MEASURE THEORETICAL PROBABILITY I HOMEWORK 6

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Exercise 0.

Proof.

(1):
$$\limsup_{n\to\infty} \frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} \stackrel{as}{\to} \infty$$
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First, we note that it doesn't matter if we throw away the first few random variables in the summation as $n \to \infty$:

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{\sqrt{n}} = \limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_l}{\sqrt{n}} + \limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{X_{l+1} + \dots + X_n}{\sqrt{n}}$$
$$= \limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{X_{l+1} + \dots + X_n}{\sqrt{n}}$$

But as $n \to \infty$ we can construct sequence $\phi(n) \to \infty$ with $\phi(n) \ll n$ such that

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} = \limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{\sqrt{n}} = \limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{X_{\phi(n)+1} + \dots + X_n}{\sqrt{n}}$$

where the right hand side is measurable with respect to the tail σ -algebra as $\phi(n) + 1 \to \infty$ and by definition of \mathcal{T} . But then for any c, we know that

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\limsup_{n\to\infty}\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}>c\right)\in\{0,1\}$$

by Kolmogorov's 0-1 law.

Yet on the other hand by Fatou's lemma we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\limsup_{n\to\infty}\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}>c\right)\geq \limsup_{n\to\infty}\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}>c\right)=1-F(c)$$

where F is the cdf of $N(0, \sigma^2)$ by CLT. In particular the expression is strictly larger than 0, hence it's 1.

But this means for any $c \in \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\limsup_{n\to\infty}\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}>c\right)=1$$

which means

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\limsup_{n\to\infty}\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}=\infty\right)=1$$

i.e.

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty}\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}\stackrel{as}{\to}\infty.$$

(2) $\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}$ does not converge in probability:

Assume it converges in probability, that is, $\exists Y$ such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} - Y\right| \ge \varepsilon\right) = 0$$

for all ε . In other words, for any subsequence $\phi(n)$, we know that for all $\delta > 0$, $\exists N$ such that for all n > N we have

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{S_{\phi(n)}}{\sqrt{\phi(n)}} - Y\right| \ge \varepsilon\right) < \delta$$

where we let $\phi(n) = n!$ and by triangular inequality that

$$\left| \frac{S_{n!}}{\sqrt{n!}} - \frac{S_{(n+1)!}}{\sqrt{(n+1)!}} \right| \le \left| \frac{S_{n!}}{\sqrt{n!}} - Y \right| + \left| \frac{S_{(n+1)!}}{\sqrt{(n+1)!}} - Y \right| \le 2\varepsilon$$

with probability $1-2\delta$.

But consider

$$\begin{split} & \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{S_{n!}}{\sqrt{n!}} - \frac{S_{(n+1)!}}{\sqrt{(n+1)!}}\right| > 2\varepsilon\right) \geq \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{S_{n!}}{\sqrt{n!}} - \frac{S_{(n+1)!}}{\sqrt{(n+1)!}} > 2\varepsilon\right) \\ = & \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_{n!}}{\sqrt{n!}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}\right) - \frac{X_{n!+1} + \dots + X_{(n+1)!}}{\sqrt{(n+1)!}} > 2\varepsilon\right) \\ \geq & \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_{n!}}{\sqrt{n!}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}\right) > \varepsilon, \frac{S_{(n+1)!} - S_{n!}}{\sqrt{(n+1)!}} < -\varepsilon\right) \\ \stackrel{ind}{=} & \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_{n!}}{\sqrt{n!}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}\right) > \varepsilon\right) \cdot \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{S_{(n+1)!} - S_{n!}}{\sqrt{(n+1)!}} < -\varepsilon\right) \end{split}$$

But we know that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{S_{(n+1)!}-S_{n!}}{\sqrt{(n+1)!}}<-\varepsilon\right) \stackrel{CLT}{=} \mathbb{P}(N(0,1)<-\varepsilon) \geq \frac{1}{3}$$

and for n > 3

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{X_1+\dots+X_{n!}}{\sqrt{n!}}\left(1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}\right)>\varepsilon\right)\geq \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{S_{n!}}{\sqrt{n!}}>2\varepsilon\right)\stackrel{CLT}{\to}\mathbb{P}(N(0,1)>2\varepsilon)\geq \frac{1}{3}$$

and hence

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{S_{n!}}{\sqrt{n!}} - \frac{S_{(n+1)!}}{\sqrt{(n+1)!}}\right| > 2\varepsilon\right) \ge \frac{1}{9} > 2\varepsilon$$

for small enough ε , contradiction! Thus there doesn't exist such Y.

Exercise 1. Prob 1.

Proof.

Discussed with classmates.

Assume $\mathbb{E}[X_i^2] = \infty$.

Hint: Let X_1', X_2', \ldots be an independent copy of the original sequence. Let $Y_i = X_i - X_i'$, $U_i = Y_i \cdot \mathbb{1}_{|Y_i| \le A}$, $V_i = Y_i - U_i$. Then, for any K > 0 we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=1}^n Y_m \geq K\sqrt{n}\right) \geq \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=1}^n U_m \geq K\sqrt{n}, \sum_{m=1}^n V_m \geq 0\right) \geq \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=1}^n U_m \geq K\sqrt{n}\right) \geq \frac{1}{5}.$$

We first see that assume the hint, how we can prove the question. We have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=1}^{n} Y_{m} \geq K\sqrt{n}\right) = \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{S_{n}}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{S'_{n}}{\sqrt{n}} > K\right) \leq \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{S_{n}}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{S'_{n}}{\sqrt{n}}\right| > K\right) \\
\leq \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{S_{n}}{\sqrt{n}}\right| + \left|\frac{S'_{n}}{\sqrt{n}}\right| > K\right) \leq \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{S_{n}}{\sqrt{n}}\right| > \frac{K}{2}\right) + \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{S'_{n}}{\sqrt{n}}\right| > \frac{K}{2}\right) \\
= 2F\left(\frac{K}{2}\right) + 2\left(1 - F\left(\frac{K}{2}\right)\right) < \frac{1}{10}$$

for large enough K. Thus we have a contradiction.

Now we prove the hint: The first inequality is direct since we have $Y_i = U_i + V_i$ and thus when the two events $\sum_{m=1}^{n} U_m \ge K\sqrt{n}$, $\sum_{m=1}^{n} V_m \ge 0$ happens at the same time, we must have

$$\sum_{m=1}^{n} Y_m \ge K \sqrt{n}$$
. This gives us

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=1}^{n} Y_m \ge K\sqrt{n}\right) \ge \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=1}^{n} U_m \ge K\sqrt{n}, \sum_{m=1}^{n} V_m \ge 0\right).$$

The second inequality is because that, we note that either $U_m = 0$ or $V_m = 0$, that is, we can separate Y_i s at any point ω with respect to whether the value of $Y_i(\omega)$ has absolute value larger than A or not. There's in total 2^n possibilities of this partition, and for each one of then we have (WLOG reorder such that the first k U_m is non-zero) (Call this state B)

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=1}^n U_m \geq K\sqrt{n}, \sum_{m=1}^n V_m \geq 0 \bigg| B\right) = \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=1}^k U_m \geq K\sqrt{n}, \sum_{m=k}^n V_m \geq 0 \bigg| B\right).$$

But now we've really separated the variables such that the two events are independent. So we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=1}^{k} U_m \geq K\sqrt{n}, \sum_{m=k}^{n} V_m \geq 0 \middle| B\right) = \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=1}^{k} U_m \geq K\sqrt{n} \middle| B\right) \cdot \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=k}^{n} V_m \geq 0 \middle| B\right)$$

where we further note

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=k}^{n} V_{m} \ge 0 \middle| B\right) = \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=k}^{n} V_{m} \le 0 \middle| B\right)$$

since Y_i and $-Y_i$ are identical random variables. Thus, we know by doing for ≤ 0 that

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=1}^{k} U_m \ge K\sqrt{n}, \sum_{m=k}^{n} V_m \ge 0 \middle| B\right) = \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=1}^{k} U_m \ge K\sqrt{n}, \sum_{m=k}^{n} V_m \le 0 \middle| B\right)$$

which considered the possibility that $\sum_{m=k}^{n} V_m = 0$ might be double counted, we get

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=1}^{k} U_m \ge K\sqrt{n}, \sum_{m=k}^{n} V_m \ge 0 \middle| B\right) \ge \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=1}^{k} U_m \ge K\sqrt{n} \middle| B\right)$$

and now combining all such Bs we get

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=1}^{k} U_m \ge K\sqrt{n}, \sum_{m=k}^{n} V_m \ge 0\right) \ge \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=1}^{k} U_m \ge K\sqrt{n}\right)$$

by summation, as Bs are disjoint.

For the third inequality, we first note that $\mathbb{E}[U_i] = 0$ by it's definition, since $\mathbb{E}[X_i]$ and $\mathbb{E}[X_i']$ are the same. Now since $\mathbb{E}[X^2] = \infty$ we can WLOG suppose that the contribution from the part where $X_i \ge 0$ is infinity (since either that or the negative part).

Now we know $\mathbb{P}(X_i > 0) = c > 0$ as otherwise the expectation cannot be infinity. We also claim that c < 1 since if c = 1 then the mean is strictly positive, which means that $\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} \stackrel{d}{\to} \infty$ by CLT (it "converges to" $N(n \cdot \mathbb{E}[X_i], \sigma^2) = \infty$ as $n \to \infty$), contradiction to assumption in problem. So 0 < c < 1.

Thus, we can find L large such that $\mathbb{P}(X_i \leq L) \geq c$ as c < 1. Now we have

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}[Y_i^2] &= \mathbb{E}[(X_i - X_i')^2] \geq \mathbb{P}(X_i' \leq L) \mathbb{E}[(X_i - X_i')^2 | X_i' \leq L] \\ &\geq \mathbb{P}(X_i' \leq L) \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_{X_i \geq L} (X_i - L)^2 | X_i' \leq L] \\ &= \mathbb{P}\left(X_i' \leq L\right) \cdot \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{1}_{X_i > L} (X_i - L)^2\right] \end{split}$$

where we can further bound

$$\mathbb{1}_{X_i \ge L} (X_i - L)^2 \ge \mathbb{1}_{X_i \ge 2L} \left(\frac{X_i}{2}\right)^2$$

where the right hand side is ∞ after taking expectation (since under expectation, the finite part does not matter). This means really that $\mathbb{E}[Y_i^2] \to \infty$ (which makes sense as the perturbation is extremely large).

Thus $\mathbb{E}[U_i^2] > C'$ for any large C' if A is large enough, since $U_i \uparrow Y_i$. So we can pick any unstated large C to be chosen later with $\mathbb{E}[U_i^2] = C$ such that

$$Var(U_i) = \mathbb{E}[U_i^2] - \mathbb{E}[U_i]^2 = C.$$

Thus by CLT we have

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\sum_{i=1}^{n}U_{i}=N(0,C)$$

and hence

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=1}^{k} U_m \ge K\sqrt{n}\right) \ge \mathbb{P}(N(0,C) \ge K)$$

where as for large enough A the Gaussian is spread widely that

$$\mathbb{P}(N(0,C) \ge K) \ge \frac{2}{5} < \frac{1}{2}$$

where the last bound is the sup we can get out of this way of bounding. Hence

$$\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m=1}^{k} U_m \ge K\sqrt{n}\right) \ge \frac{1}{5}$$

and we are done.

Exercise 2. Prob 2.

Proof.

(1) Character is uniformly continuous:

We know that the character function is continuous since e^{itx} is continuous and bounded. Moreover, note that $\phi_X(t) = \mathbb{E}[e^{itx}]$ is 2π periodic, and hence it is uniformly continuous if it is uniformly continuous on $[0, 2\pi]$, but the latter is just because any continuous function on a compact set is uniformly continuous.

(2) The point wise limit of a sequence of character functions is a character:

As in the proof of Levy's theorem backward direction, we can show that X_n is a tight family. Assume $\phi_{X_n}(t) \to f$ point wise, then for fixed $\varepsilon > 0$ we can choose a small such that

$$\frac{1}{a} \int_{-a}^{a} (1 - f) ds \le \varepsilon$$

as long as $|f-1| \le \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. But the latter holds because f(0) = 1 and at a small neighborhood of 0 the convergence is uniform and hence continuity is also passed.

Now, by DCT (since $(1 - \phi_{X_n}(s)) \le 2$ and the measure is finite)

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{1}{a}\int_{-a}^{a}(1-\phi_{X_n}(s))ds=\frac{1}{a}\int_{-a}^{a}(1-f)ds\leq\varepsilon.$$

Then we can pick $t := \frac{2}{a}$ and Lemma in class says

$$\mathbb{P}(|X| \ge t) \le \frac{t}{2} \int_{-t/2}^{t/2} (1 - \phi_X(s)) ds$$

we have

$$\limsup \mathbb{P}(|X_n| \ge t) \le \varepsilon$$

for large t (really for small a). And thus getting rid of the lim sup we get

$$\mathbb{P}(|X_n| \geq t) \leq 2\varepsilon$$

and thus the tail of X_n is a tight family. So we can extract subsequence of $X_{k_n} \stackrel{d}{\to} X$ using Helly's selection theorem for some random variable X. Then, if we assume $X_n \stackrel{d}{\to} X$ don't hold, then we can find continuous bounded g for which we have

$$|\mathbb{E}[f(X_{j_n})] - \mathbb{E}[g(X)]| \geq \varepsilon$$

but we can extract another subsequence of j_n that converges to a random variable Y that has the same character as X (by another direction of Levy + tightness), contradiction since then $\mathbb{E}[g(Y)] = \mathbb{E}[g(X)]$.

Thus $X_n \stackrel{d}{\to} X$. Yet then by the forward direction of Levy we get $f = \phi_X(t)$, then we are done.

(3): Prove that on any bounded interval, the convergence of ϕ_n is uniform:

If the functions ϕ_n is equicontinuous, then we have the solution because for any $x \in K$ where K is the compact domain we care about, we have

$$|\phi_n(x) - \phi(x)| \le |\phi_n(x) - \phi_n(x+\delta)| + |\phi_n(x+\delta) - \phi(x+\delta)| + |\phi(x+\delta) - \phi(x)|$$

where we know that the difference between

$$|\phi_n(x) - \phi(x)|$$
 and $|\phi_n(x+\delta) - \phi(x+\delta)|$

cannot exceed 2ε if we can bound uniformly the other 2 terms both in n and in x. But by (a) we have ϕ_n for all n is uniformly continuous, and by our assumption we have ϕ_n is equicontinuous. This implies that ϕ_n is uniformly equicontinuity (proof of Ascoli Arzela uses this). Thus, we are justfied to use δ to bound the above inequality, i.e.

$$|\phi_n(x) - \phi(x)| \le 2\varepsilon + |\phi_n(x+\delta) - \phi(x+\delta)|.$$

Now we know

$$\left(\sup_{|x-x_0|<\delta} - \inf_{|x-x_0|<\delta}\right) |\phi_n(x) - \phi(x)| \le 2\varepsilon \to 0$$

as $\varepsilon \to 0$. So $\phi_n \to \phi$ locally uniformly. But since K compact we can extend the locally uniformly convergence to uniformly convergence (for all δ ball, a point inside converges pointwise, and hence every point converges uniformly; now δ balls is a finite cover of K).

So it suffices us to prove equicontinuity. This we need tightness of X_n . Note that in considering the integral we only need to consider the integral for $|x| \le t$ since the tail is always less than ε by tightness, i.e.

$$|\phi_n(t+\delta) - \phi_n(t)| \le \int_{|X_n| < t} e^{itx} - e^{i(t+\delta)x} d\mu_{X_n} + \varepsilon$$

but for x bounded by continuity of e^{itx} in t we can find the required δ that is uniform in n now. So ϕ_n is equicontinuous, and by above argument the result follows.

Exercise 3. Prob 3.

Proof.

(1) Given $\phi'(0) = ia$, conclude $S_n/n \stackrel{p}{\to} a$:

The character of S_n/n is

$$\phi_n = \left[\phi_{X_1}\left(\frac{t}{n}\right)\right]^n = \left[\frac{t}{n} \cdot \frac{\phi_{X_1}(t/n) - 1}{t/n} + 1\right]^n$$

where note that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} t \cdot \frac{\phi_{X_1}(t/n) - 1}{t/n} = t\phi'_{X_i}(0) = tia$$

and Theorem 3.4.2 claims that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \left[\frac{t}{n} \cdot \frac{\phi_{X_1}(t/n) - 1}{t/n} + 1 \right]^n = \lim_{n\to\infty} \left[\frac{c_n}{n} + 1 \right]^n = e^{iat} = \phi_a(t)$$

and thus by Levy we know $\frac{S_n}{n} \stackrel{d}{\to} a$ and since a is a constant we have

$$\frac{S_n}{n} \stackrel{p}{\to} a.$$

(2): If $S_n/n \xrightarrow{p} a$, then $\phi(t/n)^n \to e^{iat}$ as $n \to \infty$:

Since $\frac{S_n}{n} \stackrel{p}{\to} a$, we have $\frac{S_n}{n} \stackrel{d}{\to} a$, which gives us pointwise convergence of character functions, i.e. $\phi_n \to \phi_a$.

Yet writing out we have

$$\left[\phi_{X_1}\left(\frac{t}{n}\right)\right]^n = \phi_n \to \phi_a = e^{iat}.$$

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We can conclude the result since positive direction by (1) and the reverse by (2), (3).

Exercise 4. Prob 4

Proof.

Suppose that $(X_1,...,X_d)$ has the normal distribution with mean vector θ and covariance

matrix Γ. Then we have that, for any $a = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_d \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$E\left[e^{ia^t \cdot x}\right] = \exp\left(ia^t \theta - \frac{1}{2}a^t \Gamma a\right)$$

Let $c = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_d \end{bmatrix}$ be a vector in \mathbb{R}^d . Then $c \cdot X$ is a random variable and setting a = tc above we

$$E\left[e^{it(c^t \cdot x)}\right] = \exp\left(t(c^t \theta) - \frac{t^2}{2}c^t \Gamma c\right)$$

We see that the last equation is the characteristic function of a normal random variable with mean $c^t\theta$ and variance $c^t\Gamma c$, and since characteristic functions specify the law uniquely, then we can conclude that $c_1X_1 + ... + c_dX_d$ follows a normal distribution with mean $c^t\theta$ and variance $c^t\Gamma c$.

For the other direction, suppose that $Y = c_1 X_1 + ... + c_d X_d$ has the normal distribution with mean $c^t \theta$ and variance $c^t \Gamma c$. Then we can conclude that

$$E\left[e^{ic^t \cdot x}\right] = \Phi_Y(1) = \exp\left(ic^t \theta - \frac{1}{2}c^t \Gamma c\right)$$

Since the above holds for all $c \in \mathbb{R}^d$, we have that X has characteristic function

$$\exp\left(ic^t\theta - \frac{1}{2}c^t\Gamma c\right)$$

Since the characteristic function uniquely determine the law of X, the random variable is normally distributed with mean c and covariance matrix Γ .

Exercise 5. Prob 5

Proof.

Note that the $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = \mathbb{E}\left[(X_i - \mathbb{E}[X_i])(X_j - \mathbb{E}[X_j])\right]$, which means we can get by linear algebra that

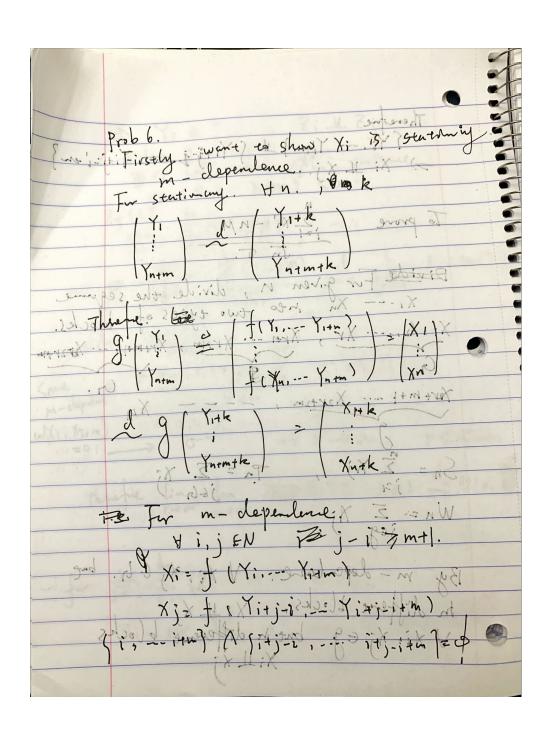
$$v^T \Sigma v = v^T \mathbb{E}\left[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^T \right] v = \mathbb{E}\left[(v^T (X - \mathbb{E}[X]))^2 \right] \geq 0$$

since v is constant vector so we can pass it in. So it's positive semi definite.

Exercise 6. Prob 6

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