

**6.29. Solution 1.** We will need the following **Lemma**: As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n (1/i) \sim \ln(n)$ .

**Proof** This follows from the integral test of calculus, because  $\int_1^n (dx/x) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n (1/i) \leq 1 + \int_1^n (dx/x)$ .  $\square$

Now let us first assume that  $E[X_1] = 0$ . Define  $X'_i = X_i \mathbf{1}_{\{|X_i| \leq i\}}$ . Also define  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i/i)$  and  $S'_n = \sum_{i=1}^n (X'_i/i)$ . By the Kolmogorov maximal inequality,

$$\mathbb{P} \left\{ \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |S'_k - E[S'_k]| \geq \varepsilon \ln n \right\} \leq \frac{\text{Var} S'_n}{\varepsilon^2 (\ln n)^2} \leq \frac{\|S'_n\|_2^2}{\varepsilon^2 \ln^2(n)} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2 \ln^2(n)} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{E[X_1^2; |X_1| \leq i]}{i^2}.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P} \left\{ \max_{1 \leq k \leq 2^{2^n}} |S'_k - E[S'_k]| \geq \varepsilon \ln(2^{2^n}) \right\} &\leq A \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^n} \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} \frac{E[X_1^2; |X_1| \leq i]}{i^2} \leq A \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{E[X_1^2; |X_1| \leq i]}{i^2} \sum_{n \geq \log_2(i)} \frac{1}{4^n} \\ &\leq B \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{E[X_1^2; |X_1| \leq i]}{i^2} = BE \left[ X_1^2 \sum_{i \geq |X_1|} \frac{1}{i^2} \right] \leq CE X_1. \end{aligned}$$

By the Borel–Cantelli lemma, a.s., for all  $n$  large,

$$\max_{1 \leq k \leq 2^{2^n}} |S'_k - E[S'_k]| \leq \varepsilon \ln(2^{2^n}).$$

Any  $m$  is between some  $2^{2^n}$  and  $2^{2^{n+1}}$ . Therefore,

$$|S'_m - E[S'_m]| \leq \max_{1 \leq k \leq 2^{2^{n+1}}} |S'_k - E[S'_k]| \leq \varepsilon \ln(2^{2^{n+1}}) = 2\varepsilon \ln(2) \cdot 2^n \leq 2\varepsilon \ln(2) \ln m.$$

This proves that a.s.,  $|S'_m - ES'_m|/\ln(m) \rightarrow 0$ . But  $\sum_k \mathbb{P}\{S_k \neq S'_k\} = \sum_k \mathbb{P}\{|X_1| > k\} < \infty$  because  $\|X_1\|_1 < \infty$ . So almost surely,  $S_k = S'_k$  for all  $k$  large. It suffices to prove that  $|ES'_m|/\ln m \rightarrow 0$ . But

$$|ES'_m| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{E[X_1; |X_1| \leq i]}{i} \right| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{E[X_1; |X_1| > i]}{i} \right|,$$

since  $EX_1 = 0$ . Thus,

$$|ES'_m| \leq \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{E[|X_1|; |X_1| > i]}{i}.$$

For all  $\eta > 0$ , there exists  $i_0$  such that for all  $i \geq i_0$ ,  $E\{|X_1|; |X_1| > i\} \leq \eta$ . Therefore,  $\sum_{i=i_0}^m (\dots) \leq \eta \sum_{i=1}^m (1/i) \sim \eta \ln m$ . But  $\sum_{i=1}^{i_0} (\dots) \leq i_0 \|X_1\|_1$ . Therefore,  $\limsup_m |ES'_m|/\ln m \leq \eta$  for all  $\eta$ , whence the result.

If  $\mu = EX_1 \neq 0$ , then consider instead  $X_i^\circ := X_i - \mu$ . The preceding proves that  $\ln^{-1}(n) \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^\circ/i) \rightarrow 0$  a.s. Equivalently,  $\ln^{-1}(n) \{ \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i/i) - \mu \sum_{i=1}^n (1/i) \} \rightarrow 0$ . Because  $\sum_{i=1}^n (1/i) \sim \ln(n)$ , we obtain the result in general.