On the Law of Iterated Logarithm for Occupation Measures of Empirical Processes

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Summary. Let $\{K(s, t): 0 \leq s \leq 1, t \geq 0\}$ be a Kiefer process. Let

$$L_t(E) = \int_0^1 I_E((t/\log\log t)^{-1/2} K(s, t)) \, ds$$

denote the occupation distribution. Using the ideas of Mogul'skii, Donsker and Varadhan, the limit behavior of L_t is studied. These and strong approximation results are then used to derive LIL in Chung's form for various functions of empirical processes.

Introduction

Let $\{X_n\}$ be i.i.d. random variables with common distribution F(x) = x for 0 < x < 1. Let F_n denote the empirical distribution of X_1, \ldots, X_n . Recently Mogul'skii [4] proved that

$$\liminf_{n \to \infty} \sup_{0 \le s \le 1} |F_n(s) - s| \sqrt{n \log \log n} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{8}} \quad \text{a.e.}$$
(1)

This result follows from strong approximations and a similar result for Kiefer process K, namely,

$$\liminf_{t \to \infty} \sup_{0 \le s \le 1} |K(s, t) a(t)| = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{8}} \quad \text{a.e.,}$$
(2)

where $a(t) = (t/\log \log t)^{-1/2}$. A Kiefer process $\{K(s, t): 0 \le s \le 1, t \ge 0\}$ is a mean zero Gaussian process with continuous paths and satisfying

$$E(K(s, t) K(s', t')) = \{\min(s, s') - ss'\} \min(t, t')$$

The strong approximation result mentioned here is stated below for easy reference.

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Theorem A. (See Theorem 4.4.3 of [5]) F_n , $n \ge 1$ and K can be defined on the same probability space such that a.e.

$$\sup_{0 \le s \le 1} |[n(F_n(s) - s) - K(s, n)]| \ll (\log n)^2.$$
(3)

In the case of Wiener process $\{W(s), s \ge 0\}$, we have the following result due to Jain and Pruitt [3],

$$\liminf_{t \to \infty} \sup_{0 \le s \le t} |a(t) W(s)| = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{8}} \quad \text{a.e.}$$
(4)

Using their powerful theory on Markov processes, Donsker and Varadhan [2] obtained results about the occupation distribution of $\{a(t) W(s): 0 \le s \le t\}$. One of the consequences of these results is (4). In the same way we shall generalize (2) by studying the occupation measures of $\{K(s, t) a(t): 0 \le s \le 1\}$.

As $\{K(s, 1), 0 \le s \le 1\}$ is not a Markov process one cannot use Donskar-Varadhan theory directly. We use combination of several methods developed by Mogul'skii, Donsker and Vardhan, to study L_t defined by

$$L_{t}(E) = \int_{0}^{1} I_{E}(a(t) K(s, t)) \, ds$$

 L_t can be viewed as an element in the space M of sub-probability measures λ on $R(\lambda(R) \leq 1)$, with the topology of vague convergence. Let \mathscr{U} denote the class of infinitely differentiable functions u on R, which are constant outside a compact set and $0 < a \leq u \leq b < \infty$, where a, b depend on u. For $\lambda \in M$, let

$$I(\lambda) = -\inf_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \int \frac{u''}{2u}(x) \,\lambda(dx).$$

We shall show that the set of limit points of L_t is the set $C = \{\lambda \in M : I(\lambda) \leq 1\}$. The *I* appearing here is the same *I*-function for the Brownian motion introduced by Donskar and Varadhan. It then follows for suitable functions Φ on *M*.

$$\limsup_{t\to\infty} \Phi(L_t) = \sup_{\lambda\in C} \Phi(\lambda).$$
 a.e.

By taking $\Phi(\lambda) = \inf\{a: \lambda(x: |x| \le a) = 1\}$, we deduce (1) and (2). Several other consequences are given in the last section.

The Results

Theorem 1. For almost all ω , the set of limit points, as $t \to \infty$, of L_t is $C = \{\lambda \in M : I(\beta) \le 1\}$.

Proof of this theorem will be given later.

This has the following Corollary.

Corollary 2. If Φ is a functional on M which is lower semi-continuous on M, then $\limsup_{t\to\infty} \Phi(L_t) \ge \sup_{\lambda \in C} \Phi(\lambda)$ a.s. The inequality gets reversed, if instead, Φ is upper semi-continuous. In particular, equality holds if Φ is continuous on M.

From Theorems A and 1 and Corollary 2, we have the following

Corollary 3. The limit results of Theorem 1 and Corollary 2 hold, as $n \to \infty$, if L_t is replaced by L_n , where

$$\overline{L}_n(E) = \int_0^1 I_E(\sqrt{n \log \log n}(F_n(s) - s)) \, ds.$$

Theorem 4 (Upper bound). Let D be a closed set in M. Then

$$\limsup_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \log P(A_t \in D) \leq -\inf_{\lambda \in D} I(\lambda),$$

$$g(K(s, t)) \, ds.$$

where $A_t(E) = \int_{0}^{1} I_E$

To prove Theorem 4, we require the following two lemmas. First some notation. Put $\lambda(f) = \int f(x) \lambda(dx)$, for $\lambda \in M$.

Lemma 5. Let
$$J(\lambda, x) = \inf_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \lambda \left(\frac{u''}{2u} - x\frac{u'}{u}\right)$$
. Then

$$J(\lambda, x) \leq -I(\lambda) - \frac{1}{2}x^2\lambda(R), \qquad (5)$$
for all $x \in R$ and $\lambda \in M$.

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Proof. If $\lambda(R) = 0$, then the result is obvious. Suppose $\lambda(R) > 0$ and λ has a density f, which is continuously differentiable and f(y) > 0 for all $y \in R$. Now following the lines of proof of Lemma 2.2 of [1] (see Eqs. 2.33-2.35) we obtain

$$\int g(y) \left(f'(y) - 2xf(y) \right) dy \leq \sqrt{-8J(\lambda, x)} \sqrt{g^2(y) f(y) dy}, \tag{6}$$

for all continuous functions g with compact support. Suppose ϕ has all derivatives, has compact support and $0 \le \phi(y) \le 1$ for all $y \in R$. By putting g = (f')-2xf) ϕ/f , we conclude

$$J(\lambda, x) \leq -\frac{1}{8} \int \left(\frac{f'-2xf}{f}\right)^2(y) \phi(y) f(y) dy.$$

This holds for all such ϕ , so

$$J(\lambda, x) \leq -\frac{1}{8} \int \frac{(f')^2}{f} (y) \, dy - \frac{1}{2} x^2 \, \lambda(R) = -I(\lambda) - \frac{1}{2} x^2 \, \lambda(R)$$

The last equality follows from Lemma 2.2 of [1]. Now suppose $\lambda \in M$ and $\lambda(R) > 0$. For any $\varepsilon > 0$, let Ψ_{ε} be the Gaussian distribution with mean 0 and variance ε . For our given λ , define $\lambda_{\varepsilon} = \lambda * \Psi_{\varepsilon}$. By concavity and the argument given above we have

$$J(\lambda, x) \leq J(\lambda_{\varepsilon}, x) \leq -I(\lambda_{\varepsilon}) - \frac{1}{2} x^{2} \lambda_{\varepsilon}(R)$$

= $-I(\lambda_{\varepsilon}) - \frac{1}{2} x^{2} \lambda(R).$ (7)

Since I is lower semicontinuous on M and since λ_{ε} converges vaguely, we have lim inf $I(\lambda_{\varepsilon}) \ge I(\lambda)$. The lemma now follows from (7). $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

Before stating the next lemma, we note that for any t > 0, { $K(s, t): 0 \le s \le 1$ } and { $W(s, t) - sW(t): 0 \le s \le 1$ } have the same distribution. Define

$$B_{t}(E) = \int_{0}^{1} I_{E}(W(s \cdot t) - s W(t)) ds,$$

and

$$\mathscr{C} = \{f: f \text{ is continuous on } R \text{ and } f(x) \to 0 \text{ as } |x| \to \infty \}.$$

Lemma 6. Let $(a,b) \subset R$, $\lambda \in M$ and V a neighborhood of λ in M. Then there exists a open set N containing λ such that $N \subset V$ and

$$\limsup_{t \to \infty} (1/t) \log P(B_t \in N, at < W(t) < bt)$$
$$\leq \inf_{u \in \mathcal{U}} [\sup_{a \leq y \leq b} (\sup_{\beta \in V} G(\beta, y, u))],$$

where $G(\beta, y, u) = \beta \left(\frac{u''}{2u} - y \frac{u'}{u} \right)$.

Proof. Let $D(t, y)(E) = \frac{1}{t} \int_{0}^{t} I_{E}(W(s) - sy) ds$. First note that there exist $\varepsilon > 0$, $f_{1}, \ldots, f_{k} \in \mathscr{C}$ such that

$$\{\beta \in M: |\beta(f_i) - \lambda(f_i)| < 2\varepsilon, 1 \le i \le k\} \subset V.$$

Put $N = \{\beta \in M : |\beta(f_i) - \lambda(f_i)| < \varepsilon, 1 \le i \le k\}$. Since f_i are uniformly continuous, there exists a $\delta \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq k} |f_i(x) - f_i(y)| < \varepsilon,$$

whenever $|x-y| < \delta$. So

$$(B_t \in N, at < W(t) < bt)$$

$$\subset \bigcup_{at \le r\delta \le bt} (D(t, r\delta/t) \in V) \cap (|W(t) - r\delta| < \delta).$$

Hence

$$\limsup_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \log P(B_t \in N, at < W(t) < bt)$$

$$\leq \limsup_{t \to \infty} \left(\sup_{a \le y \le b} \left(\frac{1}{t} \log \left[(2 + |a| + |b|) (t/\delta) P(D(t, y) \in V) \right] \right) \right)$$

$$= \limsup_{t \to \infty} \left[\sup_{a \le y \le b} \left(\frac{1}{t} \log P(D(t, y) \in V) \right) \right]$$
(8)

Because $\{W(s) - sy: s \ge 0\}$ is a Markov process with generator $\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$, we have using Feynman-Kac formula that for any $u \in \mathcal{U}$,

$$E\left\{u(W(t)-ty)\exp\left[-\int_{0}^{t}\left(\frac{u''}{2u}-y\frac{u'}{u}\right)(W(s)-sy)\,ds\right]\right\}=u(o)$$

So

$$P(D(t, y) \in V) \leq [\sup_{x} u(x)/\inf_{x} u(x)] \exp\left(t \sup_{\beta \in V} \beta\left(\frac{u''}{2u} - y\frac{u'}{u}\right)\right).$$

Thus

$$\limsup_{t \to \infty} \left[\sup_{a \le y \le b} \left(\frac{1}{t} \log P(D(t, y) \in V) \right) \right]$$
$$\leq \inf_{u \in \mathcal{U}} (\sup_{a \le y \le b} (\sup_{\beta \in V} G(\beta, y, u))).$$
(9)

The lemma follws now from (8) and (9)

Proof of Theorem 4. Let d > 0, $\varepsilon > 0$ and

 $\sup_{|y| \leq d} \sup_{\lambda \in D} \inf_{u \in \mathcal{U}} G(\lambda, y, u) = h < \infty$

(if $h = \infty$ there is nothing to prove.) Note that for each $u \in \mathcal{U}$, $G(\lambda, y, u)$ is continuous in (λ, y) . So for each $y \in [-d, d]$ and $\lambda \in D$, there exist an open interval I_y containing y, a neighborhood V_{λ} of λ and $u_{\lambda,y} \in \mathcal{U}$ such that $G(\beta, x, u_{\lambda,y}) < h + \varepsilon$ for all $x \in I_y$ and $\beta \in V_{\lambda}$. Now by Lemma 6, there exists a open set $N_{\lambda} \subset V_{\lambda}$ and $\lambda \in N_{\lambda}$ such that

$$\limsup_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \log P(B_t \in N_\lambda, (W(t)/t) \in I_y) \le h + \varepsilon.$$
(10)

Since D is closed and M is compact, D is compact. As $D \times [-d, d]$ is compact for any d > 0, we can choose $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_k \in D$ and $y_1, \ldots, y_k \in [-d, d]$ such that

$$D \times [-d,d] \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{k} (N_{\lambda_i} \times I_{y_i}).$$
(11)

From (10) and (11) we obtain, for any d > 2, that

$$\limsup_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \log P(B_t \in D, |W(t)| \le t d) < h + \varepsilon$$
$$= \sup_{|y| \le d} [\sup_{\beta \in D} J(\beta, y)] + \varepsilon$$
$$\le -\inf_{\beta \in D} I(\beta) + \varepsilon$$

the last inequality follows from Lemma 5. Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary and for d > 2,

$$\limsup_{t\to\infty}\frac{1}{t}\log P(|W(t)|\geq t\,d)\leq -\frac{1}{2}\,d^2<-d\,,$$

we have

$$\limsup_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \log P(B_t \in D) \leq \max(-d, -\inf_{\beta \in D} I(\beta))$$

The theorem now follows as d>2 is arbitrary and as A_t and B_t have the same distribution.

Theorem 7. (Lower bound) Let \mathcal{M} denote the space of probability measures on R with the topology of weak convergence. Let $\lambda \in \mathcal{M}$ with $\lambda(x: |x| \leq a) = 1$ and N be a weak neighborhood of λ in \mathcal{M} , then for any d > a > 0

$$\liminf_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \log P(A_t \in N, |K(s, t)| \le d; \ 0 \le s \le 1) \ge -I(\lambda).$$
(12)

Proof. Without loss of generality we may take $I(\lambda) < \infty$ and

$$N = \{\beta \in \mathcal{M} : |\lambda(f_i) - \beta(f_i)| < \varepsilon, \ 1 \le i \le k\},\$$

where $\varepsilon > 0$ and f_i are uniformly continuous and bounded functions on R. Let $|f_i(x)| \leq H$ for all $x \in R, 1 \leq i \leq k$. By uniform continuity of f_i there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $|f_i(x) - f_i(y)| < (\varepsilon/4)$, whenever $|x - y| < \delta$, $1 \leq i \leq k$. Since $\{K(s, t): 0 \leq s \leq 1\}$ has the same distribution as $\{W(s \cdot t) - s W(t): 0 \leq s \leq 1\}$, the probability in (12) dominates

$$P\left(\left|\frac{1}{t}\int_{0}^{t}f_{i}(W(s))\,ds - \lambda(f_{i})\right| < (3\varepsilon/4), \\ 1 \leq i \leq k, \ |W(s)| \leq d - \delta, \ 0 \leq s < t, \ |W(t)| < \delta\right).$$
(13)

Let t_0 be such that $8H < \varepsilon(t_0 - 1)$, a < b < d and $0 < \theta < \min(\delta, d - b)/2$. Since W has independent increments and since for $t \ge t_0$,

$$\left|\frac{1}{t}\int_{0}^{t}f_{i}(W(s))\,ds - \frac{1}{t-1}\int_{0}^{t-1}f_{i}(W(s))\,ds\right| \leq \frac{2H}{t-1} < \frac{\varepsilon}{4},$$

the probability in (13) dominates

$$\begin{split} P\left(\left|\frac{1}{t-1}\int_{0}^{t-1}f_{i}(W(s))\,ds - \lambda(f_{i})\right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}; \ 1 \leq i \leq k, \ |W(s)| < b + \theta, \\ 0 \leq s < t, \ |W(t)| \leq \theta \right) \\ \geq P\left(\left|\frac{1}{t-1}\int_{0}^{t-1}f_{i}(W(s))\,ds - \lambda(f_{i})\right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}; \ 1 \leq i \leq k, \ |W(s)| < b, \ 0 \leq s \leq t-1) \\ & \times \inf_{|z| \leq b} P(|W(s) + z| < b + \theta, 0 \leq s < 1, \ |W(1) + z| \leq \theta \right) \\ = M_{i} \cdot J \quad (\text{say}). \end{split}$$

$$(14)$$

Clearly

$$J \ge \inf_{|z| \le b} P(|W(s) + sz| < \theta, \ 0 \le s \le 1) > 0$$

and by Lemma 2.12 of [2],

$$\liminf_{t\to\infty}\frac{1}{t}\log M_t \ge -I(\lambda).$$

The theorem now follows from (14).

Theorem 8. Let $\lambda \in \mathcal{M}$ be such that $\lambda\{x: |x| \leq a\} = 1$ and $I(\lambda) < 1$. Let N be a weak neighborhood of λ in \mathcal{M} . For d > a, let $E_t = (L_t \in N, |a(t) K(s, t)| \leq d; 0 \leq s \leq 1)$. Then, for almost all $\omega, \omega \in E_t$ for a sequence of times t increasing to infinity.

Proof. Let p>1 be such that $pI(\lambda) < 1$ and let t_n denote the integral part of $\exp(n^p)$. We shall show that $P(E_{t_n} \text{ i.o.}) = 1$. Since K(., t) has the same distribution as that of $\sqrt{t} K(., 1)$, we have for any $\eta > 0$

$$P(\sup_{0 \le s \le 1} |K(s, t_n)| > 2\eta \sqrt{t_n \log t_n})$$

=
$$P(\sup_{0 \le s \le 1} |K(s, 1)| > 2\eta \sqrt{\log t_n})$$

$$\leq 2P(\sup_{0 \le s \le 1} |W(s)| > \eta \sqrt{\log t_n}) \ll n^{-2}$$

So by Borel-Cantelli lemma,

$$\sup_{0 \le s \le 1} |K(s, t_n)(t_n \log t_n)^{-1/2}| \to 0 \quad \text{a.e.}$$
(15)

Since $(\log t_n)^2 t_{n-1}/t_n \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$, (15) implies that

$$\sup_{0 \le s \le 1} |K(s, t_{n-1})| s_n \to 0 \quad \text{a.e.},$$
(16)

where $s_n = ((\log \log t_n)/t_n)^{1/2}$.

Let N be as in the proof of Theorem 7 and a < b < d. Define

$$H_n = \left\{ \left| \int_0^1 f_i [s_n(K(s, t_n) - K(s, t_{n-1}))] \, ds - \lambda(f_i) \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \, 1 \le i \le k, \\ s_n |K(s, t_n) - K(s, t_{n-1})| < b \text{ for } 0 \le s \le 1 \right\}.$$

By (16) for almost all ω , *n* sufficiently large, if H_n occurs, E_{t_n} occurs. As $\{K(., t_n) - K(., t_{n-1}): n \ge 1\}$ are independent (K(., m) has the same distribution as the sum of *m* independent brownian bridges), the events H_n are independent. So by Borel-Cantelli it is enough to show that $\Sigma P(H_n) = \infty$. Now by Theorem 7

$$\begin{split} P(H_n) &= P\left(\left| \int_0^1 f_i \left[K(s, s_n^2(t_n - t_{n-1})) \right] \, ds - \lambda(f_i) \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}; \ 1 \leq i \leq k, \\ & |K(s, s_n^2(t_n - t_{n-1}))| < b \ \text{for} \ 0 \leq s \leq 1 \right) \\ & \geq \exp\left[-I(\lambda) \, s_n^2(t_n - t_{n-1}) + o(s_n^2(t_n - t_{n-1})) \right]. \end{split}$$

Since $s_n^2(t_n - t_{n-1}) \sim \log \log t_n \sim p \log n$, we have

$$P(H_n) \ge n^{-pI(\lambda) + o(1)}$$

As $pI(\lambda) < 1$, it follows that $\Sigma P(H_n) = \infty$. This completes the proof. We are now ready to prove Theorem 1. Proof of Theorem 1. Let N be an open set containing C. As N^c is compact $\theta = \inf_{\substack{\beta \in N^c \\ \beta \geq n}} I(\beta) > 1$. Let $0 be such that <math>\theta p > 1$. Put $t_n = [e^{n^p}]$. Clearly for any $k \ge 1$, $(t_n - t_{n-1})$ (log log $t_n)^k t_{n-1}^{-1} \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$. By a representation of Kiefer process (see Sect. 1.15 of [5]) and by the Corollaries 1.12.4 and 1.15.1 of [5], we have

$$\sup_{t_{n-1} \le t \le t_n} (\sup_{0 \le s \le 1} |a(t) K(s, t) - a(t_n) K(s, t_n)|)$$

$$\le \sup_{t_{n-1} \le t \le t_n} |a(t) - a(t_n)| \sup_{0 \le s \le 1} |K(s, t_n)|$$

$$+ a(t_{n-1}) \sup_{t_{n-1} \le t \le t_n} (\sup_{0 \le s \le 1} |K(s, t) - K(s, t_n)|)$$

$$\to 0 \quad \text{a.e.}$$
(17)

Now as in the proof of Theorem 2.8 of [2], it follows from (17) and Theorem 4, that $(2 + 1)^{-2}$

$$\bigcap_{T} \bigcup_{t \leq T} L_t \subset C \quad \text{a.e.}$$

The converse follows from Lemma 2.16 of [2] and Theorem 8.

Applications

The following statements are immediate consequences of results in Sect. 4 of [2], Theorem 1 and Corollaries 2 and 3.

A.1. Let g be a continuous function on R such that $g(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $|x| \rightarrow \infty$. Then

$$\limsup_{t \to \infty} \int_{0}^{1} g(a(t) K(s, t)) \, ds = \sup_{\lambda \in C} \lambda(g) \quad \text{a.e.}$$

and

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \int_{0}^{1} g(\sqrt{n \log \log n} (F_n(s) - s)) \, ds = \sup_{\lambda \in C} \lambda(g) \quad \text{a.e.}$$

A.2. Let g be a continuous function on R with $g(x) \to \infty$ as $|x| \to \infty$. Define Φ on M as

$$\Phi(\lambda) = \lambda(g) \quad \text{if } \lambda \in \mathcal{M} \quad \text{and if } \int |g(x)| \, \lambda(dx) < \infty$$
$$= \infty \quad \text{otherwise.}$$

Then

$$\liminf_{t\to\infty} \int_0^1 g(a(t) K(s, t)) \, ds = \inf_{\lambda \in C \cap \mathcal{M}} \lambda(g) \quad \text{a.e.}$$

and

$$\liminf_{n\to\infty}\int_{0}^{1}g(\sqrt{n\log\log n}(F_{n}(s)-s))\,ds=\inf_{\lambda\in C\cap\mathcal{M}}\lambda(g)\quad\text{a.e.}$$

Inparticular these results hold if $g(x) = |x|^{\theta}$, $\theta > 0$. As in [2] if we take $g(x) = x^2$ we get

$$\liminf_{t \to \infty} \int_{0}^{1} \left(\frac{\log \log t}{t} \right) K^{2}(s, t) \, ds = \frac{1}{8} \quad \text{a.e.}$$

and

$$\liminf_{n \to \infty} (n \log \log n) \int_{0}^{1} (F_{n}(s) - s)^{2} ds = \frac{1}{8} \quad \text{a.e.}$$

A.3. For each a > 0, there exists k(a) such that

$$\limsup_{t \to \infty} \text{Leb meas} \{s: 0 \le s \le 1, |K(s,t)| a(t) \le a\} = k(a) \quad \text{a.e.}$$

and

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \text{Leb meas} \{s: 0 \le s \le 1, \sqrt{n \log \log n} (F_n(s) - s) \le a\} = k(a) \quad \text{a.e.}$$

A.4. Using Theorem 8, we obtain

$$\liminf_{t \to \infty} a(t) \sup_{0 \le s \le 1} |K(s, t)| = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{8}} \quad \text{a.e.}$$

and

$$\liminf_{n \to \infty} (\sqrt{n \log \log n}) \sup_{0 \le s \le 1} |F_n(s) - s| = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{8}} \quad \text{a.e}$$

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