

RECALL:  $(X_n)$  <sup>A</sup> SIMPLE R.W. ON  $\mathbb{Z}$

$$\pi_n := \# \{ j \in (0, n] : X_{j-1} + X_j > 0 \}^A$$

(TIME SPENT ON POSITIVE HALF-LINE BY TIME  $n$ )

THM: (PAUL LÉVY'S ARCSINE THM):

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\frac{\pi_{2n}}{2n} \leq x\right)^B = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{IF } x \leq 0 \\ \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \arcsin(\sqrt{x}) & , 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1 & \text{IF } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

THE ONLY THING LEFT TO PROVE:

MAGIC LEMMA:  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$P(\pi_{2n} = 2k)^C = u(2k) \cdot u(2 \cdot (n-k)), \text{ WHERE}$$

$$u(2k) \stackrel{D}{=} P(X_{2k} = 0)^E$$

NOTE: SYMMETRY:

$$P(\pi_{2n} = 2k) = P(\pi_{2n} = 2(n-k))$$

<sup>E</sup> <sup>F</sup> ✓✓✓

FIRST LET'S PROVE IT WHEN  $k=0$  (OR  $k=n$ ):

FACT:  $P(\pi_{2n} = 0)^F = u(2n) (= \underbrace{u(2 \cdot 0)}_G \cdot u(2 \cdot (n-0)))$

PROOF:  $P(\pi_{2n} = 0)^H = P(M_{2n} = 0)^I = P(T_1 > 2n)^J =$

$$= P(X_{2n} = 0) + P(X_{2n} = 1)^K = u(2n) + 0 = u(2n)$$

SEE THE SOLUTION OF HW 5.1 <sup>F</sup> ✓

WE WILL PROVE MAGIC LEMMA BY INDUCTION ON  $n$ .

DEF: <sup>A</sup>  $R_1 = \min \{ n \geq 1 : X_n = 0 \}$

LET <sup>B</sup>  $f(k) := \mathbb{P}(R_1 = k)$

(NOTE: <sup>C</sup>  $f(1) = f(3) = f(5) = \dots = 0$ )

CLAIM: <sup>D</sup>  $u(2n) = \sum_{k=1}^n f(2k) \cdot u(2(n-k))$

PROOF:  $\{ X_{2n} = 0 \} = \{ X_{2n} = 0 \} \cap \{ R_1 \leq 2n \} =$

$\bigcup_{k=1}^n \{ R_1 = 2k, X_{2n} = 0 \}$

$u(2n) = \mathbb{P}(X_{2n} = 0) = \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{P}(R_1 = 2k, X_{2n} = 0) =$

$\sum_{k=1}^n \underbrace{\mathbb{P}(R_1 = 2k)}_{f(2k)} \cdot \underbrace{\mathbb{P}(X_{2(n-k)} = 0)}_{u(2(n-k))}$

PROOF OF MAGIC LEMMA: (INDUCTION ON  $n$ ):

BY FACT (PAGE 73), WE MAY <sup>J</sup> ASSUME  $0 < k < n$ ,

THUS  $R_1 \leq 2n$ . THE FIRST EXCURSION OF THE R.W. IS EITHER TO THE POSITIVE SIDE OR TO THE NEGATIVE SIDE (WITH  $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$  CHANCE),

SO (SEE NEXT PAGE)

SO :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{P}(\pi_{2n} = 2k) \stackrel{\text{A}}{=} \\
 & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^k f(2r) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\pi_{2(n-r)} = 2(k-r)) + \\
 & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^{n-k} f(2r) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\pi_{2(n-r)} = 2k) \stackrel{\text{D}}{=} \quad \text{INDUCTION HYPOTHESIS} \\
 & = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^k f(2r) \cdot u(2 \cdot (k-r)) \cdot u(2 \cdot (n-k)) + \\
 & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^{n-k} f(2r) \cdot u(2k) \cdot u(2 \cdot (n-k-r)) \stackrel{\text{E}}{=} \quad \text{CLAIM FROM PAGE 74} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{F}}{=} \frac{1}{2} \cdot u(2 \cdot (n-k)) \cdot u(2k) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot u(2k) \cdot u(2 \cdot (n-k)) \\
 & = u(2k) \cdot u(2 \cdot (n-k)) \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

DEF :  $\lambda_n := \max \{ j \in (0, n] : X_j = 0 \}$   
 (LAST VISIT TO THE ORIGIN BY TIME  $n$ )

THM : (ANOTHER ARCSINE THM BY PAUL LÉVY):

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\lambda_{2n}}{2n} \leq x \right) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{IF } x \leq 0 \\ \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \arcsin(\sqrt{x}), & \\ 1 & \text{IF } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

PROOF : SEE NEXT PAGE

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A IT IS ENOUGH TO SHOW THAT  $\lambda_{2n}$  HAS THE SAME DISTRIBUTION AS  $\Pi_{2n}$ .

WE WILL SHOW THAT ★

$$\mathbb{P}(\lambda_{2n} = 2r) \stackrel{B}{=} u(2r) \cdot u(2 \cdot (n-r)), \quad r=0, 1, \dots, n$$

LEMMA:  $\mathbb{P}(X_j \neq 0, j=1, 2, \dots, 2n) \stackrel{C}{=} u(2n)$

PROOF:  $\stackrel{D}{=} 2 \cdot \mathbb{P}(X_j < 0, j=1, 2, \dots, 2n) \stackrel{E}{=} 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathbb{P}(X_j \leq 0, j=1, 2, \dots, 2n-1) \stackrel{F}{=} \mathbb{P}(X_j \leq 0, j=1, 2, \dots, 2n) \stackrel{G}{=} \mathbb{P}(M_{2n} = 0) \stackrel{H}{=} u(2n)$

PROOF OF ★:

$$\mathbb{P}(\lambda_{2n} = 2r) \stackrel{I}{=} \mathbb{P}(X_{2r} = 0, X_j \neq 0, j=2r+1, \dots, 2n) \stackrel{J}{=} \underbrace{\mathbb{P}(X_{2r} = 0)}_{u(2r)} \cdot \underbrace{\mathbb{P}(X_j \neq 0, j=1, 2, \dots, 2 \cdot (n-r))}_{u(2 \cdot (n-r))} \quad \checkmark$$

# MORE ON THE THEORY OF WEAK CONV:

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DEF: (TIGHTNESS OF A FAMILY OF PROBAB. DISTRIBUTIONS)

$X_{Y_1}, X_{Y_2}, X_{Y_3}, \dots$  IS A TIGHT SEQUENCE IF

$$\lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \inf_n \mathbb{P}(|X_m| \leq K) = 1 \quad \text{B1}$$

(IN WORDS: NO MASS ESCAPES TO  $\infty$  AS  $n \rightarrow \infty$ )

ALTERNATIVE, FANCY DEF: B2

$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists H \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  WHERE  $H$  IS COMPACT

AND  $\mathbb{P}(X_m \in H) \geq 1 - \varepsilon, m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  C

LEMMA: D IF  $X_m \Rightarrow X$  THEN  $(X_m)_{m=1}^{\infty}$  IS TIGHT.

PROOF: GIVEN  $\varepsilon > 0$ , CHOOSE  $\tilde{K} \in \mathbb{R}_+$  SUCH

E THAT  $\mathbb{P}(|X| \leq \tilde{K}) \geq 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  AND

F  $\mathbb{P}(X = -\tilde{K}) = \mathbb{P}(X = \tilde{K}) = 0$

THEN  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(X_m \leq \tilde{K}) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq \tilde{K})$  G

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(X_m < -\tilde{K}) = \mathbb{P}(X < -\tilde{K})$  H

THUS  $\exists m_0 : \forall n \geq m_0 :$

$$|\mathbb{P}(-\tilde{K} \leq X_n \leq \tilde{K}) - \mathbb{P}(-\tilde{K} \leq X \leq \tilde{K})| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \text{A}$$

THUS  $\forall n \geq m_0 : \mathbb{P}(|X_n| \leq \tilde{K}) \geq 1 - \varepsilon$  


NOW CHOOSE  $K \geq \tilde{K}$  SUCH THAT FOR ALL

$1 \leq n \leq m_0$  WE HAVE  $\mathbb{P}(|X_n| \leq K) \geq 1 - \varepsilon$  C

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D THM (HELLY): IF  $(X_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  IS A TIGHT SEQUENCE THEN THERE EXISTS A

SUBSEQUENCE  $(n_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$  SUCH THAT  $X_{n_k}$  CONVERGES WEAKLY AS  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

PROOF: LET  $(q_l)_{l=1}^{\infty}$  BE A DENUMERATION OF  $\mathbb{Q}$ .  DENOTE BY  $F_n(x) := \mathbb{P}(X_n \leq x)$ . E

WE WILL CONSTRUCT A SEQUENCE  $(n_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$  SUCH THAT  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} n_k = +\infty$  AND

$\forall q \in \mathbb{Q} : F_{n_k}(q)$  CONVERGES AS  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

WE WILL USE CANTOR'S DIAGONAL ARGUMENT.

① CHOOSE A SUBSEQUENCE  $(n_r^{(1)})$  OF  $\mathbb{N}$  SUCH THAT

$F_{n_r^{(1)}}(q_1)$  CONVERGES. LET  $n_1 := n_1^{(1)}$ .

② CHOOSE A SUBSEQUENCE  $(n_r^{(2)})$  OF  $(n_r^{(1)})$  S.T.

$F_{n_r^{(2)}}(q_2)$  CONVERGES. LET  $n_2 := n_2^{(2)}$

③ CHOOSE A SUBSEQUENCE  $(n_r^{(3)})$  OF  $(n_r^{(2)})$  S.T.

$F_{n_r^{(3)}}(q_3)$  CONVERGES. LET  $n_3 := n_3^{(3)}$

④ ETC...  $n_r := n_r^{(r)}, r \in \mathbb{N}$

THIS WAY:

A  $n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots$  IS A SUBSEQ. OF  $(n_r^{(1)})$

B  $n_2, n_3, \dots$  IS A -||- OF  $(n_r^{(2)})$

C  $n_3, n_4, \dots$  IS A -||- OF  $(n_r^{(3)})$ , ETC.

THUS  $F_{n_r}(q)$  CONVERGES FOR ALL  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

LET  $F(q) := \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} F_{n_r}(q), q \in \mathbb{Q}$

THEN  $F$  IS NON-DECREASING AND

$\lim_{q \rightarrow +\infty} F(q) = 1, \lim_{q \rightarrow -\infty} F(q) = 0$  BY TIGHTNESS.

NOW FOR ANY  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , LET

$$\tilde{F}(x) := \inf_{q > x} F(q)$$

THEN:

EXTENDED  $\tilde{F}$  IS NON-DECREASING ✓

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{F}(x) = 1, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \tilde{F}(x) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$\tilde{F}$  IS RIGHT-CONTINUOUS:

$$\tilde{F}(x_+) = \inf_{y > x} \tilde{F}(y) = \inf_{y > x} \inf_{q > y} F(q) = \inf_{q > x} F(q) = \tilde{F}(x)$$

THUS  $\tilde{F}$  IS THE C.D.F. OF A R.V.  $X$ .

IT REMAINS TO PROVE THAT  $F_{n, n} \Rightarrow \tilde{F}$ :

ENOUGH TO SHOW THAT  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ :

$$\tilde{F}(x - \varepsilon) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{n, n}(x) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{n, n}(x) \leq \tilde{F}(x + \varepsilon)$$

LET  $x - \varepsilon < \tilde{q} < x$ , THEN

$$\tilde{F}(x - \varepsilon) \leq F(\tilde{q}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{n, n}(\tilde{q}) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{n, n}(x)$$

SIMILARLY: IF  $x < \hat{q} < x + \varepsilon$ , THEN

$$\tilde{F}(x + \varepsilon) \geq F(\hat{q}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{n, n}(\hat{q}) \geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{n, n}(x)$$