

# Lecture 14. conv continued

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Convergence of sequences of r.v.

Convergence in probability  $\xrightarrow{P}$

a.s.

$\xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}}$

a.e.

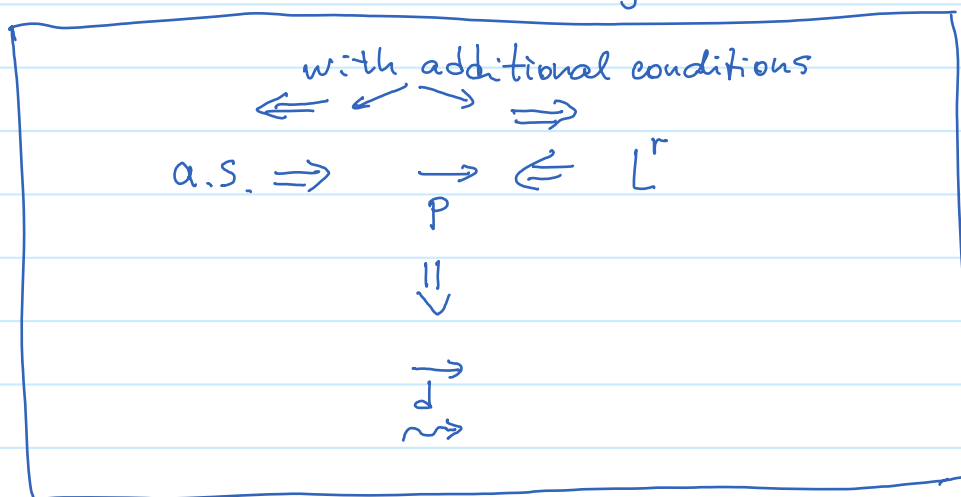
in  $L^r$

$\xrightarrow{L^r}$

$\|X_n - X\|_{L^r} \rightarrow 0$

in distribution  $\xrightarrow{d}$

weak convergence  $\rightsquigarrow$



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$\xrightarrow{P} + \text{monotonicity} \Rightarrow \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}}$

If 1)  $X_n \downarrow$  or  $\uparrow$

a.s., uniformly over  $\omega$   
wrt to  $n$  for fixed  $\omega$   
 $\rightarrow$  happens  $\forall \omega$  except perhaps  
a set of measure 0

2)  $X_n \xrightarrow{P} X$

Then  $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X$

Proof:

w/o loss of generality

$$X=0$$

$$X_n \geq 0$$

$$X_n \downarrow$$

By contradiction:  $\exists X_n \not\xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X \Rightarrow$

$\exists A : P(A) > 0$  and

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

this means

$$A \subset \left\{ \sup_{n \geq N} |X_n - X| > \varepsilon \right\}$$

$$P(A) \leq P\left(\sup_{n \geq N} |X_n - X| > \varepsilon\right)$$

$$0 < P(A) \leq P\left(\underbrace{\sup_{n \geq N} X_n}_{= X_N} > \varepsilon\right)$$

$$P(X_n > \varepsilon) \geq P(A) > \delta > 0, \quad \forall n$$

Contradicts  $X_n \xrightarrow{P} X$

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Corollary:

$$X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X \quad \text{iff} \quad \sup_{k \geq n} |X_k - X| \xrightarrow{P} 0$$

Proof:

$$X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X \quad \text{iff} \quad \sup_{k \geq n} |X_k - X| \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} 0$$

by properties of sequences of numbers  
 $x_n = X_n(\omega)$

$$x_n \rightarrow x$$

Sufficiency:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Conv. in } p \quad \sup_{k \geq n} |X_k - X| \xrightarrow{p} 0 \\ \text{monotonicity} \quad \sup_{k \geq n} |X_k - X| \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \sup_{k \geq n} |X_k - X| \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} 0$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X$$

Necessity

$$X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X \Rightarrow \sup_{k \geq n} |X_k - X| \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} 0 \xRightarrow{\text{a.s. implies } p} \Rightarrow \sup_{k \geq n} |X_k - X| \xrightarrow{p} 0$$

Yet another additional condition  $\square$

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$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(|X_n - X| > \varepsilon) < \infty, \forall \varepsilon$$

Then

$$X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X$$

series converges  
i.e.  $P(|X_n - X| > \varepsilon)$  goes  
to 0 faster than they  
otherwise could in  $\xrightarrow{p}$

Note:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(|X_n - X| > \varepsilon) < \infty \Rightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$$

Proof:

$$P\left(\bigcup_{k \geq n} \{|X_k - X| > \varepsilon\}\right) \leq \sum_{k \geq n} P(|X_k - X| > \varepsilon)$$

$\rightarrow 0$  By properties of  
sequences of numbers  
b/c series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(\dots) < \infty$

By continuity of  $P \Rightarrow$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\bigcup_{k \geq n} \{...\}\right) = P\left(\bigcap_n \bigcup_{k \geq n} \{...\}\right) =$$

$$= P\left(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{...\}\right) = 0$$

$\Uparrow$  By a.s. equiv. statement in Lecture 13  
 $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X$

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Corollary

$\exists X_n \xrightarrow{P} X$ , any such sequence

Then we can construct a subsequence that converges a.s.

Proof:

$$X_n \xrightarrow{P} X \Rightarrow P(|X_n - X| > \varepsilon) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N(k): P(|X_n - X| > \varepsilon) < \frac{1}{k^2} \quad \forall n \geq N(k)$$

Take a  $k \uparrow$  large enough

Series  $\sum \frac{1}{k^2} < \infty$  will converge (calculus)

$$\Rightarrow \sum_k P(|X_{N(k)} - X| > \varepsilon) \leq \sum_k \frac{1}{k^2} < \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow X_{N(k)} \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X$$

$\uparrow$   
by the previous Th

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$L^r$  - convergence  
 $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\Rightarrow} E(|X_n - X|^r) \rightarrow 0$

(TH)  $X_n \xrightarrow{L^r} X \Rightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{P} X$

Proof:

usually  $r \geq 1$

Chebyshev's inequality

$$P(|X_n - X|^r > \varepsilon) \leq \frac{E(|X_n - X|^r)}{\varepsilon} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

"  $P(|X_n - X| > \varepsilon^{1/r}) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$   $\forall \varepsilon > 0$

$\Rightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{P} X \quad \square$

Note:

$$X_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} X \not\Rightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{L^r} X$$

$$X_n \xrightarrow{L^r} X \not\Rightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} X \quad \text{impulse example}$$

(DF) Convergence in distribution

$$X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \text{ when}$$

CDF  $F_{X_n} \rightarrow F_X$  at each point of continuity of  $F_X$

Note: Monotonic and bounded functions can have at most a countable # of discontinuities of the bounded jump type

(DF) Weak convergence

CDF  $F_n \rightsquigarrow F$  if  $f$  continuous and bounded function  $f$

$$\mathbb{E} f(X_n) \rightarrow \mathbb{E} f(X) = \int f(x) dF(x)$$

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$$\int f(x) dF_n(x)$$

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$\xrightarrow{d}$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$\rightsquigarrow$

w/o proof