

1. Let  $(X_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables with

$$\mathbb{P}(X_n = 1) = \mathbb{P}(X_n = -1) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Find the set of all real numbers  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\frac{X_1 + \cdots + X_n}{n^\beta}$$

converges in probability to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

2. Fix  $\alpha > 0$ . Let  $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be independent and identically distributed random variables with

$$\mathbb{P}(X_1 > x) = x^{-\alpha}, \quad x \geq 1.$$

Define

$$Y_n = \frac{X_n}{n}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

- (a) Find all values of  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $Y_n \rightarrow 0$  in probability as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
  - (b) Find all values of  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $Y_n \rightarrow 0$  almost surely as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
  - (c) Suppose the independence assumption is removed, i.e.  $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  are only identically distributed (not necessarily independent). How do your answers in parts (a) and (b) change?
3. Let  $(X_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be independent random variables such that for each  $n \geq 1$ ,  $X_n$  has density  $f_{X_n}(t) = ne^{-nt} \mathbf{1}_{t \geq 0}$ .
- (a) Compute  $\mathbb{P}(\min(X_1, \dots, X_n) > t)$  for  $t > 0$ .
  - (b) Find a constant  $\beta > 0$  such that  $n^\beta \cdot \min(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  converges in distribution to a non-degenerate random variable as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and identify the limiting distribution.

4. Let  $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be i.i.d. non-negative random variables.

- (a) Suppose  $\mathbb{P}(X_1 > x) = e^{-x}$  for  $x > 0$ . Show that

$$\mathbb{P}(X_n > p \log n \text{ i.o.}) = 0, \quad \text{for all } p > 1. \quad (1)$$

- (b) Suppose instead the following weaker assumption on  $X_1$  holds:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} \log \mathbb{P}(X_1 > x) = -1.$$

Prove that (1) is still true.