

# Challenging Problem 11-part 3

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## 1 PROBLEM

(UGC/MATH 2018 (June set-a)-Q.106) Let  $\{X_i\}_{i \geq 1}$  be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with  $E(X_i) = 0$  and  $V(X_i) = 1$ . Which of the following are true?

- 1)  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \rightarrow 0$  in probability
- 2)  $\frac{1}{n^{3/4}} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \rightarrow 0$  in probability
- 3)  $\frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \rightarrow 0$  in probability
- 4)  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \rightarrow 1$  in probability

## 2 SOLUTION-PART 3

Here  $X_1, X_2 \dots X_n$  are i.i.d random variables and to show the argument of part 3, let us assume these are normal random variables with zero mean and unit variance.

$$X_i \sim N(0, 1)$$

Let  $S_n = X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots X_n$

Now,  $S_n$  converges in distribution a normal random variable, let us say  $U$  with zero mean. Now if we assume  $S_n/\sqrt{n}$  converges in probability at all it must be to  $U$ .

Now according to Cauchy criterion for convergence in probability, which says

The sequence  $(\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}})_{n \geq 1}$  converges in probability if and only if

$Pr(|\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{S_m}{\sqrt{m}}| \geq \epsilon) \rightarrow 0$  for every,  $\epsilon \geq 0$ , provided  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$

$$Pr(|\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{S_m}{\sqrt{m}}| \geq \epsilon) \quad (2.0.1)$$

$$= Pr(\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{S_m}{\sqrt{m}} \geq \epsilon) \quad (2.0.2)$$

$$+ Pr(\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{S_m}{\sqrt{m}} \leq -\epsilon) \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$\geq Pr(\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} \geq 2\epsilon, \frac{S_m}{\sqrt{m}} \leq \epsilon) \quad (2.0.4)$$

$$+ Pr(\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} \leq -2\epsilon, \frac{S_m}{\sqrt{m}} \geq -\epsilon) \quad (2.0.5)$$

$$\geq Pr(\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} \geq 2\epsilon) \quad (2.0.6)$$

$$+ Pr(\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} \leq -2\epsilon) \quad (2.0.7)$$

$$+ Pr(\frac{S_m}{\sqrt{m}} \leq \epsilon) \quad (2.0.8)$$

$$+ Pr(\frac{S_m}{\sqrt{m}} \geq -\epsilon) - 2 \quad (2.0.9)$$

$$(m, n \rightarrow \infty) \rightarrow 2(Q(2\epsilon) + Q(-\epsilon) - 1), \quad (2.0.10)$$

$$(2.0.11)$$

where  $Q(x) = \int_x^\infty N(0, 1)dx$

So, for any

$$\epsilon \geq 0$$

, terms inside brackets of  $(Q(2\epsilon) + Q(-\epsilon) - 1)$  is positive.

And so,  $\frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \rightarrow 0$  in probability is wrong.

This third option is not correct.