

Probability, homework 5, due October 19.

Exercise 1. Prove that if a sequence of real random variables (X_n) converge in distribution to X , and (Y_n) converges in distribution to a constant c , then $X_n + Y_n$ converges in distribution to $X + c$.

Exercise 2. Assume that (X, Y) has joint density

$$ce^{-(1+x^2)(1+y^2)},$$

where c is properly chosen. Are X and Y Gaussian random variables? Is (X, Y) a Gaussian vector?

Exercise 3. Let $(X_i)_{i \geq 1}$ be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with mean 0 and finite variance $\mathbb{E}(X_j^2) = \sigma^2 > 0$. Let $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$. Prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{|S_n|}{\sqrt{n}} \right) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sigma.$$

Exercise 4. Let the X_ℓ 's be independent uniformly bounded real random variables. Let $\mu_\ell = \mathbb{E}(X_\ell)$, and $\sigma_\ell^2 = \text{Var}(X_\ell)$ satisfy $c_1 < \sigma_\ell^2$ for some c_1 which does not depend on ℓ . State and prove a central limit theorem for $\sum_{\ell=1}^n X_\ell$.

Exercise 5. Let $(X_i)_{i \geq 1}$ be a sequence of independent random variables, with X_i uniform on $[-i, i]$. Let $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$. Prove that $S_n/n^{3/2}$ converges in distribution and describe the limit.

Long problem. 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 $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$, we have

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

(1) Prove that

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

In the following questions we denote $f(n) = \sqrt{2n \log \log n}$, $\lambda > 1$, $c, \alpha > 0$, $A_k = \{S_{\lfloor \lambda^k \rfloor} \geq cf(\lambda^k)\}$, $C_k = \{S_{\lfloor \lambda^{k+1} \rfloor} - S_{\lfloor \lambda^k \rfloor} \geq cf(\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^k)\}$ 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

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

(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

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

- (6) Prove that for any $n \in \llbracket \lambda^k, \lambda^{k+1} \rrbracket$ 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

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

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

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

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

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

- (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?