

1. Let X_n be a sequence of random variables with $EX_n \rightarrow \infty$. We say that X_n is *concentrated around its mean* (or just concentrated, for short) if

$$\frac{X_n}{EX_n} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{in probability.}$$

For example, in class we showed that the time it takes the coupon collector to collect all n coupons is concentrated.

- (a) Show that if $(\text{Var } X_n)/(EX_n)^2 \rightarrow 0$ then X_n is concentrated. Does the converse hold?
- (b) Which of the following are concentrated? Prove your answers!
- (i) $B_n \sim \text{Bin}(n, 1/2)$ (binomial distribution)
 - (ii) $U_n \sim \text{Unif}(0, n)$ (uniform distribution on the interval $(0, n)$)
 - (iii) $G_n \sim \text{Geom}(1/n)$ (geometric distribution with mean n)

2. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be independent $\text{Unif}(0, 1)$ random variables on a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) .

- (a) Prove that

$$P\{\omega \in \Omega : \{X_1(\omega), X_2(\omega), \dots\} \text{ is dense in } (0, 1)\} = 1.$$

- (b) Using part (a) or otherwise, prove that

$$P\left(\bigcap_{(n_1, n_2, \dots)} \left\{\omega \in \Omega : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X_{n_1}(\omega) + \dots + X_{n_k}(\omega)}{k} = \frac{1}{2}\right\}\right) = 0$$

where the intersection is over all increasing sequences $(n_1, n_2, \dots) \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$.

- (c) Did you just disprove the strong law of large numbers?

3. Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) be a probability space. Show that for any sequence of events $A_n \in \mathcal{F}$

- (a) $P\{A_n \text{ i.o.}\} \geq \limsup P(A_n)$.
- (b) $P\{A_n \text{ eventually}\} \leq \liminf P(A_n)$.
- (c) Give an example to show that one of these (which one?) fails if P is only assumed to be σ -finite.

4. Show that $X_n \rightarrow X$ a.s. if and only if $P(|X_n - X| > \epsilon \text{ i.o.}) = 0 \forall \epsilon > 0$.

5. Exercises 2.3.11 and 2.3.14 in Durrett (*Probability: Theory and Examples*, 4th edition).