

Chapter 7

Exercises

1. Let $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathcal{L}^p$ for $p \in [1, \infty)$ be a sequence of non-negative functions. Show that

$$\left\| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n \right\|_p \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|X_n\|_p.$$

Answer: Let $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n X_k$. Since $X_n \geq 0$ for all n , $0 \leq S_1 \leq S_2 \leq \dots$. Given that $|S_N|^p \leq 2^p \sum_{n=1}^N |X_n|^p$, we have $\int_{\Omega} |S_N|^p dP \leq 2^p \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{\Omega} |X_n|^p dP < \infty$. Consequently, $S_N \in \mathcal{L}^p$. By Minkowski's inequality

$$\|S_N\|_p \leq \sum_{n=1}^N \|X_n\|_p \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|X_n\|_p, \quad (7.1)$$

which implies $\|S_N\|_p^p \leq (\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|X_n\|_p)^p$. By Beppo-Levi's Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|S_N\|_p^p &= \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{\Omega} S_N^p dP = \int_{\Omega} \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} S_N^p dP = \int_{\Omega} \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n X_k \right)^p dP \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \left(\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{k=1}^n X_k \right)^p dP = \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} X_k \right\|_p^p. \end{aligned} \quad (7.2)$$

Hence, by inequality (7.1) and (7.2) we have

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|S_N\|_p^p = \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} X_k \right\|_p^p \leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|X_k\|_p \right)^p.$$

Consequently, $\left\| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} X_k \right\|_p \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|X_k\|_p$.

2. Show that if $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} x_n$ converges absolutely, then it converges.

Answer: Suppose $N_1, N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$, $N_1 < N_2$ and $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} x_n$ converges absolutely. Note that $\sum_{n=1}^{N_2} |x_n| - \sum_{n=1}^{N_1} |x_n| = \sum_{n=N_1+1}^{N_2} |x_n|$. If $N_1 \rightarrow \infty$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{N_2} |x_n| - \sum_{n=1}^{N_1} |x_n| \rightarrow 0$, as every convergent sequence is Cauchy. Also, since

$$|x_{N_1+1} + x_{N_2+1} + \cdots x_{N_2}| \leq \sum_{n=N_1+1}^{N_2} |x_n|,$$

$$|\sum_{n=1}^{N_2} x_n - \sum_{n=1}^{N_1} x_n| = |x_{N_1+1} + x_{N_2+1} + \cdots x_{N_2}| \leq \sum_{n=N_1+1}^{N_2} |x_n| \rightarrow 0.$$

Since \mathbb{R} is complete, $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n$ converges.

3. Prove Theorem 7.9.

Answer: Let's first prove that $1 \implies 2$. If $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is uniformly integrable, then X_n is clearly integrable for all n , and consequently $E|X_n| < \infty$ for all n . By the proof of Theorem 7.3, $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$ implies that there exists a subsequence $X_{n(j)} \xrightarrow{as} X$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$. By Fatou's Lemma

$$E|X| = E\left(\liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} |X_{n(j)}|\right) \leq \liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} E|X_{n(j)}| \leq \sup_n E|X_n| < \infty,$$

where the last inequality follows from Theorem 7.6. Now, for $\epsilon > 0$ let $A_n = \{|X_n - X| > \epsilon\}$

$$\begin{aligned} E|X_n - X| &= E(|X_n - X|I_{|X_n - X| < \epsilon} + |X_n - X|I_{|X_n - X| \geq \epsilon}) \\ &\leq \epsilon + E(|X_n|I_{A_n}) + E(|X|I_{A_n}). \end{aligned}$$

$P(A_n) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, hence $E(|X_n|I_{A_n}) \rightarrow 0$ by Theorem 7.6. Similarly, $E(|X|I_{A_n}) \rightarrow 0$, which gives the result.

That $2 \implies 3$ follows from the fact that by the triangle inequality $E|X_n| - E|X| \leq E|X_n - X|$ and $-(E|X_n| - E|X|) \geq -E|X_n - X|$, hence $|E|X_n| - E|X|| \leq E|X_n - X|$.

Now we prove that $3 \implies 1$. Note that $E(|X_n|I_{|X_n| \geq a}) = E|X_n| - E(|X_n|I_{|X_n| < a}) = E|X_n| - E(|X_n|I_{-a < X_n < a}) = E|X_n| - E(u(X_n))$, if we let $u(x) = |x|I_{(-a, a)}(x)$. By Theorem 7.15 $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X \implies X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$. But since $u(x)$ is bounded and continuous, we have that using Definition 7.5 and by Theorem 7.11,

$$E(u(X_n)) \rightarrow E(u(X))$$

if a and $-a$ are points of continuity of the distribution F_X of X . Hence, for a a point of continuity of F_X , we have

$$E(|X_n|I_{|X_n| \geq a}) \rightarrow E(|X|I_{|X| \geq a}).$$

For any $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a point of continuity b of F_X such that $E(|X|I_{|X| \geq b}) < \epsilon$. Using this b and $E(|X_n|I_{|X_n| \geq b}) = E|X_n| - E(|X_n|I_{-b < X_n < b})$ there exists N such that for all $n > N$,

$$E(|X_n|I_{|X_n| \geq b}) < 2\epsilon.$$

Also, there exists $c > 0$ such that $E(|X_k|I_{|X_k| \geq c}) < 2\epsilon$ for all $k < N$ since there are only finitely many terms involved. Hence, if $a > \max\{b, c\}$ we have uniform integrability.

4. Let $\{g_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$ be a sequence of real valued functions that converge uniformly to g on an open set S , containing x , and g is continuous at x . Show that if $\{X_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$ is a sequence of random variables taking values in S such that $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$, then

$$g_n(X_n) \xrightarrow{p} g(X).$$

Note: Recall that a sequence of real valued functions $\{g_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$ converges uniformly to g on a set S if, for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $N_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$ (depending only on ϵ) such that for all $n > N_\epsilon$, $|g_n(x) - g(x)| < \epsilon$ for every $x \in S$.

Answer: Let $\epsilon, \delta > 0$ and define the following subsets of the sample space: $S_1^n = \{\omega : |g_n(X_n) - g(X)| < \epsilon\}$, $S_2^n = \{\omega : |g_n(X_n) - g(X_n)| < \epsilon/2\}$, $S_3^n = \{\omega : |g(X_n) - g(X)| < \epsilon/2\}$, $S_4^n = \{\omega : X_n \in S\}$. By the triangle inequality, $S_1^n \supseteq S_2^n \cap S_3^n$. By continuity of g at X and openness of S , there exists γ_ϵ such that whenever $|X_n - X| < \gamma_\epsilon$, $|g(X_n) - g(X)| < \epsilon/2$ and $X_n \in S$. Letting, $S_5^n = \{\omega : |X_n - X| < \gamma_\epsilon\}$, we see that $S_5^n \subseteq S_3^n \cap S_4^n$. Since $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$ and uniform convergence of g_n , there exists $N_{\delta,\epsilon}$ such that whenever $n > N_{\delta,\epsilon}$, $|g_n(X) - g(X)| < \epsilon/2$ for all $X \in S$ and $P(S_5^n) > 1 - \delta$. Thus, $n > N_{\delta,\epsilon}$ implies $S_4^n \subseteq S_2^n$. Consequently, $n > N_{\delta,\epsilon}$ implies $S_1^n \supseteq S_2^n \cap S_3^n \supseteq S_4^n \cap S_3^n \supseteq S_5^n$. Thus, $P(S_1^n) \geq P(S_5^n) > 1 - \delta$.

5. Show that $X_n \xrightarrow{as} X$ is equivalent to $P(\{\omega : \sup_{j \geq n} |X_j - X| \geq \epsilon\}) \rightarrow 0$ for all $\epsilon > 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Answer: For any $\epsilon > 0$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$ let $A_k(\epsilon) = \{\omega : |X_k(\omega) - X(\omega)| > \epsilon\}$. If for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have that $P(\cup_{k>n} A_k(\epsilon)) > 0$ then it must be that $X_n \xrightarrow{as} X$. Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} X_n \xrightarrow{as} X &\Leftrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\cup_{n < k} A_k(\epsilon)) = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow P\left(\{\omega : \sup_{j \geq n} |X_j - X| > \epsilon\}\right) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

6. Prove item 1 of Remark 7.1.

Answer: For $\epsilon > 0$ we have that

$$\{\omega : |X_n + Y_n - X - Y| > \epsilon\} \subseteq \{\omega : |X_n - X| > \epsilon/2\} \cup \{\omega : |Y_n - Y| > \epsilon/2\}$$

The probability of the events on the union on right-hand side go to zero as $n \rightarrow \infty$. By monotonicity of probability measures we have the results.

7. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $h_n > 0$ such that $h_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Show that if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(\{\omega : |X_n - X| \geq h_n\}) < \infty$ then $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$.

Answer: From question 5,

$$X_n \xrightarrow{as} X \Leftrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\cup_{n < k} A_k(h_n)) = 0.$$

But $P(\cup_{n < k} A_k(h_n)) \leq \sum_{k \geq n} P(A_k(\epsilon))$ and if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(\{\omega : |X_n - X| \geq h_n\}) < \infty$ then it must be that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k \geq n} P(A_k(\epsilon)) = 0$. Since convergence almost surely implies convergence in probability, the proof is complete.

8. Show that if $Y_n \xrightarrow{d} Y$ then $Y_n = O_p(1)$.

Answer: Without loss of generality let $a > 0$. Provided that a and $-a$ are continuity points of F_Y , we can write that, $P(|Y_n| > a) \rightarrow P(|Y| > a)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Hence, for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists N_ϵ such that,

$$|P(|Y_n| > a) - P(|Y| > a)| < \epsilon \text{ for all } n \geq N_\epsilon$$

or

$$P(|Y| > a) - \epsilon < P(|Y_n| > a) < P(|Y| > a) + \epsilon.$$

We can choose a such that $P(|Y| > a) < \delta$ for any $\delta > 0$. Thus, $P(|Y_n| > a) < \delta + \epsilon$ for all $n \geq N_\epsilon$.

9. Let $g : S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be continuous on S , and X_t and X_s be random variables defined on (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) taking values in S . Show that: a) if X_t is independent of X_s , then $g(X_t)$ is independent of $g(X_s)$; b) if X_t and X_s are identically distributed, then $g(X_t)$ and $g(X_s)$ are identically distributed.

Answer: Let $Y_t = g(X_t)$ and $Y_s = g(X_s)$. g continuous assures that both Y_t and Y_s are random variables.

a) $F_{Y_t, Y_s}(a, b) = P(S = \{\omega : Y_t \leq a \text{ and } Y_s \leq b\})$. Let $S_t = \{X_t(\omega) : Y_t(\omega) \leq a\}$, $S_s = \{X_s(\omega) : Y_s(\omega) \leq b\}$. Since, $S = S_t \cap S_s$ and by independence $P(S) = P(S_t)P(S_s)$ which implies $F_{Y_t, Y_s}(a, b) = F_{Y_t}(a)F_{Y_s}(b)$.

b) $F_{Y_t}(a) = P(S_t) = P(\{X_s(\omega) : Y_s(\omega) \leq a\}) = F_{Y_s}(a)$.

10. Let $\{X_n\}$ be a sequence of independent random variables that converges in probability to a limit X . Show that X is almost surely a constant.

Answer: Recall that if X is almost surely a constant, say c , $P(\{\omega : X(\omega) \neq c\}) = 0$. Then, the distribution function F associated with X is given by

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x < c \\ 1, & \text{if } x \geq c \end{cases}.$$

If X is not a constant, there exists a c and $0 < \epsilon < 1/2$ such that $P(X < c) > 2\epsilon$ and $P(X \leq c + \epsilon) < 1 - 2\epsilon$ or $P(X > c + \epsilon) > 2\epsilon$. Since $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$ then $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$. Consequently, for n sufficiently large and c a point of continuity of F we have

$$F(c) - \epsilon < F_n(c) < F(c) + \epsilon$$

which implies that $\epsilon < F_n(c)$. Also, $1 - F_n(c + \epsilon) > 1 - F(c + \epsilon) - \epsilon$ which implies $P(X_n > c + \epsilon) > P(X > c + \epsilon) - \epsilon > \epsilon$. Since $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$, for n sufficiently large

$P(\{\omega : |X_r - X_s| > \epsilon\}) < \epsilon^3$. Since $\{\omega : |X_r - X_s| > \epsilon\} = \{\omega : X_r - X_s > \epsilon\} \cup \{\omega : X_r - X_s < -\epsilon\}$ we note that if $X_r < c$ and $X_s > c + \epsilon$ then $X_r - X_s > \epsilon$ is equivalent to $X_r - X_s < -\epsilon$. Consequently,

$$P(\{\omega : |X_r - X_s| > \epsilon\}) \leq P(\{\omega : X_r < c \text{ and } X_s > c + \epsilon\}).$$

But since X_r and X_s are independent $P(\{\omega : X_r < c \text{ and } X_s > c + \epsilon\}) = P(\{\omega : X_r < c\})P(\{\omega : X_s > c + \epsilon\}) > \epsilon^2$. Hence,

$$\epsilon^3 > P(\{\omega : |X_r - X_s| > \epsilon\}) > \epsilon^2,$$

a contradiction.

11. Suppose $\frac{X_n - \mu}{\sigma_n} \xrightarrow{d} Z$ where the non-random sequence $\sigma_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and g is a function which is differentiable at μ . Then, show that $\frac{g(X_n) - g(\mu)}{g^{(1)}(\mu)\sigma_n} \xrightarrow{d} Z$.

Answer: From question 2, if $Z_n \xrightarrow{d} Z$ then $Z_n = O_p(1)$. Let $Z_n = \frac{X_n - \mu}{\sigma_n}$ and write $X_n = \mu + \sigma_n Z_n = \mu + O_p(\sigma_n)$. By Taylor's Theorem

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_n} g(X_n) - g(\mu) = g^{(1)}(\mu) \frac{(X_n - \mu)}{\sigma_n} + o_p(1).$$

Since $\frac{X_n - \mu}{\sigma_n} \xrightarrow{d} Z$, we have the result.

12. Show that if $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and X are random variables defined on the same probability space and $r > s \geq 1$ and $X_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}_r} X$, then $X_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}_s} X$.

Answer: For arbitrary W let $Z = |W|^s$, $Y = 1$ and $p = r/s$. Then, by Hölder's Inequality

$$E|ZY| \leq \|Z\|_p \|Y\|_{p/(p-1)}.$$

Substituting Z and Y gives $E(|W|^s) \leq E(|W|^{sp})^{1/p} = E(|W|^{s \frac{r}{s}})^{s/r}$. Raising both sides to $1/s$ gives

$$E(|W|^s)^{1/s} \leq E(|W|^r)^{1/r}.$$

Setting $W = X_n - X$ and taking limits as $n \rightarrow \infty$ gives the result.

13. Let $\mathcal{L}_P^\infty := \{X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ such that, there exists } C > 0, \text{ with } P(\{\omega : |X(\omega)| \geq C\}) = 0\}$. For this space of random variables define the norm $\|X\|_\infty := \inf\{C > 0 : P(\{\omega : |X(\omega)| \geq C\}) = 0\}$. Establish that this space is complete.

Answer: If $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence in \mathcal{L}_P^∞ , we can set

$$A_{k,l} := \{|X_k| > \|X_k\|_\infty\} \cup \{|X_k - X_l| > \|X_k - X_l\|_\infty\}, A := \bigcup_{k,l \in \mathbb{N}} A_{k,l}.$$

By definition $P(A_{k,l}) = 0$ and $P(A) = 0$, so that $\|X_n I_A\|_\infty = 0$ for all n . On the set A^c , $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges uniformly to a bounded function X , i.e., $X I_{A^c} \in \mathcal{L}_P^\infty$ as well as $\|(X_n - X) I_{A^c}\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$.

Chapter 8

Exercises

1. Let U and V be two points in an n -dimensional unit cube, i.e., $[0, 1]^n$ and X_n be the Euclidean distance between these two points which are chosen independently and uniformly. Show that $\frac{X_n}{\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{p} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$.

Answer: Let $U' = (U_1 \cdots U_n)$ and $V' = (V_1 \cdots V_n)$. Then, $X_n = (\sum_{i=1}^n (U_i - V_i)^2)^{1/2}$ and we can write

$$\frac{1}{n} E(X_n^2) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E((U_i - V_i)^2) = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (u - v)^2 du dv = 1/6$$

where the last equality follows from routine integration. Then, since $E(|(U - V)^2|) = E((U - V)^2) < \infty$, by Kolmogorov's Law of Large Numbers

$$\frac{1}{n} X_n^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (U_i - V_i)^2 \xrightarrow{p} 1/6.$$

Since, $f(x) = x^{1/2}$ is a continuous function $[0, \infty)$, by Slutsky Theorem if $\frac{1}{n} X_n^2 \xrightarrow{p} 1/6$ then $f\left(\frac{1}{n} X_n^2\right) \xrightarrow{p} f(1/6)$. Consequently,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} X_n \xrightarrow{p} 1/\sqrt{6}.$$

2. Show that if $\{X_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of random variables with $E(X_j) = 0$ and $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_j^p} E(|X_j|^p) < \infty$ for some $p \geq 1$ and a sequence of positive constants $\{a_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$. Then,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(|X_j| > a_j) < \infty \text{ and } \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_j} |E(X_j I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \leq a_j\}})| < \infty.$$

Furthermore, for any $r \geq p$,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_j^r} E(|X_j|^r I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \leq a_j\}}) < \infty.$$

Use this result to prove Theorem 8.4 in your class notes with convergence in probability.

Answer: Note that

$$P(\{\omega : |X_j| > a_j\}) = 1 - P(\{\omega : |X_j| \leq a_j\}) = \int_{\Omega} (1 - I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \leq a_j\}}) dP.$$

If $\omega \in \{\omega : |X_j| \leq a_j\}$, then $P(\{\omega : |X_j| > a_j\}) = 0$. If $|X_j| > a_j$, then $|X_j|^p > a_j^p$ and $|X_j|^p/a_j^p > 1$. Hence,

$$P(\{\omega : |X_j| > a_j\}) < \int_{\Omega} |X_j|^p/a_j^p dP = \frac{1}{a_j^p} E(|X_j|^p)$$

and

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(\{\omega : |X_j| > a_j\}) < \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_j^p} E(|X_j|^p) < \infty.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{a_j} |E(X_j I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \leq a_j\}})| &= \frac{1}{a_j} |E(X_j) - E(X_j I_{\{\omega: |X_j| > a_j\}})|, \text{ since } E(X_j) = 0. \\ &\leq \frac{1}{a_j} E(|X_j|(1 - I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \leq a_j\}})) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{a_j^p} E(|X_j|^p (1 - I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \leq a_j\}})) \text{ since } \frac{|X_j|^p}{a_j^p} \geq \frac{|X_j|}{a_j} \text{ if } p \geq 1. \\ &\leq \frac{1}{a_j^p} E(|X_j|^p). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_j} |E(X_j I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \leq a_j\}})| < \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_j^p} E(|X_j|^p) < \infty.$$

Lastly, if $|X_j| \leq a_j$ we have that $\frac{1}{a_j} |X_j| \leq 1$. Then, for $r \geq p \geq 1$

$$\frac{1}{a_j^r} |X_j|^r I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \leq a_j\}} \leq \frac{1}{a_j^p} |X_j|^p I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \leq a_j\}} \leq \frac{1}{a_j} |X_j| I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \leq a_j\}}$$

and

$$E\left(\frac{1}{a_j^r} |X_j|^r I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \leq a_j\}}\right) \leq E\left(\frac{1}{a_j^p} |X_j|^p I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \leq a_j\}}\right).$$

Hence,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} E \left(\frac{1}{a_j^r} |X_j|^r I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \leq a_j\}} \right) < \infty.$$

In Theorem 8.4, the sequence of random variables $\{X_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is independent and has expectation μ_j . Hence, if $W_j := X_j - \mu_j$, we have $E(W_j) = 0$. Furthermore, in Theorem 8.4 it is assumed that for some $\delta > 0$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{E(|W_j|^{1+\delta})}{j^{1+\delta}} < \infty.$$

Now, note that for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have $\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{E(|W_j|^{1+\delta})}{n^{1+\delta}} \leq \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{E(|W_j|^{1+\delta})}{j^{1+\delta}}$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{E(|W_j|^{1+\delta})}{n^{1+\delta}} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{E(|W_j|^{1+\delta})}{j^{1+\delta}} < \infty.$$

Now, in the first part of this answer, take $a_j = n$ for all j and for any $r > 1 + \delta$. Then, we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(|W_j| > n) < \infty \text{ and } \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^r} E(|W_j|^r I_{\{\omega: |W_j| \leq n\}}) < \infty.$$

Hence, taking $r = 2$ the conditions on Theorem 8.2 are met and we have

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n W_j - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E(W_j I_{\{\omega: |W_j| \leq n\}}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (X_j - \mu_j) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E(W_j I_{\{\omega: |W_j| \leq n\}}) = o_p(1).$$

But since $E(W_j) = 0$, we have $E(W_j I_{\{\omega: |W_j| \leq n\}}) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Thus, $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (X_j - \mu_j) = o_p(1)$.

3. Let $\{X_i\}_{i=2,3,\dots}$ be a sequence of independent random variables such that

$$P(X_i = i) = P(X_i = -i) = \frac{1}{2i \log i}, \quad P(X_i = 0) = 1 - \frac{1}{i \log i}$$

Show that $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=2}^n X_i \xrightarrow{p} 0$.

Answer: Let $S_n = \sum_{i=2}^n X_i$ and note that $E(X_i) = 0$. Hence, by independence

$$E(S_n^2) = \sum_{i=2}^n E(X_i^2) = \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{i}{\log i} \leq \frac{n^2}{\log n}.$$

Hence, $V(S_n/n) = \frac{1}{n^2} V(S_n) = \frac{1}{n^2} E(S_n^2) \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \frac{n^2}{\log n} = \frac{1}{\log n} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Consequently, $\frac{1}{n} S_n \xrightarrow{p} 0$ by Chebyshev's inequality.

Chapter 9

Exercises

1. Assess the veracity of the following statement: “Since knowledge of X implies knowledge of $f(X)$, conditioning on X is the same as conditioning on $f(X)$. Hence, $E(Y|f(X)) = E(Y|X)$.” Explain using mathematical arguments.

Answer: The statement is false. Recall that conditioning on a random variable X means conditioning on the sub- σ -algebra generated by X , i.e., $X^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$. Hence, conditioning on $f(X)$ means conditioning on the sub- σ -algebra generated by $f(X)$, i.e., $X^{-1}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))$ which is generally different from $X^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$. Take, for example, the following random vector: $(Y, X) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ with $(Y(\omega), X(\omega)) = (1, -1)$ if $\omega \in E_1$ and $(Y(\omega), X(\omega)) = (2, -1)$ if $\omega \in E_2$, $(Y(\omega), X(\omega)) = (1, 1)$ if $\omega \in E_3$ and $(Y(\omega), X(\omega)) = (2, 1)$ if $\omega \in E_4$, with $P(E_j) = 1/6$ for $j = 1, 2$, $P(E_3) = 3/6$, $P(E_4) = 1/6$ and $\Omega = \cup_{j=1}^4 E_j$ and $E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$. Now, let $f(X) = X^2$. Then,

$$E(Y|X) = \begin{cases} 1.5 & \text{if } X = -1 \\ 5/4 & \text{if } X = 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{and } E(Y|X^2) = 8/6.$$

2. Let X and Y be independent random variables defined in the same probability space. Show that if $E(|Y|) < \infty$ then

$$P(E(Y|X) = E(Y)) = 1.$$

Answer: Let \mathcal{F}_X be the σ -algebra generated by X . Let $E \in \mathcal{F}_X$ and note that there exists B such that $E = \{\omega : X(\omega) \in B\}$.

$$\int_A Y dP = \int_{\Omega} Y I_A dP = \int_{\Omega} Y I_{X \in B} dP = E(Y I_{X \in B}) = E(Y) E(I_{X \in B})$$

where the last equality follows by independence. Now,

$$E(Y)E(I_{X \in B}) = E(Y) \int_{\Omega} I_{X \in B} dP = E(Y) \int_{\Omega} I_A dP = \int_A E(Y) dP.$$

Consequently, since A is arbitrary in \mathcal{F}_X

$$\int_A Y dP = \int_A E(Y) dP \text{ or } \int_A (Y - E(Y)) dP = 0$$

By definition of conditional expectation we have that $E(Y|X) = E(Y)$ since A is arbitrary in \mathcal{F}_X .

3. Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) be a probability space. The set of random variables $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $\int_{\Omega} X^2 dP < \infty$ is denoted by $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$. On this set $\|X\| = (\int_{\Omega} X^2 dP)^{1/2}$ is a norm and $\langle X, Y \rangle = \int_{\Omega} XY dP$ is an inner product. If \mathcal{G} is a σ -algebra and $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$, the conditional expectation of X with respect to \mathcal{G} , denoted by $E(X|\mathcal{G})$ is the orthogonal projection of X onto the closed subspace $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$ of $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$. Prove the following results:

- (a) For $X, Y \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ we have $\langle E(X|\mathcal{G}), Y \rangle = \langle E(Y|\mathcal{G}), X \rangle = \langle E(X|\mathcal{G}), E(Y|\mathcal{G}) \rangle$.
- (b) If $X = Y$ almost everywhere then $E(X|\mathcal{G}) = E(Y|\mathcal{G})$ almost everywhere.
- (c) For $X \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$ we have $E(X|\mathcal{G}) = X$.
- (d) If $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{G}$ is a σ -algebra, then $E(E(X|\mathcal{G})|\mathcal{H}) = E(X|\mathcal{H})$.
- (e) If $Y \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$ and there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that $P(|Y| \geq C) = 0$, we have that $E(YX|\mathcal{G}) = YE(X|\mathcal{G})$.
- (f) If $\{Y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, $X \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ and $\|Y_n - X\| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then $E(Y_n|\mathcal{G}) \xrightarrow{p} E(X|\mathcal{G})$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Answer: (a) By definition of conditional expectation, for all measurable $s \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$,

$$E([X - E(X|\mathcal{G})]s) = 0 \iff E(Xs) = E(E(X|\mathcal{G})s). \quad (9.1)$$

Since $E(Y|\mathcal{G}) \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$, we have $E(XE(Y|\mathcal{G})) = E(E(X|\mathcal{G})E(Y|\mathcal{G}))$. But by definition of the inner product the last equality is $\langle E(Y|\mathcal{G}), X \rangle = \langle E(X|\mathcal{G}), E(Y|\mathcal{G}) \rangle$. Similarly, changing X for Y in equation (9.1) we obtain $E(Ys) = E(E(Y|\mathcal{G})s)$. Letting, $s = E(X|\mathcal{G})$ we get $E(YE(X|\mathcal{G})) = E(E(Y|\mathcal{G})E(X|\mathcal{G}))$ and $E(YE(X|\mathcal{G})) = E(XE(Y|\mathcal{G}))$, which is equivalent to $\langle E(X|\mathcal{G}), Y \rangle = \langle E(Y|\mathcal{G}), X \rangle$.

(b) Let $y = E(Y|\mathcal{G})$ and $x = E(X|\mathcal{G})$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}(y-x)^2 &= (y-Y+Y-x)(y-x) = (y-Y)(y-x) + (Y-x)(y-x) \\ &= (y-Y)(y-x) + (Y-X)(y-x) + (X-x)(y-x)\end{aligned}$$

But from item 1, $E(y-x)^2 := \|y-x\|^2 = E(Y-X)(y-x) \leq E|(Y-X)(y-x)| \leq \|Y-X\|\|y-x\|$, which gives $\|y-x\| \leq \|Y-X\|$. Lastly, if $X=Y$ almost everywhere, then $\|Y-X\|=0$ and $x=y$ almost everywhere.

(c) Since $X \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$, it follows from the projection theorem that $E(X|\mathcal{G}) = X$.

(d) From item (a), we have $\langle E(E(X|\mathcal{G})|\mathcal{H}), Y \rangle = \langle E(X|\mathcal{G}), E(Y|\mathcal{H}) \rangle = \langle X, E(E(Y|\mathcal{H})|\mathcal{G}) \rangle$. Since $E(Y|\mathcal{H}) \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$, we have that by item (c) $\langle X, E(E(Y|\mathcal{H})|\mathcal{G}) \rangle = \langle X, E(Y|\mathcal{H}) \rangle = \langle E(X|\mathcal{H}), Y \rangle$. Hence, $E(E(X|\mathcal{G})|\mathcal{H}) = E(X|\mathcal{H})$ almost everywhere.

(e) Since $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$ is a closed linear subspace of $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ and $E(\cdot|\mathcal{G})$ is a linear projector, any $X \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ can be written as

$$X = E(X|\mathcal{G}) + (X - E(X|\mathcal{G})) \quad (9.2)$$

where $(X - E(X|\mathcal{G}))$ is orthogonal to any element of $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$. Hence, (9.2) gives

$$XY = E(X|\mathcal{G})Y + (X - E(X|\mathcal{G}))Y. \quad (9.3)$$

Now, note that for any $s \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$ and $Y \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$ bounded almost everywhere, as assumed in the question, we have $sY \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$. Hence, $E((X - E(X|\mathcal{G}))sY) = 0$ and using (9.3) we have

$$E(sXY) = E(sE(X|\mathcal{G})Y) \iff E([XY - E(X|\mathcal{G})Y]s) = 0,$$

and the conclusion that $E(XY|\mathcal{G}) = E(X|\mathcal{G})Y$.

(f) From item (b)

$$\|E(Y_n|\mathcal{G}) - E(Z|\mathcal{G})\| \leq \|Y_n - Z\|.$$

Taking limits on both sides as $n \rightarrow \infty$ we obtain $\|E(Y_n|\mathcal{G}) - E(Z|\mathcal{G})\| \rightarrow 0$, since $\|Y_n - Z\| \rightarrow 0$ by assumption. That is, $E(Y_n|\mathcal{G})$ converges in quadratic mean to $E(Z|\mathcal{G})$. But by Chebyshev's inequality, convergence in quadratic mean implies convergence in probability. Hence, $E(Y_n|\mathcal{G}) \xrightarrow{p} E(Z|\mathcal{G})$.

4. Let $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ be random variables and assume that $E(Y|X) = aX$ where $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

(a) Show that if $E(X^2) > 0$, $a = E(XY)/E(X^2)$.

(b) If $\{(Y_i \ X_i)^T\}_{i=1}^n$ is a sequence of independent random vectors with components having the same distribution as $(Y \ X)^T$, show that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \xrightarrow{p} E(X^2) \text{ and } \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i X_i \xrightarrow{p} E(XY).$$

(c) Let $a_n = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2\right)^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i X_i$. Does $a_n \xrightarrow{p} a$? Can a_n be defined for all n ? Explain.

Answer: (a) Note that $E(Y|X) = \underset{a}{\operatorname{argmin}} \int_{\Omega} (Y - aX)^2 dP$. Now,

$$\int_{\Omega} (Y - aX)^2 dP = \int_{\Omega} Y^2 dP + a^2 \int_{\Omega} X^2 dP - 2a \int_{\Omega} XY dP,$$

$$\frac{d}{da} \int_{\Omega} (Y - aX)^2 dP = 2a \int_{\Omega} X^2 dP - 2 \int_{\Omega} XY dP \text{ and } \frac{d^2}{da^2} \int_{\Omega} (Y - aX)^2 dP = 2 \int_{\Omega} X^2 dP > 0.$$

Hence, setting the first derivative equal to zero gives, $E(Y|X) \int_{\Omega} X^2 dP = \int_{\Omega} XY dP \iff E(Y|X) = \frac{E(XY)}{E(X^2)}$.

(b) Since $X_i^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Y_i \\ X_i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Y_i \\ X_i \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^T$ and $X_i Y_i = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Y_i \\ X_i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Y_i \\ X_i \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T$ they are measurable function of $\begin{pmatrix} Y_i \\ X_i \end{pmatrix}$. Hence, $\{X_i^2\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $\{X_i Y_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ are IID sequences. Since, $E(X_i^2) = E(X^2)$ and $E(X_i Y_i) = E(XY)$ by the law of large numbers for IID random variables

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \xrightarrow{p} E(X^2) > 0 \text{ and } \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i X_i \xrightarrow{p} E(XY).$$

(c) To define a_n we need $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 > 0$ which is not assured from the assumptions. What can be said is that $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \xrightarrow{p} E(X^2) > 0$. Hence, a_n exists in probability as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

5. Prove the following:

- (a) If $Y \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ and $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$ is a σ -algebra, show that $|E(Y|\mathcal{G})| \leq E(|Y||\mathcal{G})$.

Answer: $|Y| = Y^+ - Y^-$ where $Y^+, Y^- \geq 0$. By linearity of conditional expectation

$$E(|Y||\mathcal{G}) = E(Y^+|\mathcal{G}) + E(Y^-|\mathcal{G})$$

and from Theorem 7.9 $E(Y^+|\mathcal{G}) \geq 0, E(Y^-|\mathcal{G}) \geq 0$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} |E(Y|\mathcal{G})| &= |E(Y^+|\mathcal{G}) - E(Y^-|\mathcal{G})| \leq |E(Y^+|\mathcal{G})| + |E(Y^-|\mathcal{G})| \\ &= E(Y^+|\mathcal{G}) + E(Y^-|\mathcal{G}) = E(|Y||\mathcal{G}) \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Let c be a scalar constant and suppose $X = c$ almost surely. Show that $E(X|\mathcal{G}) = c$ almost surely.

Answer: It suffices to show that $\int_{\Omega} |c - E(X|\mathcal{G})| dP = 0$. Now,

$$\int_{\Omega} |c - E(X|\mathcal{G})| dP = \int_{c \geq E(X|\mathcal{G})} (c - E(X|\mathcal{G})) dP + \int_{c < E(X|\mathcal{G})} (E(X|\mathcal{G}) - c) dP.$$

Now, $\int_{c \geq E(X|\mathcal{G})} (c - E(X|\mathcal{G})) dP = \int_{\Omega} (c - E(X|\mathcal{G})) I_{\{c \geq E(X|\mathcal{G})\}} dP$. Now, since $E(X|\mathcal{G}) \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$, $I_{\{c \geq E(X|\mathcal{G})\}}$ is \mathcal{G} -measurable. Hence, by the definition of conditional expectation

$$\int_{c \geq E(X|\mathcal{G})} (c - E(X|\mathcal{G})) dP = 0.$$

Similarly, $\int_{c < E(X|\mathcal{G})} (E(X|\mathcal{G}) - c) dP = 0$. Hence, $c = E(X|\mathcal{G})$ almost surely.

- (c) If $Y \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ and $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$ is a σ -algebra, show that for $a > 0$

$$P(\{\omega : |Y(\omega)| \geq a\}|\mathcal{G}) \leq \frac{1}{a} E(|Y(\omega)||\mathcal{G}).$$

What is the definition of $P(\{\omega : |Y(\omega)| \geq a\}|\mathcal{G})$? Is this a legitimate probability measure?

Answer: Note that $a I_{\{\omega : |Y(\omega)| \geq a\}} \leq |Y(\omega)|$ and

$$a E(I_{\{\omega : |Y(\omega)| \geq a\}}|\mathcal{G}) \leq E(|Y(\omega)||\mathcal{G}) \iff E(I_{\{\omega : |Y(\omega)| \geq a\}}|\mathcal{G}) \leq \frac{1}{a} E(|Y(\omega)||\mathcal{G}).$$

If we define $E(I_{\{\omega : |Y(\omega)| \geq a\}}|\mathcal{G}) := P(\{\omega : |Y(\omega)| \geq a\}|\mathcal{G})$ we have

$$P(\{\omega : |Y(\omega)| \geq a\}|\mathcal{G}) \leq \frac{1}{a} E(|Y(\omega)||\mathcal{G}).$$

Now, to verify that $P(\cdot|\mathcal{G})$ is a legitimate probability measure note that, $E(I_\Omega|\mathcal{G}) = E(1|\mathcal{G}) = 1 = P(\Omega|\mathcal{G})$ almost surely. Also, if $\{E_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a countable collection of disjoint events $I_{\cup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} E_j} = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} I_{E_j}$ and

$$P(\cup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} E_j|\mathcal{G}) = E(I_{\cup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} E_j}|\mathcal{G}) = E\left(\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} I_{E_j}|\mathcal{G}\right) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} E(I_{E_j}|\mathcal{G}) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} P(E_j|\mathcal{G}).$$

6. Let Y and X be random variables such that $Y, X \in \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ and define $\varepsilon = Y - E(Y|X)$.

- (a) Show that $E(\varepsilon|X) = 0$ and $E(\varepsilon) = 0$.
- (b) Let $V(Y|X) = E(Y^2|X) - E(Y|X)^2$. Show that $V(Y|X) = V(\varepsilon|X)$, $V(\varepsilon) = E(V(Y|X))$;
- (c) $Cov(\varepsilon, h(X)) = 0$ for any function of X whose expectation exists.
- (d) Assume that $E(Y|X) = \alpha + \beta X$ where $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$. Let $E(Y) = \mu_Y$, $E(X) = \mu_X$, $V(Y) = \sigma_Y^2$, $V(X) = \sigma_X^2$ and $\rho = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$. Show that,

$$E(Y|X) = \mu_Y + \rho \sigma_Y \frac{X - \mu_X}{\sigma_X} \text{ and } E(V(Y|X)) = (1 - \rho^2) \sigma_Y^2.$$

Answers:

- (a) $E(\varepsilon|X) = E(Y - E(Y|X)|X) = E(Y|X) - E(Y|X) = 0$. By the law on iterated expectations $E(\varepsilon) = E(E(\varepsilon|X)) = 0$.
- (b) $V(Y|X) = E((Y - E(Y|X))^2|X) = E(\varepsilon^2|X) = V(\varepsilon|X)$ since $E(\varepsilon|X) = 0$. Also, since $E(\varepsilon) = 0$ we have that $V(\varepsilon) = E(\varepsilon^2) = E(E(\varepsilon^2|X)) = E(V(\varepsilon|X)) = E(V(Y|X))$.
- (c) $Cov(\varepsilon, h(X)) = E(\varepsilon h(X)) - E(\varepsilon)E(h(X)) = E(\varepsilon h(X))$ since $E(\varepsilon) = 0$. But by definition of conditional expectation

$$E(\varepsilon h(X)) = E(h(X)E(\varepsilon|X)) = 0 \text{ since } E(\varepsilon|X) = 0.$$

- (d) First note that

$$\mu_Y = E(E(Y|X)) = E(\alpha + \beta X) = \alpha + \beta \mu_X. \quad (9.4)$$

Now, by definition of conditional expectation

$$E(XY) = E(X(\alpha + \beta X)) = \alpha \mu_X + \beta E(X^2) = \alpha \mu_X + \beta(\sigma_X^2 + \mu_X^2).$$

Also, $E(XY) = Cov(X, Y) + \mu_X\mu_Y = \rho\sigma_X\sigma_Y + \mu_X\mu_Y$. Then, we have

$$\alpha\mu_X + \beta(\sigma_X^2 + \mu_X^2) = \rho\sigma_X\sigma_Y + \mu_X\mu_Y. \quad (9.5)$$

Equations (9.4) and (9.5) form a system with two unknowns (α, β) . The solution is given by,

$$\beta = \frac{\rho\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X} \text{ and } \alpha = \mu_Y - \mu_X \frac{\rho\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X}.$$

Substituting α and β into $E(Y|X) = \alpha + \beta X$ gives the desired result.

Lastly,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_Y^2 &:= V(Y) = E(Y - E(Y))^2 = E(Y - E(Y|X) + E(Y|X) - E(Y))^2 \\ &= E((Y - E(Y|X))^2) + E((E(Y|X) - E(Y))^2) \\ &\quad + 2E((Y - E(Y|X))(E(Y|X) - E(Y))) \\ &= E((Y - E(Y|X))^2) + V(E(Y|X)) + 2E(\varepsilon(E(Y|X) - E(Y))) \\ &= E(V(Y|X)) + V(E(Y|X)). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} E(V(Y|X)) &= \sigma_Y^2 - V\left(\mu_Y + \rho\sigma_Y \frac{X - \mu_X}{\sigma_X}\right) \\ &= \sigma_Y^2 - \rho^2\sigma_Y^2 = \sigma_Y^2(1 - \rho^2) \end{aligned}$$

Chapter 10

Exercises

1. Suppose $\{X_i\}_{i=1,2,\dots}$ is a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables and $Y_i(x) = I_{\{\omega: X_i \leq x\}}$, where I_A is the indicator function of the set A . Now define

$$F_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(x)$$

for fixed x . Obtain the asymptotic distribution of $\sqrt{n}(F_n(x) - F(x))$. You can use a Central Limit Theorem, but otherwise show all your work.

Answer: (3 points) First, note that $E(Y_i(x)) = P(\{\omega : X_i \leq x\}) = F(x)$ and $V(Y_i(x)) = F(x) - F(x)^2 = F(x)(1 - F(x))$.

$$\sqrt{n}(F_n(x) - F(x)) = \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i(x) - E(Y_i(x))) \right).$$

Now, since the sequence is $\{Y_i(x)\}$ is IID, this is so because I_A is measurable, by Lévy's CLT

$$\frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i(x) - E(Y_i(x)))}{\sqrt{\frac{F(x)(1-F(x))}{n}}} = \sqrt{n} \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i(x) - E(Y_i(x)))}{\sqrt{F(x)(1-F(x))}} = \frac{\sqrt{n}(F_n(x) - F(x))}{\sqrt{F(x)(1-F(x))}} \xrightarrow{d} Z \sim N(0, 1)$$

2. Let $\{X_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$ and $\{Y_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$ be sequences of random variables defined on the same probability space. Suppose $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ and $Y_n \xrightarrow{d} Y$ and assume X_n and Y_n are independent for all n and X and Y are independent. Show that $X_n + Y_n \xrightarrow{d} X + Y$. Hint: use the characteristic function for a sum of independent random variables.

Answer: The characteristic function of $X_n + Y_n$ is given by

$$\phi_{X_n+Y_n}(t) = E(\exp it(X_n + Y_n)) = E(\exp it(X_n) \exp it(Y_n)) = E(\exp it(X_n))E(\exp it(Y_n)) = \phi_{X_n}(t)\phi_{Y_n}(t)$$

where the next to last equality follows by independence of X_n and Y_n . Since, $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ and $Y_n \xrightarrow{d} Y$, it must be that $\phi_{X_n}(t) \rightarrow \phi_X(t)$ and $\phi_{Y_n}(t) \rightarrow \phi_Y(t)$. So,

$$\phi_{X_n+Y_n}(t) = \phi_{X_n}(t)\phi_{Y_n}(t) \rightarrow \phi_X(t)\phi_Y(t) = \phi_{X+Y}(t),$$

where the last equality follows from independence of X and Y . Thus, $X_n+Y_n \xrightarrow{d} X+Y$.

3. Let $\{X_i\}_{i=1,2,\dots}$ be a sequence of independent and identically random variables with $E(X_i) = 1$ and $\sigma_{X_i}^2 = \sigma^2 < \infty$. Show that if $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$

$$\frac{2}{\sigma} (S_n^{1/2} - n^{1/2}) \xrightarrow{d} Z \sim N(0, 1).$$

Answer: Note that,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{\sigma} (S_n - n) &= \frac{2}{\sigma} (S_n^{1/2} - n^{1/2}) (S_n^{1/2} + n^{1/2}) \\ &= \frac{2}{\sigma} (S_n^{1/2} - n^{1/2}) n^{1/2} ((S_n/n)^{1/2} + 1) \end{aligned}$$

So that,

$$\frac{2}{\sigma} \sqrt{n} ((S_n/n) - 1) = \frac{2}{\sigma} (S_n^{1/2} - n^{1/2}) ((S_n/n)^{1/2} + 1)$$

and

$$((S_n/n)^{1/2} + 1)^{-1} \frac{2}{\sigma} \sqrt{n} ((S_n/n) - 1) = \frac{2}{\sigma} (S_n^{1/2} - n^{1/2}).$$

Since, $\{X_i\}_{i=1,2,\dots}$ is a sequence of independent and identically random variables with $E(X_i) = 1$, by Slutsky Theorem $((S_n/n)^{1/2} + 1)^{-1} \xrightarrow{p} 2^{-1}$ and since $\sigma_{X_i}^2 = \sigma^2 < \infty$, by Lévy's CLT $\frac{1}{\sigma} \sqrt{n} ((S_n/n) - 1) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$. Hence, $\frac{2}{\sigma} (S_n^{1/2} - n^{1/2}) \xrightarrow{d} Z \sim N(0, 1)$.