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Abstract

In a recent paper R. Dudley gave a characterization of those sequences of independent and identically distributed random variables which are ξ_p -compatible for $p \geq 1$. In the present note we extend his result into $p \in (0,1]$ and provide some conditions (necessary or sufficient) for t_φ -compatibility of a sequence of independent random variables not necessarily identically distributed.

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Let $\{X_n\} \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P})$ be a sequence of random variables. If for every element (a_n) of a complete metric linear space X of real sequences in which co-ordinate functionals $(a_n) \rightarrow a_m$, $m = 1, 2, \dots$, are continuous the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n X_n$ converges in probability (we shall say in this case that $\{X_n\}$ is X -compatible) then the mapping

$$X : \mathcal{S}(a_n) \rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n X_n \in \mathcal{M}(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$$

defines a linear continuous stochastic process on X (for basic definitions the reader is referred to [1], [4] and references given therein). The linearity is clear and the continuity follows from the classical Banach's theorem which says that every Borel homomorphism of a complete metric group into a metric is continuous and from a remark that X is a pointwise limit of continuous (because finite-dimensional), hence Borel functions $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n X_n$. R. Dudley ([2]) gave a characterization of those sequences of independent and identically distributed random variables which are \mathcal{F}_p -compatible for $p \geq 1$.

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In this note we extend his result onto $p \in (0, 1]$ and provide a necessary condition for the sequence of independent random variables (not necessarily identically distributed) to be $K_{\varphi}^>$ -compatible and the sufficient condition for the same sequence to be ε_p -compatible for $p > 0$. However it seems that they are rather far from the conditions which are necessary and sufficient simultaneously.

Now let $\{X_i\}$ be a sequence of independent random variables with distribution functions F_n and let $\varphi_{p,0} : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ be non-decreasing continuous functions vanishing only at the origin. Call the sequence $\{X_n\}$ ($\{F_n\}$) lower [upper] weakly φ -finite if for some $C > 0$

$$\liminf_n [\sup_n] P\{|X_n| \geq M\} \leq \frac{C}{\varphi(M)}, \quad 0 \leq M < \infty.$$

We shall say that φ satisfies A_2 condition ($\varphi \in \Delta_2$) if for some positive constant K , $\varphi(2t) \leq K\varphi(t)$, $0 \leq t < \infty$. If $\varphi \in \Delta_2$ then the sequence space

$$t_{\varphi} \equiv \{(a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}} : \text{Lcp}(\|a_n\|) < \varphi\}$$

is a linear space which can be equipped with a non-homogeneous norm (e.g. $\|(a_n)_{\varphi}\| = \inf\{c : c > 0, \text{L}(\|a_n/c\|) \leq c\}$ which makes t_{φ} a complete metric linear space with continuous co-ordinate functionals (see e.g. [3], Theorems 1.4, 1.62 and 1.82).

Given below propositions explain what is the relationship between lower [upper] finiteness and the existence of moments for a sequence $\{X_n\}$.

PROPOSITION 1. If for some subsequence $\{n_k\}$, $k = 1, 2, \dots$, $E_{cp}(|X_{n_k}|)$ are finite and $\liminf E_{cp}(|X_{n_k}|) = L < \infty$, then the sequence $\{X_n\}$ is lower weakly cp-finite.

Proof.
$$\liminf_n P\{|X_n| \geq M\} \leq cp(M) \leq \liminf_{n_k} P\{|X_{n_k}| \geq M\} \leq \liminf_k \int_{|X_{n_k}| \geq M} \varphi(|X_{n_k}|) dP \leq \liminf_k E \varphi(|X_{n_k}|) = L < \infty.$$

PROPOSITION 2. Let $\varphi \in A_2$ and φ differentiable with monotone φ' , and let $0(t) \varphi^{-1}(t) \ll t^{-a}$ in such a way that $0(t) \varphi^{-1}(t) \in GL^1(a, \infty)$ for some $a > 0$. In those conditions if: $cp(M) \limsup_n P\{|X_n| \geq M\} \leq C$, $0 < M < \infty$ even more so if $\{X_n\}$ is upper weakly cp-finite) then $\limsup_n E(|X_n|) < \infty$.

Proof. Note that

$$\limsup_n E(|X_n|) = \limsup_n \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |t| dF_n(t) + \limsup_n \int_{|x| \leq a} |X_n| dP + \limsup_n \int_a^{\infty} |t| d(F_n - I).$$

The second term being bounded by $0(a)$ it is sufficient to evaluate the first and the third ones. We restrict ourselves

to the evaluation of the third term (the procedure for the first one is analogous). Integrating by parts we get that

$$\limsup_n \int_a^\infty \varphi(t) d(F_n(t)-1) =$$

$$= \limsup_n \int_a^\infty \varphi(t) (F_n(t)-1) \lambda_a + \int_a^\infty \varphi'(t) (1-F_n(t)) dt$$

By our assumptions $\varphi(t) \cdot \varphi'(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$ and $\limsup_n \int_a^\infty \varphi(t) (F_n(t)-1) dt$ remains bounded. Hence the first summand is bounded by $\varphi(a)$. As to the second one we have that

$$\limsup_n \int_a^\infty \varphi'(t) (1-F_n(t)) dt \leq \int_a^\infty \varphi'(t) dt \leq \varphi(a)$$

We shall prove that $\varphi(t)/t$ is bounded so that the last integral is finite. Indeed, when φ is increasing then (because of the A_2 -condition)

$$t\varphi(t) - \varphi(2t) = \int_t^{2t} \varphi'(r) dr > \int_t^{2t} \varphi(r) dr > t\varphi'(t)$$

and in the case φ is decreasing

$$\varphi(t) = \int_0^t \varphi'(r) dr > \int_{t/2}^t \varphi'(r) dr > \frac{1}{2}\varphi'(t)$$

what was to be proved.

Remarks. From the Proposition 2 and its proof it follows that

a) if $\varphi, \varphi' \in A_2$ have both monotone derivatives, $\varphi(t)\varphi'(t) \rightarrow 0$

as $t \rightarrow +\infty$ in such a way that $\varphi^f(t)/\varphi(t) \in L^f(a, \infty)$ for some $a > 0$, and $\{X_n\}$ is upper weakly φ -finite then

$$\limsup_n E |X_n| < \infty.$$

b) if $\{X_n\}$ is upper weakly φ -finite with $\varphi(u) = u^p$, $p > 0$, then $\limsup_n E |X_n|^q < \infty$ for every q , $0 < q < p$.

In what follows we shall need the following condition for the function φ

$$(+)$$

$$0 < \text{const} \int \varphi(t) \varphi^{-1}(t) dt < \infty.$$

As examples of such a function we may give $\varphi(t) = t^p$, $p > 0$

and

$$\varphi(t) = \begin{cases} t \int_0^t \frac{1}{1+u^2} du & \text{for } 0 < t < 1 \\ \varphi(1) + \int_1^t \frac{1}{1+u^2} du & \text{for } t \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

THEOREM 1. Let $\varphi \in A_2$ satisfies condition (+). Then this case if $\{X_n\}$ is φ -compatible then it is lower weakly φ -finite. If in addition φ^f exists and is monotone then φ -compatibility of $\{X_n\}$ implies that $\varphi^f(t) \liminf_n \int_{-t}^t s dF_n(s)$ is bounded for $0 < t < \infty$.

Proof. Assume that $\{F_n\}$ is not lower weakly φ -finite. Then for every $k = 1, 2, \dots$, we can find M_k such that

$$\min(\varphi(M_k), 1) < k^2$$

and

$$\varphi(M_k) \liminf_n P(|X_n| \geq M_k) > k$$

It follows that for every $k = 1, 2, \dots$, there exists an integer N_k such that

$$(*) \quad P(|X_j| \geq M_k) > \frac{k}{\varphi(M_k)}, \quad j \geq N_k.$$

Let now $a_j = \frac{1}{M_k}$ for $m_k \leq j < m_{k+1}$, where $m_1 = M_1$, $m_{k+1} = \max(m_k + r_k, N_{k+1})$ and where r_k is an integer such that

$$(**) \quad 1 \leq \frac{k^2 r_k}{\varphi(M_k)} \leq 2,$$

and $a_j = 0$ for j 's not listed above (if any). We shall check that $(a_j)e^{-t}$. Indeed

$$L \text{ cp } (|a_j|) = E r_k M^{-9} (-) \wedge \text{CONST } L \wedge r \text{ y } \wedge \text{CONST } L \wedge 2 < \text{GO}$$

because of the condition (+). However (*) and (**) cause that the series

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{E a_j^2}{j^3} &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=m_k}^{m_{k+1}-1} \frac{1}{j^3} P(|X_j| \geq M_k) \geq \\ &\geq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{r_k k}{\varphi(M_k)} \geq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \end{aligned}$$

is divergent causing the divergence of $E a_j^2$ in probability by the Kolmogorov three series theorem.

Now assume φ^T is monotone and $\varphi^f(t) \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-t}^t s dF_n(s)$

is unbounded on the positive half-line. Then, as in the preceding part of the proof, for every $k = 1, 2, \dots$, we can

find $M^{\wedge} N_j$ such that $\min(9(J^{\wedge}), 1^{\wedge}) \geq k^2$ and

$$(***) \quad I_{jk} = 9' (M^{\wedge} J \quad \text{sdFjfs}) > k, \quad j \wedge N_k \\ |t| \leq M_k$$

(or - I., $> k$; in this case we proceed similarly). Having chosen (a_j) as previously in \mathcal{F}_{φ} , we see in view of (***) that

$$\sum_j E(a_j X_j)^1 \quad \text{D 3} \quad \text{A=1} \quad \text{A}^{\wedge} = 1 \quad \text{A}^{\wedge} = 1 \quad \text{A}^{\wedge} = 1 \\ > \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{r_k k}{M_k \varphi(M_k)} \geq \frac{1}{\max(2, K)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{r_k k}{\varphi(M_k)} \geq \frac{1}{\max(2, K)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k}$$

the penultimate inequality being motivated as in the proof of the Proposition 2 (p.) by A_2 -condition and monotonicity of φ^f . Thus again by Kolmogorov three series theorem we conclude that (X_j) is not \mathcal{F}_{φ} -compatible what ends the proof.

Corollary, If $\sup_t \varphi^f(t) = \infty$ (e.g. if $\varphi(t) = t^p$, $p > 1$) and (x_n) is $\&$ -compatible then $\liminf_n EX_n = 0$.

THEOREM 2. X_n is upper weakly φ -finite where $\varphi(t) = t^p$, $0 < p < 2$, and $t^{p-2} \sup_n \left| \int_{-t}^t \text{sdF}_n(s) \right| \leq C' < \infty$, $0 \leq t < \infty$, then X_n^{\wedge} is \mathcal{F}_{φ} -compatible.

Proof. We know that $M^p \sup_n P(|x_n| > M) < C$ and we shall

*) $X_n^1(\infty)$ is equal to $X(\infty)$ if $|x(\infty)| \wedge 1$ and 0 otherwise.

check the convergence of all three series in Kolmogorov theorem, (a_i) always is supposed to belong to l^p .

$$(I) \quad \mathbb{E} \sum_i P(|a_i X_i| > 1) \leq \mathbb{E} \sum_i P(|X_i| > \frac{1}{|a_i|}) \leq \sum_i \sup_n P(|x_n| > \frac{1}{|a_i|}) \leq \\ \leq C \sum_i |a_i|^p < \infty.$$

$$(II) \quad \mathbb{E} \left| \mathbb{E}(a_i X_i) \right|^2 = \sum_i |a_i|^2 \left| \int_0^1 s dF_i(s) \right|^2 \leq \sum_i |a_i|^2 \sup_n \left| \int_0^1 s dF_n \right|^2 \leq \\ \leq c' \sum_i |a_i|^2 |a_i|^{p-2} < \infty,$$

$$(III) \quad \mathbb{E} \mathbb{E}((a_i X_i)^2) = \mathbb{E} \int_0^1 t^2 dF_i(t) |a_i|^2 < \infty.$$

It is sufficient to evaluate the series

$$\sum_i |a_i|^2 \int_0^1 t^2 dF_i(t) \leq \sum_i |a_i|^2 \int_0^1 t^2 dF_i(t) = \\ = \sum_i |a_i|^2 \int_0^1 t(1-F_i(t)) dt \leq \sum_i |a_i|^2 \int_0^1 t dt = \\ = 2 \sum_i |a_i|^2 \int_0^1 t dt = 2 \sum_i |a_i|^2 \frac{1}{2} = \sum_i |a_i|^2 < \infty.$$

Remarks, 1) If the random variables are $\{X_n\}$ are identically distributed with distribution function F then the Theorems 1 and 2 give the following corollary which is

the extension of R. Dudley's theorem 7.2 of [2]: if $0 < p < 2$ then X_n is \mathcal{F} -compatible if and only if F is weakly t -finite (i.e. $M^p P(|X_n|^M)$ is bounded) and $t^{-1} \int_{-t}^t s dF(s)$ is bounded.

2) For $p > 1$ assumptions of theorem 2 cause, clearly, that $EX_n = 0$.

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