

A.5.3 Convergence of random vectors

1. Definitions (All quantities in boldface are vectors in \mathbb{R}^m unless otherwise stated)

★ $\mathbf{T}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} \mathbf{T}$ means $P\{\omega : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{T}_n(\omega) = \mathbf{T}(\omega)\} = 1$.

★ $\mathbf{T}_n \xrightarrow{P} \mathbf{T}$ means $\forall \epsilon > 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\{\|\mathbf{T}_n - \mathbf{T}\| < \epsilon\} = 1$.

★ $\mathbf{T}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{T}$ means for every continuity point \mathbf{t} of $F_{\mathbf{T}}$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{\mathbf{T}_n}(\mathbf{t}) = F_{\mathbf{T}}(\mathbf{t})$.

2. $\mathbf{T}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} \mathbf{T} \Rightarrow \mathbf{T}_n \xrightarrow{P} \mathbf{T} \Rightarrow \mathbf{T}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{T}$.

3. If \mathbf{a} is a vector of constants, $\mathbf{T}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{a} \Rightarrow \mathbf{T}_n \xrightarrow{P} \mathbf{a}$.

4. Strong Law of Large Numbers (SLLN): Let $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$ be independent and identically distributed random vectors with finite first moment, and let \mathbf{X} be a general random vector from the same distribution. Then $\bar{\mathbf{X}}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} E(\mathbf{X})$.

5. Central Limit Theorem: Let $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$ be i.i.d. random vectors with expected value vector $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and covariance matrix $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$. Then $\sqrt{n}(\bar{\mathbf{X}}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})$ converges in distribution to a multivariate normal with mean $\mathbf{0}$ and covariance matrix $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$.

6. Slutsky Theorems for Convergence in Distribution:

(a) If $\mathbf{T}_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $\mathbf{T}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{T}$ and if $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$ (where $q \leq m$) is continuous except possibly on a set C with $P(\mathbf{T} \in C) = 0$, then $f(\mathbf{T}_n) \xrightarrow{d} f(\mathbf{T})$.

(b) If $\mathbf{T}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{T}$ and $(\mathbf{T}_n - \mathbf{Y}_n) \xrightarrow{P} \mathbf{0}$, then $\mathbf{Y}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{T}$.

(c) If $\mathbf{T}_n \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\mathbf{Y}_n \in \mathbb{R}^k$, $\mathbf{T}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{T}$ and $\mathbf{Y}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{c}$, then

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{T}_n \\ \mathbf{Y}_n \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{d} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{T} \\ \mathbf{c} \end{pmatrix}$$

7. Slutsky Theorems for Convergence in Probability:

(a) If $\mathbf{T}_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $\mathbf{T}_n \xrightarrow{P} \mathbf{T}$ and if $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$ (where $q \leq m$) is continuous except possibly on a set C with $P(\mathbf{T} \in C) = 0$, then $f(\mathbf{T}_n) \xrightarrow{P} f(\mathbf{T})$.

(b) If $\mathbf{T}_n \xrightarrow{P} \mathbf{T}$ and $(\mathbf{T}_n - \mathbf{Y}_n) \xrightarrow{P} \mathbf{0}$, then $\mathbf{Y}_n \xrightarrow{P} \mathbf{T}$.

(c) If $\mathbf{T}_n \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\mathbf{Y}_n \in \mathbb{R}^k$, $\mathbf{T}_n \xrightarrow{P} \mathbf{T}$ and $\mathbf{Y}_n \xrightarrow{P} \mathbf{Y}$, then

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{T}_n \\ \mathbf{Y}_n \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{P} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{T} \\ \mathbf{Y} \end{pmatrix}$$

8. Delta Method (Theorem of Cramér, Ferguson p. 45): Let $g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ be such that the elements of $\dot{g}(\mathbf{x}) = \left[\frac{\partial g_i}{\partial x_j} \right]_{k \times d}$ are continuous in a neighborhood of $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^d$. If \mathbf{T}_n is a sequence of d -dimensional random vectors such that $\sqrt{n}(\mathbf{T}_n - \boldsymbol{\theta}) \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{T}$, then $\sqrt{n}(g(\mathbf{T}_n) - g(\boldsymbol{\theta})) \xrightarrow{d} \dot{g}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{T}$. In particular, if $\sqrt{n}(\mathbf{T}_n - \boldsymbol{\theta}) \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{T} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$, then $\sqrt{n}(g(\mathbf{T}_n) - g(\boldsymbol{\theta})) \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{Y} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \dot{g}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\dot{g}(\boldsymbol{\theta})')$.