

Tutorial 9

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Recap

$$\begin{array}{l} 1. \text{ P.W.} \Rightarrow \text{a.s.} \Rightarrow \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{i.p.} \Rightarrow \text{D} \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{L}^p \Rightarrow \text{L}^q \ (1 \leq q < p) \end{array}$$

$$2. \text{ a.s.} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} P(A_n(\varepsilon)) \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0$$

3. L^2 Weak Law of Large Numbers: (X_n) be a sequence of uncorrelated RVs with $\mathbb{E}X_n = \mu$, $\text{Var}(X_n) = \sigma^2$. Then $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ converges to μ in L^2 and in probability.

4. L^1 Weak Law of Large Numbers: (X_n) be a sequence of i.i.d RVs with $\mathbb{E}X_n = \mu$. Then $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ converges to μ in probability.

5. L^4 Strong Law of Large Numbers: (X_n) be a sequence of independent RVs with bounded mean and uniformly bounded 4th central moment, i.e. $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{E}(X_n - \mathbb{E}X_n)^4 \leq B < \infty$. Then $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ converges to $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}X_i$ almost surely.

6. L^2 Strong Law of Large Numbers: (X_n) be a sequence of pairwise uncorrelated RVs with bounded mean and uniformly bounded variance, i.e., $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Var}(X_n) \leq B < \infty$. Then $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ converges to $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}X_i$ almost surely.

7. L^1 Strong Law of Large Numbers: (X_n) be a sequence of RVs with uniformly bounded absolute mean, i.e., $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{E}|X_n| \leq B < \infty$. Then $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ converges to

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8. Central Limit Theorem: (X_n) be iid sequence of RVs with $\mathbb{E}X_n = \mu$, $\text{Var}(X_n) = \sigma^2 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. Then $\frac{S_n - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}$ converges to $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ in distribution.

Exercise 1: a. Consider a sequence of iid Bernoulli RVs, (X_n) with parameter p . Define $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. State the results you can obtain from SLLN and CLT.

b. Find limiting distribution of $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^n$ where $X_i^n \sim \text{Ber}(\lambda/n)$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Sol a. SLLN: As $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{E}|X_n| = p < \infty$, $\frac{S_n}{n} \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} p$.

CLT: X_n 's are i.i.d with mean p and variance $p(1-p)$. Hence

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - p)}{\sqrt{p(1-p)n}} \xrightarrow{D} Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

b. We have that,

$$P(S_n = k) = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \cdot \frac{\lambda^k}{n^k} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-k}$$

$$\text{Now, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(S_n = k) = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1)}{n^n} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{-k}$$

$$= \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \dots 1 \cdot e^\lambda \cdot (1 - 0)^{-k}$$

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$$\therefore S_n \xrightarrow{D} Y \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda)$$

Exercise 2 A town starts a mosquito control program and the RV Z_n is the number of mosquitoes at the end of the n^{th} year ($n=0, 1, \dots$). Let X_n be the growth rate of mosquitoes in the year n , i.e., $Z_n = X_n Z_{n-1}$, $n \geq 1$. Assume that (X_n) is iid sequence of RVs with PMF

$$P(X=2) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad P(X=\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{4} \text{ and } P(X=\frac{1}{4}) = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Suppose that Z_0 is known and positive.

- Find $\mathbb{E}Z_n$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}Z_n$. What can you tell about success of the mosquito control program with the answer that you obtained?
- $W_n = \log_2 X_n$. Find $\mathbb{E}W_n$ and $\mathbb{E} \log_2 \frac{Z_n}{Z_0}$.
- Show that $\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $\log_2 \frac{Z_n}{Z_0}$ converges to α almost surely.
- Using c show that $Z_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} \beta$ for some $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ and evaluate β .

Solⁿ:

$$\text{a. } Z_n = X_n X_{n-1} \dots X_1 Z_0 = \left(\prod_{i=1}^n X_i \right) Z_0$$

Given that X_i 's are iid. hence uncorrelated and Z_0 is fixed and known. Let $Z_0 = z_0$.

$$\therefore \mathbb{E}Z_n = (\mathbb{E}X_1)^n \cdot z_0$$

$$\mathbb{E}X_1 = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{19}{16}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \mathbb{E}Z_n = \left(\frac{19}{16}\right)^n z_0$$

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$$\text{otherwise, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} EZ_n = 0$$

* We can't say nothing about $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z_n$ from this. Even $E[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z_n]$ may not be equal to $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} EZ_n$.

$$\begin{aligned} b. \quad EZ_n &= E \log_2 X_n = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \log_2 2 + \frac{1}{4} \log_2 \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \log_2 \frac{1}{4} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

c. X_n 's are i.i.d, hence, W_n 's are i.i.d. Consider the

$$\text{RV } \log_2 \frac{Z_n}{Z_0}.$$

$$\log_2 \frac{Z_n}{Z_0} = \sum_{i=1}^n \log_2 X_i = \sum_{i=1}^n W_i. \text{ It is easy to}$$

verify the condition for \mathcal{L}' SLLN and hence

$$\frac{1}{n} \log_2 \frac{Z_n}{Z_0} \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} \frac{1}{n} \cdot -\frac{1}{4} = -\frac{1}{4} (=:\alpha)$$

d. We know that if $a_n \rightarrow a$ then for any continuous function f , $f(a_n) \rightarrow f(a)$. Note that $f(x) = 2^x$ is continuous. N^c be complement of the exception set.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore N^c &= \left\{ \omega \in \Omega \mid \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \left(\frac{Z_n(\omega)}{Z_0(\omega)} \right) = -\frac{1}{4} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \omega \in \Omega \mid \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{Z_n(\omega)}{Z_0(\omega)} \right)^{1/n} = 2^{-1/4} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \omega \in \Omega \mid \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z_n(\omega) = 0 \right\} \quad \begin{aligned} & \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y = a, |a| < 1 \right. \\ & \Rightarrow \left. \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y^n = 0 \right] \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\therefore \beta = 0.$$

Exercise 3 : $[0, 1]$ is partitioned into n disjoint subintervals with lengths $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$, and the entropy of this partition is defined to be

$$h = - \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_i \log \phi_i$$

Let X_1, X_2, \dots be independent RVs having uniform dist. on $[0, 1]$, and let $Z_m(i)$ be the number that X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m lie in the i^{th} interval of the partition above. Show that

$$R_m = \prod_{i=1}^n \phi_i^{Z_m(i)}$$

Satisfies $\frac{1}{m} \cdot \log R_m \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} -h$.

Solⁿ:

We have that

$$Z_m(i) = \sum_{j=1}^m \mathbb{1}\{X_j \in I_i\} \quad \text{where } I_i \text{ is the } i^{\text{th}} \text{ interval.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log R_m &= \sum_{i=1}^n Z_m(i) \log \phi_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \mathbb{1}\{X_j \in I_i\} \log \phi_i \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}\{X_j \in I_i\} \log \phi_i \end{aligned}$$

We have that $E[\mathbb{1}\{X_j \in I_i\}] = P(X_j \in I_i) = \phi_i$

Therefore, $E \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}\{X_j \in I_i\} \log \phi_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_i \log \phi_i = -h$

and,

$$E[\log R_m] = -mh$$

By SLLN, $\frac{1}{m} \log R_m \rightarrow -h$ almost surely.

Exercise 4. Let W_1, W_2, \dots be a sequence of i.i.d. $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ RVs. Let $X_0 = 0$ and define

$$X_{n+1} = \frac{X_n + W_{n+1}}{2}, \quad n \geq 0.$$

Which RV does X_n converge in distribution to?

Solⁿ:

$$\begin{aligned} X_n &= \frac{X_{n-1} + W_n}{2} = \frac{W_n}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{X_{n-2} + W_{n-1}}{2} \right) \\ &\vdots \\ &= \frac{W_n}{2} + \frac{W_{n-1}}{2^2} + \cdots + \frac{W_1}{2^n} \end{aligned}$$

Since $(W_i : i \in \mathbb{N})$ are i.i.d., $X_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n 4^{-i} \right))$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_n \leq x) &= P\left(\frac{X_n - 0}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^n 4^{-i}}} \leq \frac{x}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^n 4^{-i}}}\right) \\ &= \phi\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^n 4^{-i}}}\right) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X_n \leq x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{X_n}(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \phi\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^n 4^{-i}}}\right) \quad [\text{as } \phi \text{ is continuous}] \\ &= \phi\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}x}{\sigma}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{D} X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \frac{\sigma^2}{3})$$