

# Chapter 8

## Laws of large numbers

We first discuss the notion of “tail equivalence” of a sequence of random variables. Here, the Borel-Cantelli Lemma is very useful. Recall that it says that if  $\{E_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence of events with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(E_n) < \infty$ , then  $P\left(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n\right) = 0$ .

**Definition 8.1.** *Two sequences of random variables  $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\{Y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  are tail equivalent if*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(\{\omega : X_n(\omega) \neq Y_n(\omega)\}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(\{\omega : X_n(\omega) - Y_n(\omega) \neq 0\}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) < \infty,$$

where  $A_n = \{\omega : X_n(\omega) - Y_n(\omega) \neq 0\}$ .

**Theorem 8.1.** *Suppose  $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\{Y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  are tail equivalent. Then,*

1.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (X_n - Y_n)$  converges almost surely,
2.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$  converges as  $\iff \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n$  converges as,
3. If there exists  $a_n \rightarrow \infty$  and a random variable  $X$  such that  $\frac{1}{a_n} \sum_{j=1}^n X_j \xrightarrow{as} X$ , then  $\frac{1}{a_n} \sum_{j=1}^n Y_j \xrightarrow{as} X$ .

*Proof.* 1. By tail equivalence and the Borel-Cantelli Lemma  $P\left(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n\right) = 0$ . Now, recall that  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{m=n}^{\infty} A_m = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n$ , where  $C_n := \bigcup_{m=n}^{\infty} A_m$ . Consequently,

$$\left(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n\right)^c = \left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n\right)^c = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n^c = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\bigcup_{m=n}^{\infty} A_m\right)^c = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{m=n}^{\infty} A_m^c = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n^c.$$

Thus,

$$P\left(\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{\omega : X_n(\omega) = Y_n(\omega)\}\right) = P\left(\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n^c\right) = 1 - P\left(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n\right) = 1.$$

Since  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n^c = \{\omega : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} I_{A_n}(\omega) < \infty\}$ ,  $P(\{\omega : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} I_{A_n}(\omega) < \infty\}) = 1$ . Hence, there exists a set of  $\omega$ 's which occurs with probability 1, and in this set  $X_n(\omega) = Y_n(\omega)$  for all but finitely many  $n$ . That is, for  $\omega \in \{\omega : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} I_{A_n}(\omega) < \infty\}$  there are only finitely many  $n$  for which  $I_{\{X_n(\omega) \neq Y_n(\omega)\}}(\omega) = 1$ . That is, there exists  $N(\omega)$  such that for all  $n > N(\omega)$ ,  $I_{\{X_n(\omega) \neq Y_n(\omega)\}}(\omega) = 0$ . Hence, in this same set,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n(\omega) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n(\omega) = \sum_{n=1}^{N(\omega)} (X_n(\omega) - Y_n(\omega)) < \infty \text{ almost surely.}$$

2. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n(\omega) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n(\omega) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n(\omega) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n(\omega) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n(\omega) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (X_n(\omega) - Y_n(\omega)). \end{aligned}$$

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n(\omega)$  converges *as* and  $X_n$  and  $Y_n$  are tail equivalent, then both terms on the right side of the equality converge *as*, hence  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n(\omega) < \infty$  *as*. Similarly, writing

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n(\omega) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n(\omega) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n(\omega) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n(\omega) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n(\omega) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (Y_n(\omega) - X_n(\omega)). \end{aligned}$$

we conclude  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n(\omega) < \infty$  *as*.

3. Write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{a_n} \sum_{j=1}^n Y_j(\omega) &= \frac{1}{a_n} \sum_{j=1}^n (Y_j(\omega) - X_j(\omega) + X_j(\omega)) \\ &= \frac{1}{a_n} \sum_{j=1}^n (Y_j(\omega) - X_j(\omega)) + \frac{1}{a_n} \sum_{j=1}^n X_j(\omega) \\ &= \frac{1}{a_n} \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} (Y_j(\omega) - X_j(\omega)) + \frac{1}{a_n} \sum_{j=N}^n (Y_j(\omega) - X_j(\omega)) + \frac{1}{a_n} \sum_{j=1}^n X_j(\omega). \end{aligned}$$

As  $n \rightarrow \infty$  the last term converges as to  $X(\omega)$  by assumption. The second term converges to zero since  $Y_j(\omega)$  and  $X_j(\omega)$  are tail equivalent (and by 1), and the first term goes to 0 as  $a_n \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence,  $\frac{1}{a_n} \sum_{j=1}^n Y_j(\omega) \xrightarrow{as} X(\omega)$ .

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The following definition and associated notation will be useful.

**Definition 8.2.** Let  $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of random variables defined on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and  $\{s_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $(0, \infty)$ . We write,

1.  $X_n = O_p(s_n)$  if for all  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $B_\epsilon > 0$  such that

$$P\left(\left\{\omega : \frac{|X_n(\omega)|}{s_n} > B_\epsilon\right\}\right) < \epsilon$$

2.  $X_n = o_p(s_n)$  if  $\frac{X_n}{s_n} \xrightarrow{p} 0$ .

**Theorem 8.2.** (General Law of Large Numbers) Suppose  $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence of independent random variables defined on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and  $S_n = \sum_{j=1}^n X_j$ . If

1.  $\sum_{j=1}^n P(\{\omega : |X_j(\omega)| > n\}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and

2.  $\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{j=1}^n E(X_j^2 I_{\{\omega : |X_j| \leq n\}}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

then  $\frac{S_n}{n} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n E(X_j I_{\{\omega : |X_j| \leq n\}}) \xrightarrow{p} 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $T_{n,j}(\omega) = X_j(\omega) I_{\{\omega : |X_j| \leq n\}}$  and  $S'_n(\omega) = \sum_{j=1}^n T_{n,j}(\omega)$ . Note that  $\{\omega : X_j(\omega) \neq T_{n,j}(\omega)\} = \{\omega : |X_j(\omega)| > n\}$  and by assumption  $\sum_{j=1}^n P(\{\omega : T_{n,j}(\omega) \neq X_j(\omega)\}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Note also that

$$|S_n(\omega) - S'_n(\omega)| = \left| \sum_{j=1}^n X_j(\omega) - \sum_{j=1}^n T_{n,j}(\omega) \right| \leq \sum_{j=1}^n |X_j(\omega) - T_{n,j}(\omega)|.$$

Thus, for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \{\omega : |S_n(\omega) - S'_n(\omega)| > \epsilon\} &\subset \left\{ \omega : \sum_{j=1}^n |X_j(\omega) - T_{n,j}(\omega)| > \epsilon \right\} \\ &\subset \bigcup_{j=1}^n \{\omega : |X_j(\omega) - T_{n,j}(\omega)| > \epsilon/n\}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} P(\{\omega : |S_n(\omega) - S'_n(\omega)| > \epsilon\}) &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n P(\{\omega : |X_j(\omega) - T_{n,j}(\omega)| > \epsilon/n\}) \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n P(\{\omega : |X_j| > n\}). \end{aligned}$$

Taking limits on both sides as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have that  $S_n - S'_n \xrightarrow{p} 0$  since by assumption 1  $\sum_{j=1}^n P(\{\omega : |X_j| > n\}) \rightarrow 0$ .

Now, since  $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is an independent sequence  $E((T_{n,k} - E(T_{n,k}))(T_{n,l} - E(T_{n,l}))) = 0$  and consequently  $V(S'_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n V(T_{n,j}) \leq \sum_{j=1}^n E(T_{n,j}^2)$ . Note also that for given  $n$

$$E(T_{n,j}^2) = \int_{\Omega} X_j^2 I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \leq n\}} dP \leq n^2 \int_{\Omega} dP = n^2.$$

Consequently, since  $V(S'_n)$  exists for every  $n$ , by Chebyshev's Inequality (Remark [5.1](#)),

$$P\left(\left\{\omega : \left| \frac{S'_n - E(S'_n)}{n} \right| > \epsilon\right\}\right) \leq \frac{V(S'_n)}{n^2 \epsilon^2} \leq \frac{1}{n^2 \epsilon^2} \sum_{j=1}^n E(X_j^2 I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \leq n\}}).$$

Taking limits on both sides as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and by the assumption that  $\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{j=1}^n E(X_j^2 I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \leq n\}}) \rightarrow 0$ , we have  $\frac{S'_n}{n} - \frac{E(S'_n)}{n} \xrightarrow{p} 0$ . Now, since

$$\frac{S_n}{n} - E\left(\frac{S'_n}{n}\right) = \frac{S_n}{n} - \frac{S'_n}{n} + \frac{S'_n}{n} - E\left(\frac{S'_n}{n}\right)$$

we can immediately conclude that  $\frac{S_n}{n} - E\left(\frac{S'_n}{n}\right) = o_p(1)$ . Finally, from the definition of  $S'_n$  we have that  $\frac{S_n}{n} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n E(X_j I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \leq n\}}) = o_p(1)$ . ■

We note  $E(X_j) < \infty$  or  $E(X_j^2) < \infty$  are not required for Theorem [8.2](#). The following are examples of how Theorem [8.2](#) can be used.

**Example 8.1.** Let  $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an independent and identically distributed sequence of random variables with  $E(X_n) = \mu$ ,  $E(X_n^2) \leq C < \infty$ . Then, we verify condition 1 by noting that the identical distribution assumption and Markov's Inequality give

$$\sum_{j=1}^n P(|X_j| > n) = nP(|X_1| > n) \leq n \frac{E(X_1^2)}{n^2} = \frac{1}{n} E(X_1^2) \leq \frac{C}{n}.$$

Taking limits on both sides as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  gives  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n P(|X_j| > n) = 0$ . For condition 2, note that by the identical distribution assumption

$$\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{j=1}^n E(X_j^2 I_{\{|X_j| \leq n\}}) = \frac{1}{n} E(X_1^2 I_{\{|X_1| \leq n\}}) \leq \frac{1}{n} E(X_1^2) \leq \frac{C}{n}.$$

Again, taking limits on both sides as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  gives  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{j=1}^n E(X_j^2 I_{\{|X_j| \leq n\}}) = 0$ . Finally, observe that

$$\frac{\sum_{j=1}^n E(X_j I_{\{|X_j| \leq n\}})}{n} = E(X_1 I_{\{|X_1| \leq n\}}) \rightarrow E(X_1) = \mu$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  by Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem. Thus,  $\frac{1}{n} S_n \xrightarrow{p} \mu$ .

**Example 8.2.** Let  $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an independent and identically distributed sequence with  $E(|X_1|) \leq C < \infty$  and let  $E(X_1) = \mu$ . For condition 1, note that

$$\sum_{j=1}^n P(|X_j| > n) = nP(|X_1| > n) = E(n I_{\{\omega: |X_1| > n\}}).$$

But since  $n I_{\{\omega: |X_1| > n\}} \leq |X_1| I_{\{\omega: |X_1| > n\}}$ , we have that

$$\sum_{j=1}^n P(|X_j| > n) \leq E(|X_1| I_{\{\omega: |X_1| > n\}})$$

Consequently,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n P(|X_j| > n) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(|X_1| I_{\{\omega: |X_1| > n\}})$ . And since  $E(|X_1|) < C$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(|X_1| I_{\{\omega: |X_1| > n\}}) = 0.$$

For condition 2, note that by the identical distribution assumption

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{j=1}^n E(X_j^2 I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \leq n\}}) &= \frac{1}{n} E(X_1^2 I_{\{\omega: |X_1| \leq n\}}) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \left( E(X_1^2 I_{\{\omega: |X_1| \leq \epsilon \sqrt{n}\}}) + E(X_1^2 I_{\{\omega: \epsilon \sqrt{n} \leq |X_1| \leq n\}}) \right) \text{ for any } \epsilon \in (0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $E(X_1^2 I_{\{\omega: |X_1| \leq \epsilon \sqrt{n}\}}) = \int_{\Omega} X_1^2 I_{\{\omega: |X_1| \leq \epsilon \sqrt{n}\}} dP \leq n\epsilon^2 \int_{\Omega} dP = n\epsilon^2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{j=1}^n E(X_j^2 I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \leq n\}}) &\leq \epsilon^2 + \frac{1}{n} E(|X_1| |X_1| I_{\{\omega: \epsilon \sqrt{n} \leq |X_1| \leq n\}}) \leq \epsilon^2 + \frac{1}{n} E(n |X_1| I_{\{\omega: \epsilon \sqrt{n} \leq |X_1| \leq n\}}) \\ &\leq \epsilon^2 + E(|X_1| I_{\{\omega: \epsilon \sqrt{n} \leq |X_1| \leq n\}}) \end{aligned}$$

Taking limits on both sides as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and noting that  $E(|X_1|) < C$ , we have that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(|X_j| I_{\{\omega: \epsilon \sqrt{n} \leq |X_j| \leq n\}}) = 0.$$

And, since  $\epsilon$  can be made arbitrarily small,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{j=1}^n E(X_j^2 I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \leq n\}}) = 0$ . Consequently,  $\frac{S_n}{n} - E(X_1 I_{\{\omega: |X_1| \leq n\}}) \xrightarrow{p} 0$ . Lastly, note that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \int_{\Omega} X_1 dP - \int_{\Omega} X_1 I_{\{|X_1| \leq n\}} dP \right) = \int_{\Omega} X_1 dP - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} X_1 I_{\{|X_1| \leq n\}} dP = E(X_1) - E(X_1) = 0$$

by the previous example. Hence,

$$\frac{S_n}{n} - E(X_1) = \frac{S_n}{n} + E(X_1 I_{\{|X_1| \leq n\}}) - E(X_1 I_{\{|X_1| \leq n\}}) - E(X_1) = o_p(1) + o(1) = o_p(1).$$

**Example 8.3.** Suppose  $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is an independent and identically distributed sequence with

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} xP(|X_1| > x) = 0$ . For condition 1, given the identically distributed assumption, we have

$\sum_{j=1}^n P(|X_j| > n) = nP(|X_1| > n) \rightarrow 0$  by assumption. For condition 2, note that

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{j=1}^n E(X_j^2 I_{\{|X_j| \leq n\}}) &= \frac{1}{n} E(X_1^2 I_{\{|X_1| \leq n\}}) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{|x| \leq n} x^2 dF_{X_1}(x) \\
&= \frac{2}{n} \int_{|x| \leq n} \left( \int_0^{|x|} s ds \right) dF_{X_1}(x) = \frac{2}{n} \int_0^n s \left( \int_{s < |x| \leq n} dF_{X_1}(x) \right) ds \\
&= \frac{2}{n} \int_0^n s(P(|X_1| \leq n) - P(|X_1| < s)) ds \\
&= \frac{2}{n} \int_0^n s(1 - P(|X_1| > n) - 1 + P(|X_1| \geq s)) ds \\
&= \frac{2}{n} \int_0^n s(P(|X_1| \geq s) - P(|X_1| > n)) ds \\
&= \frac{2}{n} \int_0^n \tau(s) ds - 2P(|X_1| > n) \frac{1}{n} \int_0^n s ds, \text{ where } \tau(s) = sP(|X_1| > s) \\
&= \frac{2}{n} \int_0^n \tau(s) ds - 2P(|X_1| > n) \frac{1}{n} \frac{n^2}{2} \\
&= \frac{2}{n} \int_0^n \tau(s) ds - nP(|X_1| > n) = \frac{2}{n} \int_0^n \tau(s) ds - \tau(n).
\end{aligned}$$

Since,  $\tau(n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have that for all  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $N_\epsilon$  such that if  $n > N_\epsilon$ ,  $\tau(n) \leq \epsilon$ . Consequently,

$$\frac{1}{n} \int_0^n \tau(s) ds = \frac{1}{n} \int_0^{N_\epsilon} \tau(s) ds + \frac{1}{n} \int_{N_\epsilon}^n \tau(s) ds \leq \frac{1}{n} \int_0^{N_\epsilon} \tau(s) ds + \epsilon.$$

Taking limits on both sides as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  gives  $\frac{1}{n} \int_0^n \tau(s) ds \rightarrow 0$ . Then,  $\frac{S_n}{n} - E(X_1 I_{|X_1| \leq n}) \xrightarrow{p} 0$ .

If  $\{X_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  with  $E(X_j) < \infty$ ,  $E(X_j^2) < M < \infty$  for all  $j$ , we have that

$$\frac{1}{n} S_n - \frac{1}{n} E(S_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (X_j - E(X_j)) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n Z_j$$

where  $E(Z_j) = 0$ . If  $E(Z_i Z_j) = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ , then

$$E \left( \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n Z_j \right)^2 \right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{j=1}^n E(Z_j^2) < \frac{M}{n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence,  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n Z_j \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}^2} 0$ , and by Theorem 7.8  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n Z_j \xrightarrow{p} 0$ . In fact,  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n Z_j \xrightarrow{as} 0$  as shown in the next theorem.

**Theorem 8.3.** Let  $\{X_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  with  $E(X_j) < \infty$ ,  $E(X_j^2) < M < \infty$  for all  $j$ , and assume that  $E((X_j - E(X_j))(X_i - E(X_i))) = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ . Then, letting  $Z_j = X_j - E(X_j)$  and  $S_n = \sum_{j=1}^n Z_j$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{n} S_n \xrightarrow{as} 0.$$

*Proof.* For all  $\epsilon > 0$  and by Chebyshev's Inequality

$$P(|S_n| > n\epsilon) \leq \frac{M}{n\epsilon^2}.$$

Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges we can't use the Borel-Cantelli Lemma directly. However, if we consider the subsequence  $S_{n^2}$ , we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(\{\omega : |S_{n^2}| > n^2\epsilon\}) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{M}{n^2\epsilon^2} < \infty.$$

Hence,  $P\left(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{\omega : |S_{n^2}(\omega)| > n^2\epsilon\}\right) = 0$  and we have  $\frac{S_{n^2}}{n^2} \xrightarrow{as} 0$ . Now, let

$$D_n := \max_{n^2 \leq k < (n+1)^2} |S_k - S_{n^2}|$$

and note that

$$\frac{|S_k|}{k} \leq \frac{|S_k|}{n^2} = \frac{|S_k - S_{n^2} + S_{n^2}|}{n^2} \leq \frac{|S_k - S_{n^2}|}{n^2} + \frac{|S_{n^2}|}{n^2} \leq \frac{D_n}{n^2} + \frac{|S_{n^2}|}{n^2}.$$

Now, since  $P(\max_{1 \leq k \leq m} |W_k| \geq \epsilon) \leq \sum_{k=1}^m P(|W_k| \geq \epsilon)$  and using Markov's Inequality

$$\begin{aligned} P(D_n \geq n^2\epsilon) &\leq \sum_{l=1}^{2n} P\left(\left|\sum_{j=1}^l Z_{n^2+j}\right| \geq n^2\epsilon\right) \leq \sum_{l=1}^{2n} \frac{1}{n^4\epsilon^2} E\left(\left(\sum_{j=1}^l Z_{n^2+j}\right)^2\right) \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^{2n} \frac{1}{n^4\epsilon^2} \sum_{j=1}^l E(Z_{n^2+j}^2) \leq \frac{4n^2 M}{n^4\epsilon^2} = \frac{4M}{n^2\epsilon^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, we have  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(D_n \geq n^2\epsilon) \leq \frac{4M}{\epsilon^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} < \infty$ , and by the Borel-Cantelli Lemma  $\frac{D_n}{n^2} \xrightarrow{as} 0$ . Since, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we have that  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\frac{|S_k|}{k} \xrightarrow{as} 0$ . ■

We now state Markov's Law of Large Numbers.



**Theorem 8.4.** (*Markov's LLN*) Let  $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of independent random variables with  $E(X_n) = \mu_n$ . If for some  $\delta > 0$  we have  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{E|X_n - \mu_n|^{1+\delta}}{n^{1+\delta}} < \infty$ , then

$$\frac{1}{n}S_n - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i \xrightarrow{as} 0.$$

*Proof.* Chung (1974, A Course in Probability Theory, pp. 125-126). ■