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Lecture 15

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I know, almost all examples are examples of *finite* sequences, but for theoretical (and practical) reasons we can assume they are infinite.

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Also, we will use a lot the CLT, say, to construct Confidence Intervals and design Tests for Hypotheses, so we need to know the CLT, and CLT is about the limit of a r.v. sequence.

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$X_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} X$ iff $\mathbb{P}(|X_n - X| < \varepsilon) \rightarrow 1$ for any $\varepsilon > 0$.

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Here $MSE(X_n, X)$ is the *Mean Square Error* (of the approximation of X by X_n).

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Remark: This is equivalent to saying that for (almost) any subsets $A \subset \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathbb{P}(X_n \in A) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(X \in A).$$

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Solution: OTB. Not a good/correct example, impossible to answer to the questions except to the first one.

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Which of the followings are true (use only the definitions):

- ▶ $X_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 3$;
- ▶ $X_n \xrightarrow{qm} 3$;
- ▶ $X_n \xrightarrow{D} 3$?

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