

# Probability Theory Solutions

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## 1. Exercise

- (i)  $\mathcal{A}_{min} = \{\emptyset, \Omega\}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{max} = \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ , insofar existent.
- (ii)  $\mathcal{A}_1 = \{\emptyset, \Omega_4\}$   
 $\mathcal{A}_2 = \{\emptyset, \Omega_4, \{a\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$   
 $\mathcal{A}_3 = \{\emptyset, \Omega_4, \{b\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$   
 $\mathcal{A}_4 = \{\emptyset, \Omega_4, \{c\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$   
 $\mathcal{A}_5 = \{\emptyset, \Omega_4, \{d\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$   
 $\mathcal{A}_6 = \{\emptyset, \Omega_4, \{a, b\}, \{c, d\}\}$   
 $\mathcal{A}_7 = \{\emptyset, \Omega_4, \{a, c\}, \{b, d\}\}$   
 $\mathcal{A}_8 = \{\emptyset, \Omega_4, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}\}$   
 $\mathcal{A}_9 = \{\emptyset, \Omega_4, \{a\}, \{b\}\{c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\{a, c, d\}, \{a, b\}\}$   
 $\mathcal{A}_{10} = \{\emptyset, \Omega_4, \{a\}, \{c\}\{b, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\{a, b, d\}, \{a, c\}\}$   
 $\mathcal{A}_{11} = \{\emptyset, \Omega_4, \{a\}, \{d\}\{b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}\{a, b, c\}, \{a, d\}\}$   
 $\mathcal{A}_{12} = \{\emptyset, \Omega_4, \{b\}, \{c\}\{a, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\{a, b, d\}, \{b, c\}\}$   
 $\mathcal{A}_{13} = \{\emptyset, \Omega_4, \{b\}, \{d\}\{a, c\}, \{a, c, d\}\{a, b, c\}, \{b, b\}\}$   
 $\mathcal{A}_{14} = \{\emptyset, \Omega_4, \{c\}, \{d\}\{a, b\}, \{a, b, d\}\{a, b, c\}, \{c, d\}\}$   
 $\mathcal{A}_{15} = \mathcal{P}(\Omega_4)$
- (iii) Simply sketch what an element of the  $\sigma$ -algebra would look like and which objects are implied to be elements of it due to this. Refer to the definition of a  $\sigma$ -algebra if the construction is unclear.
- (iv) We were able to explicitly construct the algebra in (ii) due to the finite number of elements in  $\Omega_4$ .  $\Omega_5$  does not only contain an infinite number of elements, but also uncountably many. As such, the explicit notation of the  $\sigma$ -algebra becomes impossible.

## 2. Exercise

Note that we may speak of measurability when actually meaning  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurability. Since the context implies which  $\sigma$ -algebra underlies our notion of measurability, this is done in order to make the solution somewhat less dense in notation and therefore, hopefully, more readable.

- (i) Trivially follows from the definition:  $f$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable, therefore:

$$\{f \leq \alpha\} \in \mathcal{A}$$

Since  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$ -measurability follows:

$$\{f \leq \alpha\} \in \mathcal{B}$$

(ii) It holds (Consider the reasons why!):

$$\{\mathbb{1}_M \leq \alpha\} = \begin{cases} \Omega & \text{if } 1 \leq \alpha \\ M^C & \text{if } 0 \leq \alpha < 1 \\ \emptyset & \text{if } \alpha < 0 \end{cases}$$

Due to  $M^C \in \mathcal{A} \iff M \in \mathcal{A}$ , all preimages lie in  $\mathcal{A}$ , if and only if  $M \in \mathcal{A}$  holds.

(iii) Solution becomes very convoluted without use of the hint. This tells us that  $\{f < r\}$  and  $\{r < g\}$  and therefore the sets  $\{f < r\} \cap \{r < g\}$  lie in  $\mathcal{A}$ . From the properties of  $\sigma$ -algebras, it then follows that the following sets also lie in  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$\bigcup_{r \in \mathbb{Q}} \{f < r\} \cap \{r < g\} = \{f < g\}$$

With  $\{f < g\}$  the complement  $\{f \geq g\}$  too lies in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Analogously it is possible to show that  $\{f \leq g\}$  lies in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Since  $\{f = g\} = \{f \leq g\} \cap \{f \geq g\}$ , the set  $\{f = g\}$  also lies in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

### 3. Exercise

(i) For  $\beta = 0$  the claim is trivial! We therefore assume  $\beta \neq 0$ . With  $r$  being an arbitrary real number, it holds:

$$\{\alpha + \beta \cdot g \leq r\} = \begin{cases} \{g < \frac{r-\alpha}{\beta}\} & \text{if } \beta > 0 \\ \{g > \frac{r-\alpha}{\beta}\} & \text{if } \beta < 0 \\ \{\alpha < r\} & \text{if } \beta = 0 \end{cases}$$

In each case an element of  $\mathcal{A}$  is specified. In the first two cases based on the measurability of  $g$ , in the third case since either  $\{\alpha < r\} = \emptyset$  or  $\{\alpha < r\} = \Omega$  holds.

(ii) Setting  $\beta = -1$  and following along the proof in (i), it follows that the function  $\alpha - g$  is measurable for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Due to the measurability of  $f$ , based on Exercise 2 (iii) it then follows that for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  the set

$$\{f \leq \alpha - g\} = \{f + g \leq \alpha\}$$

lies within the  $\sigma$ -Algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ . Hence the claim follows.

(iii) It holds:

$$\{f^2 \geq \alpha\} = \begin{cases} \Omega & \text{if } \alpha \leq 0 \\ \{f \geq \sqrt{\alpha}\} \cup \{f \leq -\sqrt{\alpha}\} & \text{if } \alpha > 0 \end{cases}$$

Since the sets  $\{f \geq \sqrt{\alpha}\}$  and  $\{f \leq -\sqrt{\alpha}\}$  lie in  $\mathcal{A}$  due to the measurability of  $f$ ,  $\{f^2 \geq \alpha\}$  too lies in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

(iv) Since according to parts (i) and (ii)  $\frac{1}{2}(f+g)$  and  $\frac{1}{2}(f-g)$  are measurable, the claim follows from part (iii) by the following representation (Check the equality yourself!)

$$f \cdot g = \frac{1}{4}(f+g)^2 - \frac{1}{4}(f-g)^2$$

### 4. Exercise

(i) Basically solved within the exercise text. Check the definition of a density and take a look at the given distribution function.

- (ii) For  $z \leq 0$  it holds that  $\{Y \leq z\} = \emptyset$  and therefore  $F_Y(z) = 0$ .  
 For  $z \geq 1$  it holds that  $\{Y \leq z\} = \Omega$  and therefore  $F_Y(z) = 1$ .  
 For  $0 < z < 1$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_Y(z) &= P(\{Y \leq z\}) \\
 &= P(\{1 - \exp(-c \cdot X) \leq z\}) \\
 &= P(\{X \leq -\frac{\ln(1-z)}{c}\}) \\
 &= 1 - \exp(\lambda \cdot \frac{\ln(1-z)}{c}) \\
 &= 1 - (1-z)^{\frac{\lambda}{c}}
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $c = \lambda$  a uniform distribution is constructed.

- (iii) Partial integration, i.e. integration by parts, immediately results in  $\mathbb{E}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ .  
 Analogously, twofold partial integration results in  $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$ . Values only exist for  $\lambda > 0$ .  
 (iv) Memorylessness is described by the property.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X \leq s+t \mid X > s) &= \frac{P(\{X \leq s+t\} \cap \{X > s\})}{P(\{X > s\})} \\
 &= \frac{P(\{s < X \leq s+t\})}{1 - F_X(s)} \\
 &= \frac{F_X(s+t) - F_X(s)}{1 - F_X(s)} \\
 &= 1 - \exp(-\lambda \cdot t) \\
 &= F_X(t) = P(X \leq t)
 \end{aligned}$$

## 5. Aufgabe

Simply consult the discussed theory. Necessary components supposed to be explained: sample space, event vs. result,  $\sigma$ -algebra, probability measure, domain and image of the random variable, measurability.