

3. Notes on the Riemann-Sum

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§ 1. Let $\{t_i(w)\}$ $i=1, 2, \dots$ be a sequence of independent random variables in a probability space (Ω, B, P) and each $t_i(w)$ has the uniform distribution in $[0, 1]$, that is

$$(1.1) \quad F(x) = P(t_i(w) < x)$$

which is 1, x , or 0 according as $x > 1$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$ or $x < 0$. For each w , let $t_i^{(n)}(w)$ denote the i -th value of $\{t_j(w)\}$ ($1 \leq j \leq n$) arranged in the increasing order of magnitude and let

$$(1.2) \quad t_0^{(n)}(w) \equiv 0, \quad t_{n+1}^{(n)}(w) \equiv 1, \quad (n=1, 2, \dots).$$

Further let $f(t)$ ($-\infty < t < +\infty$) be a Borel-measurable function with period 1 and belong to $L_1(0, 1)$.

Professor Kiyoshi Ito has recently proposed the problem: Does

$$(1.3) \quad S_n(w) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(t_i^{(n)}(w))(t_i^{(n)}(w) - t_{i-1}^{(n)}(w))$$

converge to $\int_0^1 f(t) dt$ in any sense?

In this note, we consider the following translated Riemann-sum

$$(1.4) \quad S_n(w, s) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(t_i^{(n)}(w) + s)(t_i^{(n)}(w) - t_{i-1}^{(n)}(w))$$

and prove the following

Theorem 1. Let $f(t)$ be $L_2(0, 1)$ -integrable and for any $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$(1.5) \quad \left(\int_0^1 |f(t+h) - f(t)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} = O\left(1 \left| \log \frac{1}{|h|} \right|^{1+\varepsilon}\right) \quad (|h| \rightarrow 0).$$

Then for any fixed s , we have

$$P\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(w, s) = \int_0^1 f(t) dt\right) = 1.$$

Remark. The w -set on which $S_n(w, s) \rightarrow \int_0^1 f(t) dt$ depends on s .

Theorem 2. Let $f(t)$ be $L_1(0, 1)$ -integrable and for an $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$(1.6) \quad \int_0^1 |f(t+h) - f(t)| dt = O\left(1 \left| \log \frac{1}{|h|} \right|^{1+\varepsilon}\right) \quad (|h| \rightarrow 0).$$

Then for any fixed w , except a w -set of probability zero, there exists a set $M_w \subset [0, 1]$ with measure 1 such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(w, s) = \int_0^1 f(t) dt \quad (s \in M_w).$$

§ 2. By (1.1) and the independency of $\{t_i(w)\}$, it may be seen that

$$(2.1) \quad P\left(\bigcup_{m \neq n} (t_m = t_n)\right) = 0.$$