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Lecture 5

Reading: Notes, Section 5.1.

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$$\therefore E[M_n] = E[S_n] = E[X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n] = n \cdot E[X_0] = 0$$

$$\therefore \underline{E[|M_n|] = 0 < \infty}$$

$$E[M_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n] = E[S_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n]$$

$$= E[S_n + X_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n]$$

$$= E[X_{n+1}] + E[S_n | \mathcal{F}_n]$$

$$= 0 + S_n = S_n = M_n$$

\therefore it is martingale

2. $\text{Var}(X_j) = E[X_j^2] - (E[X_j])^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1^2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot (-1)^2 - 0 = 1$

$$\therefore \text{Var}(S_n) = n \text{Var}(X_0) = n$$

$$E[M_n] = E[S_n^2] = \text{Var}[S_n] + (E[S_n])^2 = n + 0^2 = n$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
E[M_{n+1} | F_n] &= E[(S_n + X_{n+1})^2 | F_n] \\
&= E[S_n^2 | F_n] + 2E[S_n X_{n+1} | F_n] + E[X_{n+1}^2 | F_n] \\
&= S_n^2 + 2S_n E(X_{n+1}) + E(X_{n+1}^2) \\
&= S_n^2 + 2 \cdot S_0 \cdot 0 + 1 = S_n^2 + 1 \geq M_n \\
\therefore E[M_{n+1} | F_n] &\geq M_n \\
\therefore \text{it is a submartingale}
\end{aligned}$$

3. $E[X_j^3] = \frac{1}{2}(1)^3 + \frac{1}{2}(-1)^3 = 0$

$$E[M_n] = E[S_n^3] = E[\underbrace{X_1^3 + \dots + X_n^3}_{=0} + \underbrace{\text{rest}}_{\text{rest is 0 because term } E(X_j)=0}] = 0 < \infty$$

$\therefore E[|M_n|] = 0 < \infty$

$$E[M_{n+1} | F_n] = E[(S_n + X_{n+1})^3 | F_n]$$

$$= E[S_n^3 | F_n] + 3S_n E[X_{n+1}^2 | F_n] + 3S_n^2 E[X_{n+1} | F_n] + E[X_{n+1}^3 | F_n]$$

$$= S_n^3 + 3S_n \cdot 1 + 3S_n^2 \cdot 0 + 0 = S_n^3 + 3S_n$$

$$\text{It is } \begin{cases} \text{submartingale} & \text{if } S_n > 0 \\ \text{martingale} & \text{if } S_n = 0 \\ \text{supermartingale} & \text{if } S_n < 0 \end{cases}$$

or since S_n could be negative, positive, or zero, it is not any of these.

$$4. \quad E(2^{X_1}) = 2^1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2^{-1} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[M_n] &= E[2^{S_n}] = E[2^{(X_1 + \dots + X_n)}] \\ &= E[2^{X_1} 2^{X_2} \dots 2^{X_n}] \\ &= E(2^{X_1}) E(2^{X_2}) \dots E(2^{X_n}) \\ &= \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^n < \infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[M_{n+1} | F_n] &= E[2^{S_n + X_{n+1}} | F_n] \\ &= E[2^{S_n} | F_n] \cdot E[2^{X_{n+1}} | F_n] \\ &= \frac{5}{4} E[2^{S_n} | F_n] = \frac{5}{4} M_n \geq M_n \\ \therefore \text{it is submartingale} \end{aligned}$$

$$5. \quad E[M_n] = E[S_n / n] = 0 \quad \therefore \underline{E[|M_n|] = 0 < \infty}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[M_{n+1} | F_n] &= E\left[\frac{S_n + X_{n+1}}{n+1} \mid F_n\right] \\ &= E\left[\frac{S_n}{n+1} \mid F_n\right] + E\left[\frac{X_{n+1}}{n+1} \mid F_n\right] \\ &= \frac{S_n}{n+1} + 0 = \frac{S_n}{n+1} \leq \frac{S_n}{n} = M_n \end{aligned}$$

it is supermartingale

b. $\because S_{n+1}$ is not F_n -measurable

$\therefore M_n = S_{n+1} S_n$ is not any of these

$$7. \quad E[M_n] = E\left[\sum_{j=1}^n X_{j-1} X_j\right]$$

$$= E[X_1 X_2 + \dots + X_{n-1} X_n]$$

$$= E[X_1]E[X_2] + \dots + E[X_{n-1}]E[X_n] = 0$$

$$\therefore \underline{E[M_n] = 0 < \infty}$$

$$E[M_{n+1} | F_n] = E\left[\sum_{j=1}^n X_{j-1} X_j + X_n X_{n+1} \mid F_n\right]$$

$$= E\left[\sum_{j=1}^n X_{j-1} X_j \mid F_n\right] + E[X_n X_{n+1} \mid F_n]$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n X_{j-1} X_j + X_n E[X_{n+1}] = \sum_{j=1}^n X_{j-1} X_j = M_n$$

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$$1. \quad M_n = \frac{R_n}{G_n + R_n} = \frac{R_n}{n+2}$$

when $n=0$

M_0 has 1 green ball and 1 red ball

$\therefore M_0$ is uniform on the set $\left\{ \frac{1}{n+2} \right\} = \frac{1}{2}$

assume it is true for $n=k$ that

M_n is uniform on the set

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{n+2}, \frac{2}{n+2}, \dots, \frac{n+1}{n+2} \right\} \quad \text{with the probability } \frac{1}{n+1}$$

when $n=k+1$

$$\begin{aligned} P(M_{n+1} = \frac{k+1}{n+2}) &= \frac{1}{n+1} \times \frac{k}{n+2} + \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot \frac{(n+2)-(k+1)}{n+2} \\ &= \frac{k+n-k+1}{(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{1}{n+2} \end{aligned}$$

which means for each k , the probability is $\frac{1}{(n+1)+1} = \frac{1}{n+2}$

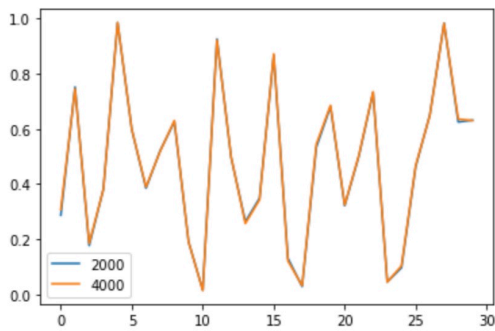
thus the statement is true for $n=k+1$ when $n=k$ is true

thus we can prove that M_n follows uniform

$k+1$,

distribution

2. Two fractions converges for large n , and two results are close to 0.5



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import random
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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result_2000 = []
result_4000 = []
for j in range(30):
    R = 1
    G = 1
    for i in range(4050):
        values = [0, 1]
        probabilities = [R/(R+G), G/(R+G)] # 30% chance of 0, 70% chance of 1

        random_choice = random.choices(values, probabilities)[0]
        if random_choice == 0:
            R += 1
        else:
            G += 1
        M = R / (i + 2)

        if i == 1999:
            #print("For 2000 draws, the fraction is " + str(M))
            result_2000.append(M)
        if i == 3999:
            #print("For 4000 draws, the fraction is " + str(M))
            result_4000.append(M)

plt.plot(result_2000)
plt.plot(result_4000)
plt.legend(['2000', '4000'])
plt.show
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