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1. Let $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ be independent random variables on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$. Prove that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(|X_n - 5| \geq \epsilon) < \infty, \text{ for all } \epsilon > 0.$$

implies that

$$\mathbb{P}(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = 5) = 1$$

let $k \geq 1$ and $\epsilon = \frac{1}{k}$ be given.

$$\text{let } A_n^k = \left\{ |X_n - 5| \geq \frac{1}{k} \right\} \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

$$\text{By assumption } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n^k) < \infty$$

$$\therefore \text{By Borel-Cantelli lemma} \\ \mathbb{P}(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n^k) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \mathbb{P}(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{m=n}^{\infty} A_m^k) = 0.$$

As $k \geq 1$ was arbitrary we have that

$$\mathbb{P}(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{m=n}^{\infty} A_m^k) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{m=n}^{\infty} A_m^k) = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{m=n}^{\infty} (A_m^k)^c) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\forall k \geq 1 \exists n \geq 1 : |X_m - 5| \leq \frac{1}{k} \quad \forall m \geq n) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = 5) = 1 \quad \square$$