

22. A Remark on Ergodic Theorems.

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1. G. D. Birkhoff proved the following theorems.

(B. 1) Let T be a measure preserving transformation in $(0, 1)$ such that the inverse transformation T^{-1} is also. Then for any $x = x(t)$ in $L = L(0, 1)$ the limit

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{n=0}^N x(T^n t) \quad (1)$$

exists almost everywhere.

(B. 2) Let $T^\lambda (-\infty < \lambda < \infty)$ be a set of transformations satisfying above condition such that $T^\lambda(T^\mu t) = T^{\lambda+\mu} t$. If $x(T^\lambda t)$ is measurable in the product space (λ, t) and is integrable in $(0, 1)$ with respect to t , then the limit

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \int_0^N x(T^\lambda t) d\lambda \quad (2)$$

exists almost everywhere.

These are called individual ergodic theorems. Convergence in (1) and (2) is not dominated by integrable functions in general. But Fukamiya and Wiener proved that

(FW) If T (or $T^\lambda (-\infty < \lambda < \infty)$) satisfies above condition and $x(t) \in L_{\mathbb{Z}}$, that is, $x(t) \log^+ |x(t)|$ is integrable, then (1) (or (2)) converges dominated by integrable functions almost everywhere.

This is called dominated ergodic theorem. To prove above three theorems Wiener proved the fundamental lemma:

(W) Let $x(t)$ be a non-negative integrable function and

$$x^*(t) = \text{l. u. b.}_{0 < N < \infty} \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{n=0}^N x(T^n t) \quad \left(\text{or} = \text{l. u. b.}_{0 < N < \infty} \frac{1}{N} \int_0^N x(T^\lambda t) d\lambda \right)$$

then we have for any $\alpha > 0$

$$((t; x^*(t) > \alpha) \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^1 x(t) dt.$$

2. In order to prove (B, 1), (B, 2) Wiener proved the mean ergodic theorem in L . But we can prove them directly by using a convergence theorem due to Kantorovitch. Kantorovitch's theorem reads as follows.

(K) Let X and Y be regular vector lattices and $\{U_n(x)\}$ be a sequence of (t, t) -continuous operations from X to Y . Then if

1°. for x in a dense set D in X $U_n(x)$ is (o) - (or (t) -) convergent,