

Probability Theory 2

Borel-Cantelli lemmas & Kolmogorov's SLLN

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- **Borel-Cantelli lemmas**

Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space and $A_n \in \mathcal{F}$ a sequence of events. Let us denote

$$B_\infty = \bigcap_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=N}^{\infty} A_n = \{A_n \text{ happen for infinitely many } n\}.$$

- **1st lemma**

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n) < \infty \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbb{P}(B_\infty) = 0$$

- **2nd lemma**

$$(A_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{ are fully independent and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n) = \infty \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbb{P}(B_\infty) = 1$$

- **Kolmogorov's inequality**

Let $(X_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$ be independent random variables with $\mathbb{E}(X_k) = 0$ and $\sigma_k^2 := \mathbb{E}(X_k^2) < \infty$. If we denote $S_j := X_1 + \dots + X_j$, then for any $\lambda > 0$

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |S_j| \geq \lambda\right) \leq \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \sigma_k^2.$$

- **Kolmogorov's two series theorem**

Let $(X_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$ be independent random variables with $\mathbb{E}(X_k^2) < \infty$. If

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{E}(X_k) \text{ exists}$$

and

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}(X_k^2) < \infty,$$

then

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n X_k \text{ exists}\right) = 1$$

- **Kolmogorov's SLLN**

Let $(X_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$ be i.i.d. random variables with $\mathbb{E}(|X_k|) < \infty$. If we denote $\mu := \mathbb{E}(X_k)$ and $S_n := X_1 + \dots + X_n$, then

$$\frac{S_n}{n} \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} \mu.$$