

1. Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are independent random variables such that

$$\mathbb{P}(X_n = n) = \frac{1}{2n}, \quad \mathbb{P}(X_n = 0) = 1 - \frac{1}{n}, \quad \mathbb{P}(X_n = -1) = \frac{1}{2n}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

- (a) State the Kolmogorov's three-series theorem.  
 (b) Apply the three-series theorem to determine for what values of  $\theta$  the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{X_n}{n^\theta}$  converges almost surely.
2. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with

$$\mathbb{P}(X_1 > x) = \frac{2x}{x^4 + 1}, \quad x \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Show that for some  $\beta > 0$ , we have  $n^{-\beta} \max_{i=1, \dots, n} X_i$  converges weakly to a non-degenerate distribution. Identify  $\beta$  and the limit distribution.

3. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of independent random variables such that

$$\mathbb{P}(X_k = k^\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{P}(X_k = -k^\lambda) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Write  $S_n := \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Throughout, assume  $\lambda > 1/2$ .

- (a) Show that for all  $\lambda > -1/2$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathbb{E}(S_n^2)}{n^{2\lambda+1}} = \frac{1}{2\lambda + 1}.$$

- (b) Find a sequence of  $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that

$$\frac{S_n}{a_n} \Rightarrow N(0, 1).$$

4. Let  $\{Y_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables such that, for some fixed  $p \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}\left(Y_1 = \frac{2}{3}\right) = 1 - \mathbb{P}\left(Y_1 = \frac{5}{4}\right) = p.$$

Set  $X_n := \prod_{i=1}^n Y_i$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- (a) Does the limit of  $\mathbb{E}X_n$  exist as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ?  
 (b) Does the limit of  $X_n^{1/n}$  exist as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ?

Justify your answers, which may depend on the values of  $p$ . For the second part, specify the mode of convergence regarding your answer.