

Math 830 Assignment Three Group Work

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1. We wish to show  $(E | X |^s)^{\frac{1}{s}} \leq (E | X |^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ . By the Holder inequality, we have  $E(|XY|) \leq (E | X |^q)^{\frac{1}{q}} (E | Y |^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ . Let  $Y = 1$  with probability  $P(Y = 1) = 1$ . Then we have will have

$$E | X | \leq (E | X |^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

For  $1 < s < p$ ,

$$E | X |^s \leq (E | X |^{ps})^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Letting  $r = ps > s$  yields  $E | X |^s \leq (E | X |^r)^{\frac{s}{r}}$ , which leads to

$$(E | X |^s)^{\frac{1}{s}} \leq (E | X |^r)^{\frac{1}{r}}.$$

Therefore

$$\|X\|_s \leq \|X\|_r.$$

Hence, if  $X_n$  converges to  $X$  in  $L_r$ , then  $X_n$  converges to  $X$  in  $L_s$  as  $E | X_n - X |^2 \leq E | X_n - X |^r \rightarrow 0$ .

Alternate Proof: Assume  $X_n \xrightarrow{L_r} X$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(|X_n - X|^r) = 0$ . For  $s$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(|X_n - X|^s) &= \int |X_n - X|^s dP \\ &= \left( \int |X_n - X|^r dP \right)^{s/r} \\ &= E(|X_n - X|^r)^{s/r}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit, since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(|X_n - X|^r) = 0$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(|X_n - X|^r)^{s/r} = 0.$$

Thus  $X_n \xrightarrow{L_s} X$ .

2. Assume  $X_n \xrightarrow{L_1} X$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then

$$P(|X_n - X| > \epsilon) \leq \frac{E(|X_n - X|)}{\epsilon},$$

by Markov's Theorem. Therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E(|X_n - X|^p)}{\epsilon^p} = 0,$$

by convergence in  $L_1$ .

3. a) Define  $X_n$  as follows:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} n & \text{with probability} = n^{-\frac{s+r}{2}} \\ 0 & \text{with probability} = 1 - n^{-\frac{s+r}{2}}. \end{array} \right\}$$

Then

$$E |X_n|^s = n^s n^{-\frac{s-r}{2}} = n^{\frac{s-r}{2}} \quad (1)$$

$$E |X_n|^r = n^r n^{-\frac{s+r}{2}} = n^{\frac{r-s}{2}} \quad (2)$$

Clearly (1) converges to 0 when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , however (2) converges to  $\infty$  when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore  $X_n \xrightarrow{L_s} X$ , but  $X_n$  does not converge to  $X$  in  $L_r$  space.

b) Define

$$X_n = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} n^2 & \text{with probability} = n^{-1} \\ 0 & \text{with probability} = 1 - n^{-1}. \end{array} \right\}$$

Clearly,  $P(|X_n - 0| \geq \epsilon) = 0 \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , but  $E |X_n| = n^2 \frac{1}{n} = n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore  $X_n \xrightarrow{P} X$ , but  $X_n$  does not converge in  $L_1$  space to  $X$ .