Kolmogorov's zero-one law).** Let  $\{X_i\}$  independent and  $\mathcal{T} = \bigcap_n \sigma(X_n, \dots)$

$$\forall F \in \mathcal{T} \quad P(F) \in \{0, 1\}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  and  $\eta = 1_F$  for  $F \in \mathcal{T}$ .

$$P(F) = \mathbb{E}[\eta|\mathcal{F}_n]$$

From Levy upward

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[\eta|\mathcal{F}_n] = \mathbb{E}[\eta|\mathcal{F}_\infty] = \eta = \mathbb{1}_F$$

i.e. it's either 0 or 1. □

**Theorem 6.11** (Strong law of large numbers).  $X_i$  i.i.d. with  $\mathbb{E}[|X_n|] < \infty$ .

$$\frac{S_n}{n} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X_1]$$

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma(S_n, S_{n+1}, \dots)$ .

$$\frac{S_n}{n} = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{S_n}{n} \middle| \mathcal{F}_n\right] = \frac{\sum \mathbb{E}[X_i | \mathcal{F}_n]}{n} = \mathbb{E}[X_1 | \mathcal{F}_n]$$

We've shown that  $\mathbb{E}[X_1 | \mathcal{F}_n] = \frac{S_n}{n}$ . Therefore by Levy downward

$$\frac{S_n}{n} \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}, L^1} A_\infty = \mathbb{E}[X_1 | \mathcal{F}_\infty]$$

Since both  $\limsup \frac{S_n}{n} \in \mathcal{T}$ ,  $\liminf \frac{S_n}{n} \in \mathcal{T}$  we get  $\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}_\infty] \in \mathcal{T}$ . By Kolmogorov 0-1  $\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}_\infty]$  is constant a.s. and thus equals  $\mathbb{E}[X_1]$ . □

Let  $M_n$  be a martingale with respect to  $\mathcal{F}_n$ ,  $X_n = M_n - M_{n+1}$  and  $q_n = \mathbb{E}[X^2 | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}]$ .

**Lemma 6.5.**

$$\forall r < s \leq t < u \quad \mathbb{E}[(M_u - M_t)(M_s - M_r)] = 0$$

$$\mathbb{E}[(M_u - M_t)^2] = \sum_{k=t+1}^u \mathbb{E}[X_k^2]$$

*Proof.*

$$\mathbb{E}[M_u - M_t | \mathcal{F}_t] = 0$$

$$\mathbb{E}[(M_u - M_t)(M_s - M_r) | \mathcal{F}_t] = (M_s - M_r) \mathbb{E}[(M_u - M_t) | \mathcal{F}_t]$$

and

$$(M_u - M_t)^2 = \left( \sum_{k=t+1}^u X_k \right)^2 = \sum_{k,l=t+1}^u X_k X_l$$

□

**Proposition 6.12.** Let  $N_t = M_t^2 - \sum_{i \leq t} q_i$  then  $N_t$  is a martingale.

*Proof.*

$$N_{t+1} - N_t = M_{t+1}^2 - M_t^2 - q_{t+1}$$

$$\langle N_{t+1} - N_t | \mathcal{F}_t \rangle = \langle M_{t+1}^2 - M_t^2 | \mathcal{F}_t \rangle = -q_{t+1}$$

But

$$M_{t+1}^2 = M_t^2 + (M_{t+1} - M_t)^2 + 2M_t(M_{t+1} - M_t)$$

□

**Collary 6.12.1.**

$$\sup_n \mathbb{E}[M_n^2] < \infty \iff \sum_k \mathbb{E}[(M_{t+1} - M_t)^2] < \infty$$

*Proof.*

$$\mathbb{E}(M_{n+k} - M_n)^2 = \sum_{j=n}^{n+k} \mathbb{E}[(M_{j+1} - M_j)^2] \leq \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[(M_{j+1} - M_j)^2]$$

By Fatou

$$\mathbb{E}(M_\infty - M_n)^2 \leq \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[(M_{j+1} - M_j)^2]$$

Moreover by the equality at start of the proof we get

$$\mathbb{E}(M_\infty - M_n)^2 = \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[(M_{j+1} - M_j)^2]$$

Also if  $M - 0 = 0$

$$\mathbb{E}M_\infty^2 = \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X]^2]$$

□

**Theorem 6.13.** Let  $X_k$  be independent random variable such that  $\mathbb{E}[X_k] = 0$  and  $\sigma_k^2 < \infty$ . Let  $M_n = \sum X_k$

1. If  $\sum \sigma_k^2 < \infty$ ,  $M_n \rightarrow M_\infty$  a.s. and  $L^2$ .
2. If  $|X_i| \leq K < \infty$ , then  $\sum X_i$  converges a.s.

*Proof.* Since  $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = 0$

$$\mathbb{E}[M_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] = M_{n-1} + \mathbb{E}[X_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}]$$

By independence,  $M_n$  is  $\mathcal{F}_n$  martingale.

Recall  $N_t$  and note  $q_{k+1} = \mathbb{E}[X_{k+1}] < \infty$ .

Define  $T_c = \inf \{i : |M_i| \geq c\}$

$$0 = \mathbb{E}[N_{\min\{T_c, n\}}] = \mathbb{E}[M_{\min\{T_c, n\}}^2] - \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{k=1}^{\min\{T_c, n\}} \sigma_k^2\right]$$

Thus

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{k=1}^{\min\{T_c, n\}} \sigma_k^2\right] = \mathbb{E}[M_{\min\{T_c, n\}}^2] \leq (c + k)^2$$

By Fatou

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{k=1}^{T_c} \sigma_k^2\right] \leq (c + k)^2$$

If  $\exists c < \infty$  such that  $P(T_c = \infty) = 0$  we are done.

By assumption of a.s. convergence,  $M_i \rightarrow M_\infty$  thus  $\exists c$  such that  $P(|M_i| < c) > 0$ . □

**Lemma 6.6.** If  $|X_i| \leq K$ ,  $\sum X_i$  converges, then  $\sum \mathbb{E}[X_i]$  converges and  $\sum \sigma_i^2 < \infty$

*Proof.* Let  $X_i^* = X_i$ , then both series converges, and we define  $Y_i = X_i - X_i^*$  for which  $\mathbb{E}[Y_i] = 0$ .

Thus,  $\sum \sigma^2(Y_i) < \infty$  and thus  $2 \sum \sigma^2(X_i) < \infty$ . Now from part one,  $Z_i = X_i - \mathbb{E}[X_i]$ , we get  $\sum X_i - \mathbb{E}[X_i]$  converges a.s. and so does  $\sum \mathbb{E}[X_i]$  □

**Lemma 6.7 (Cesaro's lemma).** Let  $b_n$  be strictly increasing and positive and  $b_0 = 0$ . Let  $\{V_n\}$  be a convergent sequence  $V_n \rightarrow V_\infty$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{b_n} \sum_{k=1}^n (b_k - b_{k-1}) V_k \rightarrow V_\infty$$

*Proof.*

$$1 = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{b_k - b_{k-1}}{b_n}$$

$$V_\infty = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{b_k - b_{k-1}}{b_n} V_\infty$$

$$\left| V_\infty - \frac{1}{b_n} \sum_{k=1}^n (b_k - b_{k-1}) V_k \right| \leq \frac{1}{b_n} \sum_{k=1}^n (b_k - b_{k-1}) |V_k - V_\infty|$$

□

For  $\epsilon > 0$  choose  $N$  such that  $|V_n - V_\infty| < \epsilon$ , let  $V_k, V_\infty < M$ :

$$\frac{1}{b_n} \sum_{k=1}^n (b_k - b_{k-1}) |V_k - V_\infty| \leq 2M \cdot \frac{b_N}{b_n} + \epsilon \leq 2\epsilon$$

**Lemma 6.8 (Kroniker's lemma).** Let  $\{b_n\}$  be a sequence increasing to  $\infty$  and  $S - n = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ . Then if

$$\sum \frac{x_n}{b_n}$$

converges,  $\frac{S_n}{b_n} \rightarrow 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $u_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k}{b_k}$ , then  $u_n - u_{n-1} = \frac{x_n}{b_n}$  and  $u_n \rightarrow u_\infty = \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{x_k}{b_k}$ . Then  $x_n = b_n(u_n - u_{n-1})$  and

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= \sum_{k=1}^n x_k = \sum_{k=1}^n b_k(u_k - u_{k-1}) = b_n u_n - \sum_{k=1}^n (b_k - b_{k-1})u_{k-1} \\ \frac{S_n}{b_n} &= u_n - \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{b_k - b_{k-1}}{b_n} \right) u_{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

By Cesaro we get the required. □

**Lemma 6.9.** Let  $\mathbb{E}[W_i] = 0$   $\sum_k \frac{\mathbb{E}[W_k^2]}{k^2} < \infty$ . Then  $\frac{\sum_{k=1}^n W_i}{n} \rightarrow 0$

*Proof.* By Kroniker's lemma it's enough to show that  $\frac{W_k}{k}$  converges. By previous discussion of random series this follows from  $\sum_i \frac{\mathbb{E}W_k^2}{k^2} < \infty$ . □

**Theorem 6.14 (Kolmogorov 3 series theorem).** Let  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  be independent random variables. Then  $\sum_{i=1}^\infty X_i$  converges iff exists  $K$  such that

1.  $\sum P(|X_i| \geq K) < \infty$
2.  $\sum_i \mathbb{E}[X_i^K]$  convergent
3.  $\sum_i \sigma^2([X_i^K])$  convergent

*Proof.* If  $\sum X_i$  converges,  $\lim |X_i| = 0$  a.s., thus  $\forall i > I(k)$  sufficiently large  $\sum_i X_i^k$  converges a.s. Since  $\sum \sigma^2(X_i^k) < \infty$  by a previous lemma  $\sum_i (X_i^k - \mathbb{E}X_i^K)$  converges a.s. But also by second part  $\sum_i \mathbb{E}[X_i^K]$  convergent thus  $\sum_{i=1}^\infty X_i$  converges

$$\begin{aligned} Y_i &= X \cdot \mathbf{1}_{|X| \leq i} \\ \mathbb{E}[Y_i] &= \mathbb{E}[X \mathbf{1}_{|X| \leq i}] \\ \lim \mathbb{E}[Y_i] &= \mathbb{E}[X] \end{aligned}$$

$$P(X_i \neq Y_i) = P(|X_i| \geq i) = P(|X| \geq i)$$

So

$$\sum P(X_i \neq Y_i) = \sum_i P(|X| \geq i) \leq \mathbb{E}[X] < \infty$$

$$\frac{\sigma^2(Y_i)}{i^2} = \frac{\sigma^2(Y_i)}{i^2} \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[X^2 \mathbf{1}_{|X| \leq i}]}{i^2}$$

By MCT

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i \frac{\sigma^2(Y_i)}{i} &= \mathbb{E} \left[ X^2 \sum \frac{\mathbf{1}_{|X| \leq i}}{i^2} \right] \\ \sum \frac{\mathbf{1}_{|X| \leq i}}{i^2} &\leq C \frac{1}{1 + |X|} \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\sum_i \frac{\sigma^2(Y_i)}{i} = C \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{X^2}{1 + |X|} \right] < \infty$$

□

**Theorem 6.15 (SLLN).** Let  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  be iid  $X \in L^1$ . Let  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  then  $\frac{S_n}{n} \xrightarrow{a.s.} \mu = \mathbb{E}[X]$

*Proof.* Let  $Y_i = X \cdot \mathbf{1}_{|X| \leq i}$ . Then we have  $\frac{1}{n} \sum Y_i \xrightarrow{a.s.} \mu$  □

## 7 Weak convergence and CLT

### Modes of convergence

1.  $X_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} X$
2.  $X_n \xrightarrow{prob.} X$
3.  $X_n \xrightarrow{dist.} X$

**Definition 7.1.**  $\mathcal{S}$  is called Polish space if it is complete, separable metric space.

**Definition 7.2.** Let  $\mu_n$  and  $\mu$  be measures on  $(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{B})$ . We say  $\mu_n \xrightarrow{d} \mu$  if  $\forall f \in C_b(\mathcal{S})$ :

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}} f(s) d\mu_n(s) \rightarrow \int_{\mathcal{S}} f(s) d\mu(s)$$

**Reminder**  $C_b(\mathcal{S})$  is a Banach space with  $\|f\|_{\infty} = \sup_{s \in \mathcal{S}} f(s)$ .  $C_b^*(\mathcal{S})$  is dual space of signed measures and  $P(\mathcal{S}) \subset C_b^*(\mathcal{S})$  is a closed subspace.

**Proposition 7.1.** If  $X_n \sim \mu_n$  and  $X_n \rightarrow X$  a.s., then  $\mu_n \rightarrow \mu$  weakly.

*Proof.* Let  $f \in C_b(\mathbb{R})$

$$f(X_n) \rightarrow f(X)$$

a.s. and by BCT

$$\mathbb{E}[f(X_n)] = \mathbb{E}[f(X)]$$

□

Also the proposition works for convergence in probability.

We might guess that  $F_n(x) \rightarrow F(x)$  pointwise is equivalent to weak convergence.

**Theorem 7.2.** If  $\mu_n \xrightarrow{w} \mu$  then  $\forall x$   $F_n(x) \rightarrow F(x)$  in continuity points of  $F$ .

*Proof.* We want

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mu_n} \mathbb{1}_{(-\infty, x)} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}_{\mu} \mathbb{1}_{(-\infty, x)}$$

$$\forall \delta \in \mathbb{R} \mu_n(f_{\delta}) \rightarrow \mu(f_{\delta})$$

$$\mu(f_{\delta}(x)) \geq \limsup \mu_n(\mathbb{1}_{(-\infty, x)})$$

$$\text{also } \mu(f_{\delta}) \leq \mu_n(\mathbb{1}_{(-\infty, x+\delta)}) = F(x+\delta)$$

$$\limsup F_n(x) \leq \liminf F(x+\delta) = F(x)$$

we can do the same with negative  $\delta$  if  $F$  is continuous, and thus

$$\mu_n \xrightarrow{w} \mu$$

□

**Definition 7.3.** Given  $(\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{B}_1, P_1)$  and  $(\mathcal{S}_2, \mathcal{B}_2, P_2)$  a measure  $Q$  on  $\mathbb{Q}$  is called a coupling of  $P_1, P_2$  if letting  $X_i(S_1, S_2) = S_i$  the distribution of  $X_i$  under  $Q$  is  $P_i$ .

**Theorem 7.3 (Skorohod representation theorem).** Let  $\mu_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$  be a sequence of probability measures on a metric space  $S$  such that  $\mu_n$  converges weakly to some probability measure  $\mu_{\infty}$  on  $S$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Suppose also that the support of  $\mu_{\infty}$  is separable. Then there exist random variables  $X_n$  defined on a common probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{P})$  such that the law of  $X_n$  is  $\mu_n$  for all  $n$  (including  $n = \infty$ ) and such that  $X_n$  converges to  $X_{\infty}$ ,  $\mathbf{P}$ -almost surely.

**Theorem 7.4 (Helly's selection theorem).**

## 7.1 Characteristic function

**Definition 7.4.** Given  $\mu \sim X$  then  $\phi_\mu(\theta) = \int e^{i\theta x} d\mu(x) = \mathbb{E}[e^{i\theta X}]$ .

- $\phi(0) = 1$
- $|\phi(\theta)| \leq 1$
- $\phi(\theta)$  is continuous in  $\theta$
- $\phi_X(-\theta) = \overline{\phi_X(\theta)}$
- $\phi_{aX+b}(\theta) = e^{i\theta b} \phi_X(a\theta)$

**Theorem 7.5.**

$$\phi_{X+Y}(\theta) = \phi_X(\theta)\phi_Y(\theta)$$

**Theorem 7.6.**  $X \sim \mu \mapsto \phi_X(\theta)$  is one-to-one and invertible.

**Theorem 7.7.**  $X_n \xrightarrow{w} X$  then  $\phi_{X_n} \rightarrow \phi_X(\theta)$ .

**Theorem 7.8 (CLT).** Let  $X_i$  be iid with mean 0 and variance 1. Let  $S_n = \sum_n X_i$  then

$$\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{w} N(0, 1)$$

**Theorem 7.9 (Lévy Inversion).** Let  $a < b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-T}^T \frac{e^{-i\theta a} - e^{-i\theta b}}{i\theta} \phi_X(\theta) d\theta = \frac{\mu(\{a\})}{2} + \mu((a, b)) + \frac{\mu(\{b\})}{2} = \frac{1}{2}[F(b) + F(b^-)] - \frac{1}{2}[F(a) + F(a^-)]$$

*Proof.*

$$\frac{e^{-i\theta a} - e^{-i\theta b}}{i\theta} = \int_a^b e^{-i\theta \lambda} d\lambda$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-T}^T \frac{e^{-i\theta a} - e^{-i\theta b}}{i\theta} \phi_X(\theta) d\theta = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-T}^T \left[ \int_a^b e^{-i\theta \lambda} d\lambda \right] \phi_X(\theta) d\theta = \int_a^b \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-T}^T e^{i\theta(X-\lambda)} d\theta \right] d\lambda$$

□