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Exercise Series 10

Q1. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space and $(Z_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ a sequence of random variables.

(a) Prove that if $Z_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} c \in \mathbb{R}$, then for all bounded and continuous functions f

$$\mathbb{E}(f(Z_n)) \rightarrow f(c).$$

(b) Show that if $Z_n \rightarrow c \in \mathbb{R}$ in distribution, then $Z_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} c$.

Q2. Take the following probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P}) = ([0, 1], \mathcal{B}([0, 1]), \lambda|_{[0,1]})$, where $\lambda|_{[0,1]}$ is the Lebesgue measure over $[0, 1]$. Let $X_n(\omega) = \mathbf{1}_{A_n}(\omega)$ a sequence of random variables with $A_n \in \mathcal{B}([0, 1])$.

(a) Under which condition for $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ we have that $X_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0$.

(b) Write the event $\{\omega : X_n(\omega) \rightarrow 0\}$ with help of the sets $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

(c) Find a sequence $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of events so that $X_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0$ but $\{\omega : X_n(\omega) \rightarrow 0\} = \emptyset$.

Q3. Let $(X_i)_{i \geq 1}$ be a sequence of random variables with

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(X_i) &= \mu \quad \forall i, \\ \text{Var}(X_i) &= \sigma^2 < \infty \quad \forall i, \\ \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) &= R(|i - j|) \quad \forall i, j. \end{aligned}$$

Define $S_n := \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.

(a) Prove that if $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} R(k) = 0$ then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{S_n}{n} = \mu$ in probability.

(b) Prove that if $\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} |R(k)| < \infty$ then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \text{Var}\left(\frac{S_n}{n}\right)$ exists.

Q4. (a) Let μ_n and ν_n two sequence of probability measure on \mathbb{R} . and $\epsilon_n \in (0, 1)$ with $\epsilon_n \rightarrow 0$. Prove that if $\mu_n \rightarrow \mu$ in distribution, then $(1 - \epsilon_n)\mu_n + \epsilon_n\nu_n \rightarrow \mu$ in distribution.

(b) Construct with the help of a) a sequence μ_n so that $\mu_n \rightarrow \mu$ in distribution but $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int |x| d\mu_n(x) \neq \int |x| d\mu(x)$.

(c) Prove that if $\mu_n \rightarrow \mu$ in distribution and $\sup_n \int x^2 d\mu_n(x) = K < \infty$ then

$$\int |x| d\mu_n(x) \rightarrow \int |x| d\mu(x).$$

HINT: For all M prove that

$$\int \min\{|x|, M\} d\mu_n(x) \rightarrow \int \min\{|x|, M\} d\mu(x).$$

and that

$$0 \leq \int |x| d\mu_n(x) - \int \min\{|x|, M\} d\mu_n(x) \leq K/M.$$