Weak convergence proof: an aside

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NB: this document is now obsolete; the subsequent lemma and proof have been added to the document "weak-convproof.tex".

Lemma 1. For any $n \leq N \in \mathbb{N}$, for all t > 0, define

$$E_t := \left\{ c_N(t) < \frac{(N-3)_{n-3}}{N^{n-3}} \left(\alpha \left(1 + \frac{2}{N-2} \right) + B_n \right)^{-1} \right\}$$
 (1)

where α and B_n are positive constants as in equation whatever. Then, for all t > 0,

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} \mathbb{P} \left[\bigcap_{r=1}^{\tau_N(t)} E_r \right] = 1. \tag{2}$$

Proof.

$$\mathbb{P}\left[\bigcap_{r=1}^{\tau_N(t)} E_r\right] = 1 - \mathbb{P}\left[\bigcup_{r=1}^{\tau_N(t)} E_r^c\right] \ge 1 - \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{r=1}^{\tau_N(t)} \mathbb{P}[E_r^c]\right]. \tag{3}$$

Using the generalised Markov inequality,

$$\mathbb{P}[E_r^c] = \mathbb{P}\left[c_N(t) \ge \frac{(N-3)_{n-3}}{N^{n-3}} \left(\alpha \left(1 + \frac{2}{N-2}\right) + B_n\right)^{-1}\right] \\
\le \mathbb{E}[c_N(r)^2] \frac{N^{2(n-3)}}{(N-3)_{n-3}^2} \left(\alpha \left(1 + \frac{2}{N-2}\right) + B_n\right)^2.$$
(4)

Now

$$\mathbb{P}\left[\bigcap_{r=1}^{\tau_{N}(t)} E_{r}\right] \geq 1 - \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{r=1}^{\tau_{N}(t)} \mathbb{E}[c_{N}(r)^{2}] \frac{N^{2(n-3)}}{(N-3)_{n-3}^{2}} \left(\alpha \left(1 + \frac{2}{N-2}\right) + B_{n}\right)^{2}\right] \\
= 1 - \frac{N^{2(n-3)}}{(N-3)_{n-3}^{2}} \left(\alpha \left(1 + \frac{2}{N-2}\right) + B_{n}\right)^{2} \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{r=1}^{\tau_{N}(t)} c_{N}(r)^{2}\right] \\
\stackrel{N\to\infty}{\to} 1 - (\alpha + B_{n})^{2} \times 0 = 1. \tag{5}$$

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