

Example of Convergence in Probability for a Nongenerate Case

Let $X \sim f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)} \mathbb{I}_{(-\infty, \infty)}(x)$ so $X \sim \text{Cauchy}(0, 1)$.

Let $Y_n \sim N(\mu, \frac{1}{n})$ independent of X .

Define the sequence of rvs $\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ by $X_n = X + Y_n$.

Claim: $X_n \xrightarrow{P} X + \mu$.

$$|X_n - (X + \mu)| = |Y_n - \mu| = |Z_n| \text{ where } Z_n \sim N(0, \frac{1}{n}).$$

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} P(|X_n - (X + \mu)| < \epsilon) &= P(|Z_n| < \epsilon) \\ &= P(-\epsilon < Z_n < \epsilon) \\ &= P(-\epsilon\sqrt{n} < \frac{Z_n - 0}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n}}} < \epsilon\sqrt{n}) \\ &= \Phi(\epsilon\sqrt{n}) - \Phi(-\epsilon\sqrt{n}) \end{aligned}$$

where Φ is the cdf of $Z \sim N(0, 1)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n - (X + \mu)| < \epsilon) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\Phi(\epsilon\sqrt{n}) - \Phi(-\epsilon\sqrt{n})) \\ &= 1 - 0 \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $X_n \xrightarrow{P} X + \mu$ where $X + \mu \sim \text{Cauchy}(\mu, 1)$.