

Yau College Math Competition 2023

Final Probability and Statistics

Team Problems (June 10-11, 2023)

Choose 2 of the following 3 problems.

Problem 1. Let $\{X_n\}$ be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with mean zero and variance 1 and $S_n = X_1 + \cdots + X_n$. Consider the sequence $Z_n = S_n/n^\alpha$. For what values of α does the sequence $\{Z_n\}$ converge

- (1) almost surely?
- (2) in distribution, but not almost surely (or in probability)?

Problem 2. Someone says that “primes play a game of chance”. Try to make some sense of the following statements from a probabilistic perspective.

- (1) The “events” of a randomly chosen natural number being divisible by a prime p and by another prime q are “independent”.
- (2) Determine the “probability” of two randomly chosen natural numbers being coprime (relatively prime).

Problem 3. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be independent observations. Assume that $X_k \sim U[0, e^k \theta]$ (uniform distribution).

- (1) Find an unbiased estimator of θ .
- (2) Derive its asymptotic distribution.