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8. Operations on Sequences and Convergence

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Exercises due May 25, 2021 19:59 EDT

Addition, multiplicaton, division; Slutsky's Theorem; Continuous Mapping Thoerem

Averages of random variables occur naturally in statistics
 We make modeling assumptions to apply probability results
 For large sample size they are consistent (LLN) and we know their distribution (CLT)
 CLT gives the (weakest) convergence in distribution but is enough to compute probabilities
 We use standardization and Gaussian tables to compute probabilities and quantiles
 We can make operations (addition, multiplication, continuous functions) on sequences of random variables

OK?

So I'm running out of time.

There's a bit of a recap on what we've been seeing.

I encourage you to take a look.

We saw that averages show up, and therefore central

limit theorem and law of large numbers.

Then we can use standardization and we can make operations.

But for limits and distributions, we need to use Slutsky and be careful.

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We restate the theorems discussed in lecture below.

Addition, Multiplication, Division for Convergence almost surely and in probability:

Addition, Multiplication, and Division preserves convergence almost surely (a.s.) and convergence in probability (a.s.)

More precisely, assume

$$T_n \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{\text{a.s./P}} T$$
 and $U_n \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{\text{a.s./P}} U$

Then,

•
$$T_n + U_n \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{\text{a.s./P}} T + U$$
,

•
$$T_nU_n \xrightarrow[n\to\infty]{\text{a.s./P}} TU$$
,

• If in addition,
$$U \neq 0$$
 a.s., then $\dfrac{T_n}{U_n} \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{a.s./P} \dfrac{T}{U}.$

Warning: In general, these rules **do not** apply to convergence in distribution (d).

Slutsky's Theorem

For convergence in distribution, the Slutsky's Theorem will be our main tool.

Let (T_n) , (U_n) be two sequences of r.v., such that:

•
$$T_n \xrightarrow[n\to\infty]{(d)} T$$

•
$$U_n \xrightarrow[n\to\infty]{\mathbf{P}} u$$

where T is a r.v. and u is a given real number (deterministic limit: $\mathbf{P}(U=u)=1$). Then,

•
$$T_n + U_n \xrightarrow[n\to\infty]{(d)} T + u$$
,

•
$$T_nU_n \xrightarrow[n\to\infty]{(d)} Tu$$
,

• If in addition,
$$u \neq 0$$
, then $\frac{T_n}{U_n} \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{(d)} \frac{T}{u}$.

Continuous Mapping Theorem

If f is a continuous function:

$$T_n \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{\text{a.s./P/}(d)} T \Rightarrow f(T_n) \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{} f(T).$$

Convergence in distribution

4 points possible (graded)

Let X_n be a sequence of random variables that are converging **in probability** to another random variable X. Let Y_n be a sequence of random variables that are converging **in probability** to another random variable Y.

For each of the statements below, choose true ("This statement is always true") or false ("This statement is sometimes false"). Keep in mind that "convergence in probability" is stronger than "convergence in distribution".

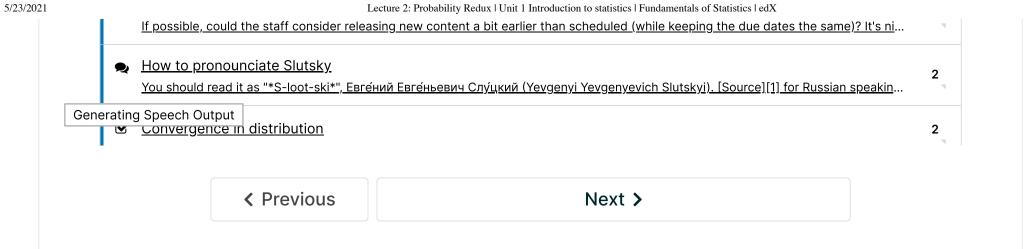
•
$$X_n + Y_n \longrightarrow X + Y$$
 in distribution.

True		
False		

• $X_n Y_n \longrightarrow XY$ in distribution.

True			
False			

• $X_n/Y_n \longrightarrow X/Y$ in distribution, provided Y is constant. True	
False	
• $X_n^2 - 2X_n + 5 \longrightarrow X^2 - 2X + 5$ in distribution.	
○ True	
False	
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Applying Slutsky's and the Continuous Mapping theorems	
I point possible (graded) Given the following:	
• $Z_1,Z_2,\ldots,Z_n,\ldots$ is a sequence of random variables that converge in distribution to an variable Z ;	other random
• $Y_1,Y_2,\ldots,Y_n,\ldots$ is a sequence of random variables each of which takes value in the interwhich converges in probability to a constant c in $(0,1)$;	erval $(0,1)$, and
• $f(x) = \sqrt{x(1-x)}.$	
Does $Z_nrac{f\left(Y_n ight)}{f\left(c ight)}$ converge in distribution? If yes, enter the limit in terms of Z , Y and c ; if no, e	enter DNE .
$Z_n \frac{f(Y_n)}{f(c)} \stackrel{d}{\longrightarrow}$	
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