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Cummington Street, Boston, MA 02215. *A constructive law of large numbers with applications.*

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of identically distributed, pairwise independent nonnegative integer random variables with distribution  $P$ . Let the expected value be  $\mu < \infty$ . Let  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ . It is well-known that  $S_n/n$  converges to  $\mu$  almost surely. We show that this convergence is effective in  $(P, \mu)$ . In particular, if  $P, \mu$  are computable then the convergence is effective. On the other hand, if the convergence is effective in  $P$  then  $\mu$  is computable from  $P$ .

This theorem can be used to show an effective renewal theorem, which then can be used to prove an effective ergodic theorem for countable Markov chains. The last result is a special case of effective ergodic theorems proven by Avigad-Gerhardy-Towsner and Galatolo-Hoyrup-Rojas, but we hope that the direct constructivization of the probability-theory proofs is still useful. (Received September 22, 2010)