

Chapter 2.12: Partial-Sum Processes Chapter 2.13: Other Donsker Classes

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If $\mathbb{E} Y_i = 0$ and $\text{var} Y_i = 1$: \mathbb{Z}_n converges to Brownian motion.

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If \mathcal{F} is bounded for ρ_P , then it is bounded up to a constant by

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Triangle inequality gives

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For each $1 \leq j \leq \lceil \frac{1}{\delta} \rceil$, the supremum is i.i.d., so

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$\|\mathbf{G}\|_{\mathcal{F}}$ has moments of all order, so this converges faster to zero than any power of δ as $\delta \searrow 0$.

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for $C \in \mathcal{C}$.

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Hence they are measurelike with respect to $\mu_{ni} = Y_{ni}^2 Q_{ni}$.

Theorem (2.12.6 1/2)

For each n , let Q_{n1}, \dots, Q_{nm_n} be deterministic probability measures on some measurable space, and let Y_{n1}, \dots, Y_{nm_n} be independent, real-valued random variables with mean zero, satisfying

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m_n} EY_{ni}^2 = O(1),$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m_n} EY_{ni}^2 \{ |Y_{ni}| > \eta \} \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{for every } \eta > 0.$$

Theorem (2.12.6 2/2)

Let \mathcal{C} be a class of measurable sets that satisfies the uniform-entropy condition, and assume that for some probability measure Q ,

$$\sup_{Q(C \triangle D) < \delta_n} \sum_{i=1}^{m_n} E Y_{ni}^2 (Q_{ni}(C) - Q_{ni}(D))^2 \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{for every } \delta_n \searrow 0.$$

Suppose that the covariance function $ES_n(C)S_n(D)$ converges pointwise on $\mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C}$. Then the sequence $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^{m_n} Y_{ni}Q_{ni}$ converges weakly in $\ell^\infty(\mathcal{C})$ to a tight Gaussian process with uniformly continuous sample paths with respect to the semimetric $Q(C \triangle D)$.

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is measurable for all $\delta > 0$, $(e_1, \dots, e_{m_n}) \in \{-1, 0, 1\}^{m_n}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof.

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This follows from Lemma 2.11.6:

Lemma (2.11.6, Shortened)

If \mathcal{C} satisfies (...) and

$$\int_0^\infty \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \sqrt{\log N(\epsilon \|F\|_{Q,2}, \mathcal{C}, L_2(Q))} d\epsilon < \infty$$

for \mathcal{Q} that contains μ_{ni} , and $\sum_{i=1}^{m_n} \mu_{ni} F^2 = O_P^(1)$, then Equation (*) holds.*

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