Probability, homework 11, due April 22.

The goal of this problem is to prove the iterated logarithm law, first for Gaussian random variables. In other words, for $X_1, X_2 \dots$ i.i.d. standard Gaussian random variables, denoting $S_n = X_1 + \cdots + X_n$, we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\limsup_{n\to\infty} \frac{S_n}{\sqrt{2n\log\log n}} = 1\right) = 1 \tag{0.1}$$

(1) Prove that

$$\mathbb{P}(X_1 > \lambda) \underset{\lambda\to\infty}{\sim} \frac{1}{\lambda\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\lambda^2}{2}}.$$

In the following questions we denote $f(n) = \sqrt{2n\log\log n}$, $\lambda > 1$, $c, \alpha > 0$, $A_k = \{S_{\lfloor \lambda^k \rfloor} \geq c f(\lambda^k)\}$, $C_k = \{S_{\lfloor \lambda^{k+1} \rfloor} - S_{\lfloor \lambda^k \rfloor} \geq c f(\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^k)\}$ and $D_k = \{\sup_{n\in[\![\lambda^k, \lambda^{k+1}]\!]} \frac{S_n - S_{\lfloor \lambda^k \rfloor}}{f(\lambda^k)} \geq \alpha\}$.

(2) Prove that for any $c > 1$ we have $\sum_{k\geq 1} \mathbb{P}(A_k) < \infty$ and

$$\limsup_{k\to\infty} \frac{S_{\lfloor \lambda^k \rfloor}}{f(\lambda^k)} \leq 1 \text{ a.s.}$$

(3) Prove that for any $c < 1$ we have $\sum_{k\geq 1} \mathbb{P}(C_k) = \infty$ and

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

(4) Let $\varepsilon > 0$ and choose $c = 1 - \varepsilon/10$. Prove that almost surely the following inequality holds for infinitely many k:

$$\frac{S_{\lfloor \lambda^{k+1} \rfloor}}{f(\lambda^{k+1})} \geq c\frac{f(\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^k)}{f(\lambda^{k+1})} - (1+\varepsilon)\frac{f(\lambda^k)}{f(\lambda^{k+1})}.$$

(5) By choosing a large enough λ in the previous inequality, prove that almost surely

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty} \frac{S_n}{f(n)} \geq 1.$$

(6) Prove that for any $n \in [\![\lambda^k, \lambda^{k+1}]\!]$ we have

$$\frac{S_n}{f(n)} \leq \frac{S_{\lfloor \lambda^k \rfloor}}{f(\lfloor \lambda^k \rfloor)} + \frac{S_n - S_{\lfloor \lambda^k \rfloor}}{f(\lfloor \lambda^k \rfloor)}.$$

(7) Prove that

$$\mathbb{P}(D_k) \underset{k\to\infty}{\sim} 2\mathbb{P}\left(X_1 \geq \frac{\alpha f(\lambda^k)}{\sqrt{\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^k}}\right) \underset{k\to\infty}{\sim} \frac{c}{\sqrt{\log\lambda}}\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)^{\frac{\alpha^2}{\lambda-1}}.$$

(8) Prove that for $\alpha^2 > \lambda - 1$, almost surely

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty} \frac{S_n}{f(n)} \leq \limsup_{n\to\infty} \frac{S_{\lfloor \lambda^k \rfloor}}{f(\lambda^k)} + \alpha.$$

(9) By choosing appropriate λ and α, prove that almost surely

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty} \frac{S_n}{f(n)} \leq 1.$$

(10) State a result similar to (0.1) for i.i.d. uniformly bounded random variables. Which steps in the above proof need to be modified to prove this universality result? How?