

Let $\Omega = [0, 1]$ (sample space), \mathcal{F} be the σ -field generated by events $[a, b]$ for any $0 \leq a \leq b \leq 1$ and $P[[a, b]] = b - a$ be the Lebesgue measure (also a probability measure), thereby (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) forming a probability space. Let us consider some examples for illustrating the convergence in probability and almost sure convergence of random sequences defined on this probability space.

Let $Y_{n,m}$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots, m = 1, \dots, n$ be random variables defined as

$$Y_{n,m}(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1, & \omega \in A_{n,m} \triangleq \Omega \setminus [(m-1)/n, m/n] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (0.1)$$

and thus $P[Y_{n,m} = 1] = 1 - 1/n$ and $P[Y_{n,m} = 0] = 1/n$ for all m . Let $X = 1$ and X_k be a random sequence defined by $Y_{n,m}$ as follows

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{1,1} &= X_1, \\ Y_{2,1} &= X_2, \quad Y_{2,2} = X_3, \\ &\dots \\ Y_{n,1} &= X_{n(n-1)/2+1}, \dots, Y_{n,n} = X_{n(n+1)/2}, \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

Then for $0 < \epsilon < 1$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} P[A_{n,m}] &= P[|X_{n(n-1)/2+m} - X| \leq \epsilon] \\ &= P[X_{n(n-1)/2+m} = 1] = 1 - \frac{1}{n} \end{aligned} \quad (0.2)$$

implying that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} P[|X_k - X| \leq \epsilon] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[|Y_{n,m} - X| \leq \epsilon] = 1,$$

i.e., X_k converges to $X = 1$ in probability. However, for any $\omega^* \in \Omega$ and any finite positive integer N , there exists at least an $A_{n,m}$ such that $\omega^* \in A_{n,m}^C = [(m-1)/n, m/n]$ where $n(n-1)/2 + m > N$. In other words, it is impossible that $|X_k(\omega^*) - X(\omega^*)| \leq \epsilon$ for all $k > N$, or it must be true that

$$\bigcap_{n > N} \bigcap_{m=1}^n A_{n,m} = \emptyset$$

implying that X_k does not converge almost surely to $X = 1$.

Consider another random sequence X_k defined as follows.

$$X_k(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1, & \omega \in A_k \triangleq [0, \sum_{n=1}^k (0.5)^n] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (0.3)$$

and so $P[X_k = 1] = \sum_{n=1}^k (0.5)^n$ and $P[X_k = 0] = 1 - P[X_k = 1]$. It can be seen that $A_m \subset A_k = \{\omega : |X_k(\omega) - X(\omega)| < \epsilon\}$ for $m < k$ and $0 < \epsilon < 1$. Thus

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ B_m \triangleq \bigcap_{k=m}^{\infty} A_k \right\} = [0, 1) = \Omega \setminus \{1\}$$

implying that X_k converges to $X = 1$ with probability 1 since $P[[0, 1]] = 1$. Surely, X_k converges to $X = 1$ in probability as well since almost sure convergence implies convergence in probability.