

1. (24%) (a) (8%) Let  $\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $X$ ,  $Y$  be random variables. Suppose  $X_n$  converges to  $Y$  in distribution and  $X_n$  converges to  $X$  almost surely. Prove that  $X$  has the same distribution as  $Y$ .
- (b) (8%) Suppose that  $X_n$  has a gamma distribution with parameters  $a_n$  and 1. Here  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a > 0$ . (Note that the density function of  $X_n$  is  $x^{a_n-1} \exp(-x)/\Gamma(a_n)$  for  $x > 0$ .) Prove that  $X_n$  converges in distribution to the gamma distribution with parameters  $a$  and 1.
- (c) (8%) Suppose that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k < \infty$  with  $c_k > 0$  for all  $k$ . Suppose that  $Z_k$  has a gamma distribution with parameters  $c_k$  and 1 for all  $k$  and that the  $Z_k$ 's are independent. Prove that  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n Z_k$  converges almost surely and find the distribution of the limit.
2. (16%) Assume that  $\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence of independent and identically distributed exponential random variables with density function  $\exp(-x)$  for  $x > 0$ . Denote the maximum of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  by  $X_{(n)}$ .
- (a) (8%) Prove that  $X_{(n)}/\ln(n)$  converges to 1 in probability.
- (b) (8%) Prove that

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X_{(n)}}{\ln(n)} \geq 1, \text{ almost surely.}$$

3. (16%) Let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots$  be independent and identically distributed with the density  $f(y)$ . When  $|y| > 1$ ,  $[2\alpha/(\alpha-1)]f(y) = |y|^{-\alpha}$  for some  $\alpha > 1$ . Otherwise,  $[2\alpha/(\alpha-1)]f(y) = 1$ . Let  $X_k = Y_k/k$  for all  $k$ , and let  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n X_k$ . Show that  $S_n$  converges almost surely (to a finite, possibly random limit) if and only if  $\alpha > 2$ .
4. (16%) Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a probability space. Consider the following definition.

Definition: A set  $A \subseteq \Omega$  is called negligible with respect to  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  if there exists  $B \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $A \subseteq B$  and  $P(B) = 0$ .

Let  $\mathcal{N}$  denote the class of all negligible sets with respect to  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ .

- (a) (5%) Is  $\mathcal{N}$  a  $\pi$ -system? Explain.
- (b) (3%) Write a definition of a complete probability space.
- (c) (5%) Show that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\sigma$ -field of subsets of  $\Omega$ .
- (d) (3%) Part (c) implies that  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  is a complete probability space. In fact, it holds that  $\mathcal{F}$  is the smallest  $\sigma$ -field of subsets of  $\Omega$  such that  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{A}$  and  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$  is complete. Suppose that  $\mathcal{G}$  is a field of subsets of  $\Omega$ , and that  $\sigma(\mathcal{G}) = \mathcal{F}$ . Let  $Q$  be a probability measure on the space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  such that for all  $A \in \mathcal{G}$  it holds that  $Q(A) = P(A)$ . Explain why  $Q(A) = P(A)$  for  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ .

5. (15%) Consider the following statement

$$X_n \rightarrow X \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \rightarrow X.$$

Indicate whether this statement is true or false, providing proof or counter example accordingly, for each of the following modes of convergence.

- (a) (5%) almost sure,
- (b) (5%)  $L^p$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .
- (c) (5%) in probability.

You may use the following fact: if  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  is a sequence of numbers such that  $\lim_n x_n$  exists and is equal to  $x$ , then  $\lim_n \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = x$ .

6. (13%) Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be independent Poisson random variables with  $E(X_i) = \lambda_i$ . Namely,  $P(X_i = k) = \lambda_i^k e^{-\lambda_i} / k!$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Let  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ . Show that  $S_n / E(S_n)$  converges to 1 almost surely, if  $\sum_n \lambda_n = \infty$ .