

Strong Law of Large Numbers (SLLN) {proven using Kolmogorov's inequality}

To overcome the dependence of the convergence to the σ^2 of the distribution of X we define a different kind of convergence and use the Kolmogorov inequality instead of Chebyshev's.

A sequence of random $\{Z_1, \dots, Z_n\}$
converges almost surely to c as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\text{if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[Z_n = c] = 1$$

$$Z_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{a.s.} c$$

$$\boxed{\text{If } X_i \text{ i.i.d.} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[\bar{X}_n = \mu] = 1 \text{ thus } \bar{X}_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{a.s.} \mu}$$

(*) The convergence of SLLN is uniform, as it does not depend on σ^2 , and thus does not lead to any "anomalous" behaviour as $n \gg 1$ but $\forall n \neq \infty$ {unlike the WLLN...}

There is the analogous

Continuous Mapping Theorem (CMT):

$$\boxed{\text{If } Z_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{a.s.} c \Rightarrow h(Z_n) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{a.s.} h(c) \quad \text{if } h(): \text{continuous at } c}$$

The value of LLN: Given that $E[\bar{X}_n] = \mu$ why do we care about the LLN result?

- In order to estimate μ through $\mu = E[\bar{X}_n]$ we need to take many times (if not ∞) n -sample, calculate the X_n each time and finally calculate $E[\bar{X}_n]$ to estimate μ . {This is impractical!}
- With LLN we can instead estimate $\mu \approx \bar{X}_n$ by taking only once a big enough sample ($n \gg 1$)