

HU, Probability Theory Fall 2015, Problems 7 (28.10.2015)

In the problems all random variables live in a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) .

1. On a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) ,

let $(X_n(\omega) : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be a sequence of exponential random variables such that

$$P(X_1 > t_1, \dots, X_n > t_n) = \exp\left(-\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n t_i\right) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, t_1, \dots, t_n \geq 0,$$

where $\lambda > 0$ is a parameter.

- (a) Show that the random variables $(X_n(\omega) : n \in \mathbb{N})$ are independent under P .
- (b) Let

$$Y_n(\omega) := \min\{X_1(\omega), X_2(\omega), \dots, X_n(\omega)\}.$$

Compute $P(Y_n > t)$, and compute also the probability density function of Y_n .

- (c) Let $X_n^*(\omega) = \max\{X_1(\omega), X_2(\omega), \dots, X_n(\omega)\}$
Compute $P(X_n^* \leq t)$. Compute also the probability density function of X_n^* .

- (d) Compute $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\lambda X_n^* \leq t + \log(n)\right)$.

Hint: $(1 + x/n)^n \rightarrow \exp(x)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

2. Consider a sequence of random variables $(U_k(\omega) : k \in \mathbb{N})$ such that for $\forall t_1, \dots, t_n \in [0, 1]$,

$$P(U_1 \leq t_1, \dots, U_n \leq t_n) = \prod_{k=1}^n t_k$$

- (a) Show that $(U_k(\omega) : k \in \mathbb{N})$ are independent and uniformly distributed on $[0, 1]$.
- (b) Consider $\bar{U}_n(\omega) = \max\{U_1(\omega), \dots, U_n(\omega)\}$.
Compute the cumulative distribution function of \bar{U}_n , $F_{\bar{U}_n}(t) = P(\bar{U}_n \leq t)$.
- (c) Show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{U}_n(\omega) = 1$ \mathbb{P} -almost surely.

(d) Let $\underline{U}_n(\omega) = \min\{U_1(\omega), \dots, U_n(\omega)\}$.

Compute the cumulative distribution function of \underline{U}_n , $F_{\underline{U}_n}(t) = P(\underline{U}_n \leq t)$.

(e) Show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underline{U}_n(\omega) = 0$ \mathbb{P} -almost surely.

Hint: $V_n = (1 - U_n)$ has the same distribution as U_n , which implies that \underline{U}_n and $(1 - \overline{U}_n)$ have the same distribution.

3. (a) let $X(\omega), X_n(\omega), n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $X_n(\omega) \rightarrow X(\omega)$ P -almost surely. Show that also the Cesaro mean converges P -almost surely to X

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i(\omega) = X(\omega) \quad P\text{-almost surely}$$

(b) Assume now that $E_P(|X_n - X|) \rightarrow 0$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$ (without assuming P -almost sure convergence).

Show that the Cesaro mean is converging in $L^1(P)$, that is

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_P \left(\left| \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right\} - X(\omega) \right| \right) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Hint: note that by the triangle inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right\} - X(\omega) \right| &\leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |X_i - X(\omega)| = \\ &\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^M |X_i - X(\omega)| + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=M+1}^n |X_j - X(\omega)| \end{aligned}$$

$\forall n \geq M$, where the inequalities are preserved after taking the expectation.

4. Let $X(\omega), (X_n(\omega) : n \in \mathbb{N})$, random variables on a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) .

Show that if $\forall \varepsilon > 0$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P(|X_n(\omega) - X(\omega)| > \varepsilon) < \infty$$

it follows $\lim_{n \uparrow \infty} X_n(\omega) = X(\omega)$ P -almost surely.

Hint: show first that

$$\{\omega : X_n(\omega) \not\rightarrow X(\omega)\} = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \{\omega : |X_n(\omega) - X(\omega)| > k^{-1} \text{ infinitely often} \}$$

and recall Borel-Cantelli's lemma.

5. Consider a random variable $X(\omega)$ with $E_P(|X|) < \infty$. Show that

$$E_P(|X| \mathbf{1}(|X| > n)) = \int_{\Omega} |X(\omega)| \mathbf{1}(|X(\omega)| > n) P(d\omega) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty .$$