

APPENDIX II.

Pointwise convergence in probability of random concave functions implies uniform convergence on compact subspaces.

The “almost sure” version of this theorem is a direct consequence of Rockafellar (1970, Theorem 10.8). However for an “in probability” result we must be more careful. The following “diagonalization method” was pointed out by T. Brown.

THEOREM II.1. *Let E be an open convex subset of \mathbb{R}^p and let F_1, F_2, \dots , be a sequence of random concave functions on E such that $\forall x \in E, F_n(x) \rightarrow_{\mathcal{P}} f(x)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ where f is some real function on E . Then f is also concave and for all compact $A \subset E$,*

$$\sup_{x \in A} |F_n(x) - f(x)| \rightarrow_{\mathcal{P}} 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

PROOF. Concavity of f is obvious. Next let x_1, x_2, \dots be a countable dense set of points in E . Since $F_n(x_1) \rightarrow_{\mathcal{P}} f(x_1)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ there exists a subsequence along which convergence holds almost surely. Along this subsequence $F_n(x_2) \rightarrow_{\mathcal{P}} f(x_2)$ so a further subsubsequence exists along which also $F_n(x_2) \rightarrow_{\text{a.s.}} f(x_2)$. Repeating the argument, along a (sub)^k sequence, $F_n(x_j) \rightarrow_{\text{a.s.}} f(x_j)$ for $j = 1, \dots, k$. Now consider the new subsequence formed by taking the first element of the first subsequence, the second of the second, etc. Along the new subsequence we must have $F_n(x_j) \rightarrow_{\text{a.s.}} f(x_j)$ for each $j = 1, 2, \dots$.

By Rockafellar (1970, Theorem 10.8) it now follows that

$$\sup_{x \in A} |F_n(x) - f(x)| \rightarrow_{\text{a.s.}} 0 \text{ along this subsequence.}$$

We have shown more generally how, from any subsequence, a further subsequence can be extracted along which $\sup_{x \in A} |F_n(x) - f(x)| \rightarrow_{\text{a.s.}} 0$. It now follows that

$$\sup_{x \in A} |F_n(x) - f(x)| \rightarrow_{\mathcal{P}} 0 \text{ along the whole sequence. } \square$$

COROLLARY II.2. *Suppose f has a unique maximum at $\hat{x} \in E$. Let \hat{X}_n maximize F_n . Then $\hat{X}_n \rightarrow_{\mathcal{P}} \hat{x}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.*

PROOF. The proof, a simple $\epsilon - \delta$ argument, is left to the reader. \square

APPENDIX III.

Extension of SLLN for $D[0, 1]$.

Let $X; X_1, X_2, \dots$ be i.i.d. random elements of $D[0, 1]$ with $\mathcal{E}\|X\| = \mathcal{E} \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} |X(t)| < \infty$. Then by Theorem 1 of R. Ranga Rao (1963) we have almost surely

$$\left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - \mathcal{E}X \right\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

We need to extend this result in two directions. Firstly we must allow the random elements of $D[0, 1]$ to be random functions not from $[0, 1]$ to \mathbb{R} but from $[0, 1]$ to the space of continuous real functions on \mathcal{B} , where \mathcal{B} is a compact neighbourhood of $\beta_0 \in \mathbb{R}^p$. If we endow this space of functions with the supremum norm it becomes a separable Banach space, and that will be all the structure we need.

Secondly we must allow for censoring. To tie in with the usual right continuity convention for $D[0, 1]$, we shall consider *left* censoring: X_i is only observed on an interval $[t_i, 1]$, or more generally, in a triangular array scheme, on $[t_i^{(n)}, 1]$ or $[T_i^{(n)}, 1]$ for fixed or random times $t_i^{(n)}$ or $T_i^{(n)}$ respectively.

THEOREM III.1. *Let $X; X_1, X_2, \dots$ be i.i.d. random elements of $D_E[0, 1]$ (endowed with the Skorohod topology) where the elements of $D_E[0, 1]$ are right continuous functions on $[0, 1]$ with left hand limits taking values in a separable Banach space E (rather than the usual \mathbb{R}). Suppose that $\mathcal{E}\|X\| = \mathcal{E} \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} \|X(t)\| < \infty$.*