Fall 2023

G.1 Mean-Square Law of Large Numbers

PROBLEM 1. Let $X_1, X_2, ...$ be a list of random variables which converges to the random variable X in mean square. Show that, for any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $aX_n + b \to aX + b$, as $n \to \infty$.

PROBLEM 2. Let N_m be the number of occurrences of 5 or 6 in m throws of a fair die. Show that

$$\frac{1}{m}N_m \to \frac{1}{3}$$
 in mean square

as $m \to \infty$.

G.2 Central Limit Theorem

PROBLEM 3. The fracture strength of tempered glass averages 14 (measured in thousands of pounds per square inch) and has standard deviation 2.

- a) What is the probability that the average fracture strength of 100 randomly selected pieces of this glass exceeds 14.5?
- b) Find an interval that includes, with probability 0.95, the average fracture strength of 100 randomly selected pieces of this glass.