

Homework 5.1

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The following problem explains why we care about the moment condition in the law of large numbers: $X_i \in L^4$ is a stronger condition than $X_i \in L^1$.

Problem 1 (2+2 points). Let $1 \leq p < q < \infty$.

1. Let $X : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$ be a random variable. Show that if $X \in L^q$, then $X \in L^p$.
2. Give an example of a random variable X on some probability space so that $X \in L^p$, but $X \notin L^q$.

Note: For general measures (not necessarily probability distributions), there are no inclusions among the various L^p spaces.

Problem 2 (4 points). Let $\delta, \varepsilon > 0$, and let $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of independent nonnegative random variables defined jointly on some probability space such that

$$\mathbb{P}[X_i \geq \delta] \geq \varepsilon$$

for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$. Prove that with probability one,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} X_i = \infty.$$

Problem 3 (4 points). Let $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ be random variables defined jointly on some probability space with $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = 0$ and $\mathbb{E}[X_i^2] = 1$. Prove that $\mathbb{P}[X_n \geq n \text{ i.o.}] = 0$.