

# Probability

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# 1 Rigorous set up

## 1.1 Probability space, events and random variables

**Definition 1.1** ( $\sigma$ -algebra of sets). Let  $\Omega$  be a set and  $\Sigma$  be a collection of sets. Then  $\Sigma$  is a  $\sigma$  - algebra if

1.  $\Omega, \phi \in \Sigma$
2.  $A \in \Sigma$  then  $\Omega/A \in \Sigma$
3.  $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \Sigma$  then  $\cup_1^\infty A_i \in \Sigma$

**Definition 1.2** (Measure).  $\mu : \Sigma \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is called a measure if

1.  $\mu(\phi) = 0$
2.  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  are disjoint then  $\mu(\cup_1^\infty A_i) = \sum_1^\infty \mu(A_i)$

**Definition 1.3** (Probability Measure). A measure  $\mu$  is called a Probability Measure denoted by  $P$  if

$$P(\Omega) = 1$$

**Definition 1.4** (Probability Space). A triple  $(\Omega, \Sigma, P)$ , where  $\Omega$  is a set,  $\Sigma$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra and  $P$  is a probability measure, is called a Probability Space.

**Definition 1.5** (Measurable Function). a function  $X$  is called a Measurable function if

$$\forall B \in \mathcal{B} \quad X^{-1}(B) = \{w : X(w) \in B\} \in \Sigma$$

**Definition 1.6** (Random Variable). A random variable is called a measurable function

$$\begin{aligned} X : \Omega &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ (\Omega, \Sigma) &\rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \underbrace{\mathcal{B}}_{\text{borel } \sigma\text{-algebra}}) \end{aligned}$$

The idea:

$\Omega$  - Random outcomes

$\Sigma$  - All possible events

$P(E)$  - Probability of the event  $E$

**Example 1.1.** Bernulli = "tossing a coin" = 0 or 1 with probability  $\frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \{H, T\} \\ \Sigma &= \{\{H\}, \{T\}, \{H, T\}, \phi\} = 2^\Omega \\ P(\{H\}) &= P(\{T\}) = \frac{1}{2} \\ P(\{H, T\}) &= 1 \\ P(\phi) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X : H &\rightarrow 1 \\ T &\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

"Probability that  $X = 1$ " =  $P(\omega : X(\omega) = 1) = P(\{H\}) = \frac{1}{2}$

**Example 1.2.** Roll a die, spell the number, take # of letters

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \\ \Sigma &= 2^\Omega \quad (\sigma\text{-algebra of all subsets}) \\ P(\{1\}) &= \dots = P(\{6\}) = \frac{1}{6} \\ P(\{1, 3, 5\}) &= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ etc...} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X : \quad 1 &\rightarrow 3 \\ \quad 2 &\rightarrow 3 \\ \quad 3 &\rightarrow 5 \\ \quad 4 &\rightarrow 4 \\ \quad 5 &\rightarrow 4 \\ \quad 6 &\rightarrow 3 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 1.3.** Roll a die, spell the number, take # of letters but with the possibility of the dice rolling off the table and scoring 0

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 0\} \\ \Sigma &= 2^\Omega \quad (\sigma\text{-algebra of all subsets}) \\ P(\{1\}) &= \dots = P(\{6\}) = \frac{1}{6} \quad P(\{0\}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X : \quad 0 &\rightarrow 4 \\ \quad 1 &\rightarrow 3 \\ \quad 2 &\rightarrow 3 \\ \quad 3 &\rightarrow 5 \\ \quad 4 &\rightarrow 4 \\ \quad 5 &\rightarrow 4 \\ \quad 6 &\rightarrow 3 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 1.4.** Tossing a fair coin infinitely many times

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= [0, 1] \\ \Sigma &=? \end{aligned}$$

we can then represent each event as a real number in  $[0, 1]$  for example all events where first three results are HTH rest unknown:

$$\{\omega = 0.101 **\} = \left[ \frac{5}{8}, \frac{3}{4} \right]$$

All binary intervals must be in  $\Sigma$ . The minimal  $\sigma$ -algebra with this property is  $\mathcal{B}$  the borel  $\sigma$ -algebra.

$$P(\omega : 0.101 **** * \dots) = \text{leb} \left[ \frac{5}{8}, \frac{3}{4} \right] = \frac{1}{8}$$

$\Rightarrow P$  is a lebesgue measure

some questions that could be asked:

if  $\omega = \omega_1, \omega_2, \dots$

(a) what is the number in the  $n^{\text{th}}$  position

$$\begin{aligned} [0, 1] &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ 0.\omega_1\omega_2\dots &\mapsto \omega_n \end{aligned}$$

(b) how many 1's out of the first  $n$  tosses?

$$\begin{aligned} [0, 1] &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ 0.\omega_1\omega_2\dots &\mapsto \omega_1 + \dots + \omega_n \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 1.7.** An event is an element of  $\Sigma$

Suppose an event  $E$  occurs = suppose  $\omega \in E$ . An event occurs with probability  $p = P(E)$ . We are interested in:  $P(X \in B) \equiv P(\omega : X(\omega) \subseteq B)$

**Definition 1.8.**

$$\mu_X(B) := P(X \in B), \quad B \in \mathcal{B}$$

This probability measure on  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$  is called the distribution of  $X$  or the law of  $X$ .

$\mathcal{B}$  is generated by  $\{(-\infty, t], t \in \mathbb{R}\}$

## 1.2 Distribution function

**Definition 1.9.**

$$F_X(t) := \mu_X((-\infty, t]) = P(X \leq t) \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$F_X(t)$  is called the distribution function of  $X$

**Example 1.5.** Bernoulli:

$$\mu_X(B) := P(X \in B) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0, 1 \in B \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if just one of } 0, 1 \in B \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 1.10.** Properties of  $F_X$ :

1.  $F_X$  is increasing
2.  $F_X \rightarrow 1$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  and  $F_X \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow -\infty$
3.  $F_X$  is right continuous

*Proof.*

(1):

$$t_1 < t_2$$

$$F_X(t_1) = P(X \leq t_1)$$

$$F_X(t_2) = P(X \leq t_2).$$

$$t_1 < t_2 \Rightarrow \{X \leq t_1\} \subset \{X \leq t_2\}$$

$$\therefore P(X \leq t_1) \leq P(X \leq t_2)$$

(2):

Let  $t_n \rightarrow \infty$  (need countability with  $\sigma$ -algebras).

$$F_X(t_n) = P(X \leq t_n) \rightarrow P(\cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{X \leq t_n\}) = P(\Omega) = 1$$

Let  $t_n \searrow \infty$

$$F_X(t_n) = P(X \leq t_n) \rightarrow P(\cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{X \leq t_n\}) = P(\phi) = 0$$

(3):

Let  $t_n \searrow t$

$$F_X(t_n) = P(X \leq t_n) \rightarrow P(\cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{X \leq t_n\}) = P(X \leq t) = F_X(t)$$

□

**Theorem 1.1** (Skorokhod Representation). *If  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  satisfies (1)-(3) from def 1.10 above then there is a random variable  $X$  on the probability space  $([0, 1], \mathcal{B}, \text{leb})$  such that*

$$F_X = F$$

**Idea.** *If  $F$  is invertable, then take  $G = F^{-1}$  and  $X(\omega) = G(\omega)$*

$$F_X(t) = \text{leb}(\omega : X(\omega) \leq t) = F(t)$$

*Proof.* Define  $G : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$G(\omega) = \inf\{t : F(t) > \omega\}$$

Define  $X(\omega) = G(\omega)$

need to prove:

$$F_X(u) = \text{leb}\{\omega : G(\omega) \leq u\} \stackrel{?}{=} F(u)$$

$$\text{i.e. } F_X(u) = \text{leb}\{\omega : \inf\{t : F(t) > \omega\} \leq u\} \stackrel{?}{=} F(u)$$

It suffices to show:

$$[0, F(u)) \subset \{\omega : \inf\{t : F(t) > \omega\} \leq u\} \subset [0, F(u)]$$

(a) Let  $\omega \in [0, F(u))$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \omega < F(u) \\ &\Rightarrow u \in \{t : F(t) > \omega\} \\ &\Rightarrow \inf\{t : F(t) > \omega\} \leq u \\ &\Rightarrow \omega \in \text{"middle set"} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Let  $\omega$  be such that  $\inf\{t : F(t) > \omega\} \leq u$   
monotonicity of  $F$ :

$$F(\inf\{t : F(t) > \omega\}) \leq F(u)$$

right continuity:

$$\inf\{F(t) : F(t) > \omega\} < F(u)$$

So

$$\omega \leq \inf\{F(t) : F(t) > \omega\} < F(u)$$

□

**Example 1.6.** *Uniform Distribution*

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 0 \\ t & \text{if } t \in [0, 1] \\ 1 & \text{if } t > 1 \end{cases}$$

$X ; ([0, 1], \mathcal{B}, \text{leb})$

$$X(\omega) = \omega \quad (\text{jumps to } \infty, -\infty \text{ outside of } [0, 1])$$

$0.\omega_1\omega_2\omega_3\dots$  - uniform random variable on  $[0, 1]$

**Example 1.7.** *Exponential random variable (with mean  $\mu$ ).*

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-t/\mu} & \text{if } t \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Example 1.8.** *Normal,  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$*   
mean variance

$$F(t) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^t \exp\left(-\frac{(u-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) du$$

**Example 1.9.** *Poisson Distribution*

$$P(X = k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$([0, 1], \mathcal{B}, \text{leb})$

$$\Omega = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

$$\Sigma = 2^\Omega$$

$$P(\{k\}) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \quad \leftarrow \text{probability measure complicated}$$

$$X : 0 \rightarrow 0$$

$$: 1 \rightarrow 1$$

$$: 2 \rightarrow 2$$

$$: 3 \rightarrow 3$$

$\leftarrow$  Simple

By using Skorohod Representation, thm 1.1, we keep the probability measure simple and random variable function complicated.

**Definition 1.11.** If one can write  $F_X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t f_X(u) du$  then the law/distribution is called continuous and  $f_X$  is called the density.

$$\mu_X((-\infty, t]) = F_X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t f_X(u) du = \int_{(-\infty, t]} f_X(u) d\text{leb}(u)$$

**Remark.**

(1)

$X$  has a density  $\Leftrightarrow$  the law is continuous

$\Leftrightarrow X$  is absolutely continuous w.r.t leb and:

$$f_X = \frac{d\mu_X}{d\text{leb}} \quad (\text{Radon - Nikodym Density})$$

(2) if  $F$  is differentiable then

$$f_x = F'_x$$

(3) Exponential:

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-t/\mu} & \text{if } t \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_x(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\mu} e^{-t/\mu} & \text{if } t \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Normal:

$$f_X(t) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(t - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

(4)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(u) du = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(X)$$

### 1.3 Expectation and variance

**Remark** (Reminder from measure theory).

1.

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbb{1}_{B_i} \quad (\text{simple functions})$$

$$\int f dP = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i P(B_i)$$

2.  $f \geq 0$ , take simple functions  $f_n$  where  $f_n \nearrow f$ . Define

$$\int f dP = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n dP \in [0, 1]$$

3. for arbitrary  $f$

$$f = f^+ + (-f^-)$$

Define

$$\int f dP = \int f^+ dP - \int f^- dP$$

if both are finite. We say the function is non-lebesgue measurable otherwise.

**MCT** suppose  $f_n : \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  and  $f_n \nearrow f$  a.s. Then:

$$\int f_n dP \rightarrow \int f dP$$

**DCT** suppose  $f_n \rightarrow f$  a.s. and  $|f_n(\omega)| < g(\omega)$  a.s. where  $\int g(\omega) < \infty$  Then:

$$\int f_n dP \rightarrow \int f dP$$

**Definition 1.12.** Let  $X$  be a random variable on  $(\Omega, \Sigma, P)$ . If  $X$  is integrable then

$$EX = \int X dP$$

this is called the expectation of  $X$ . If  $X > 0$ , we allow the case  $EX = \infty$



**Definition 1.13.** If  $X$  is square integrable ( $X^2$  is integrable), then

$$\text{Var}X = E(X - EX)^2$$

this is called the variance of  $X$ .

$$E(X - EX)^2 = E(X^2 - 2X \cdot EX + (EX)^2) = EX^2 - 2(EX)^2 + (EX)^2 = EX^2 - (EX)^2$$

**Lemma 1.2.** If  $EX^2 < \infty$  then  $E|X| < \infty$  and so  $EX < \infty$

*Proof.*

$$E|X| = E|X| \cdot 1 \leq \underbrace{\sqrt{EX^2}}_{\text{finite}} \cdot \underbrace{\sqrt{E1^2}}_1 < \infty$$

□

**Theorem 1.3** (Chebyshev inequality).

Let  $X$  be a non negative r.v. then for any  $c > 0$ :

$$P(X > c) \leq c^{-1}EX$$

*Proof.* Define

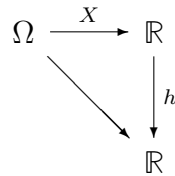
$$Y(\omega) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } \omega \text{ is st } X(\omega) > c \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$Y \leq X \text{ a.s.} \Rightarrow \underbrace{EY}_{=c \cdot P(X>c)} \leq EX$$

□

**Theorem 1.4.** Let  $X$  be a random variable on  $(\Omega, \Sigma, P)$  and  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  integrable on  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}, \text{leb})$ . Then

$$Eh(X) = \int h(u) d\mu_X(u)$$



*Proof.*

1.  $h = \mathbb{1}_B, b \in \mathcal{B}$

$$Eh(X) = E\mathbb{1}_B(X) = 1 \cdot P(X \in B)$$

$$\int h(u) d\mu_X(u) = \int \mathbb{1}_B(u) d\mu_X(u) = 1 \cdot \mu_X(B) = P(X \in B)$$

2.  $h = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \mathbb{1}_{B_i}$

The formula holds by linearity of the integral

3.  $h \geq 0$ .

$$\begin{matrix} h_n \nearrow h \\ \text{(simple,} \\ \text{positive)} \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{MCT} \int h_n d\mu_X \rightarrow \int h d\mu_X$$

$$\begin{matrix} h_n(X) \nearrow h(X) \\ \text{(simple,} \\ \text{positive)} \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{MCT} E h_n(X) \rightarrow E h(X)$$

4.  $h$  arbitrary

$$h = \underbrace{h^+}_{\geq 0} - \underbrace{h^-}_{\geq 0} \Rightarrow E h(X) = \int h(u) d\mu_X(u)$$

□

**Corollary 1.1.** if  $X$  has density  $f(u)$  then

$$EX = \int h(u) f(u) du$$

in particular if  $h(X) = X$

$$EX = \int u f(u) du \quad (\text{old formula})$$

and for  $h(X) = X^2$

$$EX^2 = \int u^2 f(u) du$$

If  $X$  has finitely, or countably, many values

$$E h(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n h(a_i) \cdot P(X = a_i)$$

in particular if  $h(X) = X$

$$EX = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot P(X = a_i) \quad (\text{old formula})$$

**Example 1.10.**  $X$ -Bernulli

$$EX = 1 \cdot P(X = 1) + 0 \cdot P(X = 0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$EX^2 = 1^2 \cdot P(X = 1) + 0 \cdot P(X = 0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$Var X = EX^2 - (EX)^2 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

**Example 1.11.**  $N(0,1)$

$$EX = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t^2/2} dt = 0$$

$$EX^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t^2/2} dt = 1$$

**Example 1.12.**  $n$  people collecting their suitcases at random

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 1, & 2, & \dots, & n \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \sigma(1) & \sigma(2) & \dots & \sigma(n) \end{array}$$

Pick a random permutation  $\sigma$  uniformly with probability  $\frac{1}{n!}$   
Probability of everyone getting wrong suitcase?  
Expected number of correct suitcases?

$$N = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n \quad X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if the } i\text{th passenger collected correct suitcase} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$EN = \sum_{i=1}^n EX_i = \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \cdot P(X_i = 1) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(n-1)!}{n!} = \frac{1}{n} n = 1$$

## 2 Independence

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, P)$  be a probability space. Events  $A, B \in \Sigma$  are independent if

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

two  $\sigma$ -algebras  $\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2 \subset \Sigma$  are independent if

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B) \quad \text{for any } A \in \Sigma_1, B \in \Sigma_2$$

finitely many  $\sigma$ -algebras  $\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2, \dots, \Sigma_n \subset \Sigma$  are independent if

$$P(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(A_i) \quad \text{whenever } A_i \in \Sigma_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$$

a sequence of  $\sigma$ -algebras  $\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2, \dots \subset \Sigma$  are independent for any  $n$   
let  $X, Y$  be random variables, they are independent if

$$\sigma(X) \prod \sigma(Y)$$

Recall:

$$\sigma(X) = \{X^{-1}(B), B \in \mathcal{B}\} = \{X \in B, B \in \mathcal{B}\}$$

"information which we can get from  $X$ ".

**Example 2.1.**

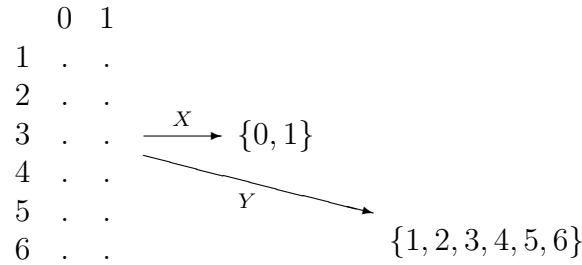
$X \sim$  coin toss: Bernulli

$Y \sim$  roll a die:  $P(X = 1) = \dots = P(X = 6) = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\Omega = \{0, 1\} \times \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$\Sigma = 2^\Omega$$

$$P(\text{each point}) = \frac{1}{12}$$



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \omega_1 \\ Y(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \omega_2 \end{array} \right\} \text{ are they independent?}$$

$$\sigma(X) = \{\phi, \Sigma, \underbrace{\{(1, i), i = 1 \dots 6\}}_{\{X=1\}}, \underbrace{\{(0, i), i = 1 \dots 6\}}_{\{X=0\}}\}$$

$$\sigma(Y) = \{\phi, \Sigma, \{Y = 1\}, \dots, \{Y = 6\}, \{Y = 3 \text{ or } 4 \text{ or } 6\} \text{ etc} \dots\}$$

$$\underbrace{P\{X = 1, Y = 6\} = \frac{1}{12}, \quad P\{X = 1\} = \frac{1}{2} \quad P\{Y = 6\} = \frac{1}{6}}_{\frac{1}{12} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{6}}$$

similarly check this for all pairs of sets!

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a collection of sets, it is called a  $\pi$ -system if  $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{I}$

$$A \cap B \in \mathcal{I}$$

**Example 2.2.**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \{(-\infty, t), t \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ \{(-\infty, t], t \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ \{(a, b) : a < b\}, \phi\} \\ \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \phi\} \end{array} \right\} \text{ generate } \mathcal{B} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \{(-\infty, t), t \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ \{(-\infty, t], t \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ \{(a, b) : a < b\}, \phi\} \\ \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \phi\} \end{array}} \right\} \pi\text{-system on } \mathcal{B}$$

**Example 2.3.**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \{X < t, t \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ \{X \leq t, t \in \mathbb{R}\} \end{array} \right\} \pi\text{-system generating } \sigma(X)$$

because

$$\{X < t\} \cap \{X < s\} = \{X < \min(t, s)\} \text{ etc}$$

**Example 2.4.** If  $X$ ,  $\underbrace{\text{takes finitely or countably many values } a_1, a_2, \dots}_{\text{discrete}}$

$$\{\{X = a_1\}, \{X = a_2\}, \dots, \phi\} - \pi\text{-system generating } \sigma(X)$$

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma)$  be a set with  $\sigma$ -algebra and  $\mathcal{I}$  be a  $\pi$ -system generating  $\Sigma$ . Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  be measures such that

1.  $\mu_1(\Omega) = \mu_2(\Omega) < \infty$
2.  $\mu_1(I) = \mu_2(I)$  for any  $I \in \mathcal{I}$

then

$$\mu_1(A) = \mu_2(A) \quad \forall A \in \Sigma$$

*Proof.* Stated without proof □

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $X, Y$  be rv's and  $\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J}$  be  $\pi$ -systems generating  $\sigma(X)$  and  $\sigma(Y)$ .

$$\mathcal{I} \text{ and } \mathcal{J} \text{ are independent} \Rightarrow X \text{ and } Y \text{ are independent}$$

*Proof.* Stated without proof □

**Corollary 2.1.**

(a) To check the independence of  $X$  and  $Y$  it suffices to check

$$P(X < t, Y < s) = P(X < t)P(Y < s)$$

(b) if  $X$  and  $Y$  are discrete, taking values  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  and  $b_1, b_2, \dots$  then

$$P(X = a_i, Y = b_j) = P(X = a_i)P(Y = b_j) \quad \forall i, j$$

*Proof.* fix  $I \in \mathcal{I}$

$$\mu_1(B) = P(I \cap B)$$

$$\mu_2(B) = P(I)P(B)$$

on  $\sigma(Y)$ ,  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  are measures such that  $\mu_1(\Omega) = \mu_2(\Omega) = P(I) < \infty$  and they agree on  $\mathcal{J}$

$$\xrightarrow[2.1]{Thm} \mu_1(B) = \mu_2(B) \quad \forall B \in \sigma(Y)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(X = a_i, Y = b_j) = P(X = a_i)P(Y = b_j) \quad \forall I \in \mathcal{I}, B \in \sigma(Y)$$

fix  $B \in \sigma(Y)$ . Define

$$v_1(A) = P(A \cap B)$$

$$v_2(A) = P(A)P(B)$$

on  $\sigma(X)$ ,  $v_1, v_2$  are measures such that  $v_1(\Omega) = v_2(\Omega) = P(B) < \infty$  and they agree on  $\mathcal{I}$

$$\xrightarrow[2.1]{Thm} \text{they agree on } \sigma(X)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B) \quad \text{whenever } A \in \sigma(X), B \in \sigma(Y)$$

□

**Example 2.5.**  $X_1, X_2, \dots$

- independent
- each  $X_i$  has a prescribed distribution function  $F_i$

do they always exist?

**Trick Model:**

It suffices to construct  $U_1, U_2, \dots$ , which are independent and have uniform distribution, because  $X_1 = G_1(U_1), X_2 = G_2(U_2), \dots$  generalised as in the Skorokhod representation, 1.1.

$$G = F^{-1} \quad G(\omega) = \inf\{t : F(t) > \omega\}$$

- $X_i$  has distribution  $F_i$
- they are independent since  $U_1, U_2, \dots$  are independent

How do we construct  $U_1, U_2, \dots$

$$([0, 1], \mathcal{B}, \text{leb}) \quad U(\omega) = \omega \text{ (Uniform!)} = .\omega_1\omega_2\dots$$

$\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots$  are

(a) bernulli

(b) independent

$$P(\omega_2 = 1) = \frac{1}{2} \quad P(\omega_1 = 0, \omega_2 = 1) = P(\omega_1 = 0)P(\omega_2 = 1) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$\omega = .\omega_1\omega_2\dots$

$$U_1(\omega) = .\omega_1\omega_2\omega_25\omega_{100}$$

$$U_2(\omega) = .\omega_2\omega_3\omega_{200}$$

$$U_3(\omega) = .\omega_4\omega_{500}\omega_{1000}$$

Uniform + Independent

## 2.1 Finite and infinite occurrence of Events

**Example 2.6.**

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} X_1 & X_2 & X_3 & X_4 & \dots & \text{Bernulli} \\ 1, & 0, & 1, & 1, & \dots & \end{array}$$

"there will be infinitely many 1's in the sequence with probability 1."

$$E_n = \{X_n = 1\}$$

$$E = \{ \text{infinitely many 1's in the sequence} \} = \{ \forall N \in \mathbb{N} \exists n \geq N \ X_n = 1 \}$$

$$= \bigcap_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n \geq N} \{X_n = 1\}$$

**Notation.** Let  $(E_n)$  be a sequence of events

$$\{E_n \text{ i.o.}\} = \bigcap_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n \geq N} E_n \quad \text{infinitely many of } E_n \text{ occur}$$

$$\{E_n \text{ i.o.}\}^c = \bigcup_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n \geq N} E_n^c \quad \text{finitely many events occur}$$

**Note.** *i.o.* - infinitely often

**Theorem 2.3** (Strong Law of Large Numbers). Let  $(X_n)$  be independent identically distributed random variables such that  $E|X_1| < \infty$ , then

$$\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \xrightarrow[n]{a.s.} EX_1 = EX_n \quad \forall n$$

*Outline of proof:*

$S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$  denote  $\mu = EX_1$  we need to prove:

$$P\left(\omega \in \Omega : \frac{S_n}{n} \rightarrow \mu\right) = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\omega \in \Omega : \frac{S_n}{n} \rightarrow \mu\right) &= P\left(\forall k > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \forall n > N \left|\frac{S_n}{n} - \mu\right| < \frac{1}{k}\right) \\ &= P\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n \geq N} \left\{\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - \mu\right| < \frac{1}{k}\right\}\right) \end{aligned}$$

We need to show  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$P\left(\bigcup_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n \geq N} \left\{\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - \mu\right| < \frac{1}{k}\right\}\right) = 1$$

that is equivalent to

$$P\left(\bigcup_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n \geq N} \left\{\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - \mu\right| \geq \frac{1}{k}\right\}^c\right) = 1$$

ie

$$P\left(\left\{\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - \mu\right| \geq \frac{1}{k} \text{ i.o.}\right\}^c\right) = 1$$

$$P\left(\left\{\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - \mu\right| \geq \frac{1}{k} \text{ i.o.}\right\}\right) = 0$$

Proven later.

## 2.2 The Borel-Cantelli Lemmas

**Lemma 2.4** (Borel-Cantelli Lemma 1 - BC1). Let  $(E_n)$  be events such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(E_n) < \infty$ , then

$$P(E_n \text{ i.o.}) = 0$$

*Proof.*

$$P\left(\bigcup_{n \geq N} E_n\right) \leq \sum_{n \geq N} P(E_n) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$P(E_n \text{ i.o.}) = P\left(\bigcap_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n \geq N} E_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\bigcup_{n \geq N} E_n\right) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n \geq N} P(E_n) = 0$$

since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(E_n) < \infty$ . □

**Lemma 2.5** (Borel-Cantelli Lemma 2 - BC2). Let  $(E_n)$  be events independent events such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(E_n) = \infty$ , then

$$P(E_n \text{ i.o.}) = 1$$

*Proof.*

$$P(E_n \text{ i.o.}) = 1 \Rightarrow P(\{E_n \text{ i.o.}\}^c) = P\left(\bigcup_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n \geq N} E_n^c\right) = 0$$

i.e

$$P\left(\bigcap_{n \geq N} E_n^c\right) = 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\bigcap_{n \geq N} E_n^c\right) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\bigcap_{n=N}^k E_n^c\right) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{n=N}^k \underbrace{P(E_n^c)}_{1-P(E_n)} \\ &\leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{n=N}^k e^{-P(E_n)} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\sum_{n=N}^k P(E_n)} = 0 \quad \forall N \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark.**  $E_n = E$  with some  $E$  such that  $0 < P(E) < 1$ ,  $\{E_n \text{ i.o.}\} = E$  so  $P(E_n \text{ i.o.}) = p$  not 0, 1. BC2, 2.5, doesn't hold for dependent events.

To summarize if  $(E_n)$  are independent then

$$P(E_n \text{ i.o.}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(E_n) = \infty \\ 0 & \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(E_n) < \infty \end{cases}$$



**Applications.**  $X_n$  iid assume all  $X_n$  have exponential distribution. we wish to show:

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X_n}{\log(n)} = 1 \quad a.s.$$

$\limsup a_n = a$  means  $a$  is the largest value such that there is a subsequence  $a_{n_k}$  converging to  $a$

**Example 2.7.**

1.  $1, -1, 1, -1, \dots$

$$\limsup = 1$$

2.  $1, 0, 3, 0, 5, \dots$

$$\limsup = \infty$$

So if I want to prove  $\limsup a_n = a$ :

1.  $\forall b > a, \quad a_n > b$  occurs for finitely many  $n$

2.  $\forall b < a, \quad a_n > b$  occurs for infinitely many  $n$

So for

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X_n}{\log(n)} = 1$$

1.  $b > 1$

$$P\left\{\frac{X_n}{\log(n)} > b \text{ i.o.}\right\} = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P\left(\frac{X_n}{\log(n)} > b\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(X_n > b \log(n)) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-b \log(n)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^b} < \infty$$

2.  $b < 1$

$$P\left\{\frac{X_n}{\log(n)} > b \text{ i.o.}\right\} = 1$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P\left(\frac{X_n}{\log(n)} > b\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^b} = \infty$$

**Example 2.8.** For the following two iid sequences  $(X_n)$ :

If  $(X_n)$  is Exponentially distributed such that  $F(x) = 1 - e^{-x}, x > 0$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X_n}{\log(n)} = 1 \quad a.s.$$

If  $(X_n)$  is normally distributed  $N(0, 1)$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X_n}{\sqrt{2 \log(n)}} = 1 \quad a.s.$$

(this is an exercise in homework.)

Are there any distributions such that  $(X_n)$  grows along a straight line?

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|X_n|}{n} = \alpha?$$

answer

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|X_n|}{n} = \begin{cases} o & \text{if } E|X_1| < \infty \leftarrow \text{follows from SLLN} \\ \infty & \text{if } E|X_1| = \infty \end{cases}$$

Proof.

$$\frac{X_n}{n} = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} - \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_{n-1}}{n-1} \cdot \frac{n-1}{n} \rightarrow 0$$

$\downarrow_{\text{SLLN}} \quad \downarrow_{\text{SLLN}} \quad \downarrow$   
 $E|X_1| \quad E|X_1| \quad 1$

We want to show that if  $E|X_1| = \infty$

$$P\left(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|X_n|}{n} = \infty\right) = 1$$

i.e.

$$P\left(\forall m \frac{X_n}{n} > m \text{ i.o.}\right) = P\left(\bigcap_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{X_n}{n} > m \text{ i.o.}\right) = 1$$

i.e.

$$P\left(\frac{X_n}{n} > m \text{ i.o.}\right) = 1 \quad \forall m$$

Use BC2, 2.5

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P\left(\frac{|X_n|}{n} > m\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P\left(\frac{|X_1|}{n} > m\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E\mathbb{1}_{\left\{\frac{|X_1|}{n} > m\right\}}$$

Idea  $m = 1$

$$P(|X_1| > 1)$$

$$P(|X_1| > 2)$$

$\vdots$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E\mathbb{1}_{\left\{\frac{|X_1|}{n} > m\right\}} \stackrel{MCT}{=} E \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{1}_{\left\{n < \frac{|X_1|}{m}\right\}} \geq E\left(\frac{|X_1|}{m} - 1\right) = \infty$$

□

**Theorem 2.6** (Expectation and Variance for independent variables). *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent random variables*

(a) if  $E|X| < \infty, E|Y| < \infty$  then  $E|XY| < \infty$

$$E(XY) = E(X) \cdot E(Y)$$

(b) if  $E(X^2), E(Y^2) < \infty$  then

$$\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)$$

*Proof of (a).*

(i) Lets check this for simple r.v's

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbb{1}_{A_i}, \quad Y = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j \mathbb{1}_{B_j} \quad \text{mutually different}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(XY) &= E\left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbb{1}_{A_i}\right)\left(\sum_{j=1}^m b_j \mathbb{1}_{B_j}\right)\right) = E\left(\sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_j \mathbb{1}_{A_i \cap B_j}\right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_j \underbrace{P(A_i \cap B_j)}_{=P(A_i)P(B_j)} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i P(A_i)\right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^m b_j P(B_j)\right) \\ &= E(X)E(Y) \end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $X \geq 0, Y \geq 0$  ← by approximation  $X, Y$  by simple r.v's and using MCT.

(iii)  $X, Y$  arbitrary, take

$$X = X^+ - X^- \quad Y = Y^+ - Y^-$$

and use linearity. □

*Proof of (b).*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X + Y) &= E(X + Y)^2 - (E(X + Y))^2 \\ &= E(X^2 + 2XY + Y^2) - ((EX)^2 + 2EXEY + (EY)^2) \\ &= EX^2 - (EX)^2 + EY^2 - (EY)^2 \\ &= \text{Var}X + \text{Var}Y \end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 2.9.**  $n \in \mathbb{N}, X_1, \dots, X_n$  – independent.

$$P(X_i = 1) = p \quad P(X_i = 0) = 1 - p$$

$Y = X_1 + \dots + X_n$  number of heads over  $n$ -tosses

$Y$  has Binomial distribution

$$P(Y = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

$$EY = \sum_{k=1}^n k P(Y = k) \quad \text{Var}Y = \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 P(Y = k)$$

⋮     ⋮

$$EY = E(X_1 + \dots + X_n) = EX_1 + \dots + EX_n = np$$

$$\text{Var}Y = \text{Var}(X_1 + \dots + X_n) = \text{Var}X_1 + \dots + \text{Var}X_n = np(1 - p)$$

### 2.3 Bernsteins inequality

**Theorem 2.7** (Bernsteins inequality). Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be independent and such that

$$P(X_i = 1) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad P(X_i = -1) = \frac{1}{2} \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n$$

and  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$  then

$$P\left(\left|\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right| \geq t\right) \leq 2 \exp\left(\frac{-t^2}{2 \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2}\right) \quad \forall t > 0$$

*Proof.* Denote  $c = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2$  and let  $\lambda > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} E\left(\exp\left(\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right)\right) &= E\left(\prod_{i=1}^n e^{\lambda a_i X_i}\right) = \prod_{i=1}^n E\left(e^{\lambda a_i X_i}\right) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{\lambda a_i} + e^{-\lambda a_i}}{2} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \cosh \lambda a_i \leq \prod_{i=1}^n \exp\left(\frac{\lambda^2 a_i^2}{2}\right) = \exp\left(\frac{\lambda^2 c}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

now

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i > \lambda t\right) &= P\left(\exp\left(\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right) > \exp(\lambda t)\right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\leq} E\left(\exp\left(\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right) \cdot \exp(-\lambda t)\right) \\ &\leq \exp\left(\frac{\lambda^2 c}{2} - \lambda t\right) \end{aligned}$$

Take  $\lambda$  in such a way that it minimises  $\frac{\lambda^2 c}{2} - \lambda t$

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i > t\right) &\leq \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{c^2} c \frac{1}{2} - \frac{t^2}{c}\right) = \exp\frac{-t^2}{2c} \\ P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{a_i}_{b_i = -a_i} X_i < -t\right) &= P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n b_i X_i > t\right) \leq \exp\frac{-t^2}{2c} \\ P\left(\left|\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right| > t\right) &= P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i > t \cup \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i < -t\right) \\ &\leq P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i > t\right) + P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i < -t\right) \\ &\leq 2 \exp\frac{-t^2}{2c} \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 2.8** (SLLN for r.v's taking values  $\pm 1$ ). Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a sequence of iid random variables such that

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

then

$$\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \rightarrow 0 (= EX_1) \text{ a.s.}$$

*Proof.* we want to prove

$$P\left(\forall k \exists N \forall n \geq N \left| \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \right| < \frac{1}{k}\right) = 1$$

i.e

$$P\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n \geq N} \left\{ \left| \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \right| < \frac{1}{k} \right\}\right) = 1$$

i.e

$$P\left(\bigcup_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n \geq N} \left\{ \left| \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \right| < \frac{1}{k} \right\}\right) = 1 \quad \forall k$$

$$P\left(\bigcap_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n \geq N} \left\{ \left| \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \right| \geq \frac{1}{k} \right\}\right) = 0$$

this means

$$P\left(\left| \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \right| \geq \frac{1}{k} \text{ i.o.}\right) = 0 \quad \forall k$$

Use BC1:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P\left(\left| \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \right| \geq \frac{1}{k}\right) \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2 \exp \frac{-n}{2k^2} < \infty$$

**Note** (\*). this is an application of bernsteins inequality with  $a_1 = \dots = a_n = 1$  and  $t = \frac{n}{k}$  since

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (e^{-1})^n$$

□

## 2.4 Joint Laws

**Recall.**

$$X \rightsquigarrow \mu_X \quad \text{on } (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$$

Let  $X, Y$  be two r.v's

**Definition 2.3** (Joint Law). The Joint Law of  $X$  and  $Y$  is a probability measure

$$\mu_{X,Y} \quad \text{on } (\mathbb{R}^2, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^2))$$

Defined by

$$\mu_{X,Y} = P((x, y) \in \mathcal{B})$$

**Definition 2.4** (The Joint distribution function).

$$F_{X,Y}(x, y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y) = \mu_{X,Y}((-\infty, x] \times (-\infty, y])$$

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent*

(a)

$$F_{X,Y}(x, y) = F_X(x)F_Y(y)$$

(b) *if  $X$  and  $Y$  have densities  $f$  and  $g$  then  $\mu_{X,Y}(x, y)$  has density*

$$f(x)g(y)$$

*with respect to lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}^2$*

(c) *if  $X$  and  $Y$  have densities  $f$  and  $g$ , then  $X + Y$  has density  $(f * g)(t)$  where*

$$(f * g)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)g(t - x)dx$$

*which is called the convolution of  $f$  and  $g$ .*

*Proof of (a).*

$$F_{X,Y}(x, y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y) = P(X \leq x)P(Y \leq y) = F_X(x)F_Y(y)$$

□

*Proof of (b).* we want to show

$$\mu_{X,Y}(B) = \int_B f(x)g(y)dxdy \quad \forall B \subset \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^2)$$

it suffices to look at  $B = (-\infty, x] \times (-\infty, y]$ ,  $\forall x, y$  since they form a  $\pi$ -system generating  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{X,Y}((-\infty, x] \times (-\infty, y]) &= F_{X,Y}(x, y) = F_X(x)F_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(u)du \int_{-\infty}^y g(v)dv \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f(u)g(v)dudv \end{aligned}$$

□

Proof of (c).

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{X+Y}(t) &= P(X + Y \leq t) \stackrel{(b)}{=} \iint_{U+V \leq t} f(u)g(v)dudv = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{t-u} f(u)g(v)dudv \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u) \underbrace{\left( \int_{-\infty}^{t-u} g(v)dv \right)}_{v=z-u} du = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u) \int_{-\infty}^t g(z-u)dzdu \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^t \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u)g(z-u)du \right) dz \\
 F_{X+Y}(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u)g(t-u)du
 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 2.10.** Density of  $X \cdot Y$ ?

$$F_{X \cdot Y}(t) = \int_{uv \leq t} f(u)g(v)dudv$$

## 2.5 Tail events and Kolmogorov 0 – 1 law

$(X_n)$  - r.v.'s

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{\lim X_n > 0\} &\leftarrow \boxed{\text{tail events}} \\
 &\leftarrow \text{doesn't depend on any finite no. r.v.'s} \\
 \{\sup X_n > 0\} &\leftarrow \text{is not like that}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $X_n$  be a sequence of r.v.'s

$$\mathcal{T}_n = \sigma(X_{n+1} > X_{n+2} > \dots) \quad n^{\text{th}} \text{ tail } \sigma\text{-algebra}$$

this is the information contained in  $X_{n+1}, X_{n+2}, \dots$

$$\mathcal{T} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{T}_n \quad \text{the tail } \sigma\text{-algebra}$$

each  $A_i \in \mathcal{T}$  is called a Tail event.

**Example 2.11.**

1.

$$\{X_n \rightarrow a\} - \text{tail event}$$

since

$$\begin{aligned} \{X_n \rightarrow a\} &= \{X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots \rightarrow a\} = \{X_{m+1}, X_{m+2}, \dots \rightarrow a\} \in \mathcal{T}_m \\ &\Rightarrow \{X_n \rightarrow a\} \in \cap \mathcal{T}_m = \mathcal{T} \end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned} \{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n \text{ exists}\} &- \text{tail event} \\ \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n < \infty \right\} &- \text{tail event} \end{aligned}$$

3.

$$\left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n < 10 \right\} - \text{not a tail event}$$

4.

$$\left\{ \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \text{ converges} \right\} - \text{tail event}$$

since

$$\left\{ \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \text{ converges} \right\} = \left\{ \frac{X_1}{1}, \frac{X_1 + X_2}{2}, \frac{X_1 + X_2 + X_3}{3}, \dots \text{ converges} \right\}$$

$$\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} = \underbrace{\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_m}{n}}_{\rightarrow 0} + \frac{X_{m+1} + \dots + X_n}{n}$$

$$\forall m \left\{ \frac{X_{m+1} + \dots + X_n}{n} \text{ converges} \right\} \in \mathcal{T}_n \Rightarrow \text{Tail event}$$

5.

$$\left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n > 0 \right\} - \text{not a tail event}$$

6.

$$A = \left\{ \sup_n X_n > 0 \right\} - \text{not a tail event}$$

Consider

$$X_i = \left\{ 1, -1 \text{ each with } P = \frac{1}{2} \right\} \quad X_i = 0, \forall i \geq 2$$

we want to show

$$A \notin \mathcal{T} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{T}_n, \quad \mathcal{T}_n = \sigma(X_{n+1}, X_{n+2}, \dots)$$



$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(X_2) &= \{\phi, \Omega\} \\ \sigma(X_3) &= \{\phi, \Omega\} \\ &\vdots \\ \sigma(X_n) &= \{\phi, \Omega\} \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{T}_n &= \{\phi, \Omega\} \Rightarrow \mathcal{T} = \{\phi, \Omega\} \\ P(A) &= \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow A \neq \phi, A \neq \Omega\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.10** (Kolmogorov 0 – 1 law). *If  $(X_n)$  is a sequence of independent random variables, then each tail event has probability 0 or 1.*

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_n &= \sigma(X_1, \dots, X_n) \\ \mathcal{T}_n &= \sigma(X_{n+1}, X_{n+2}, \dots)\end{aligned}$$

since  $(X_n)$  are independent

$$\sigma_n \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathcal{T}_n, \quad \forall n$$

$$\mathcal{T} = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{T}_n \Rightarrow \mathcal{T} \subset \mathcal{T}_n \Rightarrow \sigma_n \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathcal{T}, \quad \forall n$$

Denote

$$\sigma_{\infty}(X_1, X_2 \dots) \Rightarrow \text{each } \mathcal{T}_n \subset \sigma_{\infty} \Rightarrow \mathcal{T} \subset \sigma_{\infty}$$

On the other hand

$$\sigma_{\infty} \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathcal{T}$$

since  $\sigma_{\infty}$  is generated by the  $\pi$ -system  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sigma_n$  which is independent of  $\mathcal{T}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{T} \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathcal{T}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\forall A \in \mathcal{T} \quad P(A) &= P\left(\bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{T}} A \cap \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{T}} A\right) = P(A)P(A) = P(A)^2 \\ &\Rightarrow P(A) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad P(A) = 1\end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 2.12.**

1. *for all tail events in example 2.11 above*

$$P(\dots) = 0 \text{ or } 1 \quad (\text{if } (X_n) \text{ are independent})$$

2.  $\frac{|X_n|}{n}$  if  $E|X_1| < \infty$  then by SLLN

$$\frac{|X_n|}{n} \rightarrow 0$$

if  $E|X_1| = \infty$

$$\frac{|X_n|}{n} \text{ diverges.}$$

$$P\left(\left\{\frac{|X_n|}{n} \text{ converges.}\right\}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } E|X_1| < \infty \\ 0 & \text{if } E|X_1| = \infty \end{cases}$$

3. *Percolation.* Have a lattice and flip a coin with probability  $p$ , if heads keep edge, if tails remove edge.

{there is no infinite cluster} – tail event

$X_n$  = edge  $n$  edges away from start point. Infinite cluster exists with either  $P = 1$  or  $0$  depending on value of  $p$ .

### 3 Weak convergence

$X, Y$  independent bernulli random variables

$$X \neq Y \text{ a.s.}$$

but

$$X \stackrel{\text{in}}{\underset{\text{Law}}{=}} Y \text{ since } \mu_X = \mu_Y$$

$$\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \xrightarrow{\text{SLLN}} \mu \text{ a.s.}$$

$$\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n - n\mu}{n\sigma} \stackrel{\text{in}}{\underset{\text{Law}}{=}} N(1, 0) \text{ (CLT)}$$

where here  $\sigma$  means variance of  $(X_i)$

**Definition 3.1.** we say that  $X_n \rightarrow X$  in law, in distribution or weakly if

$$F_{X_n}(t) \rightarrow F_X(t) \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$$

where  $F_X$  is continuous.

$$\Leftrightarrow \mu_{X_n} \rightarrow \mu_X \text{ weakly}$$

**Notation.** to say that  $X_n \rightarrow X$  in law, in distribution or weakly:

$$\underbrace{\xrightarrow{d}}_{\text{we will use this}} \qquad \underbrace{\xrightarrow{w}, \Rightarrow}_{\text{some people use these}}$$

**Remark.** why do we exclude discontinuity points?

$$X_n = \frac{1}{n} \text{ with } P = 1 \quad X = 0 \text{ with } P = 1$$

Let  $\mu_n$  be the law of  $X_n$ , so  $\mu_n$  is 1 at  $\frac{1}{n}$  and let  $\mu$  be the law of  $X$ . Let  $h$  be a continuous function then

$$\mu_n(h) = h\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \rightarrow h(0) = \mu(h)$$

however

$$F_n(0) = 0 \not\rightarrow F(0) = 1$$

not a distribution function since not right-continuous

**Theorem 3.1** (Relation between a.s. and weak convergence).

1. if  $X_n \rightarrow X$  a.s. then  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$
2. if  $\mu_X \rightarrow \mu$  weakly then there are random variables  $(X_n)$  and  $X$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} X_n &\text{ has law } \mu_n \quad \forall n \\ X &\text{ has law } \mu \end{aligned}$$

and  $X_n \rightarrow X$  a.s.

**Theorem 3.2** (Useful definition of weak convergence).

$$\mu_n \rightarrow \mu \text{ weakly} \Rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}} h d\mu_n \rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}} h d\mu$$

$$\forall h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \text{continuous and bounded}$$

**Idea.**

$$\begin{aligned} X_n \xrightarrow{d} X &\Rightarrow EX_n \rightarrow EX & \int X d\mu_n &\rightarrow \int X d\mu \\ EX_n^2 &\rightarrow EX^2 & \int X^2 d\mu_n &\rightarrow \int X^2 d\mu \end{aligned}$$

$\Leftarrow$  maybe we can get this if we check for a sufficiently large class of test functions.

$$\boxed{\int_{\mathbb{R}} h d\mu_n \rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}} h d\mu} \rightarrow Eh(X_n) \rightarrow Eh(X)$$

Proof of theorems 3.1 and 3.2. Plan: (2),  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\Leftarrow$ , (1)

*Proof of (2).* we are given  $\mu_n \rightarrow \mu$  weakly i.e.

$$F_n(t) \rightarrow F(t) \quad \forall t, \text{ where } F \text{ is continuous}$$

we use Skorokhod representation, 1.1, to construct all  $X_n$  and  $X$ .

$$\begin{aligned} ([0, 1], \mathcal{B}, \text{Leb}), \quad X(\omega) &= \inf\{u : F(u) > \omega\} \leftarrow \text{has law } \mu \\ X_n(\omega) &= \inf\{u : F_n(u) > \omega\} \leftarrow \text{has law } \mu_n \end{aligned}$$

$$B = \{\omega \in [0, 1] : \exists x, y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } F(x) = F(y)\}$$

we need to

(a) prove that  $B$  is at most countable and  $\text{Leb}(B) = 0$

(b) prove that  $X_n(\omega) \rightarrow X(\omega) \quad \forall \omega \in [0, 1] \setminus B$

proof of (a): each  $\omega \in B$  generate an interval  $(x, y)$ , all these intervals don't intersect. Each interval contains a rational number.

$\Rightarrow$  at most countably many intervals

$\Rightarrow$  at most countably many  $\omega$

proof of (b): lets prove that the set of discontinuity points of  $F$  is at most countable, (same argument as for (a) but considering intervals formed on the  $y$  axis). Now let  $\omega \in [0, 1] \setminus B$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$ . Choose  $0 < \delta < \epsilon$  so that  $X(\omega) \pm \delta$  are continuity points of  $F$ .

$$F(X(\omega) - \delta) < \omega < F(X(\omega) + \delta)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} F_n(X(\omega) - \delta) &\rightarrow F(X(\omega) - \delta) \\ F_n(X(\omega) + \delta) &\rightarrow F(X(\omega) + \delta) \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Since } X(\omega) \pm \delta \text{ are continuity points of } F \\ \text{and weak convergence} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists N \forall n \geq N \quad F_n(X(\omega) - \delta) < \omega < F_n(X(\omega) + \delta)$$

$$\Rightarrow X(\omega) - \delta < X_n(\omega) < X(\omega) + \delta$$

□

*Proof of ( $\Rightarrow$ ).* Assume  $\mu_n \rightarrow \mu$  weakly. BY (2) we can pick  $X_n, X$  with laws  $\mu_n, \mu$  such that

$$X_n \rightarrow X \text{ a.s.}$$

$$\int h d\mu_n = E h(X_n) \xrightarrow[*]{DCT} E h(X) = \int h d\mu$$

(\*) since  $X_n \rightarrow X$  a.s  $\Rightarrow h(X_n) \rightarrow h(X)$  continuity of  $h$  and since  $h(X)$  bounded. □

*Proof of ( $\Leftarrow$ ).*

**Idea.**

$$F_X(X) = \mu_n((-\infty, X]) = \int \mathbb{1}_{(-\infty, X]} d\mu_n \xrightarrow{*} \int \mathbb{1}_{(-\infty, X]} d\mu = F(X)$$

(\* *Problem:  $h$  is not continuous so we need to make it continuous.*

Let  $X$  be a continuity point of  $F$ . Let  $\delta > 0$  and  $h$  be a continuous function such that:

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in [-\infty, X - \delta) \\ \text{smooth decreasing function } s(x) & x \in [X - \delta, X] \\ \text{s.t. : } s(X - \delta) = 1 \quad s(X) = 0 & \\ 0 & x \in (X, \infty] \end{cases}$$

$$F_n(X) = \int \mathbb{1}_{(-\infty, X]} d\mu_n \geq \int h d\mu_n$$

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(X) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int h d\mu_n = \int h d\mu \geq \int \mathbb{1}_{(-\infty, X - \delta]} d\mu = F(X - \delta)$$

Let  $\delta \rightarrow 0$

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(X) \geq \lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} F(X - \delta) \stackrel{*}{=} F(X)$$

(\* as  $X$  is a continuity point of  $F$ . Take some  $\delta > 0$  and take  $h$  to be :

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in [-\infty, X) \\ \text{smooth decreasing function } s(x) & x \in [X, X + \delta] \\ \text{s.t. : } s(X) = 1 \quad s(X + \delta) = 0 & \\ 0 & x \in (X + \delta, \infty] \end{cases}$$

$$F_n(X) = \int \mathbb{1}_{(-\infty, X]} d\mu_n \leq \int h d\mu_n$$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(X) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int h d\mu_n = \int h d\mu \leq \int \mathbb{1}_{(-\infty, X]} d\mu = F(X + \delta)$$

Let  $\delta \rightarrow 0$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(X) \leq \lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} F(X + \delta) \stackrel{*}{=} F(X)$$

(\* since any distribution function is right continuous.

$$F(X) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(X) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(X) \leq F(X)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(X) = F(X)$$

□

*Proof of (1).* Suppose  $X_n \rightarrow X$  a.s.

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow h(X_n) \rightarrow h(X) \quad \text{for } h \text{ continuous and bounded} \\ &\stackrel{DCT}{\Rightarrow} Eh(X_n) \rightarrow Eh(X) \\ &\Rightarrow \int h d\mu_n \rightarrow \int h d\mu \stackrel{thm}{\Rightarrow} \mu_n \rightarrow \mu \text{ weakly} \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$$

□

□

**Definition 3.2.** A function  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a  $C^2$  test function if it is twice differentiable,  $h''$  is continuous and  $h = 0$  outside some bounded interval.

**Definition 3.3.**  $\mu_n$  is called tight if for any  $\epsilon > 0 \exists M > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_n([-M, M]) &\geq 1 - \epsilon \quad \forall n \\ \mu_n(\mathbb{R} \setminus [-M, M]) &< \epsilon \quad \forall n \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.3** (Usefull definition of weak convergence 2).

$$\mu_n \rightarrow \mu \text{ weakly} \Leftrightarrow \int h d\mu_n \rightarrow \int h d\mu$$

for any  $C^2$  test function.

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) obvious since any test function is continuous and bounded.

( $\Leftarrow$ )

(a) Right hand side  $\Rightarrow \{\mu_n\}$  is tight. Let  $\epsilon > 0$  choose  $M_1$  such that

$$\mu[-M_1, M_1] \geq 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

and define  $h$  to be a smooth function such that

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \in [-\infty, -M_1 - 1) \\ \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{smooth increasing function } s(x) \\ s.t : s(-M_1 - 1) = 0 \quad s(-M_1) = 1 \end{array} \right\} & x \in [-M_1 - 1, -M_1] \\ 1 & x \in (-M_1, M_1) \\ \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{smooth decreasing function } s(x) \\ s.t : s(M_1) = 1 \quad s(M_1 + 1) = 0 \end{array} \right\} & x \in [M_1, M_1 + 1) \\ 0 & x \in (M_1 + 1, \infty] \end{cases}$$

we need

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_n([-M_1 - 1, M_1 + 1]) &= \int \mathbb{1}_{[-M_1 - 1, M_1 + 1]} d\mu_n \geq \int h d\mu_n \rightarrow \int h d\mu \\ &\geq \int \mathbb{1}_{[-M_1, M_1]} d\mu = \mu[-M_1, M_1] \geq 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\mu_n([-M_1 - 1, M_1 + 1]) \geq 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad \forall n \geq \text{some } N$$

Choose  $M_2$  such that

$$\mu[-M_2, M_2] \geq 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad \forall n \leq N$$

Choose  $M = \max\{M_1 + 1, M_2\}$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_n[-M, M] \geq 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad \forall n$$

- (b) Let  $x$  be a continuity point of  $F$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\delta > 0$ , choose  $M$  according to tightness property and now redefine  $h$  to be

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \in [-\infty, -M_1 - 1) \\ \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{smooth increasing function } s(x) \\ s.t : s(-M_1 - 1) = 0 \quad s(-M_1) = 1 \end{array} \right\} & x \in [-M_1, M_1 + 1] \\ 1 & x \in (-M_1, X - \delta) \\ \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{smooth decreasing function } s(x) \\ s.t : s(X - \delta) = 1 \quad s(X) = 0 \end{array} \right\} & x \in [X - \delta, X] \\ 0 & x \in (X, \infty] \end{cases}$$

$$F_n(X) = \int \mathbb{1}_{(-\infty, X]} d\mu_n \geq \int h d\mu_n$$

$$\begin{aligned}\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(X) &\geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int h d\mu_n = \int h d\mu \geq \int \mathbb{1}_{(-\infty, X - \delta]} d\mu - \int \mathbb{1}_{(-\infty, -M]} d\mu \\ &= F(X - \delta) - \mu(-\infty, -M) \geq F(X - \delta) - \epsilon\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(X) \geq F(X) \quad \text{as } \epsilon, \delta \rightarrow 0}$$

We will now do  $\limsup$  in a similar way. Redefine  $h$  to be:

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \in [-\infty, -M_1 - 1) \\ \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{smooth increasing function } s(x) \\ s.t : s(-M_1 - 1) = 0 \quad s(-M_1) = 1 \end{array} \right\} & x \in [-M_1, M_1 + 1] \\ 1 & x \in (-M_1, X) \\ \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{smooth decreasing function } s(x) \\ s.t : s(X) = 1 \quad s(X + \delta) = 0 \end{array} \right\} & x \in [X, X + \delta] \\ 0 & x \in (X + \delta, \infty] \end{cases}$$

$$F_n(X) = \int \mathbb{1}_{(-\infty, X]} d\mu_n = \mu(-\infty, -M] + \int \mathbb{1}_{(-M, X]} d\mu_n \leq \epsilon + \int h d\mu_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(X) &\leq \epsilon + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int h d\mu_n = \epsilon + \int h d\mu \\ &\leq \epsilon + \int \mathbb{1}_{(-\infty, X+\delta]} d\mu = \epsilon + F(X + \delta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(X) \leq F(X) \quad \text{as } \epsilon, \delta \rightarrow 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(X) = F(X)$$

□

### 3.1 Characteristic functions and Fourier transforms

**Definition 3.4.** for a probability measure  $\mu$  on  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \tilde{\mu} : \mathbb{R} &\rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ \tilde{\mu}(t) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{itX} d\mu(x) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{fourier transform of } \mu$$

**Definition 3.5.** for an integrable function  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \tilde{h} : \mathbb{R} &\rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ \tilde{h}(t) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{itX} h(x) dx \end{aligned} \right\} \text{fourier transform of } h$$

**Definition 3.6.** if  $X$  is a random variable

$$\varphi_X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad \varphi_X(t) = Ee^{itX}$$

is the Characteristic function of  $X$

**Remark.**

- $\mu$  is the law of  $X$

$$\varphi_X(t) = Ee^{itX} = \int e^{itX} d\mu(x) = \tilde{\mu}(t)$$

- if  $\mu$  has density  $h$  then

$$\tilde{\mu} = \tilde{h}$$

**Theorem 3.4** (Properties of the Characteristic Function).



(1)  $\varphi(0) = 1$

(2)  $\varphi_{\lambda X}(t) = Ee^{it\lambda X} = \varphi_X(\lambda t)$

(3) if  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent then

$$\varphi_{X+Y}(t) = Ee^{it(X+Y)} = Ee^{itX} \cdot Ee^{itY} = \varphi_X(t) \cdot \varphi_Y(t)$$

(4)  $\varphi$  is continuous

$t_n \rightarrow t,$

$$\varphi(t_n) = Ee^{it_n X} \xrightarrow[*]{DCT} Ee^{itX} = \varphi(t)$$

\* since everything bounded by 1

**Example 3.1.** if  $(X_i)$  are iid with characteristic function  $\varphi$  then

$$\varphi_{\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{\sqrt{n}}}(t) = \varphi\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^n$$

**Example 3.2.** Uniform distribution on  $[-1, 1]$

$$\varphi(t) = \int_{-1}^1 e^{itX} \cdot \frac{1}{2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{e^{itX}}{it} \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{t} \cdot \frac{e^{it} - e^{-it}}{2i} = \frac{\sin t}{t}$$

**Example 3.3** (Cauchy Distribution: Density).

$$f(X) = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + X^2}$$

Cauchy distribution has  $\infty$  expectation since not integrable. for  $t > 0$

$$\varphi(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{itX}}{1 + X^2} dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}(i)$$

repeat for  $t < 0$  to get

$$\varphi(t) = e^{-|t|} \quad \text{not differentiable since } E|X| \text{ is } \infty$$

**Example 3.4** ( $X, Y$ - cauchy independent. Distribution of  $X + Y$ ?).

$$f_{X+Y}(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\pi(1 + (t - X)^2)} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi(1 + X^2)} dX = \ddot{\phantom{X}}$$

$$\varphi_{X+Y}(t) = e^{-|t|} e^{-|t|} = e^{-2|t|}$$

$$\varphi_{\frac{X+Y}{2}}(t) = e^{-\frac{|t|}{2}} e^{-\frac{|t|}{2}} = e^{-|t|} \Rightarrow \frac{X+Y}{2} \text{ is cauchy.}$$

**Example 3.5** ( $N(0,1)$ ).

$$\varphi(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itX} e^{-\frac{X^2}{2}} dX = \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(X-it)^2}{2}} dX \right)}_{=1} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} = e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}}$$

since by using contour integration from complex analysis:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(X-it)^2}{2}} dX = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = 1$$

**Lemma 3.5.** Let  $h$  be a  $C^2$  test function. Then

$$|\tilde{h}(t)| \leq \frac{c}{t^2} \quad \text{for some } c > 0$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} |\tilde{h}(t)| &= \left| \int e^{itX} h(X) dX \right| = \left| \int h(X) \left( \frac{1}{t} \frac{de^{itX}}{dX} \right) dX \right| = \left| \left[ \frac{1}{t} h(X) e^{itX} \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \frac{1}{t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h'(X) \left( \frac{1}{t} \frac{de^{itX}}{dX} \right) dX \right| \\ &= \left| - \left[ \frac{1}{t^2} h''(X) e^{itX} \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} + \frac{1}{t^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h''(X) e^{itX} dX \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{t^2} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itX} h''(X) dX \right| \leq \frac{1}{t^2} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itX} |h''(X)| dX \right) = \frac{c}{t^2} \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark.**

(a)  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin t}{t} dt = \frac{\pi}{2}$

(b)  $\int_{-\infty}^X \frac{\sin t}{t} dt$  is a bounded function.

### 3.2 Parseval-Plancherel

**Theorem 3.6** (Parseval-Plancherel). Let  $\mu$  be a probability measure with a fourier transform  $\varphi$  then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} h d\mu = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{\hat{h}(t)} \varphi(t) dt$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{h}(t) \varphi(t) dt &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-T}^T \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-itX} h(X) dX \right) \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{itY} d\mu(Y) \right) dt \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(X) \int_{-T}^T e^{it(Y-X)} dt dx d\mu(Y) \end{aligned}$$

Fubini: integrable and continuous with  $Leb \times Leb \times \mu$  on  $[T, T] \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$

$$|h(X)e^{it(Y-X)}| = |h(X)|$$

$$= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(X) \underbrace{\frac{e^{it(Y-X)}}{i(Y-X)} \Big|_{-T}^T}_{*} dx d\mu(Y)$$

$$(*) \quad \frac{e^{it(Y-X)}}{2i(Y-X)} \Big|_{-T}^T = \frac{e^{iT(Y-X)} - e^{-iT(Y-X)}}{2i(Y-X)} = \frac{\sin(T(X-Y))}{X-Y}$$

$$= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(X) \frac{\sin(T(X-Y))}{X-Y} dx d\mu(Y) \stackrel{?}{=} \int_{\mathbb{R}} h(Y) d\mu(Y)$$

To prove the theorem it suffices to show

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(X) \frac{\sin(T(X-Y))}{X-Y} dx \rightarrow h(Y) \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(X) \frac{\sin(T(X-Y))}{X-Y} dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^Y h(X) \frac{\sin(T(X-Y))}{X-Y} dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_Y^{\infty} h(X) \frac{\sin(T(X-Y))}{X-Y} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_Y^\infty h(X) \frac{\sin(T(X-Y))}{X-Y} dx &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \underbrace{h(X) \int_Y^X \frac{\sin(T(U-Y))}{U-Y} dU}_{=0} \right]_Y \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_Y^\infty h'(X) \int_Y^\infty \frac{\sin(T(X-Y))}{X-Y} dU dx \quad \leftarrow V = T(U-Y) \\ &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_Y^\infty h'(X) \int_0^{T(X-Y)} \frac{\sin(V)}{V} dV dx \quad (\text{we want } \rightarrow \frac{h(X)}{2} \text{ dominatedly}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^{T(X-Y)} \frac{\sin(V)}{V} dV \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{bounded by some } c$$

$$h'(X) \int_0^{T(X-Y)} \frac{\sin(V)}{V} dV \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} h'(X) \quad \text{bounded by } c \cdot |h'(X)| \text{ lebesgue integrable}$$

Since

$$\left| -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_Y^\infty h'(X) \underbrace{\int_0^{T(X-Y)} \frac{\sin(V)}{V} dV}_{\leq c} dx \right| \leq \underbrace{\frac{c}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty |h'(X)| dx}_{\text{constant i.e. int. wrt } \mu}$$

By dominated convergence theorem

$$-\frac{1}{\pi} \int_Y^\infty h'(X) \int_0^{T(X-Y)} \frac{\sin(V)}{V} dV dx \rightarrow -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_Y^\infty \frac{\pi}{2} h'(X) = \frac{-1}{2} h(X) \Big|_Y^\infty = \frac{h(Y)}{2}$$

□

**Theorem 3.7** (Weak Convergence  $\equiv$  Convergence of Characteristic Functions).

$$X_n \rightarrow X \Leftrightarrow \varphi_{X_n}(t) \rightarrow \varphi_X(t) \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$$

*Proof.*

( $\Rightarrow$ ) suppose  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$

$$\varphi_{X_n} = E e^{itX_n} = \int \underbrace{e^{itX}}_* d\mu_n(X) \rightarrow \int e^{itX} d\mu = E e^{itX} = \varphi_X(t)$$

\*  $h(x)$  continuous and bounded by 1, also  $e^{itX_n} = \cos(tX_n) + i \sin(tX_n)$  same true for real and complex parts.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) suppose  $\varphi_{X_n} \rightarrow \varphi_X(t) \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Take any  $C^2$  test function  $h$

$$\hat{h}(t) \varphi_{X_n}(t) \rightarrow \hat{h}(t) \varphi_X(t) \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$$

Dominating:

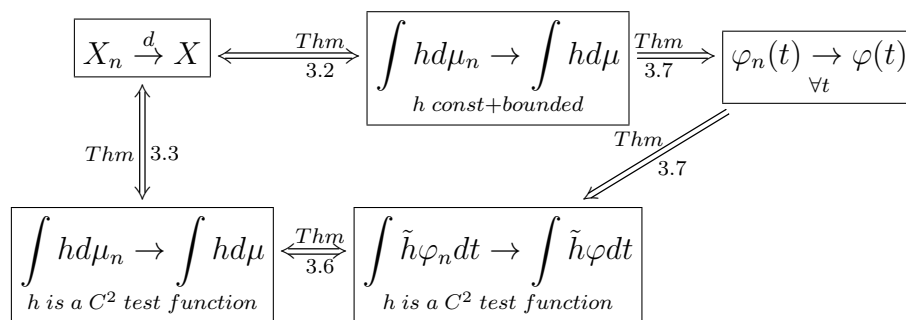
$$|\hat{h}(t)\varphi_{X_n}(t)| = |\hat{h}(t)| \leq \min\{M, \frac{c}{t^2}\} \quad |\varphi_{X_n}(t)| = |Ee^{itX_n}| \leq 1$$

\* by lemma 3.5 on decay of the FT,  $\min\{M, \frac{c}{t^2}\}$  is integrable on  $\mathbb{R}$  wrt Leb.

$$\begin{aligned} \xRightarrow{Dom} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{h}(t)\varphi_{X_n}(t)dt &\rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{h}(t)\varphi_X(t)dt \\ &\xRightarrow{PP} \int h d\mu_n \rightarrow \int h d\mu \\ &\xRightarrow[3.3]{Thm} X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \end{aligned}$$

□

We now have the following:



**Theorem 3.8.** *If  $X$  and  $Y$  have the same Characteristic function  $\varphi$  then they have the same distribution.*

*Proof.*

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X, X, \dots, Y \\ \varphi(t), \varphi(t), \dots, \varphi(t) \end{array} \right\} \xRightarrow[3.6]{Thm} X, X, \dots \xrightarrow{d} Y$$

$$F_Y(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_X(t) = F_X(t) \quad \text{for any } t \text{ where } F_Y \text{ is continuous}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(t) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_Y(t_n) \quad \text{where } t_n \text{ are continuity points such that } t_n \downarrow t \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_X(t_n) = F_X(t) \quad \forall t \end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 3.6.**  $(X_n)$  independent cauchy random variables.

$$\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \quad - \quad \text{distribution?}$$

$$\varphi_{\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n}}(t) = \varphi_{\frac{X_1}{n}}(t) \dots \varphi_{\frac{X_n}{n}}(t) = (\varphi_{\frac{X_1}{n}}(t))^n = (\varphi_{X_1}(\frac{t}{n}))^n = (e^{-|\frac{t}{n}|})^n = e^{-|t|}$$

$$\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \quad \text{has cauchy distribution}$$

### 3.3 Central Limit Theorem

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $X$  be a square integrable random variable then

(i)  $\varphi$  is twice differentiable and  $\varphi''$  is continuous at 0

(ii)  $\varphi'(0) = iEX$

(iii)  $\varphi''(0) = -EX^2$

*Proof.*

$$\frac{\varphi(t+h) - \varphi(t)}{h} = \frac{Ee^{i(t+h)X} - Ee^{itX}}{h} = E\left(e^{itX} \frac{e^{iXh} - 1}{h}\right) \xrightarrow{DCT} E[e^{itX} iX]$$

\* For the DCT:

$$\frac{e^{iXh} - 1}{h} = iX e^{iXh} \Big|_{h=0} = iX \quad (\text{dominatedly by } |X|)$$

$$\left| \frac{e^{iXh} - 1}{h} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{h} \int_0^{hX} e^{is} ds \right| \leq \left| \frac{1}{h} \cdot hX \right|$$

$\Rightarrow \varphi(t)$  is differentiable at any  $t$  and  $\varphi'(0) = iEX$

$$\frac{\varphi'(t+h) - \varphi'(t)}{h} = \frac{E(e^{i(t+h)X} iX) - E(e^{itX} iX)}{h} = E\left(iX e^{itX} \frac{e^{iXh} - 1}{h}\right) \xrightarrow{DCT} -E[X^2 e^{itX}]$$

$\Rightarrow \varphi(t)$  is twice differentiable at any  $t$  and  $\varphi''(0) = -EX^2$

Let  $t_n \rightarrow 0$  and show  $\varphi''(t_n) \rightarrow \varphi''(0)$

$$\varphi''(t_n) = -E[X^2 e^{it_n X}] \xrightarrow{DCT} -EX^2 = \varphi''(0)$$

Where  $X^2$  is dominated by  $X^2$  □

**Lemma 3.10.** if  $|z| < \frac{1}{2}$  then

$$|\ln(1+z) - z| \leq |z|^2$$

*Proof.*

$$|\ln(1+z) - z| = \left| \int_{\Gamma} \left( \frac{1}{1+z} - 1 \right) dz \right| \leq \int_{\Gamma} \left| \frac{1}{1+z} - 1 \right| |dz| \leq 2 \int_{\Gamma} |z| |dz| = 2 \int_0^{|z|} x dx = |z|^2$$

□

**Theorem 3.11** (Central Limit Theorem - CLT). Let  $(X_n)$  be iid random variables with expectation  $\mu$  and Variance  $\sigma^2$  denote  $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$  then

$$\frac{S_n - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow N(0, 1)$$

**Meaning.**

$$\frac{S_n - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \sim \underset{N(0,1)}{Z}$$

$$\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \sim \mu + \frac{\sigma Z}{\sqrt{n}}$$

*Proof.* It suffices to prove CLT for  $\mu = 0, \sigma = 1$  If  $(Y_n)$  is iid with  $\mu, \sigma^2$  then

$$X_n = \frac{Y_n - \mu}{\sigma} \text{ are iid with } \mu = 0, \sigma = 1$$

$$\frac{Y_1 + \dots + Y_n - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} = \frac{(\mu + \sigma X_1) + \dots + (\mu + \sigma X_n) - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow N(0, 1)$$

assume  $\mu = 0, \sigma = 1$ . We want to prove:

$$\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow N(0, 1)$$

$$\varphi_{\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{\sqrt{n}}}(t) \rightarrow e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} \text{ Characteristic function of } N(0, 1)$$

Denote by  $\varphi$  the Characteristic function of all  $X_n$ .

$$\varphi_{\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{\sqrt{n}}}(t) = \left( \varphi\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \right)^n \stackrel{?}{\rightarrow} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} \quad \forall t$$

We need to understand  $\varphi$  in the vicinity of 0:

$$\varphi(t) = \underbrace{\varphi(0)}_1 + \underbrace{\varphi'(0)t}_{iEX=0} + \frac{\varphi''(\zeta)t^2}{2}$$

where  $\zeta t$  is between 0 and  $t$ .

$$\varphi''(\zeta t) = \underbrace{\varphi''(0)}_{-EX^2=-1} + \epsilon(t)$$

Where  $\epsilon(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$

$$\varphi(t) = 1 - \frac{t^2}{2} + \frac{\epsilon(t)t^2}{2}$$

$$\left(\varphi\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right)\right)^n = \left(1 - \frac{t^2}{2n} + \frac{\epsilon(t)t^2}{2n}\right)^n =$$

$$\boxed{\left(1 - \frac{t^2}{2n}\right)^n = e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}}}$$

It suffices to show:

$$n \log \varphi\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \rightarrow -\frac{t^2}{2}$$

$$\theta_n = \frac{-t^2}{2n} + \frac{\epsilon(t)t^2}{2n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| n \log(1 + \theta_n(t)) + \frac{t^2}{2} \right| &\leq \left| n\theta_n(t) + \frac{t^2}{2} \right| + |n \log(1 + \theta_n(t)) - n\theta_n(t)| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{\epsilon(t)t^2}{2} \right| + n|\theta_n(t)|^2 \end{aligned}$$

\* By lemma 3.10 since  $|\theta_n(t)| < \frac{1}{2}$  for all large  $n$ .

$$= \underbrace{\left| \frac{\epsilon(t)t^2}{2} \right|}_{\rightarrow 0} + \underbrace{\left| \frac{-t^2}{2\sqrt{n}} + \frac{\epsilon(t)t^2}{2\sqrt{n}} \right|}_{\rightarrow 0}^2 \rightarrow 0$$

□

## 4 Martingales

**Example 4.1.**  $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $\Sigma = 2^\Omega$ ,  $P(\{1\}) = \dots = P(\{4\}) = \frac{1}{4}$

$$X : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega \quad X(i) = i$$

Lets look at some smaller  $\sigma$ -algebra

$$\mathcal{F} = \{\phi, \Omega, \{1, 2\}, \{3, 4\}\}$$

$X$  is not measurable with respect to  $\mathcal{F}$  since

$$X^{-1}(\{1\}) = \{1\} \notin \mathcal{F}$$

we want to construct  $Y$  such that it is  $\mathcal{F}$  measurable and resembles  $X$ . ie

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\{1,2\}} X dP &= \int_{\{1,2\}} Y dP & \int_{\Omega} X dP &= \int_{\Omega} Y dP \\ \int_{\{3,4\}} X dP &= \int_{\{3,4\}} Y dP & \int_{\phi} X dP &= \int_{\phi} Y dP \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.1** (Existance & Uniqueness of Conditional Expectation).

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, P)$  be a probability space and  $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a random variable such that  $E|X| < \infty$  and let  $\mathcal{F} \subset \Sigma$  be a sub  $\sigma$ -algebra. Then  $\exists$  a random variable  $Y$  such that

(a)  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{F}$  measurable

(b)  $E|Y| < \infty$



$$(c) \int_A Y dP = \int_A X dP \quad A \in \mathcal{F}$$

If  $Y$  and  $\tilde{Y}$  are two such random variables then

$$Y = \tilde{Y} \text{ a.s.}$$

Each such random variable is called a Conditional Expectation of  $X$  wrt  $\mathcal{F}$  and is denoted  $E[X|\mathcal{F}]$

*Proof.*  $X = X^+ - X^-$ . Define:

$$\begin{cases} V^+(A) = \int_A X^+ dP \\ V^-(A) = \int_A X^- dP \end{cases} \quad A \in \mathcal{F}$$

$V^+, V^-$  are finite measures on  $\mathcal{F}$

$$V^+ \ll P \quad (\text{if } P(A) = 0 \text{ then } V^\pm = \int X^\pm dP = 0)$$

$$V^+ \gg P$$

RadonNikodym theorem:  $\exists$  a density  $Y^+$  of  $V^+$  wrt  $P$   
 $\exists$  a density  $Y^-$  of  $V^-$  wrt  $P$

which means  $Y^+, Y^-$  are  $\mathcal{F}$ -measurable,  $P$ -integrable and

$$V^+(A) = \int_A Y^+ dP \quad V^-(A) = \int_A Y^- dP \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{F}$$

Define  $Y = Y^+ - Y^-$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$ -measurable and  $P$ -integrable

$$\int_A Y dP = \int_A (Y^+ - Y^-) dP = V^+(A) - V^-(A) = \int_A X^+ dP - \int_A X^- dP = \int_A X dP \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{F}$$

Let  $Y$  and  $\tilde{Y}$  be two random variables. Suppose

$$P(|Y - \tilde{Y}| \neq 0) > 0$$

$$P\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \{Y - \tilde{Y} > \frac{1}{k}\} \cup \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \{Y - \tilde{Y} < -\frac{1}{k}\}\right) > 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  at least one of the sets has positive probability. Suppose

$$P(Y - \tilde{Y} > \frac{1}{k}) = c > 0 \quad \text{Denote this event by } A \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$0 = \int_A X dP - \int_A X dP = \int_A Y dP - \int_A \tilde{Y} dP = \int_A (Y - \tilde{Y}) dP > \frac{1}{k} P(A) = \frac{c}{k} > 0 \quad \text{Contradiction!}$$

□

**Remark.**  $\mathcal{F} = \{\phi, \Omega\}$ ,  $EX = c$  (since  $\mathcal{F}$  - measurable). What is  $c$ ?

$$\int_{\Omega} \underbrace{E[X|\mathcal{F}]}_c dP = \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{XdP}_{EX}$$

So  $E[X|\mathcal{F}] = EX$

**Theorem 4.2** (Properties of Conditional Convergence). Suppose all random variables below are integrable

(a)  $E[E[X|\mathcal{F}]] = EX$

(b) if  $X$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -measurable then  $E[X|\mathcal{F}] = X$

(c) (Linearity)

$$E[aX + bY | \mathcal{F}] = aE[X|\mathcal{F}] + bE[Y|\mathcal{F}]$$

(d) (Positivity) if  $X \geq 0$  a.s. then

$$E[X|\mathcal{F}] \text{ a.s.}$$

(e) (Conditional Mon) if  $0 \leq X_n \uparrow X$  then

$$0 \leq E[X_n|\mathcal{F}] \uparrow E[X|\mathcal{F}]$$

(f) (Taking Out What Is Known) if  $X$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -measurable then

$$E[XY|\mathcal{F}] = X \cdot E[Y|\mathcal{F}]$$

(g) (independence) if  $X$  is independent of  $\mathcal{F}$  then

$$E[X|\mathcal{F}] = EX$$

(h) (Tower property) if  $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$  are two sub- $\sigma$ -algebras

$$E[E[X|\mathcal{F}] | \mathcal{G}] = E[X|\mathcal{G}]$$

(i) (Jenson's Inequality) Let  $\varphi$  be a convex function such that

$$E|\varphi(X)| < \infty$$

then

$$E[\varphi(X)|\mathcal{F}] \geq \varphi(E[X|\mathcal{F}])$$

Proof.

(a):

$$E[E[X|\mathcal{F}]] = \int_{\Omega} E[X|\mathcal{F}]dP = \int_{\Omega} XdP = EX$$

(b): Obvious

(c): Obvious

(d): Denote  $Y = E[X|\mathcal{F}]$  and assume  $P(Y < 0) > 0$

$$P\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty}\{Y < -\frac{1}{k}\}\right) > 0 \quad \text{So} \quad P\left(\underbrace{Y < -\frac{1}{k}}_{\text{denote: } A \in \mathcal{F}}\right) > 0 \quad \text{for some } k$$

$$0 = \int_A XdP - \int_A YdP = \int_A \underbrace{(X - Y)}_{\substack{\geq 0 \\ < -\frac{1}{k} \\ \geq \frac{1}{k}}}dP$$

(e): denote  $Y_n = E[X_n|\mathcal{F}]$

$$\Rightarrow Y_n \geq 0$$

$$X_{n+1} - X_n \geq 0 \stackrel{(c+d)}{\Rightarrow} Y_{n+1} - Y_n \geq 0 \Rightarrow Y_n \uparrow$$

Define

$$Y = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Y_n$$

Why is  $Y = E[X|\mathcal{F}]$ ?  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -measurable

$$\int_A YdP \stackrel{MCT}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A Y_n dP = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A X_n dP \stackrel{Mon}{=} \int_A XdP \quad A \in \mathcal{F}$$

(f): Let  $\mathbb{1}_B, B \in \mathcal{F}, \forall A \in \mathcal{F}$

$$\int_A Z E[X|\mathcal{F}]dP = \int_{A \cap B \in \mathcal{F}} E[X|\mathcal{F}]dP = \int_{A \cap B} XdP = \int_A \mathbb{1}_B XdP = \int_A ZXdP$$

extend to whole of  $Z$  in standard way.

(g): Let  $Z = \mathbb{1}_B$ ,  $B \perp \mathcal{F}$ ,  $A \in \mathcal{F}$

$$\int_A Z dP = P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B) = \int_A \frac{EZ}{P(B)} dP$$

this can be extended to all  $Z$  in the the standard plane.

(h): Let  $A \in \mathcal{G}$

$$\int_A E[X|\mathcal{F}]dP = \int_A E[X|\mathcal{G}]dP$$

$$\underset{= \int_A X dP}{=} \underset{= \int_A X dP}{=}$$

(i): not proven here.

□

**Example 4.2.**  $(X_n)$  independent bernulli ( $p$ )

$$\sigma(X_1, \dots, X_m) \leq X_1 + \dots + X_n \quad n > m$$

$$E[S_n | \sigma(X_1, \dots, X_m)] = X_1 + \dots + X_m + p(n - m)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[S_n | \sigma(X_1, \dots, X_m)] &= E[X_1 + \dots + X_n | \sigma(X_1, \dots, X_m)] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i | \sigma(X_1, \dots, X_m)] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m EX_i + \sum_{i=m+1}^n EX_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m EX_i + p(n - m) \end{aligned}$$

**Example 4.3.**  $0 < p_1 \neq p_2 < 1$  Flip a coin and choose  $p_1$  or  $p_2$  with  $p = \frac{1}{2}$

$$X = \begin{cases} p_1 & \text{with probability } \frac{1}{2} \\ p_2 & \text{with probability } \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

Now flip an unfair coin with this random probability  $X$ . Denote the result by  $Y$

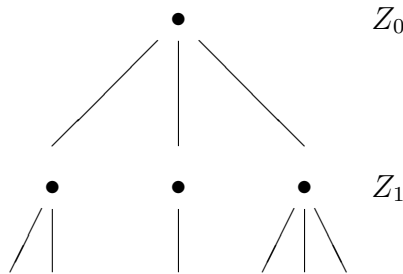
$$E[Y|\sigma(X)] = 1 \cdot X + 0 \cdot (1 - X) = X$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1 &= \text{Bernulli}(p_1) && \text{Both Independent } \&\& \text{Independent of } X \\ Y_2 &= \text{Bernulli}(p_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$Y = \mathbb{1}_{\{X=p_1\}}Y_1 + \mathbb{1}_{\{X=p_2\}}Y_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y|\sigma(X)] &= E[\mathbb{1}_{\{X=p_1\}}Y_1 + \mathbb{1}_{\{X=p_2\}}Y_2 | \sigma(X)] \\ &= \mathbb{1}_{\{X=p_1\}}E[Y_1 | \sigma(X)] + \mathbb{1}_{\{X=p_2\}}E[Y_2 | \sigma(X)] \\ &= \mathbb{1}_{\{X=p_1\}}\underset{p_1}{EY_1} + \mathbb{1}_{\{X=p_2\}}\underset{p_2}{EY_2} \\ &= X \end{aligned}$$

**Example 4.4** (Galton Watson Tree). *Lets fix a random variable with values in  $\{1, 2, \dots\}$  which chooses the number of edges descending from each vertex.*



$Z_n =$  number of veticies in generation  $n$

$a =$  the mean of offspring distribution

$$E[Z_{n+1}|\sigma(Z_n)] = a \cdot Z_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[Z_{n+1}|\sigma(Z_n)] &= E \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{1}_{\{Z_n=i\}} \underbrace{Z_{n+1}}_{N_1^i + \dots + N_i^i} \mid \sigma(Z_n) \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{1}_{\{Z_n=i\}} E(N_1^i + \dots + N_i^i) \\ &= Z_n \cdot a \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 4.2** (Filtration). *Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, P)$  be a probability space. A growing sequence of  $\sigma$ -algebras*

$$\mathcal{F}_1 \subset \mathcal{F}_2 \subset \dots$$

*is called a Filtration.*

**Definition 4.3** (Adapted). *A sequence  $(X_n)$  of random variables is called adapted to  $\mathcal{F}$  if  $X_n$  is  $\mathcal{F}_n$  measurable  $\forall n$ .*

**Definition 4.4** (Natural Filtration). *Let  $(X_n)$  be a sequence of random variables*

$$\sigma(X_1) \subset \sigma(X_1, X_2) \subset \dots$$

is called the natural filtration for  $(X_n)$ . It is natural since each  $X_i$  is measurable with respect to  $\sigma(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ .  $(X_n)$  is always adapted to its natural filtration.

$$S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n \quad \text{is} \quad \sigma(X_1 + \dots + X_n)$$

$S_n$  is also adapted to the natural filtration of  $(X_i)$ .

**Example 4.5** (Fair Game). We will illustrate the concept of a fair game through an example.  $(X_n)$  bernoulli  $(\frac{1}{2})$  with values  $\pm 1$

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i X_i$$

Where  $Y_i$  is the amount which I bet at day  $i$ , this may be random but can also depend on  $X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}$ .

$$E[S_n | \sigma(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1})] \stackrel{*}{=} S_{n-1}$$

\* I want this equality to have a fair game.

$$\begin{aligned} E[S_n | \sigma(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1})] &= E[S_{n-1} + Y_n X_n | \sigma(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1})] \\ &= S_{n-1} + Y_n \underbrace{E X_n}_0 \\ &= S_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 4.5** (Martingale). Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, P)$  be a probability space and let  $(\mathcal{F}_n)_{n \geq 0}$  be a filtration. A sequence  $(X_n)$  of random variables is a martingale if

- (1)  $(X_n)$  is adapted to  $(\mathcal{F}_n)$
- (2)  $E|X_n| < \infty$
- (3)  $E[X_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] = X_{n-1} \quad \forall n \geq 1$

It is called a sub-martingale if we have conditions (1) + (2) +

- (3\*)  $E[X_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] \geq X_{n-1} \quad \forall n \geq 1$

**Remark.** if  $(X_n)$  is a martingale

- (1)  $E[X_n | \mathcal{F}_m] = X_m \quad \forall n \geq m$

$$E[X_n | \mathcal{F}_m] \stackrel{\text{tower}}{=} E[E[X_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] | \mathcal{F}_m] = \dots = E[X_{m+1} | \mathcal{F}_m] = X_m$$

- (2)  $E X_n = E X_0$

$$E X_n = E \underbrace{(E[X_n | \mathcal{F}_0])}_{X_0}$$

**Example 4.6.** Let  $(X_n)$  be a sequence of integrable random variables with mean 0.  $(\mathcal{F}_n)$  natural filtration. Then  $S_n$  is a martingale where

$$S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$$

need to check condition (3):

$$E[S_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] = E[S_{n-1} + X_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] = S_{n-1} + \underbrace{EX_n}_0 = S_{n-1}$$

**Example 4.7** (Galton Watson Tree).  $(Z_n)$

$$E[Z_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] = a \cdot Z_{n-1}$$

if  $a = 1$  then  $(Z_n)$  is usually a martingale.

if  $a \neq 1$

$$W_n = \frac{Z_n}{a^n}$$

$$E \left[ \frac{Z_n}{a^n} | \mathcal{F}_{n-1} \right] = \frac{1}{a^n} \cdot a \cdot Z_{n-1} = \frac{Z_{n-1}}{a^{n-1}} = W_{n-1}$$

**Example 4.8** (Polya Urn). In each round  $n = i$  a ball is added by a random variable

$n = 0$	● ○	$X_0 = \frac{1}{2}$	probability of black ball
$n = 1$	● ○ ●	$X_1 = \frac{2}{3}$	probability of black ball
$n = 2$	● ○ ● ●	$X_2 = \frac{3}{4}$	probability of black ball
$n = 3$	● ○ ● ● ○	$X_3 = \frac{3}{5}$	probability of black ball
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮

$X_i =$  Probability you add a black ball next time

Looks like it is not a martingale, but it is! see Hw 7 something along the lines of  $EX_n = \frac{1}{2}$

## 4.1 Stopping Times

**Definition 4.6** (Stopping Time). Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, P)$  be a probability space and let  $(\mathcal{F}_n)$  be a filtration. A random variable

$$\tau : \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \cup \{\infty\}$$

is called a stopping time if

$$\{\tau = n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

**Example 4.9.**

$\tau =$  First rainy day in March

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \tau = 0? \quad \text{"I know if it rains at day 0"} \\ \tau = 1? \quad \text{"I know if it rains at day 1"} \\ \vdots \\ \tau = n? \quad \text{"I know if it rains at day n"} \end{array} \right\} \text{ Stopping Time}$$

$$\tau = \text{Last sunny day in March}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \tau = 0? \quad \text{"I dont know it at day 0"} \\ \tau = 1? \quad \text{"I dont know it at day 1"} \\ \vdots \\ \tau = n? \quad \text{"I dont know it at day n"} \end{array} \right\} \text{ NOT a Stopping Time}$$

**Example 4.10** (Random walk). let  $(X_n)$  be  $\pm 1$  with  $p = \frac{1}{2}$  and independent.

$$S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$$

Let  $\mathcal{F}_n$  be the natural filtration of  $(X_n)$ , (to which  $S_n$  is always adapted).

$$\tau = \min\{n : S_n = 2\} \quad - \quad \text{Stopping Time}$$

since

$$\begin{aligned} \{\tau = n\} &= \{X_1 = 2, X_2 \neq 2, \dots, X_{n-1} \neq 2, X_n = 2\} \\ \tau &= \text{the first time I visit } 2 \in \mathcal{F}_n \end{aligned}$$

More generally

$$\tau = \min\{n : S_n \in \{a, b\}\}$$

$\tau_i$  is a stopping time.

$$\{\tau = n\} = \{S_1 \notin \{a, b\}, \dots, S_{n-1} \notin \{a, b\}, S_n \in \{a, b\}\} \in \mathcal{F}_n$$

Winnings =  $bp_1 - a(1 - p_1) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$  Can we beat a fair game?

**Definition 4.7.** Suppose  $\tau < \infty$  a.s, let  $(X_n)$  be a random process,  $(X_{n \wedge \tau}) \geq 0$  is another random process referred to as the original process stopped at a time  $\tau$

$X_\tau$  - random variable (=value of the process  $(X_n)$  stopped at a time  $\tau$ )

**Lemma 4.3.**  $\tau$  is a stopping time iff  $\{\tau \leq n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n, \forall n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Proof.

( $\Rightarrow$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \{\tau \leq n\} &= \underbrace{\{\tau = 0\}}_{\in \mathcal{F}_0} \cup \underbrace{\{\tau = 1\}}_{\in \mathcal{F}_1} \cup \dots \cup \underbrace{\{\tau = n\}}_{\in \mathcal{F}_n} \\ &\subset \mathcal{F}_0 \subset \mathcal{F}_1 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{F}_n \end{aligned}$$

( $\Leftarrow$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \{\tau = n\} &= \underbrace{\{\tau \leq n\}}_{\in \mathcal{F}_n} \setminus \underbrace{\{\tau \leq n-1\}}_{\in \mathcal{F}_{n-1}} \\ &\in \mathcal{F}_n \supset \mathcal{F}_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

□



**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $(X_n)$  be a martingale / submartingale, then  $(X_{n \wedge \tau})$  is a martingale / submartingale.

*Proof.*

$$X_{n \wedge \tau} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \mathbb{1}_{\tau=i} X_i + \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau > n-1\}} X_n$$

\* -  $\{\tau > n-1\} = \{\tau \leq n-1\}^c \in \mathcal{F}_{n-1}$

- integrable
- $X_{n \wedge \tau}$  is  $\mathcal{F}_n$ -measurable
- 

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_{n \wedge \tau} | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] &= E\left[\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \mathbb{1}_{\tau=i} X_i + \mathbb{1}_{\tau > n-1} X_n \mid \mathcal{F}_n\right] \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \mathbb{1}_{\tau=i} X_i + \mathbb{1}_{\tau > n-1} E[X_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \mathbb{1}_{\tau=i} X_i + \mathbb{1}_{\tau > n-2} X_{n-1} \\ &= X_{\{n-1\} \wedge \tau} \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark.**  $X_\tau = ?$

$n \wedge \tau \rightarrow \tau$  a.s

$X_{n \wedge \tau} \rightarrow X_\tau$  a.s

Can we say that

$$EX_0 = EX_{n \wedge \tau} \stackrel{?}{=} EX_\tau$$

Counter example: random walk  $S_n$ ,  $\tau =$  stopping time of 1,  $S_\tau = 1$

$$ES_\tau = 1 \neq ES_0 = 0$$

This fails since  $E\tau = \infty$

## 4.2 The Optional Stopping Theorem

**Theorem 4.5** (Optimal Stopping Theorem). Suppose  $(X_n)$  is a martingale or submartingale and  $\tau$  is a stopping time such that  $\tau < \infty$  a.s then

$$EX_\tau \begin{matrix} = \\ \geq \end{matrix} EX_0$$

in each of the following cases:

- (1)  $\tau$  is bounded a.s  
 (2)  $E\tau < \infty$  and for some  $c > 0$ :

$$|X_n - X_{n-1}| \leq c \quad \forall n$$

- (3)  $X_n$  is bounded

*Proof.*

- (1) assume  $\tau \leq N$  a.s

$$\begin{aligned} X_\tau &= X_{\tau \wedge N} \\ EX_\tau &= EX_{\tau \wedge N} \stackrel{\geq}{=} EX_0 \end{aligned}$$

- (2)  $X_{\tau \wedge N} \rightarrow X_\tau$  a.s

$$\begin{aligned} X_{\tau \wedge N} &= \underbrace{X_{\tau \wedge N} - X_{\tau \wedge N}} + \underbrace{X_{\tau \wedge N} - \dots}_{\dots} + \dots + \underbrace{\dots - X_1}_{\dots} + \underbrace{X_1 - X_0}_{\dots} + X_0 \\ |X_{\tau \wedge N}| &= \underbrace{c\tau + |X_0|}_{\text{integrable}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{DCT}{\Rightarrow} EX_\tau = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} EX_{n \wedge \tau} \stackrel{\geq}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} EX_0 = 0$$

- (3)  $|X_{n \wedge \tau}| \leq c$

$$X_{n \wedge \tau} \rightarrow X_\tau \stackrel{DCT}{\Rightarrow} EX_{n \wedge \tau} \rightarrow EX_\tau = EX_0$$

□

**Remark.**

- (1) it is enough to check the conditions for  $(X_{n \wedge \tau})$  instead of  $(X_n)$   
 (2) sometimes its easier to prove  $EX_{n \wedge \tau} \rightarrow EX_\tau$  directly rather than using OST.

**Applications.**

- (1)  $(S_n)$ -random walk. What are the probabilities that  $S_n$  hits  $b$  before  $-a$ ?

$$\tau = \inf\{n : S_n = b \text{ or } -a\}$$

$S_n$  is a martingale. Lets stop  $S$  at time  $\tau$ ,  $ES_\tau = ES_0 = 0$

$$ES_\tau = -aP(S_\tau = -a) + bP(S_\tau = b)$$

$$P(S_\tau = -a) + P(S_\tau = b) = 1$$

$$-a(1 - P(S_\tau = b)) + bP(S_\tau = b) = 0$$

$$P(S_\tau = b)(a + b) = a$$

$$P(S_\tau = b) = \frac{a}{a+b}$$

$$P(S_\tau = -a) = \frac{b}{a+b}$$

$\tau < \infty$  a.s

$$P(\tau = \infty) \leq P(-a < S_n < b) = P\left(\frac{-a}{\sqrt{n}} < \frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} < \frac{b}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \xrightarrow{CT} 0$$

$$\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$$

$S_{n \wedge \tau}$  is bounded, so we can use OST(3)

(2) What is  $E\tau$ ? (from 1)

$$X_n = S_n^2 - n$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] &= E[\underbrace{S_n^2}_{(S_{n-1} + X_n)^2} - n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] = E[S_{n-1}^2 + 2S_{n-1}X_n + X_n^2 - n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] \\ &= S_{n-1}^2 + 2S_{n-1}E[X_n] + \underbrace{E[X_n^2]}_{E[X_n^2 | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] = 1} - n \\ &= S_{n-1}^2 - (n - 1) = X_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Stop  $X_n$  at a time  $\tau$ :  $EX_\tau = EX_0 = 0$

$$\boxed{P(S_\tau = b) = \frac{a}{a+b} \quad P(S_\tau = -a) = \frac{b}{a+b}}$$

$$0 = EX_\tau = E(S_\tau^2 - \tau) = ES_\tau^2 - E\tau = a^2P(S_\tau = -a) + b^2P(S_\tau = b) - E\tau$$

$$E\tau = \frac{a^2b + b^2a}{a + b} = ab$$

Why can we use the OST?

$$ES_{n \wedge \tau}^2 - E(n \wedge \tau) \quad \text{Why can I pass to the limit?}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} n \wedge \tau \rightarrow \tau &\xrightarrow{MCT} E(n \wedge \tau) \rightarrow E(\tau) \\ |S_{n \wedge \tau}^2| \leq \max\{a^2 + b^2\} &\xrightarrow{DCT} E(S_{n \wedge \tau}^2) \rightarrow E(S_\tau^2) \end{aligned} \right\} ES_\tau^2 - E\tau = 0 \quad E\tau = ES_\tau^2$$

(3) Alice: 666

Bob: 456

A dice is rolled each day and each time a player bets all the money they have. Each player starts with one pound and leaves the game when thre money is lost. First set up the game for Alice:

The Player wins 6 from a 1 bet if they roll a 6 any time while the game is still live, lose otherwise. game terminates when sequence 666 is acheived.

$W_n$  - total win up to day  $n$

$$I_n = n$$

$\tau =$  the first time 666 occurs

$X_n = W_n - I_n$  is a martingale

$$0 = EX_0 = EX_\tau = EW_\tau - EI_\tau = EW_\tau - \tau \Rightarrow E\tau = EW_\tau = 6^3 + 6^2 + 6$$

For Bob:

The Player wins 6 from a 1 bet if they roll a 4 first time then wins 6 per 1 if a 5 is hit, then wins 6 per 1 if a 6 is hit. Game terminates when sequence 456 is achieved.

$$E\tau = EW_\tau = 6^3$$

To show this is legit:

$$\begin{aligned} W_n &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} 6^3 \mathbb{1}_{\{Y_i=6, Y_{i+1}=6, Y_{i+2}=6\}} + 6^2 \mathbb{1}_{\{Y_{n-1}=6, Y_n=6\}} + 6 \mathbb{1}_{\{Y_n=6\}} \\ X_n &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} 6^3 \mathbb{1}_{\{Y_i=6, Y_{i+1}=6, Y_{i+2}=6\}} + 6^2 \mathbb{1}_{\{Y_{n-1}=6, Y_n=6\}} + 6 \mathbb{1}_{\{Y_n=6\}} - n \\ E[X_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] &= E \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} 6^3 \mathbb{1}_{\{Y_i=6, Y_{i+1}=6, Y_{i+2}=6\}} + 6^2 \mathbb{1}_{\{Y_{n-1}=6, Y_n=6\}} + 6 \mathbb{1}_{\{Y_n=6\}} - n \mid \mathcal{F}_{n-1} \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-3} 6^3 \mathbb{1}_{\{Y_i=6, Y_{i+1}=6, Y_{i+2}=6\}} + 6^3 \mathbb{1}_{\{Y_{n-2}=6, Y_{n-1}=6\}} \underset{= \frac{1}{6}}{E \mathbb{1}_{\{Y_n=6\}}} \\ &\quad + 6^2 \mathbb{1}_{\{Y_{n-1}=6\}} \underset{= \frac{1}{6}}{E \mathbb{1}_{\{Y_n=6\}}} + 6 \underset{= \frac{1}{6}}{E \mathbb{1}_{\{Y_n=6\}}} - n \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-3} 6^3 \mathbb{1}_{\{Y_i=6, Y_{i+1}=6, Y_{i+2}=6\}} + 6^2 \mathbb{1}_{\{Y_{n-2}=6, Y_{n-1}=6\}} + 6 \mathbb{1}_{\{Y_n=6\}} - (n-1) \\ &= W_{n-1} - (n-1) \\ &= X_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Show that:  $P(\tau = \infty) = 0$

$$P(\tau = \infty) \leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{6^3}\right)^n \rightarrow 0$$

$\tau < \infty$  a.s.

$$E\tau < \infty \quad (\text{do-able})$$

$$0 = EX_{n \wedge \tau} = EW_{n \wedge \tau} - E(n \wedge \tau)$$

$$(n \wedge \tau) \uparrow \tau \xrightarrow{MCT} E(n \wedge \tau) \rightarrow E\tau$$

$$|W_{n \wedge \tau}| \leq 6^3 + 6^2 + 6 \xrightarrow{DCT} EW_{n \wedge \tau} \rightarrow EW_\tau$$

$$E\tau = EW_\tau = 6^3 + 6^2 + 6$$

### 4.3 Doob's and Kolmogorov's Submartingale Inequalities

**Theorem 4.6** (Doob's Submartingale Inequality). *Let  $(X_n)$  be a submartingale, (non-negative). Then for any  $\epsilon > 0$*

$$cP\left(\max_{1 \leq n \leq N} (X_n) > c\right) \leq EX_N$$

*Proof.*

$$\tau = \min\{n \leq N : X_n > c\} \wedge N$$

$\tau \leq N$  so lets prove  $EX_\tau \leq EX_N$

$$EX_\tau = E \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}_{\tau=i} X_i = \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\tau=1} X_i dP \leq \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\tau=1} X_N dP$$

$$\boxed{E[X_N | \mathcal{F}_i] \geq X_i}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N E(\mathbb{1}_{\tau=1} X_N) = EX_N$$

Denote  $A = \{\max_{1 \leq n \leq N} X_n > c\}$

$$EX_\tau \leq EX_N$$

$$(1 = \mathbb{1}_A + \mathbb{1}_{\Omega \setminus A})$$

So

$$EX_\tau \mathbb{1}_A + EX_\tau \mathbb{1}_{\Omega \setminus A} \leq EX_N \mathbb{1}_A + EX_N \mathbb{1}_{\Omega \setminus A}$$

On  $\Omega \setminus A$ ,  $\tau = N$ . So the two expressions are equal

$$\Rightarrow EX_\tau \mathbb{1}_A \leq EX_N \mathbb{1}_A$$

$$EX_N \geq EX_N \mathbb{1}_A \geq EX_\tau \mathbb{1}_A \stackrel{*}{\geq} c \cdot P(A)$$

\* Chebyshev inequality, theorem 1.3 □

**Theorem 4.7** (Kolmogorov's Inequality). *Let  $(X_n)$  be a sequence of independent random variables, square integrable, with means 0. Then  $\forall c > 0$*

$$c^2 P\left(\max_{1 \leq n \leq N} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right| > c\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^N EX_i^2$$

*Proof.*  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  is a sub-martingale

$$E[S_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] = X_1 + \dots + X_{n-1} + \underset{=0}{EX_n} = S_{n-1}$$

$\Rightarrow S_n^2$  is a sub-martingale

$$E[S_n^2 | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] \stackrel{*}{\geq} (E[S_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}])^2 = S_{n-1}^2$$

\* Conditional Jensen's inequality, Part (i) of theorem 4.2, with  $\varphi(x) = x^2$

Doob:  $\forall c > 0$

$$c^2 P\left(\max_{1 \leq n \leq N} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right)^2 > c^2\right) \leq ES_n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 P\left(\max_{1 \leq n \leq N} \left|\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right| > c\right) \leq E(X_1 + \dots + X_N)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N EX_i^2 + \underbrace{\sum_{i \neq j} EX_i EX_j}_{=0}$$

□

**Theorem 4.8** (Kolmogorov's Theorem). *Let  $(X_n)$  be a sequence of independent square integrable random variables with means 0. If*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} EX_n^2 < \infty$$

Then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n \leq \infty \quad a.s.$$

*Proof.* We want

$$P\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n \leq \infty\right) = 1$$

i.e.

$$P\left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right)_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{ is a Cauchy sequence}\right) = 1$$

$a_n$  is a Cauchy sequence if  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N$  such that  $\forall n, m \geq N |a_n - a_m| < \epsilon$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \text{ such that } \forall n \geq N |a_n - a_N| < \epsilon$$

i.e.

$$P\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n \geq N} \left\{ \left| \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \right| < \frac{1}{k} \right\}\right) = 1$$

i.e.

$$P\left(\bigcup_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n \geq N} \left\{ \left| \sum_{i=N+1}^n X_i \right| < \frac{1}{k} \right\}\right) = 1 \quad \forall k$$

i.e.

$$P\left(\bigcap_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n \geq N} \left\{ \left| \sum_{i=N+1}^n X_i \right| \geq \frac{1}{k} \right\}\right) = 0 \quad \forall k$$

$$P\left(\bigcap_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n \geq N} \left\{ \left| \sum_{i=N+1}^n X_i \right| \geq \frac{1}{k} \right\}\right) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\bigcup_{n \geq N} \left\{ \left| \sum_{i=N+1}^n X_i \right| \geq \frac{1}{k} \right\}\right)$$

For any  $M \geq N$

$$P\left(\bigcup_{n \geq N}^M \left\{ \left| \sum_{i=N+1}^n X_i \right| \geq \frac{1}{k} \right\}\right) = P\left(\max_{N \leq n \leq M} \left| \sum_{i=N+1}^n X_i \right| \geq \frac{1}{k}\right) \stackrel{\text{theorem 4.7}}{\leq} k^2 \sum_{i=N+1}^M EX_i^2$$

Let  $M \rightarrow \infty$

$$P\left(\bigcup_{n \geq N} \left\{ \left| \sum_{i=N+1}^n X_i \right| \geq \frac{1}{k} \right\}\right) \leq k^2 \sum_{i=N+1}^{\infty} EX_i^2 \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow \infty$$

□

**Example 4.11.**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots &= \infty \\ \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots &< \infty \end{aligned}$$

What happens if we put  $\pm 1$  randomly? i.e:

$$\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots = ?$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{X_n}{n} \quad \text{where } P(X_n = \pm 1) = \frac{1}{2} \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E\left(\frac{X_n}{n}\right)^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{X_n}{n} < \infty$$

We know

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^\alpha} < \infty \quad \alpha \geq 1 + \epsilon$$

So

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{X_n}{n^{\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon}} < \infty \quad \text{a.s.}$$

**Lemma 4.9 (Cesaro).**

$$a_n \rightarrow a \Rightarrow \frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n}{n} \rightarrow a$$

*Proof.* analysis 1

□

**Lemma 4.10** (Kronecker). *If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n} < \infty$  then  $\frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n}{n} \rightarrow 0$*

*Proof.*

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i}{i} \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } S_0 = 0$$

$$S = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$$

$$S_n = S_{n-1} + \frac{a_n}{n} \Rightarrow a_n = n(S_n - S_{n-1})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n}{n} &= \frac{(S_1 - S_0) + 2(S_2 - S_1) + \dots + n(S_n - S_{n-1})}{n} \\ &= \frac{nS_n - S_0 - S_1 - S_2 - \dots - S_{n-1}}{n} \\ &= \underset{\rightarrow S}{S_n} - \frac{S_0 + S_1 + \dots + S_{n-1}}{\underset{\rightarrow S \text{ by Cesaro}}{n}} \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

#### 4.4 Strong Law of Large Numbers

**Theorem 4.11** (Strong Law of Large Numbers for Square-Integrable r.v's). *Let  $(X_n)$  be iid square-integrable random variables with mean 0. Then*

$$\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \rightarrow 0 \quad a.s.$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E \left( \frac{X_n}{n} \right)^2 &= EX_1^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} < \infty \xrightarrow{\text{Thm 4.8}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{X_n}{n} < \infty \quad a.s. \\ &\xrightarrow{\text{Thm 4.8}} \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \rightarrow 0 \quad a.s. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 4.12** (Truncation Lemma). *Let  $(X_n)$  be iid random variables each with  $E(|X_n|) < \infty$  and  $EX_n = \mu$  and define*

$$Y_n = X_n \mathbb{1}_{\{|X_n| \leq n\}}$$

*then*

(1)  $X_n = Y_n$  eventually for all  $n$  a.s. i.e.

$$\exists N(\omega) \text{ such that } \forall n \geq N(\omega) \quad X_n = Y_n$$

(2)  $EY_n \rightarrow \mu$

(3)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\text{var}(Y_n)}{n^2} < \infty$



*Proof.* (1) We want:

$$P(X_n \neq Y_n \text{ i.o.}) = 0$$

By BC1, 2.4:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(X_n \neq Y_n \text{ i.o.}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(|X_n| > n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(|X_1| > n) \stackrel{MCT}{=} E \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{1}_{\{|X_n| > n\}} \leq E|X_1| < \infty$$

Result follows.

(2)

$$EY_n = E(X_n \mathbb{1}_{\{|X_n| \leq n\}}) = E(X_1 \mathbb{1}_{\{|X_1| \leq n\}}) \xrightarrow[\rightarrow 1 \text{ a.s.}]{*} EX_1 = \mu$$

\* dominatedly by  $|X_1|$  which is integrable

(3)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{EY_n^2}{n^2} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{E(X_n^2 \mathbb{1}_{\{|X_n| \leq n\}})}{n^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{E(X_1^2 \mathbb{1}_{\{|X_1| \leq n\}})}{n^2} \\ &= E \left( X_1^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mathbb{1}_{\{|X_1| \leq n\}}}{n^2} \right) = E \left( X_1^2 \sum_{n \geq |X_1|} \frac{1}{n^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{n \geq m} \frac{1}{n^2} \leq \sum_{n \geq m} \frac{2}{n(n+1)} = 2 \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{m+1} \right) + 2 \left( \frac{1}{m+1} - \frac{1}{m+2} \right) + \dots = \frac{2}{m}$$

$$\leq E \left( X_1^2 \cdot \frac{2}{|X_1|} \right) = 2E|X_1| < \infty$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(EY_n)^2}{n^2} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{c^2}{n^2} < \infty$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\text{var}(Y_n)}{n^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{EY_n^2}{n^2} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(EY_n)^2}{n^2} < \infty$$

□

**Theorem 4.13** (Strong Law of Large Numbers, SLLN). *Let  $(X_n)$  be iid r.v's with  $E|X_k| < \infty \forall k$  and mean  $\mu$  then*

$$\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \rightarrow \mu \quad \text{a.s.}$$

*Proof.* Let  $Y_n = X_n \mathbb{1}_{\{|X_n| \leq n\}}$  by (1) of the Truncation Lemma, 4.12

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{Y_1 + \dots + Y_n}{n}$$

It suffices to prove that

$$\frac{Y_1 + \dots + Y_n}{n} \rightarrow \mu$$

$$\frac{Y_1 + \dots + Y_n}{n} = \frac{(Y_1 - EY_1) + \dots + (Y_n - EY_n)}{n} + \frac{EY_1 + \dots + EY_n}{n} \xrightarrow{\mu \text{ by TL+; Cesaro}}$$

It suffices to prove:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(Y_1 - EY_1) + \dots + (Y_n - EY_n)}{n} \rightarrow 0 \\ & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E \left( \frac{Y_n - EY_n}{n} \right)^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\text{var}(Y_n)}{n^2} \stackrel{TL(3)}{<} \infty \\ & \stackrel{4,8}{\Rightarrow} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E \frac{Y_n - EY_n}{n} < \infty \quad a.s. \\ & \stackrel{4,10}{\Rightarrow} \frac{(Y_1 - EY_1) + \dots + (Y_n - EY_n)}{n} \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

## 4.5 Convergence of Martingales

**Definition 4.8.** A sequence  $(C_n)$  of r.v's is call previsible if

$$C_n \in \mathcal{F}_{n-1} \forall n \geq 1$$

Let  $(X_n)$  be a martingale sequence and  $(C_n)$  be a previsible sequence

$$\begin{cases} M_n = \sum_{i=1}^n C_i (X_i - X_{i-1}) & n \geq 1 \\ M_0 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Is called the martingale transform of  $(X_n)$  via  $(C_n)$

**Theorem 4.14.** If  $(C_n)$  are uniformly bounded then  $(M_n)$  is a martingale

*Proof.* Integrability and  $M_n$  is  $\mathcal{F}_n$ -measurable (obvious)

$$E[M_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n C_i (X_i - X_{i-1}) | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}\right] = M_{n-1} + C_n E[X_n - X_{n-1} | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] = M_{n-1}$$

□

**Definition 4.9** (Upcrossing). Let  $(X_n)$  be a martingale and  $a < b$ . The number of upcrossings up to time  $N$ ,  $U_N[a, b]$ , is the largest number such that there are

$$0 \geq s_1 < t_1 < \dots < s_k < t_k \leq N$$

Such that

$$\begin{aligned} X_{s_1}, \dots, X_{s_k} &< a \\ X_{t_1}, \dots, X_{t_k} &> b \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 4.15** (Doob's Upcrossing Lemma).

$$(b - a)EU_N[a, b] \leq E[(X_N - a)^-]$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= \min\{n : X_n \leq a\} & \dots & S_n = \min\{n \geq T_{n-1} : X_n \leq a\} \\ T_1 &= \min\{n > S_1 : X_n \geq b\} & \dots & T_n = \min\{n \geq S_n : X_n \geq b\} \end{aligned}$$

$C_n = 0$  on  $[0, S_1] \cap \bar{\mathbb{N}}$  and all  $[T_k + 1, S_{k+1}] \cap \bar{\mathbb{N}}$ .  $C_n = 1$  on  $[S_k + 1, T_k] \cap \bar{\mathbb{N}}$ .

$$\begin{cases} Y_n = \sum_{i=1}^n C_i(X_i - X_{i-1}) & n \geq 1 \\ Y_0 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$(Y_n)$  is a martingale.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= EY_0 = EY_n \leq (b - a)U_N[a, b](+0) - E(X_N - a)^- \\ &\Rightarrow (b - a)U_N[a, b] \leq E(X_N - a)^- \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 4.16** (Martingale Convergence Theorem). *If  $(X_n)$  is a  $c$ -bounded martingale ie if*

$$\exists c > 0 \text{ such that } E|X_n| \leq c \forall n$$

*then it converges a.s.*

*Proof.* Assume

$$\{\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n < \limsup X_n\} = \{\exists a, b \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ s.t. } U_\infty[a, b] = \infty\} = \bigcup_{\substack{a < b \\ a, b \in \mathbb{Q}}} \{U_\infty[a, b] = \infty\}$$

$$(b - a)U_\infty[a, b] \stackrel{MCT}{=} (b - a) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_n[a, b] \stackrel{4.15}{\leq} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[(X_N - a)^-] < \infty$$

since  $E[(X_N - a)^-] < E|X_n| + a \leq c + a$

$$EU_\infty[a, b] < \infty \Rightarrow U_\infty[a, b] < \infty \quad a.s.$$

$$\Rightarrow P(U_\infty[a, b] = \infty) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\bigcup_{\substack{a < b \\ a, b \in \mathbb{Q}}} \{U_\infty[a, b] = \infty\}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \liminf X_n = \limsup X_n \quad a.s.$$

$$X = \liminf X_n$$

$$EX = E \liminf |X_n| \stackrel{Fatou}{\leq} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} E|X_n| \stackrel{=c}{<} \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow X < \infty \quad a.s.$$

□

**Example 4.12** (Polya Urn).

$$X_n \in [0, 1] \Rightarrow \text{Converges}$$

**Example 4.13.** Any non-negative martingale converges a.s.!

$$E|X_n| = EX_n = EX_0 \text{ is in } L^1 - \text{ holds}$$

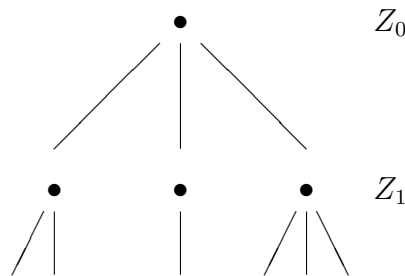
**Example 4.14** (( $S_n$ )- Random Walk).  $S_n \not\rightarrow$  any finite number. Why  $S_n \rightarrow \pm \infty$ ?

$$P(\text{hit } a \text{ before } -b) = \frac{b}{a+b}$$

as  $-b$  goes  $-\infty$

$$P(\text{hit } a \text{ eventually}) = 1$$

**Example 4.15** (Galton Watson Tree). Lets fix a random variable with values in  $\{1, 2, \dots\}$  which chooses the number of edges descending from each vertex.



$Z_n =$  number of vertices in generation  $n$

If

$$Q = EZ_1 = 1$$

Then  $Z_n$  is a non-negative martingale

$\Rightarrow Z_n$  converges to zero

$$Z_n \rightarrow k$$

$\Rightarrow Z_n = k$  eventually for some  $k$

$$P(\exists N \forall n > N Z_n = k) = P(\cup_N \{\forall n > N Z_n = k\}) = 0$$

$$\{\forall n > N Z_n = k\} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P(Z_N = k)P(k)^m = 0 \quad P(k) < 1 \quad \forall k \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow Z_n \Rightarrow 0$  a.s.