

# CONVERGENCE OF SEQUENCE OF RANDOM VARIABLES - SOME EXERCISES

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1. Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P) = ([0, 1], \mathcal{B}([0, 1]), \lambda)$ , where  $\lambda$  denotes the standard Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
  - (a) Let  $X_n = n \cdot 1_{[0, \frac{1}{n}]}$  (here,  $1_A$  denotes the indicator function of the set  $A$ ). Sketch the cdf of  $X_n$ , and show that  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} 0$ .
  - (b) Show that  $X_n$ 's as defined above are not independent.
2. If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E[|X_n|^p] < \infty$  for some  $p > 0$ , then show that  $X_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0$ .
3. Let  $X_n$ 's be random variables such that  $P(X_n = 0) = \frac{1}{n} = 1 - P(X_n = 1)$  for all  $n$ , and let  $X$  be such that  $P(X = 1) = 1$ . Prove that  $X_n$  converges to  $X$  in distribution and in probability (prove both separately. Do not use the fact that convergence in probability implies that in distribution).
4. Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P) = ((0, 1], \mathcal{B}([0, 1]), \lambda)$ , where  $\lambda$  denotes the standard Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ . In each of the cases below, identify the limit and the notion(s) of convergence to this limit.
  - (a)  $X_n(\omega) = n^2 \omega \cdot 1_{(0, \frac{1}{n})}(\omega)$
  - (b)  $X_n(\omega) = n\omega - \lfloor n\omega \rfloor$ , where  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denotes the largest integer less than or equal to  $x$
  - (c)  $X_n(\omega) = n \cdot \omega^n$ .
5. (*Convergence in distribution to convergence in probability*) Suppose  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} c$ , where  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  is a constant. Then, show that  $X_n \xrightarrow{i.p.} c$ .
6. Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a probability space, and let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of independent real-valued random variables defined on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ . Let  $A$  be a Borel set such that  $P(X_k \in A) = p$  for all  $k \geq 1$ , and let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots$  be another sequence of random variables defined as

$$Y_n := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n 1_{\{X_k \in A\}}.$$

In other words, the random variable  $(n \cdot Y_n)$  counts the number of times  $X_k \in A$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n$ .

- (a) Show that  $Y_n$  converges to  $p$  in probability (do not use weak law of large numbers. Show explicitly using the definition of convergence in probability).
  - (b) Does  $Y_n$  converge to  $p$  in the mean-squared sense? Justify your answer.
7. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be iid  $\text{Exp}(1)$  random variables. Define  $Y_n := \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ .

- (a) Compute the cdf of  $Y_n$ .
- (b) Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $0 < a < 1 < b$ . Show that

$$P(Y_n \leq a \log(n)) \longrightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$P(Y_n \leq b \log(n)) \longrightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

- (c) Deduce that  $\frac{Y_n}{\log(n)} \xrightarrow{d} 1$ .

8. (*Convergence in distribution need not imply convergence in probability*) Let  $X$  be a  $\text{Ber}(0.5)$  random variable. For each  $n \geq 1$ , let  $Y_n = X$ . Let  $Y = 1 - X$ .

- (a) Show that  $Y_n \xrightarrow{d} Y$ .
- (b) Show that  $Y_n$  does not converge to  $Y$  in probability.