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Q65ST.2023: Let $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ be a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables with mean 0 and variance 1, all of them defined on the same probability space. For $n=1,2,3,\dots$, let

$$Y_n = \frac{1}{n}(X_1X_2 + X_3X_4 + \dots + X_{2n-1}X_{2n}) \quad (1)$$

Then which of the following statements is/are true?

- (A) $\{\sqrt{n}Y_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ converges in distribution to a standard normal random variable.
- (B) $\{Y_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ converges in 2nd mean to 0.
- (C) $\{Y_n + \frac{1}{n}\}_{n \geq 1}$ converges in probability to 0.
- (D) $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ converges almost surely to 0.

Solution: As X_i is a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables

$$E(X_iX_{i+1}) = E(X_i)E(X_{i+1}) = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\implies E(Y_n) = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Var}(X_iX_{i+1}) = E(X_i^2X_{i+1}^2) - [E(X_iX_{i+1})]^2 = 1 \quad (4)$$

$$\implies \text{Var}(Y_n) = \frac{1}{n} \quad (5)$$

$$(6)$$

(A) Using (3) and (5),

$$E(\sqrt{n}Y_n) = 0 \quad (7)$$

$$\text{Var}(\sqrt{n}Y_n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \quad (8)$$

For some $\{Z_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ converges in distribution to Z , $Z_n \xrightarrow{d} Z$, then for all z ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{Z_n}(x) = F_Z(x) \quad (9)$$

where, $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{\sqrt{n}Y_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)} e^{-\frac{(x-0)^2}{2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)}} dx \quad (10)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(\sqrt{n}x)^2}{2}} dx \quad (11)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x)^2}{2}} dx \quad (12)$$

$$= F_Z(x) \quad (13)$$

where, $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

So, option (A) is correct

(B) For 2nd mean to be converging to 0,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(|Y_n - 0|^2) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(Y_n^2) \quad (14)$$

$$\because \frac{1}{n} = E(Y_n^2) - [E(Y_n)]^2 \quad (15)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} + [E(Y_n)]^2 \quad (16)$$

$$\because [E(Y_n)]^2 = 0 \quad (17)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0 \quad (18)$$

Thus, $\{Y_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ converges in 2nd mean to 0
Hence, option (B) is correct.

(C) For $\{Y_n + \frac{1}{n}\}_{n \geq 1}$ to be converging $Y_n + \frac{1}{n} \xrightarrow{p} 0$

$$E(Y_n + \frac{1}{n}) = \frac{1}{n} \quad (19)$$

$$\text{Var}(Y_n + \frac{1}{n}) = \frac{1}{n} \quad (20)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{Y_n + \frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(\frac{1}{n})}} e^{-\frac{(x-\frac{1}{n})^2}{2(\frac{1}{n})}} dx \quad (21)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(n^2 x - n)^2}{2}} dx \quad (22)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(nx-n)^2}{2}} dx \quad (23)$$

$$= 0 \quad (24)$$

Thus, $Y_n + \frac{1}{n} \xrightarrow{d} 0 \implies Y_n + \frac{1}{n} \xrightarrow{p} 0$

Note: This condition is only true for converges at real constants.

Hence, option (C) is correct.

(D) let $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ almost surely converges to 0. Then, $X_n \xrightarrow{p} 1$.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{X_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(1)}} e^{-\frac{(x-0)^2}{2(1)^2}} dx \quad (25)$$

$$= 0 \quad (26)$$

$$X_n \xrightarrow{d} 0 \quad (27)$$

$$\implies X_n \xrightarrow{p} 0 \quad (28)$$

Hence, option (D) is incorrect