

Notes on New Skorohod Theorem Proof

Let $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space (E, d) be a metric space, and assume any random variable X is (unless otherwise stated) $(E, \mathcal{B}(d))$ -valued. \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{X} denote Hilbert spaces and Banach spaces, respectively.

%LOOK OVER AND INCORPORATE MORE SKORROHOD THEOREM PROOF REMARKS FROM 4/29/22 NOTES

Written here are notes that seek a better proof of **Skorohod's Theorem** (either in the \mathcal{X} -valued or cauchy complete (E, d) -valued random variable case), both in the sense of length of the proof (hopefully), as well as the use of more accessible concepts in probability theory. The hope is to come up with the correct random variables that exploit one of many independence results in Probability Theory that efficiently lead to \mathbb{P} -a.s. convergence.

So far I have not been able to finish the proof of **Skorohod's Theorem**, or really come close to a concrete idea, but I was able to extend **Kolmogorov's 0-1 Law**, as well as the **Second Borel Cantelli Lemma** to what I call an "eventually independent" sequence of random variables, as well as explore the limitations of sequences that are either "eventually independent" or "infinitely often independent", though to no avail to achieve the ultimate goal of a groundbreaking proof of **Skorohod's Theorem**, at least at the moment.

I was moreover able to come up with a pretty accessible (albeit somewhat long) proof for both the theorem that convergence in \mathbb{P} implies \mathbb{P} -a.s. convergence (**Theorem 9**) for a series of independent \mathcal{H} -valued random variables as well as the special case of **Skorohod's Theorem (Theorem 10)** that holds for a series of independent \mathcal{H} -valued random variables where convergence in distribution in this scenario (without even changing the probability distribution) implies \mathbb{P} -a.s. convergence.

First, we'll start with defining general concept in Probability Theory of "tail events".

Definition 1. The intersection

$$\mathcal{T} := \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma(X_n, X_{n+1}, \dots)$$

is the tail σ -field associated with a sequence of random variables X_1, X_2, \dots its elements are **tail events**.

Source: modification of Billingsley, page 287

In a later draft of either these notes or In the 4/29/22 notes, we've already derived the traditional Kolmogorov's 0-1 law, and we prove a more general version for **Theorem 4**, though we'll state it for reference here as follows:

Theorem 2. (Kolmogorov's 0-1 Law) Suppose that $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ are independent random variables and A is a tail event of the sequence, i.e.

$$A \in \mathcal{T} := \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma(X_n, X_{n+1}, \dots).$$

Then $\mathbb{P}[A] = 0$ or $\mathbb{P}[A] = 1$.

Source: Billingsley, Theorem 22.3 (page 287)

%MENTION THE SKORROHOD THEOREM AND A PROOF THAT I WANTED TO DO (DO THIS PART LAST)

Example 3.

(i) Let $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, X be independent coin flip random variable, where $X_n := 1$ if the coin turns up heads (with $1/2$ probability) and 0 otherwise. We find that $X_n \Rightarrow X$, since $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, X all have the same distribution, however, note that for $\epsilon := 1$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{P}[|X_n - X| \geq \epsilon] = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{P}[X_n = X = 1] = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{P}[X_n = 1]\mathbb{P}[X = 1] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4},$$

and it follows that $X_n \not\rightarrow X$ in \mathbb{P} as $n \rightarrow +\infty$. Not only that, we find that $X_n \not\rightarrow X$ \mathbb{P} -a.s. and it follows by **Kolmogorov's 0-1 Law** that $\mathbb{P}[X_n \rightarrow X] = 0$.

(ii) Let $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, X be independent standard normally distributed random variable in \mathbb{R} . We find that $X_n \Rightarrow X$, since $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, X all have the same distribution, however $X_n \not\rightarrow X$ in \mathbb{P} as $n \rightarrow +\infty$, since $X_n - X \sim N(0, \sqrt{2})$ for all $n \geq 1$, and hence given $\epsilon \geq 0$, we have

$$\mathbb{P}[|X_n - X| \geq \epsilon] = \int_{|y| \geq \epsilon} \frac{e^{y^2/2}}{2\sqrt{\pi}} dy > 0.$$

So like with the previous example, it follows by **Kolmogorov's 0-1 Law** that

$$\mathbb{P}[X_n \rightarrow X] = 0.$$

Definition 4. Let $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of random variables.

(i) We state that a sequence $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of random variables (resp. a sequence of events $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$) is **eventually independent** if for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, X_n (resp. A_n) is independent with X_m (resp. A_m), for all but finitely many $m \neq n$, i.e., for all $m \geq 1$ sufficiently large.

(ii) We state that $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is **infinitely often independent**, if for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, X_n (resp. A_n) is independent with X_m (resp. A_m), for infinitely many $m \neq n$, i.e., for every $M \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists $m \geq M$ such that X_m is independent with X_n .

Example 5. It is pretty easy to see that eventual independence implies infinitely often independence. However, infinitely often independence does not imply eventual independence. Let $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of independent coin flip random variables, where $X_n := 1$ if the coin turns up heads (with $1/2$ probability) and 0 otherwise. Let $Y_{2n-1} := X_1$, and $Y_{2n} := X_n$. We find that $\{Y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is infinitely often independent since $\{Y_{2n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is independent. However, X_1 is not independent with $Y_{2n-1} = X_1$, for all $n \geq 1$, hence the independence is not eventual.

Throughout these notes, we'll go through some examples of eventually independent and infinitely often independent sequences as they fit to serve as counterexamples for results that I would have liked to hold for alternative proof of **Skorohod's Theorem**, but ones that unfortunately do not hold.

We'll start with an interesting general example in the Banach Space setting, where we convert analyzing a random sequence as a random series and vice versa.

Example 6.

(i) First, let $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be eventually independent X -valued random variables, Set $Y_1 := X_1$, $Y_{n+1} := X_{n+1} - X_n$. We note that we can convert this random sequence $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ into a random series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} Y_k$ such that the partial sums $\sum_{k=1}^n Y_k = X_n$. We shall show that almost independence of $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ implies almost independence of $\{Y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

We find that for $Y_1 := X_1$, we find that X_m , X_{m-1} , and hence $Y_m := X_m - X_{m-1}$, is independent with Y_1 for $m \neq 1$ sufficiently large. We find that for $Y_{n+1} := X_{n+1} - X_n$, we find that X_m , X_{m-1} , and hence $Y_m := X_m - X_{m-1}$, is independent with X_n , X_{n+1} , and hence Y_{n+1} , for $m \neq 1$ sufficiently large.

(ii) However, the converse of $\{Y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ being almost independent does not imply almost independence of $X_n := \sum_{k=1}^n Y_k$. Given a sequence $\{Z_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of independent coin flips, we set $Y_n := 2^{-n} Z_n$. We find $X_m := \sum_{k=1}^m Y_k$ is not independent of $X_n := \sum_{k=1}^n Y_k$, for any $m \neq n$, since the larger partial sum is determined by the smaller partial sum. Assume without loss of generality that $m > n$. We find that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P} \left[X_n = \sum_{k=1}^n 2^{-n} \middle| X_m = \sum_{k=1}^m 2^{-n} \right] &= \mathbb{P} [Z_k = 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq k \leq n | Z_k = 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq k \leq m] \\ &= \mathbb{P} [Z_k = 1 \text{ for } n \leq k \leq m] \\ &= 2^{-(m-n)} \\ &\neq 2^{-n} \\ &= \mathbb{P} [Z_k = 1 \text{ for } n \leq k \leq m] \\ &= \mathbb{P} \left[X_n = \sum_{k=1}^n 2^{-n} \right], \end{aligned}$$

and we conclude that $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is not infinitely often independent.

First, we ask whether or not **Kolmogorov's 0-1 Law** can extend to eventually independent random variables. Turns out the answer is a resounding yes!

Theorem 7. (*Kolmogorov's 0-1 Law for Eventually Independent Random Variables*) Suppose that $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an all but finitely independent sequence of random variables and A is a tail event of the sequence, i.e.

$$A \in \mathcal{T} := \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma(X_n, X_{n+1}, \dots).$$

Then $\mathbb{P}[A] = 0$ or $\mathbb{P}[A] = 1$.

Proof. It shall suffice to prove that any $A \in \mathcal{T}$ is independent with itself, since the equation

$$\mathbb{P}[A] = \mathbb{P}[A \cap A] = \mathbb{P}[A]^2,$$

has the solution $\mathbb{P}[A] = 0, 1$. It shall suffice to show that \mathcal{T} is independent from $\sigma(X_n, X_{n+1}, \dots)$, for all $n \geq 1$. Note that $\sigma(X_n, X_{n+1}, \dots)$ is generated by the π -system

$$\mathcal{P}_n := \left\{ \bigcap_{j=1}^k X_{n_j}^{-1}(B_{n_j}) : n \leq n_1 < \dots < n_k \text{ and } B_{n_j} \in \mathcal{B}(E), 1 \leq j \leq k \right\},$$

and for any $\bigcap_{j=1}^k X_{n_j}^{-1}(B_{n_j}) \in \mathcal{P}_n$, we choose the highest number $m \geq 1$ such that X_m is not

independent with X_n for some $1 \leq n \leq n_k$, and we have $A \in \sigma(X_{m+1}, X_{m+2}, \dots)$ --since $\mathcal{T} \subset \sigma(X_{m+1}, X_{m+2}, \dots)$ --which is independent from $\sigma(X_1, \dots, X_{n_k})$ containing

$$\bigcap_{j=1}^k X_{n_j}^{-1}(B_{n_j}). \quad \square$$

Example 8. Unfortunately, **Kolmogorov's 0-1 Law** does not hold for infinitely often independent sequences. Let $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of independent coin flip random variables, where $X_n := 1$ if the coin turns up heads (with $1/2$ probability) and 0 otherwise. Let $Y_{2n-1} := X_1$, and $Y_{2n} := n^{-1}X_n$. Note that $\{Y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is almost independent since $\{Y_{2n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is independent, we find since $Y_{2n} \leq n^{-1}$, we have $Y_{2n} \rightarrow 0$ \mathbb{P} -a.s. as $n \rightarrow +\infty$, and

$$\mathbb{P}[\forall n (Y_{2n-1} = 1)] = \mathbb{P}[X_1 = 1] = \frac{1}{2},$$

$$\mathbb{P}[\forall n (Y_{2n-1} = 0)] = \mathbb{P}[\Omega \setminus [\forall n (Y_{2n-1} = 1)]] = \frac{1}{2},$$

and it follows that $\mathbb{P}[Y_n \rightarrow 0] = \frac{1}{2}$, even though $\{\omega : Y_n(\omega) \rightarrow Y(\omega)\}$ is a tail event of $\{Y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

Next, we see whether the **Second Borel Cantelli Lemma** holds for eventually independent and/or infinitely often independent random variables. Here's our results, starting with the affirmative result for eventually independent sequences!

Theorem 9. (*Second Borel Cantelli Lemma for Eventually Independent Sequences*) If $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an eventually independent sequence of outcomes, then

$$\mathbb{P}[A_n \text{ occurs i.o.}] = 0 \implies \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}[A_n] < +\infty.$$

Outline of Proof. We shall prove the the contrapositive result of

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}[A_n] = +\infty \implies \mathbb{P}[A_n \text{ occurs i.o.}] = 1.$$

We shall recursively choose a subsequence $\{A_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ so that $A_{n_1} := A_1$ and then a choice of n_{k+1} such that $A_{n_{k+1}}$ is independent from A_{n_1}, \dots, A_{n_k} and

$$\mathbb{P}[A_{n_{k+1}}] \geq \sup \left\{ \mathbb{P}[A_n] : A_n \text{ is independent of } A_{n_1}, A_{n_2}, \dots, A_{n_k} \right\} - k^{-1}.$$

We find by construction that $\{A_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an independent sequence and we can show that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}[A_{n_k}] = +\infty,$$

and we conclude by the original Borel Cantelli Lemma that

$$\mathbb{P}[A_n \text{ occurs i.o.}] \geq \mathbb{P}[A_{n_k} \text{ occurs i.o.}] = 1. \quad \square$$

Unfortunately, while you may think at first the **Second Borel-Cantelli Lemma** holds for infinitely often independent sequences of events, you would be mistaken. This next counterexample shows that the **Second Borel-Cantelli Lemma** (and more specifically the converse of the **First Borel Cantelli Lemma**) fails for such sequences:

Example 8. Let $\Omega := [0, 1]^2$, $\mathbb{P} := m_{[0,1]} \otimes m_{[0,1]}$, where $m_{[0,1]}$ is the Lebesgue measure on $[0, 1]$. For $n \geq 1$, set

$$A_{2n-1} := \left\{ \omega := (\omega_1, \omega_2) \in \Omega : \omega_1 \leq n^{-1} \right\},$$

$$A_{2n} := \left\{ \omega := (\omega_1, \omega_2) \in \Omega : \omega_2 \leq n^{-1} \right\}.$$

Note that for all $n, m \geq 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}[A_{2n-1} \cap A_{2m}] &= (m_{[0,1]} \otimes m_{[0,1]})([0, n^{-1}] \times [0, m^{-1}]) \\
&= m_{[0,1]}([0, n^{-1}]) \cdot m_{[0,1]}([0, m^{-1}]) \\
&= [m_{[0,1]}([0, n^{-1}]) \cdot m_{[0,1]}([0, 1])] \cdot [m_{[0,1]}([0, 1]) \cdot m_{[0,1]}([0, m^{-1}])] \\
&= (m_{[0,1]} \otimes m_{[0,1]})([0, n^{-1}] \times [0, 1]) \cdot (m_{[0,1]} \otimes m_{[0,1]})([0, 1] \times [0, m^{-1}]), \\
&= \mathbb{P}[A_{2n-1}] \cdot \mathbb{P}[A_{2m}],
\end{aligned}$$

and we've shown that $\{A_{2n-1}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is independent with $\{A_{2n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, and hence $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an infinitely often independent sequence of events. Since we have

$$A_n \text{ occurs i.o.} \iff \omega_1, \omega_2 \leq n^{-1} \text{ i.o. for all } n \geq 1 \iff \omega_1 = \omega_2 = 0,$$

it follows that

$$\mathbb{P}[A_n \text{ occurs i.o.}] = \mathbb{P}[(\omega_1, \omega_2) = (0, 0)] = 0.$$

However, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}[A_n] &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}[A_{2n-1}] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}[A_{2n}] \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [m_{[0,1]}([0, n^{-1}]) \cdot m_{[0,1]}([0, 1])] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [m_{[0,1]}([0, 1]) \cdot m_{[0,1]}([0, n^{-1}])] \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-1} \\
&= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-1} \\
&= +\infty,
\end{aligned}$$

and we've shown the failure of the **Second Borel Cantelli Lemma** for $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

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Theorem 9. If $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a pairwise independent \mathcal{H} -valued sequence such that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$

converges in \mathbb{P} , then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$ converges \mathbb{P} -a.s.

Source: modification of Billingsley, Theorem 22.6 (page 289)

%TALK MORE ABOUT (IN REMARK 1) WHERE THE PROOF IS A SIMILAR/DIFFERENT STRATEGY TO THE BILLINGSLEY PROOF

Remark 1. Note that since the setting of the theorem is Hilbert-valued, and more generally Banach-valued (instead of \mathbb{R} -valued in Billingsley), it's important in the proof of this theorem to know what $\text{Var}(X)$ means for any Banach-valued random variable X . We define

$$\text{Var}(X) := \mathbb{E}[\|X - \mathbb{E}[X]\|^2],$$

and note that in the special case where X is Hilbert-valued, since $\|h\|^2 := \langle h, h \rangle$, for $h \in \mathcal{H}$, we also have

$$\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[\langle X - \mathbb{E}[X], X - \mathbb{E}[X] \rangle],$$

and more generally

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[\langle X - \mathbb{E}[X], Y - \mathbb{E}[Y] \rangle],$$

which sadly is only a defined concept in Hilbert-valued random variables, and hence why **Theorem 9** is proved in the Hilbert Space setting, however in *Remark 2*, I explain how these ideas can probably be generalized in the Banach-Space setting as well.

Outline of Proof. Suppose that $Y := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$ converges in \mathbb{P} . We want to show that

$$S_n := \sum_{j=1}^n X_j \rightarrow Y \text{ } \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.}$$

We shall first suppose that $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is such that $\mathbb{E}[X_n] = 0$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{Var}(X_n) < +\infty$ and show that $\mathbb{P}[S_n \not\rightarrow Y] = 0$. Note that

$$\mathbb{P}[S_n \not\rightarrow Y] = \mathbb{P}\left[\bigcup_{\epsilon \in \mathbb{Q}^+} \bigcap_{N \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup_{n \geq N} \{\|S_n - Y\| \geq \epsilon\}\right] = \sup_{\epsilon \in \mathbb{Q}^+} \mathbb{P}[\|S_n - Y\| \geq \epsilon \text{ i.o.}],$$

and it shall suffice to show that for every $\epsilon > 0$ we have $\mathbb{P}[||S_n - Y|| \geq \epsilon \text{ i.o.}] = 0$. Observe that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}[||S_n - Y|| \geq \epsilon \text{ i.o.}] &= \inf_{N \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{P}[\exists n \geq N ||S_n - Y|| \geq \epsilon] \\ &= \inf_{N \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{P}\left[\sup_{n \geq N} ||S_n - Y|| \geq \epsilon\right].\end{aligned}\quad (1)$$

From the hypotheses of $\mathbb{E}[X_n] = 0$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{Var}(X_n) < +\infty$, we compute that for all $N \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$\text{Var}\left(\sup_{n \geq N} ||S_n - Y||^2\right) = \sum_{j=N+1}^{\infty} \text{Var}(X_j), \quad (2)$$

so by applying Chebyshev's Inequality to (1) and (2), we conclude that given $\epsilon > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}[||S_n - Y|| \geq \epsilon \text{ i.o.}] &= \inf_{N \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{P}\left[\sup_{n \geq N} ||S_n - Y|| \geq \epsilon\right] \\ &\leq \inf_{N \in \mathbb{N}} \epsilon^{-2} \text{Var}\left(\sup_{n \geq N} ||S_n - Y||^2\right) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \epsilon^{-2} \sum_{j=N+1}^{\infty} \text{Var}(X_j) \\ &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we prove the theorem for any independent sequence of \mathcal{H} -valued sequence $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ using truncation. We first extend the result to ANY sequence such that with

$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \text{Var}(X_j) < +\infty$, which can be done by the fact that we've shown that for any $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

such that $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \text{Var}(X_j) < +\infty$, we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} [X_j - \mathbb{E}[X_j]] = Y - \mathbb{E}[Y] \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.} \quad (3)$$

hence we subtract $Y = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} X_j$ in \mathbb{P} by (3) to get $\mathbb{E}[X_j] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[Y]$ in $\mathbb{P} \implies \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X_j] = \mathbb{E}[Y]$,

regularly (and therefore \mathbb{P} -a.s.), since $\{\mathbb{E}[X_n]\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, Y are constants, hence we add

$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X_j] = \mathbb{E}[Y]$ by (3) to get $Y = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} X_j$ \mathbb{P} -a.s.

To proceed with truncation for every $X \in \mathcal{L}^0(\Omega; \mathcal{H})$, for $a > 0$, set

$$X^{(a)} := \mathbf{1}_{\|X\| \leq a} X,$$

and note that for each $q \in \mathbb{N}$, we find $Y_q := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} X_j^{(2^{-j}q)}$ converges in \mathbb{P} and since

$$\left\| \left\| X_j^{(2^{-j}q)} \right\|, \left\| \mathbb{E} \left[X_j^{(2^{-j}q)} \right] \right\| \right\| \leq 2^{-j}q, \text{ we moreover find that } \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \text{Var} \left(X_j^{(2^{-j}q)} \right) < +\infty,$$

hence $\sum_{j=1}^n X_j^{(2^{-j}q)} \rightarrow Y_q$ \mathbb{P} -a.s. as $n \rightarrow +\infty$. So using diagonalization with the fact that

$$\sum_{j=m}^n X_j^{(2^{-j}q)} \rightarrow \sum_{j=m}^n X_j \text{ } \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s. gives us the conclusion that } S_n \rightarrow Y \text{ } \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s. as } n \rightarrow +\infty. \quad \square$$

Remark 2. A few additional remarks on the proof itself:

2.1. Even though the argument is long and detailed, this proof is ultimately still an outline because (2) is an argument that wasn't fully derived and explain (I first want to write some notes on expectation and covariance in the Hilbert Space setting, and make sure understanding of the properties are correct, before I do this). We shall fully explain this derivation in a future draft.

2.2. I conjecture that even though the covariance operation cannot be defined in a general Banach Space setting, this theorem generalizes in the Banach Space setting, since any sequence of Banach-valued random variables can be analyzed in a countable dimensional subspace, where a notion of covariance can be talked about. Though note that this idea is not as easily executable as one would think, since the countable dimensional subspace obtained using the **Graham-Schmidt Process** is randomly determined, which somewhat complicates the process of finding a notion of covariance since a careful effort needs to be done (rather than straight-up using the **Axiom of Choice** to determine the Hilbert-Basis, for every $\omega \in \Omega$) to make sure it's both well-defined and measurable.

2.3. If the conjecture described in *section 2.2* of this remark is correct, then **Theorem 10** can be generalized to Banach Spaces, assuming the needed properties of characteristic functions hold in the Banach Space setting (see *Remark 3*).

Theorem 10. Let $\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ and be independent \mathcal{H} -valued random variables, and let μ_{S_n} be the distribution of $S_n := X_1 + \cdots + X_n$. If $\mu_{S_n} \Rightarrow \mu$, then the random series $Y := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} X_k$ converges almost surely.

Source: Ledoux, Theorem 6.1 (page 151)

%TALK ABOUT FINITE-DIMENSIONAL VERSION OF THIS THEOREM IN FUTURE DRAFTS

Remark 3.

3.1. The proof given in the previous source, while "more efficient" in the sense of not taking a long time, uses much more advanced machinery (I shall elaborate further what I mean by this in a future draft). Therefore, the proof using simpler ideas, at the slight cost of length, could be a boon to a probability theorist showing this theorem works in an accessible way.

3.2.

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Note that in this proof, we use characteristic functions in the Banach space setting, which is defined as follows: Given an X -valued measure μ , we define the **Characteristic Function** $\varphi_{\mu} : X^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ of μ to be the function defined by

$$\varphi_{\mu}(\phi) := \int e^{i\phi(x)} d\mu(x).$$

In this specific setting, we have an \mathcal{H} -valued random variable X with distribution μ_X , with the Characteristic Function $\varphi_X : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ (noting that \mathcal{H} is reflexive) defined by

$$\varphi_X(h) := \varphi_{\mu_X}(h) = \int e^{i\langle h, x \rangle} d\mu_X(x) = \mathbb{E}[e^{i\langle h, X \rangle}].$$

I'll explain this in more detail in a section of its own in a future draft, but generalizations of the **Uniqueness Theorem** do hold, where there is a one-to-one correspondence between X -valued measure μ (and hence the distribution of an X -valued random variable X) and its characteristic function φ_{μ} of μ (and hence the characteristic function φ_X of X). It also holds

that given a sequence $\{X_n\}$ such that $X_n \Rightarrow X$, we have $\varphi_{X_n} \rightarrow \varphi_X$ pointwise.

However, the Continuity Theorem doesn't hold in the Banach/Hilbert Space setting, i.e., if $\varphi_{X_n} \rightarrow \varphi$, pointwise for some $\varphi : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ continuous at $h = 0$, it doesn't hold true in general (though it famously does in the finite dimensional case) that there exists some $X \in \mathcal{L}^0(\mathbb{P}; \mathcal{H})$ such that $X_n \Rightarrow X$, and moreover not every continuous function $\varphi : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with $\varphi(0) = 1$ has some measure μ such that $\varphi = \varphi_\mu$ (i.e. the one-to-one correspondence is not surjective).

I hope to write in both reports and future drafts of this paper information about these aforementioned properties of Characteristic Functions in the Banach/Hilbert Space in further--and hopefully more rigorous--detail. But needless to say, the limitations all makes utilizing Characteristic Functions to prove this theorem is rather complicated; some might even say "suicide".

3.3. Nevertheless, while Characteristic Functions outright prove weak convergence of a sequence *all by themselves*, it *does prove convergence* of a *tight* sequence if via the use of Characteristic Functions a consistent limit is established. The proof is then divided into the following steps:

Step 1: Prove weak convergence of the series $\sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} X_k$, for every $m \geq 1$. While one would

think this is trivial given the hypotheses that $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} X_k$ converges weakly and independence of

$\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, it ends up being harder than what meets the eye, since as mentioned in 3.2, we cannot simply use **The Continuity Theorem**. Thankfully, we can use the tightness of

$\{S_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ established by hypotheses to prove tightness of $\left\{ \sum_{k=m+1}^n X_k \right\}_{n \geq m} = \{S_n - S_m\}_{n \geq m}$,

given $m \geq 1$, then we can use Characteristic Functions to prove that the subsequence limits

all agree, establishing weak convergence of $\sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} X_k$.

Step 2: Take the limits μ_m of $\{\mu_{S_n - S_m}\}_{n \geq m}$, for each $m \geq 1$, and show that $\mu_m \Rightarrow \delta_0$ as $m \rightarrow +\infty$. This is done using similar techniques to **Step 1**: Again by first showing that $\{\mu_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ is tight (which follows as an easy extension of proving tightness of

$\left\{ \sum_{k=m+1}^n X_k \right\}_{n \geq m}$), and then using Characteristic Functions to show that the subsequence

limits all agree at δ_0 .

Step 3: Use the fact that $\mu_{S_n - S_m} \Rightarrow \mu_m$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$ and $\mu_m \Rightarrow \delta_0$ as $m \rightarrow +\infty$ (which we established in Step 1 and Step 2) to show that there exists a subsequence $\{S_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that $S_{n_k} \rightarrow S$, for some $S \in \mathcal{L}^0(\mathbb{P}; \mathcal{H})$, in \mathbb{P} as $k \rightarrow +\infty$.

Step 4: Use once again similar methods of **Step 1** and **Step 2**, i.e., tightness followed by Characteristic Functions, to show that $S - S_n \Rightarrow 0$, which in turn (since the limit is a

constant) implies that $S - S_n \rightarrow 0$ in \mathbb{P} , hence $S_n \rightarrow S$ in \mathbb{P} , and our conclusion that $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} X_k$ converges almost surely further follows by **Theorem 9** and independence of $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

3.4. With the "outline" of the proof being as long as it is (close to four pages!), you might wonder why this proof is considered an outline? First and foremost is the issue of this proof being "too long" and perhaps the general strategy--as well as the manner the proof was written--could be done more efficiently. Some of the argument (particularly the argument pertaining to tightness) could be done more efficiently. The other issue concerning the lack of rigor with this proof is that some of the functional analysis/topological claims have been somewhat handwaved and need to be fully vetted.

%MAKE SURE TO REFERENCE RELEVANT WHAT THE RELEVANT THEOREMS ARE AND CITE THE SOURCES

Outline of Proof. It shall suffice by the previous theorem to prove that $S_n \rightarrow Y$ in \mathbb{P} as $n \rightarrow +\infty$. Choose probability measure μ such that $\mu_{S_n} \Rightarrow \mu$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$.

Given $k \geq 1$, we first claim that $\mu_{X_{m+1}} * \mu_{X_{m+2}} * \cdots * \mu_{X_n} = \mu_{S_n - S_m} \Rightarrow \mu_m$ for some probability measure μ_m as $n \rightarrow +\infty$. Note by repeated use of independence we have

$$\mu_{X_{m+1}} * \mu_{X_{m+2}} * \cdots * \mu_{X_n} = \mu_{X_{m+1} + X_{m+2} + \cdots + X_n} = \mu_{S_n - S_m},$$

First, we show that given $k \geq 1$, the sequence $\{\mu_{S_n - S_m}\}_{n \geq m}$ is tight, which in turn by **Pohorov's Theorem** implies existence of a converging subsequence (i.e. sequential compactness). Let $\epsilon > 0$. Choose compact $K \subset \mathcal{H}$ such that $\mu_{S_n}(K^c) \leq \epsilon/2$, for all $n \geq 1$. Note that some elementary principles of functional analysis (to which I shall reference in a later draft) tell us that K is contained in some finite dimensional subspace $X_K \subset X$.

Furthermore, it follows that K is contained in a X_K -open ball $K \subset B_{X_K}(0, M)$, for $M > 0$ sufficiently large such that $K \subset B_{X_K}(0, M)$. Set

$$K' := \overline{B_{X_K}(0, 2M)},$$

and note that $K \subset K'$ and moreover by the **Heinel-Borel Theorem** that K' is compact. We find that for every $n \geq m$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{S_n - S_m}((K')^c) &= \mathbb{P}[||S_n - S_m|| > 2M \vee S_n - S_m \notin X_K] \\ &\leq \mathbb{P}[S_m \in B_{X_K}(0, M) \wedge (||S_n - S_m|| \geq 2M \vee S_n \notin X_K)] + \mathbb{P}[S_m \notin B_{X_K}(0, M)] \\ &\leq \mathbb{P}[||S_m|| \leq M \wedge (||S_n - S_m|| - ||S_m|| \geq M \vee S_n \notin X_K)] + \mathbb{P}[S_m \notin B_{X_K}(0, M)] \\ &= \mathbb{P}[||S_m|| \leq M \wedge (||S_n - S_m|| - ||-S_m|| \geq M \vee S_n \notin X_K)] + \mathbb{P}[S_m \notin B_{X_K}(0, M)] \\ &\leq \mathbb{P}[||S_n - S_k - (-S_k)|| \geq M] \vee S_n \notin X_K + \mathbb{P}[S_k \notin B_{X_K}(0, M)] \\ &= \mu_{S_n}(B_{X_K}(0, M)^c) + \mu_{S_m}(B_{X_K}(0, M)^c) \\ &\leq \mu_{S_n}(K^c) + \mu_{S_m}(K^c) \\ &\leq \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 \\ &= \epsilon, \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

and the condition of tightness is met.

Next, to show weak convergence of $\{S_n - S_k\}_{n \geq k}$, we show that for any weakly converging subsequence $\{S_{n_j} - S_m\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$, we have $\mu_{S_{n_j} - S_m} \Rightarrow \mu_m$, for the same μ_m . Note that for every $h \in \mathcal{H}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \varphi_{X_j}(h) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \prod_{k=1}^n \varphi_{X_i}(h) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \prod_{k=1}^n \mathbb{E}[e^{i\langle h, X_j \rangle}] = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{E}\left[\prod_{k=1}^n e^{i\langle h, X_j \rangle}\right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{E}[e^{i\langle h, X_1 + \dots + X_n \rangle}] = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi_{X_1 + \dots + X_n}(h) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi_{S_n}(h) = \varphi_{\mu}(h), \end{aligned}$$

hence $\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \varphi_{X_k}(h)$ is well-defined, and it follows that $\prod_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \varphi_{X_j}(h)$ is well-defined. It

immediately follows from **The Uniqueness Thoerem** and the fact that any limit μ' of any subsequence $\{\mu_{S_{n_j} - S_m}\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ has characteristic function

$$\varphi_{\mu'}(h) = \lim_{j \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi_{S_{n_j} - S_m}(h) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi_{X_{m+1} + \dots + X_{n_j}}(h) = \lim_{j \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{E}[e^{i\langle h, X_{m+1} + \dots + X_{n_j} \rangle}]$$

$$= \lim_{j \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{E} \left[\prod_{k=1}^{n_j} e^{i\langle h, X_k \rangle} \right] = \lim_{j \rightarrow +\infty} \prod_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \varphi_{X_k}(h) = \prod_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \varphi_{X_k}(h) \quad (5)$$

and we conclude that $\mu_{S_n - S_m} \Rightarrow \mu_m$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$.

Next, we claim that $\mu_m \Rightarrow \delta_0$ as $m \rightarrow +\infty$. First, we show that μ_m is tight. Given $\epsilon > 0$, by tightness of $\{\mu_{S_n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, we can choose compact $K \subset \mathcal{H}$ such that $\mu_{S_n}(K^c) \leq \epsilon/4$, and it follows by a similar derivation as (4), we can choose compact $K' \supset K$ such that for all $n > m \geq 1$, we have

$$\mu_{S_n - S_m}((K')^c) \leq \mu_{S_n}(K^c) + \mu_{S_m}(K^c) < \epsilon/4 + \epsilon/4 = \epsilon/2. \quad (6)$$

Next, since $(K')^c$ is open, and $\mu_m((K')^c) \leq \liminf_n \mu_{S_n - S_m}((K')^c)$, we can choose $n_m \geq m$ such that

$$\mu_m((K')^c) \leq \mu_{S_{n_m} - S_m}((K')^c) + \epsilon/2, \quad (7)$$

and we conclude by (6) and (7) that

$$\mu_m((K')^c) \leq \mu_{S_{n_m} - S_m}((K')^c) + \epsilon/2 \leq \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon.$$

To finish the proving the claim that $\mu_m \Rightarrow \delta_0$ as $m \rightarrow +\infty$, it remains to show that for given a weakly converging subsequence $\{\mu_{m_j}\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$, we have $\mu_{m_j} \Rightarrow \delta_0$. Since $\varphi_{\mu_{m_j}}(h) = \prod_{k=m_j+1}^{\infty} \varphi_{X_k}(h)$ by (5), we find that for all $h \in \mathcal{H}$, we have

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi_{\mu_{m_j}}(h) = \lim_{j \rightarrow +\infty} \prod_{k=m_j+1}^{\infty} \varphi_{X_k}(h) = 1 = e^0 = \int e^{i\langle h, x \rangle} d\delta_0(x) = \varphi_{\delta_0}(h), \quad (8)$$

and we conclude by **The Uniqueness Theorem** that $\mu_{m_j} \Rightarrow \delta_0$.

Now we use the above claims to prove that there exists a subsequence $\{S_{n_j}\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ of $\{S_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that S_{n_j} converges in \mathbb{P} as $j \rightarrow +\infty$. Since we've shown by the claims that for each $j \geq 1$, we have $\mu_{S_n - S_m} \Rightarrow \mu_m$, for some probability measures μ_m , as $n \rightarrow +\infty$ and $\mu_m \Rightarrow \delta_0$ as $m \rightarrow +\infty$, we can for each $j \geq 1$ recursively choose n_j as follows: For $j = 1$, set $n_j := 1$, and for $j > 1$, choose $n_j > n_{j-1}$ sufficiently large such that for $n \geq n_j$, we have

$$\mu_{S_n - S_{n_j}}(B_{\mathcal{H}}(0, j^{-1})^c) < \mu_{n_k}(B_{\mathcal{H}}(0, j^{-1})^c) + \frac{1}{2}j^{-1}, \text{ and}$$

$$\mu_n(B_{\mathcal{H}}(0, k^{-1})^c) < \delta_0(B_{\mathcal{H}}(0, k^{-1})^c) + \frac{1}{2}j^{-1}.$$

It follows that for $k \geq j$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}[||S_{n_k} - S_{n_j}|| \geq j^{-1}] &= \mu_{S_{n_k} - S_{n_j}}(B_{\mathcal{H}}(0, j^{-1})^c) < \mu_{n_j}(B_{\mathcal{H}}(0, j^{-1})^c) + \frac{1}{2}j^{-1} \\ &< \delta_0(B_{\mathcal{H}}(0, j^{-1})^c) + \frac{1}{2}j^{-1} + \frac{1}{2}j^{-1} = j^{-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Now we show that $\{S_{n_j}\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is Cauchy in \mathbb{P} , which in turn shows that $\{S_{n_j}\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges in \mathbb{P} . Given $\epsilon_0 > 0$, we find that for $j_2 > j_1 \geq 1$ sufficiently large, we find by (9) that

$$\mathbb{P}[||S_{n_{j_2}} - S_{n_{j_1}}|| \geq \epsilon_0] = O(\mathbb{P}[||S_{n_{j_2}} - S_{n_{j_1}}|| \geq j_1^{-1}]) = O(j_1^{-1}),$$

which in turn show that

$$\mathbb{P}[||S_{n_{j_2}} - S_{n_{j_1}}|| \geq \epsilon_0] \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } j_1, j_2 \rightarrow +\infty$$

Now, choose $S \in \mathcal{L}^0(\mathbb{P}; \mathcal{H})$ such that $S_{n_j} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} S$ as $j \rightarrow +\infty$. It remains to show that $S_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} S$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$. We shall do this by showing that $S - S_n \Rightarrow 0$, i.e., $\mu_{S - S_n} \Rightarrow \delta_0$, which in turn (since the limit is a constant) shows that $S - S_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0 \implies S_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} S$. First, we prove tightness of $\{S - S_n\}$. Given $\epsilon > 0$, since , we find by tightness of $\{S_{n'} - S_n\}_{n' \geq n}$ that we can choose a compact set $K \subset \mathcal{H}$ such that for $n' \geq n$, we have

$$\mu_{S_{n'} - S_n}(K^c) \leq \epsilon/2. \quad (10)$$

Next, since $S_{n_k} - S_n \Rightarrow S - S_n$ as $k \rightarrow +\infty$, we can choose $k \geq 1$ sufficiently large such that $n_k \geq n$ and

$$\mu_{S - S_n}(K^c) \leq \mu_{S_{n_k} - S_n}(K) + \epsilon/2. \quad (11)$$

It then follows by (10) and (11) that

$$\mu_{S-S_n}(K^c) \leq \mu_{S_{n_k}-S_n}(K) + \epsilon/2 \leq \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon,$$

proving tightness.

Next, to show that $\{S - S_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ as a tight sequence in fact converges to 0, note that given any subsequence $\{\mu_{S_{n_j}-S_n}\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ converging to μ' , we find by the **Dominated Convergence Theorem** and (8) that we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{\mu'}(h) &= \lim_{j \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi_{S-S_{n_j}}(h) = \lim_{j \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{E}[e^{i\langle h, S-(X_1+\dots+X_{n_j}) \rangle}] \\ &= \lim_{j \rightarrow +\infty} \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{E}\left[\exp\left(i\left\langle h, \sum_{s=1}^{n_k} [X_s] - \sum_{k=1}^{n_j} [X_s] \right\rangle\right)\right] = \lim_{j \rightarrow +\infty} \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{E}\left[\exp\left(i\sum_{s=n_j}^{n_k} \langle h, X_s \rangle\right)\right] \\ &= \lim_{j \rightarrow +\infty} \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{E}\left[\prod_{s=n_j}^{n_k} \exp(i\langle h, X_s \rangle)\right] = \lim_{j \rightarrow +\infty} \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \prod_{s=n_j}^{n_k} \mathbb{E}[\exp(i\langle h, X_s \rangle)] \\ &= \lim_{j \rightarrow +\infty} \prod_{s=n_j}^{\infty} \varphi_{X_s}(h) = 1 = \varphi_{\delta_0}(h). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

%SHOW WHY TRYING TO EXTEND THIS ARGUMENT IN A DIRECT WAY TO PROVE SKORROHOD'S THEOREM WITHOUT SIMPLE FUNCTIONS FAILS

Unfortunately, the same result does not hold for eventually independent series. This can be found utilizing a counterexample inspired by a pretty familiar counterexample.

Example 11. For this example, we shall derive an important counterexample of an independent sequence $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converging in \mathbb{P} but not converging \mathbb{P} -a.s. (and more specifically, almost surely NOT converging!). Let $\Omega := [0, 1]^{\mathbb{N}}$, $\Sigma := \mathcal{B}([0, 1]^{\mathbb{N}})$, and $\mathbb{P} := \bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} m_{[0,1]}$, where $m_{[0,1]}$ is the Lebesgue measure on $[0, 1]$. Set $X_n := \mathbb{1}_{A_n}$ where

$$A_n := \left\{ \omega \in \Omega : \omega(n) \leq n^{-1} \right\},$$

for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$. By construction, we find that $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is independent and

$$\mathbb{P}[X_n = 1] = \mathbb{P}[A_n] = \frac{1}{n}, \quad \mathbb{P}[X_n = 0] = \mathbb{P}[A_n^c] = 1 - \frac{1}{n}.$$

It follows that $X_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$. However, We find since

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}[A_n] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = +\infty,$$

we find by the **Second Borel-Cantelli Lemma** that

$$\mathbb{P}[X_n \not\rightarrow 0] = \sup_{\epsilon \in \mathbb{Q}^+ \cap (0,1]} \mathbb{P}[|X_n| \geq \epsilon \text{ i.o.}] = \mathbb{P}[A_n \text{ occurs i.o.}] = 1 \neq 0,$$

and our conclusion that $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ does not converge \mathbb{P} -a.s. is met.

Example 12. Now we shall find an example of an eventually independent series that converges in measure (and hence in distribution), but not almost surely. Let $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be as

defined in **Example 11**. Set $Y_1 := X_1$, $Y_{j+1} := X_{j+1} - X_j$, and note that $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Y_j$ is a random

series of eventually independent random variables (since Y_n is independent with Y_m for all

$m \neq n-1, n, n+1$) such that $\sum_{j=1}^n Y_j = X_n$, so it follows that $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Y_j \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0$, and hence

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Y_j \Rightarrow 0, \text{ but } \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Y_j \not\xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.}} 0.$$

%CONCLUDE BY TALKING ABOUT WHERE TO PROCEED WITH FORMULATING A
PROOF OF SKORROHOD'S THEOREM MOVING FORWARD

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%IN NEXT DRAFT CITE SOURCES THAT MENTION CHARACTERISTIC FUNCTIONS IN
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