

ON SOME RANDOM RIEMANN-SUMS

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1. In the present note $\{t_i(\omega)\}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots$, will denote a sequence of independent random variables defined on a probability space (Ω, \mathbf{B}, P) and each $t_i(\omega)$ have the uniform distribution on the interval $[0, 1]$, that is, for $0 \leq x \leq 1$

$$P[t_i(\omega) < x] = x. \quad ^{1)}$$

For each ω let $t_{i,n}(\omega)$ be the i -th value of $\{t_j(\omega)\}$ ($1 \leq j \leq n$) arranged in the increasing order and let, for all n ,

$$t_{0,n}(\omega) \equiv 0 \quad \text{and} \quad t_{n+1,n}(\omega) \equiv 1.$$

Further let $f(t)$, $0 \leq t \leq 1$, denote a Borel-measurable and integrable function.

It is an interesting problem, proposed by K. Ito, whether the following Riemann-sums

$$(1.1) \quad S_n(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(t_{i,n}(\omega))(t_{i+1,n}(\omega) - t_{i,n}(\omega))$$

converge to $\int_0^1 f(t) dt$ or not, in any sense. In [2] we proved that under certain local conditions, we have

$$(1.2) \quad P \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(\omega) = \int_0^1 f(t) dt \right] = 1.$$

In this note we prove the following

THEOREM 1. *If $f(t) \in L_p(0, 1)$ $p > 1$, then (1.2) holds.*

For $f(t) \in L(0, 1)$ we can not prove whether (1.2) holds or not.

2. Let us put, for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $n = 1, 2, \dots$,

$$(2.1) \quad d_{i,n}(\omega) = t_{j+1,n}(\omega) - t_{i,n}(\omega), \quad \text{if } t_i(\omega) = t_{j,n}(\omega) \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

and

$$(2.1') \quad d'_{i,n}(\omega) = t_i(\omega) - t_{j-1,n}(\omega), \quad \text{if } t_i(\omega) = t_{j,n}(\omega) \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, n).$$

Then we can write

$$(2.2) \quad S_n(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^n d_{i,n}(\omega) f(t_i(\omega))$$

and

1) For the notations and definitions in the theory of probability see [1].