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Math 563, Fall 2022

Q 1. (Durrett 2.3.6.) Metric for convergence in probability. Show

Q 1.1. (a) that $d(X, Y) = \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{|X-Y|}{1+|X-Y|} \right)$ defines a metric on the set of random variables, i.e.,

1. $d(X, Y) = 0$ if and only if $X = Y$ a.s.,

2. $d(X, Y) = d(Y, X)$,

3. $d(X, Z) \leq d(X, Y) + d(Y, Z)$

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Q 1.2. and (b) that $d(X_n, X) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ if and only if $X_n \rightarrow X$ in probability.

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Q 2. (Durrett 2.3.10.) Kochen-Stone lemma. Suppose $\sum_k \mathbb{P}(A_k) = \infty$. Use Exercises 1.6.6 and 2.3.1 to show that if

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{P}(A_k))^2}{\sum_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} \mathbb{P}(A_j \cap A_k)} = \alpha > 0$$

then $\mathbb{P}(A_n \text{ i.o.}) \geq \alpha$. The case $\alpha = 1$ contains Theorem 2.3.7.

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Q 3. (Durrett 2.3.14.) Let X_1, X_2, \dots be independent. Show that $\sup X_n < \infty$ a.s. if and only if $\sum_n \mathbb{P}(X_n > A) < \infty$ for some A .

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Q 4. (Durrett 2.3.15.) Let X_1, X_2, \dots be i.i.d. with $\mathbb{P}(X_i > x) = e^{-x}$, let $M_n = \max_{1 \leq m \leq n} X_m$. Show that

Q 4.1. (i) $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n / \log n = 1$ a.s.

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Q 4.2. and (ii) $M_n / \log n \rightarrow 1$ a.s.

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Q 5. (Durrett 2.3.17.) Let Y_1, Y_2, \dots be i.i.d. Find necessary and sufficient conditions for

Q 5.1. (i) $Y_n/n \rightarrow 0$ almost surely,

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Q 5.2. (ii) $\max_{m \leq n} Y_m/n \rightarrow 0$ almost surely,

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Q 5.3. (iii) $\max_{m \leq n} Y_m/n \rightarrow 0$ in probability,

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Q 5.4. and (iv) $Y_n/n \rightarrow 0$ in probability.

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