

181. Continuity of Stochastic Processes on Metric Spaces

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1. After A. N. Kolmogorov had presented the continuity condition of stochastic processes ([5]), several generalizations have been considered (e.g. [1]-[4]). But H. Cramér's idea in [1] permits us to obtain the continuity conditions in the more general situations; Let $\{x(t, \omega); t \in S\}$ be stochastic processes, based on a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{B}, P) , of which parameter t runs over a compact metric space (S, d) , and of which value is taken in a complete metric space (M, r) . Here their metrics are d and r , respectively. Denote by $N(\varepsilon)$ the minimal number of ε -net of the space S .*) Then we establish the followings:

Theorem 1. *Suppose that*

$$(1) \quad P[r(x(t), x(s)) \geq g(d(t, s))] \leq q(d(t, s)),$$

where $g(h)$ and $q(h)$ are even, non-decreasing functions in $h > 0$, and that

$$(2) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g(2^{-n}) < \infty, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} N^2(2^{-n-1}) \cdot q(2^{-n+2}) < \infty.$$

Then the stochastic processes have continuous version.

Theorem 2. *Suppose (1) above and that*

$$(3) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g(2^{-n-k}) < C \cdot g(2^{-n}), \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} N^2(2^{-n-1}) \cdot q(2^{-n+2}) < \infty,$$

and

$$(4) \quad g(4h) < C' \cdot g(h) \quad \text{for sufficiently small } h,$$

where n is any positive integer, and C and C' are some positive constants. Then the stochastic processes have g -Hölder continuous version.

2. By A_n , we denote the elements of 2^{-n} -net; $A_n = \{t_n^k; k=1, 2, \dots, N(2^{-n})\}$, $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$, and we set $D = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$. By F , we define the space of all M -valued, non-random functions, and by F_n the elements of F such that

$$F_n = \{f(t); r(f(x), f(y)) \leq g(d(x, y)), \\ \text{for } (x, y), x \in A_n, y \in A_{n+1} \text{ and } d(x, y) \leq 2^{-n+2}\},$$

where $g(h)$ is one cited in (1). Further, we set $U_n = \bigcap_{j=n}^{\infty} F_j$, and

*) $\log N(\varepsilon)$ is called ε -entropy of the space S .