

# Lecture 13. Convergence

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Dependence

Copulae

Sklar theorem  $\rightarrow$  any dependence can be represented by a Copula

Frechet - Hoeffding bounds

Fubini Theorem  $\int \int \rightarrow$  repeated  $\int$   
Convolutions

## Convergence of sequences of random variables

Convergence in probability

$X_n \xrightarrow{P} X$

- $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad P(|X_n - X| > \varepsilon) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$
- $\Leftrightarrow$
- $\varepsilon - \delta$  language  
 $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \delta > 0 \quad \exists N: \forall n > N$   
 $P(|X_n - X| > \varepsilon) < \delta$
- $\Leftrightarrow$
- $\sup_{k \geq N} P(|X_k - X| > \varepsilon) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0$
- $\Leftrightarrow$
- $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n - X| > \varepsilon) = 0$

Side notes:

- $x_n \in \mathbb{R}$
- $x_n \rightarrow x$   
 $n \rightarrow \infty$
- $\Leftrightarrow$  all subsequences of  $\{x_n\}$  have the same limit
- $\Leftrightarrow \sup_{n > N} |x_n - x| \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0$
- $\Leftrightarrow \limsup = \liminf$

What does it mean that  $X_n \xrightarrow{P} X$  ?

$$\forall N \exists n_1 > N : P(|X_{n_1} - X| > \varepsilon) \geq \delta > 0 \\ \text{for some } \varepsilon > 0$$

Take  $N = n_1 \Rightarrow \exists n_2 : \nearrow$  is the case, ...

$\Rightarrow \exists$  a subsequence

$$X_{n_k} : P(|X_{n_k} - X| > \varepsilon) \geq \delta > 0 \\ \text{for all } k$$

Almost sure convergence

$$X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X \quad \text{wrt } P$$

- $X_n(\omega) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} X(\omega)$  for all  $\omega \in \Omega$   
except perhaps for sets  
of  $P$ -measure 0

- $P(X_n \rightarrow X) = 1$

- $\varepsilon$ -language

$\forall \omega$  except for sets of measure 0

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N : |X_n(\omega) - X(\omega)| < \varepsilon, \\ \forall n > N$$

$\Updownarrow$

$$\sup_{k \geq n} |X_k(\omega) - X(\omega)| < \varepsilon$$

$n \rightarrow \infty$

$$k \geq n$$

$$n > N$$

Connection with limits of sets

$$\bar{A}_n = \{ \omega : |X_n(\omega) - X(\omega)| < \varepsilon \}$$

$$A_n = \{ \omega : |X_n(\omega) - X(\omega)| \geq \varepsilon \}$$

$$\bullet \rightarrow P(\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{A}_n) = 1$$

$$\bullet P(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{A}_n &= \text{not } (\bar{A}_n \text{ not happening at most finitely many times}) = \\ &= \text{not } (A_n \text{ happening at most fin. many times}) = \\ &= A_n \text{ happening } \infty \text{ many times} = \\ &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n \end{aligned}$$

What does it mean that  $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X$ ?

$$\bullet P(X_n \rightarrow X) < 1$$

$$\bullet \exists A : P(A) > 0, \quad X_n(\omega) \not\rightarrow X(\omega), \quad \forall \omega \in A$$

$\exists$  subsequence  $X_{n_k}$ :

$$|X_{n_k}(\omega) - X(\omega)| > \varepsilon,$$

$\forall k$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$

$\Downarrow$   $\forall k$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\sup_{n \geq N} |X_n - X| > \varepsilon \quad \forall N, \forall \omega \in A$$

(TH)  $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X \Rightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{P} X$

Proof: Goes by contradiction

$$\neg X_n \xrightarrow{P} X, \text{ but } X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X$$

$\Downarrow \exists$  a non-converging subsequence  $X_{n_k}$ :

$$P(|X_{n_k} - X| \geq \varepsilon) \geq \delta > 0, \forall k$$

Define these events

Consider  $A_k$   $\searrow$  sets in  $m$   
 $B_m = \bigcup_{k=m}^{\infty} A_k$

$$B = \limsup A_k = \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} B_m = \{ \text{inf \# of } A_k \text{ s are happening} \}$$

$\uparrow$  by def of  $\limsup$

$$\forall \omega \in B \quad \forall N \exists n > N :$$

$$|X_n(\omega) - X(\omega)| > \varepsilon$$

$A_n$  is happening

Note: fin or inf # of  $A_k$ s are not happening

$\Downarrow$

$$X_n(\omega) \not\rightarrow X(\omega), \forall \omega \in B$$

Let's show that  $P(B) > 0$

$$B_m \text{ are } \searrow \text{ sets } P(B_m) \geq P(\bigcup_{k=m}^{\infty} A_k) \geq P(A_m) \geq \delta > 0$$

By continuity of  $P \Rightarrow$

$$P(B_m) \rightarrow P(B) \geq \delta > 0$$

$$\leq \limsup A_n$$

$$P(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n) > 0$$

(!?) Contradiction with  $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X$

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a.s. convergence is stronger than convergence in pr

$$P \rightarrow \not\Rightarrow \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}}$$

From conv. in pr it does not follow conv. a.s.

Example: Moving impulse example

$$\mathcal{Q} = [0, 1]$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{B}([0, 1])$$

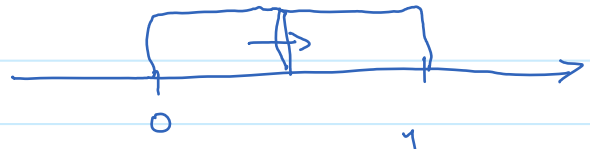
$$A_{in} = \left[ \frac{i-1}{n}, \frac{i}{n} \right], i=1, \dots, n$$

$$X_{in} = I_{A_{in}}$$

$$n=1 \quad X_{11}$$



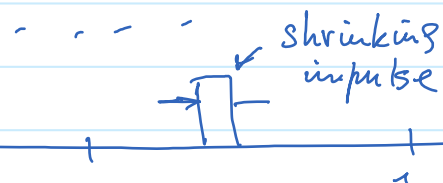
$$n=2 \quad X_{12}, X_{22}$$



$$n=3 \quad X_{13}, X_{23}, X_{33}$$



⋮



$$P(|X_{in}| > \varepsilon) = \frac{1}{n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \Rightarrow \text{We have } P \rightarrow$$

However,  $P(\{\omega : X_{in} \rightarrow 0\}) = 0 \Rightarrow$   
 we do not have  $\xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}}$

Note:

$$\mathbb{E}(|X_{in}|^r) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \Rightarrow \xrightarrow{L^r} \not\Rightarrow \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}}$$

more about  $L^r$  convergence later