

# Stochastic Processes

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- $(X_n)_{n \geq 0}$  is  $L^2$ -bounded martingale  $\Rightarrow X_n$  converges in  $L^2$ .
- $(X_n)_{n \geq 0}$  is  $L^1$ -bounded martingale  $\Rightarrow X_n$  converges a.s.
- (1) + (2): If  $(X_n)_{n \geq 0}$  is  $L^p$ -bounded martingale for  $p > 1$ , then  $X_n$  converges in  $L^{p'}$  for  $p' \in [1, p)$ .
- Statement is false when  $p = 1$ . Example:  $\Omega = [0, 1)$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma\{\frac{i}{2^n}, \frac{i+1}{2^n}\}_{i=0}^{2^n-1}$ ,  $X_n(\omega) := \begin{cases} 2^n & \omega \in [0, \frac{1}{2^n}) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ .
- Let  $p > 1$  and  $(X_n)_{n \geq 0}$  be  $L^p$  bounded martingale w.r.t.  $\mathcal{F}_n$ . Then  $\exists X \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_\infty, P)$  s.t.  $X_n \rightarrow X$  in  $L^p$  and a.s. and  $X_n = \mathbb{E}(X | \mathcal{F}_n)$ .
- Doob's maximal inequality: Let  $p > 1$ ,  $\exists C = C_p$  s.t.  $\forall$  martingale  $(X_n)_{n \geq 0}$ , we have  $\mathbb{E}|X_n^*|^p \leq C_p \mathbb{E}|X_n|^p$  where  $|X_n^*| = \sup_{0 \leq k \leq n} |X_k|$ .
- Let  $(Z_n)_{n \geq 0}$  be a nonnegative sub-martingale and  $Z_n^* = \sup_{0 \leq k \leq n} Z_k$ , then  $P(Z_n^* > \lambda) \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \mathbb{E}(Z_n 1_{\{Z_n^* > \lambda\}}) \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \mathbb{E}Z_n$ .  
Corollary:  $P(Z_n^* > \lambda) \leq \frac{1}{\lambda^p} \mathbb{E}(Z_n^p 1_{\{Z_n^* > \lambda\}}) \leq \frac{1}{\lambda^p} \mathbb{E}(Z_n^p)$ .
- If  $(X_n)_{n \geq 0}$  is a martingale with  $\sup_n \mathbb{E}(|X_n| \log(1 + |X_n|)) < +\infty$ , then  $X_n$  converges in  $L^1$ .
- Two prob measures  $P$  and  $Q$  on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ ,  $Q \ll P$  on  $\mathcal{F}_n$  for every  $n$  and  $M_n = \frac{dQ}{dP}|_{\mathcal{F}_n}$ .  $(M_n)_{n \geq 0}$  is a  $P$ -martingale w.r.t.  $(\mathcal{F}_n)_{n \geq 0}$ .  $Q \ll P$  on  $\mathcal{F}_\infty$  if and only if  $M_n \rightarrow M$  in  $L^1$ .  $Q(A) = \int_A M dP + Q(A \cap \{M = +\infty\})$ .
- Statement is false if  $M_n \not\rightarrow M$  in  $L^1$ . Example:  $\Omega = \{\omega = (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n, \dots) \in \{\pm 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}\}$ ,  $X_n(\omega) = \omega_n$ .  $X_n$ 's are i.i.d. under  $P$  and  $Q$ , but  $P(X_n = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $P(X_n = -1) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $Q(X_n = 1) = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $Q(X_n = -1) = \frac{2}{3}$ .  $\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ .  
 $P(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n X_k = 0) = 1$ ,  $Q(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n X_k = -\frac{1}{3}) = 1$ .
- Monotone class theorem for functions: Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  as a  $\pi$ -system and  $\mathcal{H}$  be a class of functions from  $\Omega$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  s.t. (1)  $1_A \in \mathcal{H}$  for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , (2) if  $f, g \in \mathcal{H}$  then  $af + bg \in \mathcal{H}$ , (3) if  $f_n \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $f_n \uparrow f$  then  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ . Then all nonnegative  $\sigma(\mathcal{A})$ -measurable functions are in  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- Let  $(Y_n)_{n \geq 0}$  be i.i.d., nonnegative r.v.'s with  $\mathbb{E}Y_k = 1$ . Then  $M_n = \prod_{k=1}^n Y_k$  converges in  $L^1$  iff  $Y_n \equiv 1$ . Otherwise  $M_n \rightarrow 0$  a.s.
- Kakutani's theorem:  $M_n = \prod_{k=1}^n Y_k$ ,  $Y_k \geq 0$  are independent,  $\mathbb{E}Y_k = 1$ ,  $\lambda_k = \mathbb{E}\sqrt{Y_k}$ . (1) If  $\prod_k \lambda_k > 0$ , then  $M_n \rightarrow M$  in  $L^1$ ; (2) If  $\prod_k \lambda_k = 0$ , then  $M_n \rightarrow 0$  a.s.