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1.1 Definitions Let E be a set. A σ -algebra \mathcal{E} on E is a set of subsets of E such that $\emptyset \in \mathcal{E}$ and for all $A \in \mathcal{E}$ and all sequences $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ in \mathcal{E}

$$A^c \in \mathcal{E}, \cup_n A_n \in \mathcal{E}$$

The pair (E, \mathcal{E}) is called a measurable space. The elements of \mathcal{E} are called (E) -measurable sets.

A measure μ on (E, \mathcal{E}) is a function $\mu : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ such that $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ and for all sequences $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ of disjoint sets in \mathcal{E} , $\mu(\cup_n A_n) = \sum_n \mu(A_n)$. This last property is called countable additivity.

The triple (E, \mathcal{E}, μ) is called a measure space.

1.2 Discrete Measure Spaces

Let E be a countable set, and take \mathcal{E} to be the set of all subsets of E . A mass function m on E is any function $m : E \rightarrow [0, \infty]$. Given a measure μ on E , by countable additivity, $\mu(A) = \sum_{x \in A} \mu(\{x\})$. So there is a one-to-one correspondence between measures and mass functions.

$$\mu(A) = \sum_{x \in A} m(x), m(x) = \mu(\{x\})$$

Extension \leftrightarrow Carathéodory, Uniqueness \leftrightarrow Dynkin

1.3 Generated σ -algebras

Let A be a set of subsets of E . Define $\sigma(A) :=$

$$\{A \subseteq E : A \in \mathcal{E} \text{ for all } \sigma\text{-algebras } \mathcal{E} \text{ containing } A\}$$

Then (exercise) $\sigma(A)$ is a σ -algebra. We call $\sigma(A)$ the σ -algebra generated by A and note that $\sigma(A)$ is the smallest σ -algebra containing A .

1.4 π -systems and d -systems

Let A be a set of subsets of E . We say that A is a π -system if $\emptyset \in A$ and for all $A, B \in A$, we have $A \cap B \in A$.

We say that A is a d -system if $E \in A$, and for all $A, B \in A$ with $A \subseteq B$, and all increasing sequences

$(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ in A , we have $B \setminus A \in A$, and $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n \in A$

(Here $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ increasing means $A_n \subseteq A_{n+1}$ for all n).

Exercise: If A is both a π -system and d -system, then A is a σ -algebra.

Lemma 1.4.1 (Dyakin's Lemma)

Let A be a π -system. Then, any d -system containing A also contains the σ -algebra containing A .

Proof

Consider $D = \{A \subseteq E : A \in \tilde{\mathcal{D}} \text{ for all } d\text{-systems } \tilde{\mathcal{D}} \text{ containing } A\}$

Then D is a d -system (exercise). We shall see that D is also a π -system, which proves the lemma, hence is a σ -algebra, proving the lemma.

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We shall see that \mathcal{D}' is a d-system.

Consider $\mathcal{D}' = \{B \in \mathcal{D} : B \cap A \in \mathcal{D} \text{ for all } A \in \mathcal{A}\}$

Then $A \in \mathcal{D}'$ because \mathcal{A} is a π -system. Also $E \in \mathcal{D}'$.

Suppose $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{D}'$ with $B_1 \subseteq B_2$. Then, for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$,

$$B_1 \cap A, B_2 \cap A \in \mathcal{D} \Rightarrow (B_2 \cap A) \setminus (B_1 \cap A) = (B_2 \setminus B_1) \cap A \in \mathcal{D}$$

So $B_2 \setminus B_1 \in \mathcal{D}'$.

Suppose $(B_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ is an increasing sequence in \mathcal{D}' . Then,

for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$, $A \cap B_n \in \mathcal{D}$, so $(\bigcup_n B_n) \cap A = \bigcup_n (B_n \cap A) \in \mathcal{D}$

So $\bigcup_n B_n \in \mathcal{D}'$.

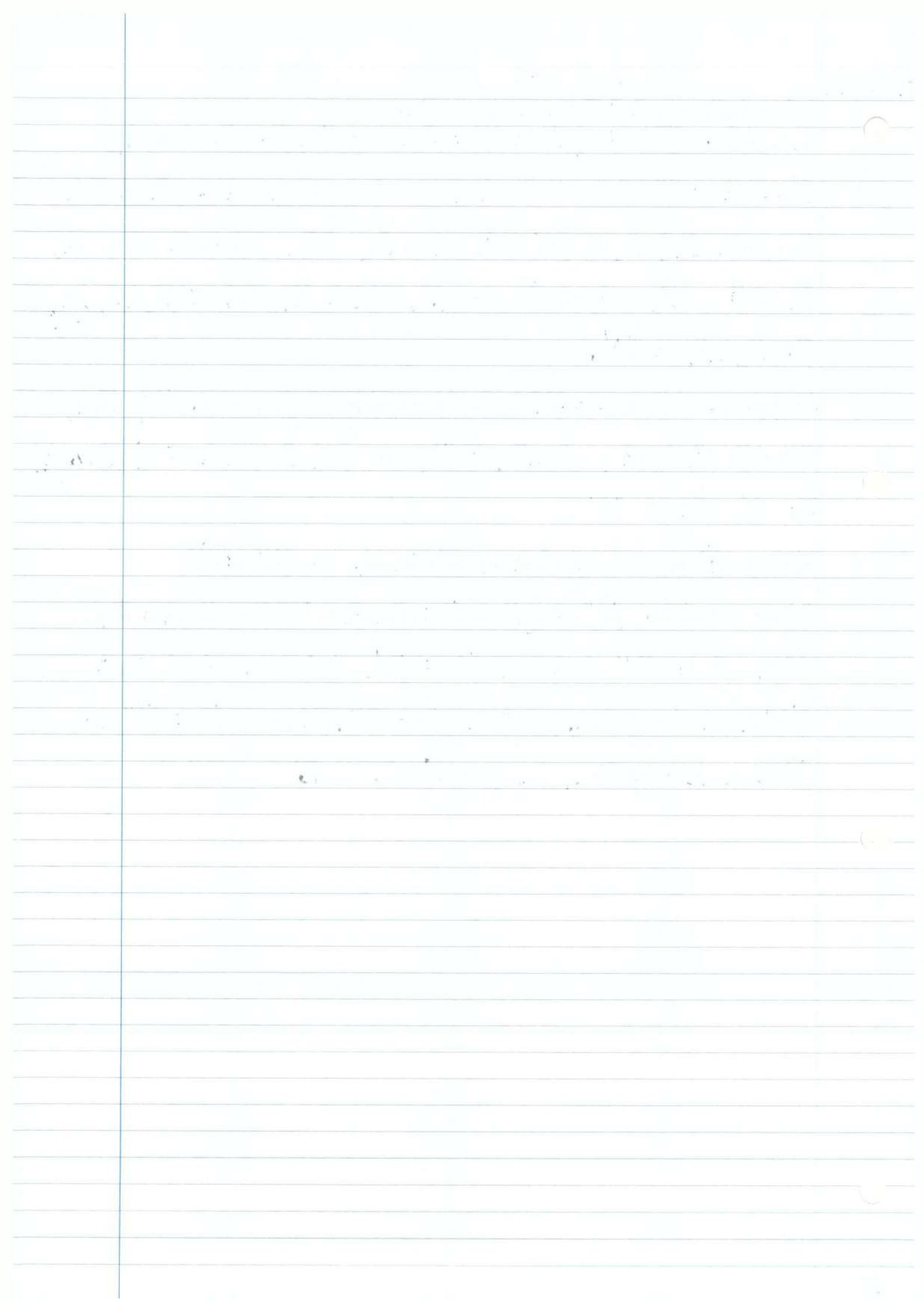
Hence \mathcal{D}' is a d-system as claimed, so $\mathcal{D}' = \mathcal{D}$

Now consider $\mathcal{D}'' = \{B \in \mathcal{D} : B \cap A \in \mathcal{D} \text{ for all } A \in \mathcal{D}\}$.

Then $A \in \mathcal{D}''$ because $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}'$. We can check that

\mathcal{D}'' is a d-system, just as for \mathcal{D}' . Hence $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}''$ so

\mathcal{D} is a π -system, as promised. \square



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1.5 Set functions and Properties

Let \mathcal{A} be a set of subsets of E containing \emptyset . A set function on \mathcal{A} is any function $\mu: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ with $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$.

μ is increasing if $A, B \in \mathcal{A}, A \subseteq B \Rightarrow \mu(A) \leq \mu(B)$.

μ is additive if $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ disjoint, $A \cup B \in \mathcal{A}, \mu(A \cup B) = \mu(A) + \mu(B)$.

μ is countably additive if $A_n \in \mathcal{A} \forall n$, disjoint, with

$$\bigcup_n A_n \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \mu\left(\bigcup_n A_n\right) = \sum_n \mu(A_n).$$

μ is countably sub-additive if $A_n \in \mathcal{A} \forall n, \bigcup_n A_n \in \mathcal{A}$
 $\Rightarrow \mu\left(\bigcup_n A_n\right) \leq \sum_n \mu(A_n)$.

1.6 Construction of measures

Let \mathcal{A} be a set of subsets of E , containing \emptyset . We say that

\mathcal{A} is a ring if $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{A}, B \setminus A \in \mathcal{A}, A \cup B \in \mathcal{A}$. We say that \mathcal{A} is an algebra, if for all $A, B \in \mathcal{A}, A^c \in \mathcal{A}, A \cup B \in \mathcal{A}$.

Theorem 1.6.1 (Carathéodory's Extension Theorem)

Let \mathcal{A} be a ring of subsets of E and let μ be a countably additive set function on E . Then μ extends to a measure on the σ -algebra generated by \mathcal{A} .

Proof

Define for any subset $B \subseteq E$ the outer measure $\mu^*(B)$

$\mu^*(B) = \inf \sum_n \mu(A_n)$ where the infimum is taken over all sequences $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ in \mathcal{A} such that $B \subseteq \bigcup_n A_n$ and is taken to be ∞ if there is no such sequence.

~~for which μ^* is defined~~
with sets
over B

Say that $A \subseteq E$ is μ^* -measurable if $\forall B \subseteq E$,

$$\mu^*(B) = \mu^*(B \cap A) + \mu^*(B \cap A^c)$$

Write M for the set of all μ^* -measurable sets.

We'll show that $\mu^* = \mu$ on A , that $A \subseteq M$, and that M is a σ -algebra, $\mu^*|_M$ is a measure, proving the theorem.

Note that $\mu^*(\emptyset) = 0$ and μ^* is increasing.

Step I

We show that μ^* is countably sub-additive. We have to show that for $B \subseteq \bigcup_n B_n$, we have $\mu^*(B) \leq \sum_n \mu^*(B_n)$.

It will suffice to consider the case $\mu^*(B_n) < \infty \ \forall n$.

Then Given $\epsilon > 0$, \exists sequences $(A_{mn} : m \in \mathbb{N})$ such that

$$B_n \subseteq \bigcup_m A_{mn}, \quad \mu^*(B_n) + \frac{\epsilon}{2^n} \geq \sum_m \mu(A_{mn})$$

Then $B \subseteq \bigcup_{m,n} A_{mn}$ so

$$\mu^*(B) \leq \sum_{m,n} \mu(A_{mn}) \leq \epsilon + \sum_n \mu^*(B_n)$$

Since $\epsilon > 0$ was arbitrary, we are done.

Step II

We show that $\mu^* = \mu$ on A .

Since A is a ring, and μ is countably additive, μ is also increasing and countably sub-additive (example sheet).

So, for any $A \in A$, and for any sequence $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ in A such that $A \subseteq \bigcup_n A_n$, $\mu(A) \leq \sum_n \mu(A_n \Delta A)$

$$\leq \sum_n \mu(A_n).$$

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On taking the infimum over all such sequences we see that $\mu^*(A) \geq \mu(A)$. The reverse inequality is obvious so $\mu^* = \mu$ on A .

Step III

We show that $M \subseteq \mathcal{M}$. Take $A \in A$ and $B \subseteq E$.

We want to show that $\mu^*(B) \leq \mu^*(B \cap A) + \mu^*(B \cap A^c)$ so it suffices to show that $\mu^*(B) \geq \mu^*(B \cap A) + \mu^*(B \cap A^c)$, and it suffices to do this when $\mu^*(B)$ is finite. Then, given $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a sequence $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ in A with $B \subseteq \bigcup_n A_n$, and $\mu^*(B) + \varepsilon \geq \sum_n \mu(A_n)$.

Then $B \cap A \subseteq \bigcup_n (A_n \cap A)$, $B \cap A^c \subseteq \bigcup_n (A_n \cap A^c)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \mu^*(B \cap A) + \mu^*(B \cap A^c) &\leq \sum_n \mu(A_n \cap A) + \sum_n \mu(A_n \cap A^c) \\ &= \sum_n \mu(A_n) \leq \mu^*(B) + \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

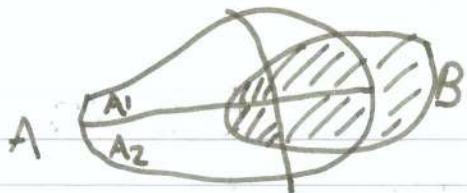
Since $\varepsilon > 0$ was arbitrary, we are done.

Step IV

We show that M is an algebra. It is clear that $\emptyset \in M$, and $A^c \in M$ whenever $A \in M$. Take $A_1, A_2 \in M$ and $B \subseteq E$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, since } \mu^*(B) &= \mu^*(B \cap A_1) + \mu^*(B \cap A_1^c) \\ &= \mu^*(B \cap A_1 \cap A_2) + \mu^*(B \cap A_1 \cap A_2^c) + \mu^*(B \cap A_1^c) \\ &= \mu^*(B \cap A_1 \cap A_2) + \mu^*(B \cap (A_1 \cap A_2)^c) \\ &= \mu^*(B \cap A_1 \cap A_2) + \mu^*(B \cap (A_1 \cap A_2)^c) \end{aligned}$$

So $A_1 \cap A_2 \in M$. Hence M is an algebra.



Step IV

We show that M is a σ -algebra, and that $\mu^*|_M$ is a measure. Since we know that M is an algebra, it will suffice to show that for any disjoint sequence $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ in M we have

$$A = \bigcup_n A_n \in M \text{ and } \mu^*(A) = \sum_n \mu^*(A_n).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So take } B \subseteq E. \text{ We have } \mu^*(B) &= \mu^*(B \cap A_1) + \mu^*(B \cap A_1^c) \\ &= \mu^*(B \cap A_2) + \mu^*(B \cap A_2^c) + \mu^*(B \cap A_1^c \cap A_2^c) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(B \cap A_i) + \mu^*(\underbrace{B \cap A_1^c \cap \dots \cap A_n^c}_{\in B \cap A^c}) \end{aligned}$$

So letting $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^*(B) &\geq \sum_n \mu^*(B \cap A_n) + \mu^*(B \cap A^c) \\ &\geq \mu^*(B \cap A) + \mu^*(B \cap A^c) \end{aligned}$$

countable sub-additivity of μ^* .

Now, the reverse inequality holds also by sub-additivity:

$$(\mu^*(B) \leq \mu^*(B \cap A) + \mu^*(B \cap A^c))$$

So in fact equality holds throughout, so $\forall A \in M$, and by taking $B = A$, we see that $\mu^*(A) = \sum_n \mu^*(A_n)$ as required. \square

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Recap E , a set

- \mathcal{E} , a σ -algebra, set of subsets of E .
- Closed under countable operations
- μ , measure $\mu : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$, $\mu(\bigcup A_n) = \sum_n \mu(A_n)$ \swarrow disjoint

Dynkin

$$A \subseteq \mathcal{D} \Rightarrow \sigma(A) \subseteq \mathcal{D}$$

π-system d-system closed under relative complements
 increasing unions

Suppose $A_n \uparrow A$ ($A_n \subseteq A_{n+1}$, $\bigcup A_n = A$)

$$B_1 = A, \quad B_{n+1} = A_{n+1} \setminus A_n, \quad A_n = B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_n, \quad A = \bigcup B_n$$

$$\mu(A_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(B_i) \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(B_i) = \mu(A).$$

1.7 Uniqueness of measures

Theorem 1.7.1

Let μ_1, μ_2 be measures on (E, \mathcal{E}) with $\mu_1(E) = \mu_2(E)$ finite. Suppose that $\mu_1(A) = \mu_2(A)$ for all sets $A \in \mathcal{A}$, where \mathcal{A} is a π-system generating E . Then $\mu_1 = \mu_2$.

Proof

Define $\mathcal{D} = \{A \in \mathcal{E} : \mu_1(A) = \mu_2(A)\}$. Then

$A \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ and $E \in \mathcal{D}$. For $A, B \in \mathcal{D}$ with $A \subseteq B$ we have

$$\mu_1(A) + \mu_1(B \setminus A) = \mu_1(B) = \mu_2(B) = \mu_2(A) + \mu_2(B \setminus A)$$

Since $\mu_1(A) = \mu_2(A) < \infty$, we get $\mu_1(B \setminus A) = \mu_2(B \setminus A)$
 $\Rightarrow B \setminus A \in \mathcal{D}$.

For $A_n \in \mathcal{D}$ with $A_n \uparrow A$, we have $\mu_1(A) = \lim_n \mu_1(A_n)$

$$\mu(A) = \lim_n \mu_1(A_n) = \lim_n \mu_2(A_n) = \mu_2(A), \forall A \in \mathcal{D}.$$

Hence \mathcal{D} is a σ -system, so $\mathcal{E} = \sigma(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{D}$. \square

1.8 Borel Sets and Borel Measures

Let E be a topological space. The ~~σ~~ σ -algebra generated by the set of open sets is called the Borel σ-algebra of E and is written $\mathcal{B}(E)$. A measure μ on $(E, \mathcal{B}(E))$ is called a Borel Measure. If $\mu(K) < \infty$ for all compact sets K , we say μ is a Radon Measure.

1.9 Probability, finite and σ-finite measures

Let (E, \mathcal{E}, μ) be a measure space.

If $\mu(E) = 1$, we say that μ is a probability measure and call (E, \mathcal{E}, μ) a probability space. We usually use notation (Ω, \mathcal{Y}, P) for this.

If $\mu(E) < \infty$, we say that μ is a finite measure.

If there exists sets $E_n \in \mathcal{E}$ with $\mu(E_n) < \infty$ for all n and $\bigcup_n E_n = E$, we say that μ is a σ-finite measure.

1.10 Lebesgue Measures

Theorem 1.10.1

There exists a unique Borel measure μ on \mathbb{R} (usual topology) such that $\mu((a, b]) = b - a$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a < b$.

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Proof

(Existence) Consider the ring \mathcal{A} of disjoint unions of intervals of the form $A = \underbrace{(a_1, b_1]}_{\text{int}} \cup \underbrace{(a_2, b_2]}_{\text{int}} \cup \dots \cup \underbrace{(a_n, b_n]}_{\text{int}}$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Define $\mu: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ by

$$\mu(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i)$$

The presentation of A is not unique as $(a, b] \cup (b, c] = (a, c]$ for $a < b < c$. However, it is easy to see that μ is well defined and moreover additive. We shall show that μ is countably additive, so then by Carathéodory's Extension Theorem μ extends to a measure on $\sigma(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ with the claimed property.

Since μ is additive, it will suffice to show that for $A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ with $A_n \uparrow A \in \mathcal{A}$ that $\mu(A_n) \rightarrow \mu(A)$. Consider $B_n = A \setminus A_n$ then $A_n \cap B_n = \emptyset$. It will suffice to show that for $B_n \in \mathcal{A}$ decreasing with $A_n \cap B_n = \emptyset$, that $\mu(B_n) \rightarrow 0$.

Suppose, for contradiction, that $\exists \varepsilon > 0$ such that

$\mu(B_n) \geq 2\varepsilon \quad \forall n$. We can find $C_n \in \mathcal{A}$ such that

$$\overbrace{C_n \subseteq B_n}^{C_n \rightarrow} \text{ and } \mu(B_n \setminus C_n) \leq \varepsilon/2^n$$

$$\underbrace{(b_{n1}, c_{n1}]}_{(b_{n1}, c_{n1}]} \cup \underbrace{(b_{n2}, c_{n2}]}_{(b_{n2}, c_{n2}]} \cup \underbrace{(b_{n3}, c_{n3}]}_{(b_{n3}, c_{n3}]} \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note that } \mu(B_n \setminus (C_{n1} \cap \dots \cap C_{n1})) &= \mu((B_n \setminus C_{n1}) \cup \dots \cup (B_n \setminus C_{n1})) \\ &\leq \varepsilon \sum_n 2^{-n} = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\mu(G_{1, \dots, n} \cap C_n) \geq \varepsilon \Rightarrow G_{1, \dots, n} \cap C_n \neq \emptyset$

Now $K_n = \overline{G_{1, \dots, n} \cap C_n}$ is closed, non-empty, $k_n \geq k_{n+1}$,

so since \mathbb{R} is complete, $\emptyset = \bigcap_n B_n \supseteq \bigcap_n K_n \neq \emptyset \quad \times$

So $\mu(B_n) \rightarrow 0$ as required.

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$$\text{Correction: } \mu(B \setminus (C_1 \cup \dots \cup C_n)) = [\mu(B_1 \setminus C_1) \cup \dots \cup (B_n \setminus C_n)] \leq \mu((B_1 \setminus C_1) \cup \dots \cup (B_n \setminus C_n))$$

Uniqueness

Suppose μ, ν are Borel measures on \mathbb{R} with

$$\mu([a, b]) = \nu([a, b]) = b - a \text{ whenever } a < b.$$

For $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $B \in \mathcal{B}$, define

$$\mu_n(B) = \mu(B \cap (n, n+1]), \quad \nu_n(B) = \nu(B \cap (n, n+1])$$

Then, μ_n, ν_n are Borel probability measures on \mathbb{R} , and $\mu_n = \nu_n$ on the π -system of intervals $(a, b]$, which generates \mathcal{B} . So, by uniqueness of extension $\mu_n = \nu_n$ on \mathcal{B} . Then, by countable additivity, for $B \in \mathcal{B}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(B) &= \sum_n \mu(B \cap (n, n+1]) \\ &= \sum_n \nu(B \cap (n, n+1]) = \nu(B) \end{aligned}$$
□

For $x \in \mathbb{R}$, and $B \in \mathcal{B}$, define $\mu_{x\text{-L}}(B) = \mu(B+x)$
 where $B+x := \{b+x \mid b \in B\}$. Then $\mu_{x\text{-L}}$ is a Borel measure.

$$\mu_{x\text{-L}}([a, b]) = (b+x) - (a+x) = b-a.$$

So by uniqueness, $\mu_{x\text{-L}} = \mu$. Thus, Lebesgue measure is translation invariant. We can consider μ_0 as a

$$\text{probability measure on } (0, 1]. \quad \mu_0(B) = \mu(B \cap (0, 1])$$

Note that μ_0 is also translation invariant, if we define for $B \in \mathcal{B}(0, 1], B+x = \{b+x \text{ mod } 1 \mid b \in B\} \subseteq (0, 1]$

We used Carathéodory's Extension Theorem, so in fact we have constructed a σ -algebra $\mathcal{M} \supseteq \mathcal{B}$ and a measure

μ^* on M extending Lebesgue measure μ .

Recall that M is the set of " μ^* -measurable sets"

We call M the set of Lebesgue-measurable sets.

In Ex 1.9, we see that M is concretely given by
 Δ also works

$$M = \{B \cup N : B \in \mathcal{B}, N \in N\}$$

null sets $N = \{N \subseteq \mathbb{R} : N \subseteq A \text{ for some } A \in \mathcal{B} \text{ with } \mu(A) = 0\}$
For $B \cup N \in M$, we have $\mu(B \cup N) = \mu(B)$

1.11 A non-Lebesgue-measurable subset of $[0, 1]$

For $x, y \in [0, 1]$, write $x \sim y$ if $x - y \in \mathbb{Q}$.

This is an equivalence relation. Use the Axiom of Choice, to choose
a set $S \subseteq [0, 1]$ containing exactly one element of
each equivalence class. Then, we can check that $[0, 1]$ is
equal to a disjoint $\bigcup_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} (S + q)$ addition modulo 1.

$$x = s + q = s' + q \Rightarrow s - s' \in \mathbb{Q}$$

Suppose that S is Lebesgue measurable. Then, by translation

invariance, $\mu(S + q) = \mu(S) \quad \forall q \in \mathbb{Q}$. Then, by

countable additivity $\mu([0, 1]) = \sum_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} \mu(S + q) = \infty \cdot \mu(S)$

This is impossible, so we conclude that S is not

Lebesgue-measurable, $S \notin M$.

1.12 Independence

Let (Ω, \mathcal{Y}, P) be a probability space. We use this to
model an experiment where outcome is subject to chance.

Ω models possible outcomes.

\mathcal{Y} is the set of observable sets of outcomes, called events.

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$P(A)$ is the probability of the event A .

Let I be a countable set. Say that a family of events

$(A_i : i \in I)$ is independent if for all finite $J \subseteq I$,

$$P(\bigcap_{i \in J} A_i) = \prod_{i \in J} P(A_i). \quad \text{countable}$$

Exercise: Show that this always extends to J infinite.

We say that a family $(A_i : i \in I)$ of sub- σ -algebras of

\mathcal{Y} is independent if $(A_i : i \in I)$ is independent whenever

$$A_i \in \mathcal{A}_i \quad \forall i.$$

Theorem 1.12.1

Let A_1, A_2 be π -systems in \mathcal{Y} and suppose

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2) = P(A_1)P(A_2) \quad \forall A_1 \in A_1, A_2 \in A_2.$$

The conclusion is that $\sigma(A_1), \sigma(A_2)$ are independent.

Proof

Fix $A_1 \in A_1$, and define for $B \in \mathcal{Y}$

$$\mu(B) = P(A_1 \cap B), \quad v(B) = P(A_1)P(B).$$

Then $\mu(\Omega) = v(\Omega) = P(A_1) < \infty$, and $\mu = v$ on A_2 .

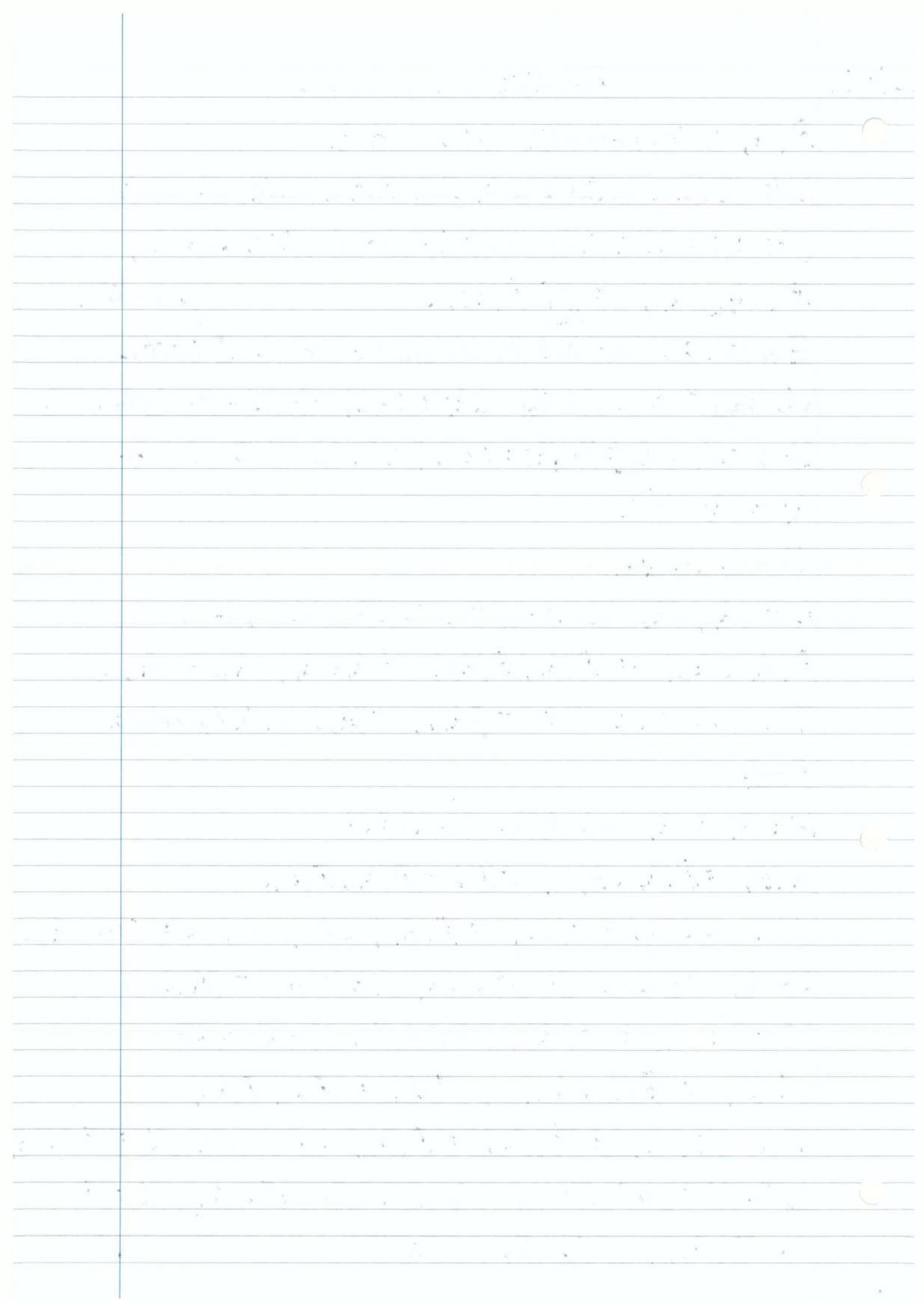
So by uniqueness of extension, $\mu = v$ on $\sigma(A_2)$.

Now fix $A_2 \in \sigma(A_2)$ and define for $B \in \mathcal{Y}$

$$\tilde{\mu}(B) = P(B \cap A_2), \quad \tilde{v}(B) = P(B)P(A_2)$$

Then $\tilde{\mu}(\Omega) = \tilde{v}(\Omega) = P(A_2) < \infty$ and $\tilde{\mu} = \tilde{v}$ on A_1

by the first part. So by uniqueness of extension, $\tilde{\mu} = \tilde{v}$ on $\sigma(A_1)$, proving the result. \square



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1.13 Borel - Cantelli Lemmas

Let $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be a sequence of events. Define

$$\{A_n \text{ infinitely often}\} := \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n := \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{m \geq n} A_m \quad (\text{E.Y})$$

$$\{A_n \text{ eventually}\} := \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n := \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{m \geq n} A_m$$

Lemma 1.13.1 (First B-C Lemma)

Suppose $\sum_n P(A_n) < \infty$. Then $P(A_n \text{ infinitely often}) = 0$

Proof

$$\text{We have } P(A_n \text{ i.o.}) \leq P\left(\bigcup_{m \geq n} A_m\right) \leq \sum_{m \geq n} P(A_m) \rightarrow 0 \quad \square$$

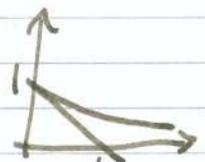
Lemma 1.13.1 (Second B-C Lemma)

Assume that the events $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ are independent.

Suppose $\sum_n P(A_n) = \infty$. Then $P(A_n \text{ i.o.}) = 1$.

Proof

We use the inequality $1-x \leq e^{-x}$ for $x \geq 0$



The sequence of events $(A_n^c : n \in \mathbb{N})$ is also independent.

$$\text{We have } P\left(\bigcap_{m=n}^{\infty} A_m^c\right) = \prod_{m=n}^{\infty} (1 - P(A_m)) \leq \exp\left(-\sum_{m=n}^{\infty} P(A_m)\right)$$

which $\rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, so $P\left(\bigcap_{m=n}^{\infty} A_m^c\right) = 0 \forall n$.

So $P\left(\bigcup_{m=n}^{\infty} A_m\right) = 1$. But $\{A_n \text{ infinitely often}\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{m \geq n} A_m = \left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{m \geq n} A_m^c\right)^c$. So $P(A_n \text{ i.o.}) = 1$.

2.7 Large values in sequences of i.i.d. r.v.s

Let $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be a sequence of i.i.d. r.v.s. Suppose that $P(X \geq x) > 0$ for all $x \geq 0$. Suppose that

Take $x_n \uparrow \infty$ and set $A_n = \{X_n \geq x_n\}$ and

$a_n = P(A_n)$. Then the events $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ are independent.

$$\text{So } P(X_n \geq x_n \text{ i.o.}) = p(\text{I.o.}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \sum a_n = \infty \\ 0 & \sum a_n < \infty \end{cases}$$

Example

$$X \sim E(1), P(X \geq x) = e^{-x}$$

$$\text{Take } x_n = \alpha \log n, \text{ then } a_n = e^{-x_n} = \frac{1}{n^\alpha}$$

So if $\alpha = 1$, $\sum a_n = \infty$, whereas if $\alpha > 1$,
 $\sum a_n < \infty$. Hence $P(X_n \geq \log n \text{ i.o.}) = 1$,

$$P(X_n \geq \alpha \log n \text{ i.o.}) = 0 \quad \forall \alpha > 1.$$

$$\text{So } \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n}{\log n} = 1 \text{ almost surely.}$$

2. Measurable Functions and Random Variables

2.1 Measurable Functions

Let (E, \mathcal{E}) and (G, \mathcal{G}) be measurable spaces, and let $f: E \rightarrow G$. We say that f is measurable if

$f^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{E}$ for all $A \in \mathcal{G}$. Here, $f^{-1}(A)$ is the inverse image $f^{-1}(A) = \{x \in E : f(x) \in A\}$

Since $(g \circ f)^{-1}(A) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(A))$, the ~~complete~~ composition of measurable functions is also measurable. Often $G = \mathbb{R}$ or $[-\infty, \infty]$.

Then we always take $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{B}$.

For $A \subseteq E$, define the indicator function $1_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in A \\ 0 & x \notin A \end{cases}$

Then 1_A is measurable $\Leftrightarrow A \in \mathcal{E}$ (exercise)

Inverse images preserve set operations, take ANY $f: E \rightarrow G$

$$f^{-1}(G \setminus A) = E \setminus f^{-1}(A), \quad f^{-1}(\bigcup_i A_i) = \bigcup_i f^{-1}(A_i)$$

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Hence $\{f^{-1}(A) : A \in \mathcal{G}\}$ is a σ -algebra on E , and $\{A \subseteq G : f^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{E}\}$ is a σ -algebra on G .

Suppose we can show that $f^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{E}$ for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$, for some set of subsets \mathcal{A} generating \mathcal{G} . Then,

$\{A \subseteq G : f^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{E}\}$ contains \mathcal{A} , so also contains $\sigma(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{G}$

So f is measurable. For example, \mathcal{B} is generated by

$\{(-\infty, a] : a \in \mathbb{R}\}$ so $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is measurable

$\Leftrightarrow \{x \in E : f(x) \leq a\} \in \mathcal{E} \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$.

In the case where E, G are topological spaces and $f : E \rightarrow G$ is continuous, then $f^{-1}(U)$ is open in E , and hence is Borel-measurable, for all open sets U in G . Since such sets U generate $\mathcal{B}(G)$ we see that every continuous function is Borel-measurable.

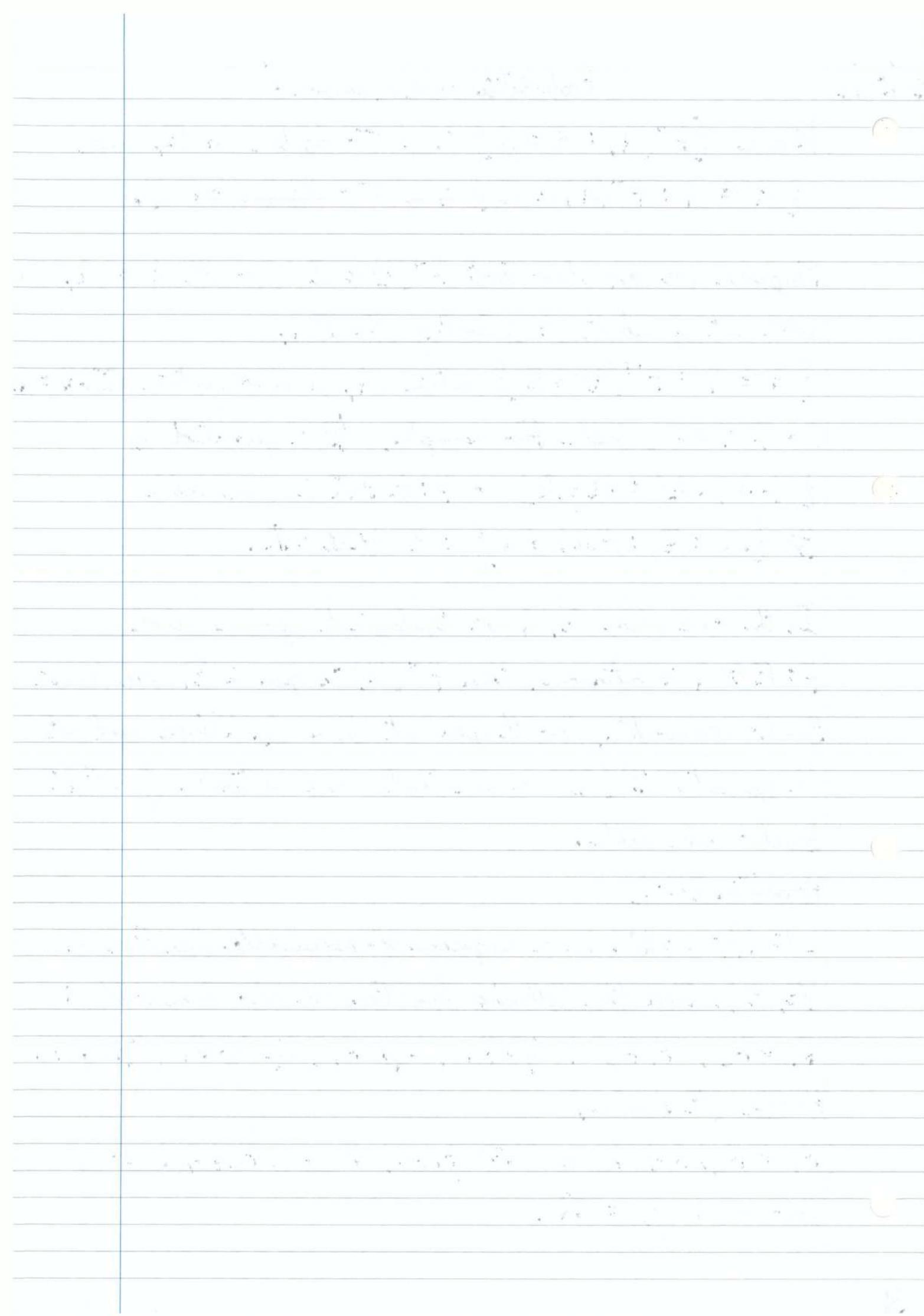
Proposition 2.1.1

Let $(f_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be a sequence of measurable functions on (E, \mathcal{E}) . Then the following functions are also measurable :

$f_1 + f_2$, $f_1 f_2$, $\inf_n f_n$, $\sup_n f_n$, $\liminf f_n$, $\limsup f_n$

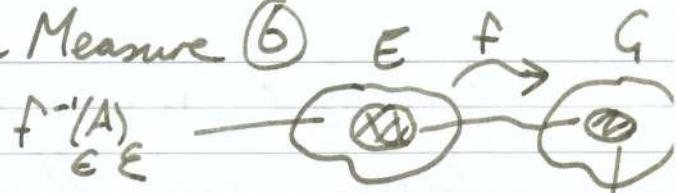
Proof (Exercise)

$(f_1 + f_2)(x) > a \Leftrightarrow f_1(x) > q, f_2(x) > a - q$
for some $q \in \mathbb{Q}$.



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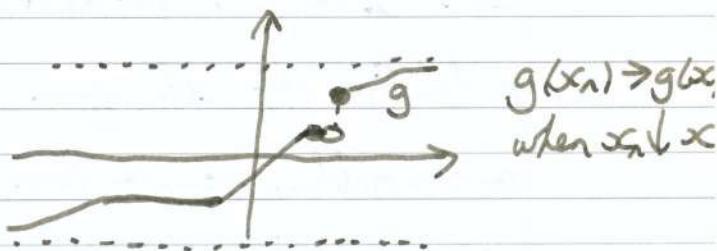
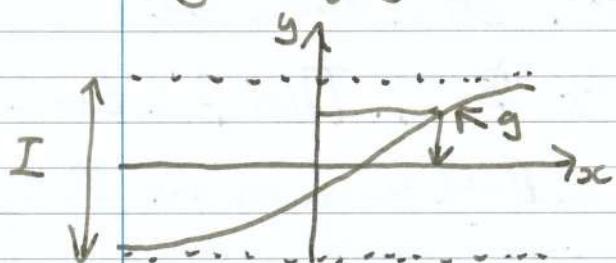
2.2 Image Measures

Let \$(E, \mathcal{E})\$ and \$(G, \mathcal{G})\$ be measurable spaces. Let \$\mu\$ be a measure on \$E\$. Then, for any measurable function

\$f: E \rightarrow G\$, we can define the image measure \$\nu = \mu \circ f^{-1}\$ by \$\nu(A) = \mu(f^{-1}(A))\$, \$A \in \mathcal{G}\$.

Lemma 2.2.1

Let \$g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\$ be non-constant, right continuous, and non-increasing. Set \$g(\pm\infty) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} g(x)\$, and set \$I = (g(-\infty, +\infty))\$. Define \$f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\$ by \$f(y) = \inf\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \leq g(x)\}



Then \$f\$ is non-decreasing, left continuous. Moreover, for \$x \in \mathbb{R}\$, \$y \in I\$, \$f(y) \leq x \Leftrightarrow y \leq g(x)\$.

Proof

For \$y \in I\$, define \$J_y = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : y \leq g(x)\}\$. Then \$J_y \neq \emptyset\$, \$J_y \neq \mathbb{R}\$. Since \$g\$ is non-decreasing, if \$x \in J_y\$ and \$x' \geq x\$, then \$x' \in J_y\$. Since \$g\$ is right continuous, if \$x_n \in J_y\$ and \$x_n \downarrow x\$ then \$x \in J_y\$. Hence \$J_y = [f(y), \infty). So for \$x \in \mathbb{R}\$, \$y \in I\$, \$f(y) \leq x \Leftrightarrow y \leq g(x)\$.

If \$y' \geq y\$, then \$J_{y'} \subseteq J_y\$ so \$f(y') \geq f(y)\$. If \$y_n \uparrow y\$

then $J_y = \bigcap_n J_{y_n} \Rightarrow f(y_n) \rightarrow f(y)$. Hence f is non-decreasing and left continuous, as claimed. \square

Theorem 2.2.2

Let $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be as in the lemma. Then, there exists a unique Radon measure ν on \mathbb{R} such that

$$\nu((a, b]) = g(b) - g(a), \text{ whenever } a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a < b.$$

Moreover, all Radon measures on \mathbb{R} are obtained in this way.

Often we write dg for ν and call dg the Lebesgue-Stieltjes Measure associated with g .

Proof

Let I and F be as in the lemma. Let λ denote the restriction of Lebesgue measure to $\mathcal{B}(I)$. Then F is Borel measurable, so we can define a Borel measure on \mathbb{R} by

$$\begin{aligned} \nu = \lambda \circ F^{-1}. \quad \text{We have } \nu((a, b]) &= \lambda(\{x \in I : a < F(x) \leq b\}) \\ &= \lambda(\{x \in I : g(a) < x \leq g(b)\}) = g(b) - g(a) \end{aligned}$$

so ν is Radon and has the desired property.

The same argument used for uniqueness of Lebesgue measure shows that ν is the only such measure.

Suppose that ν is a Radon measure on \mathbb{R} . Define

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \mu((0, x)) & x \geq 0 \\ -\mu((\infty, 0]) & x < 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{Then } g \text{ is non-decreasing and right continuous}$$

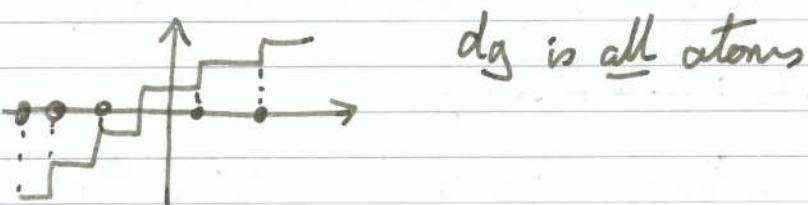
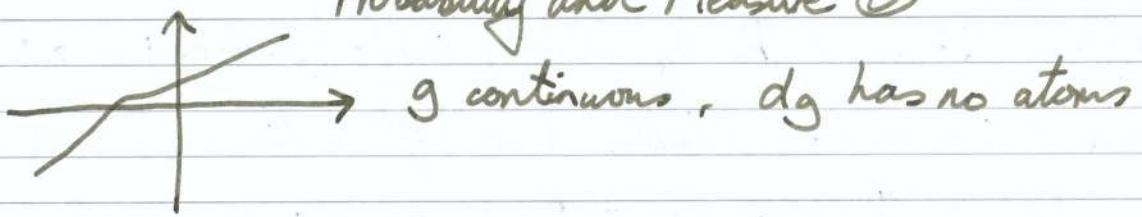
Then $\mu((a, b]) = g(b) - g(a)$ for $a < b$, so

$$\mu = dg$$

\square

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2.3 Random Variables

Let (Ω, \mathcal{Y}, P) be a probability space, and let (E, \mathcal{E}) be a measurable space. A random variable on E is a measurable function $X: \Omega \rightarrow E$.

The image measure $\mu_X = P \circ X^{-1}$ is a measure on (E, \mathcal{E}) called the law or distribution of X . The law μ_X is uniquely determined by the values on $\mu_X((-\infty, x]) = F_X(x)$
 $= P(\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \leq x\}) = P(X \leq x), x \in \mathbb{R}$

We call the function $F_X: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ the distribution function of X . (We have $\mu_X = dF_X$). Note that $F = F_X$ satisfies:

- $F(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow -\infty$, $F(x) \rightarrow 1$ as $x \rightarrow +\infty$

- F is non-decreasing and right continuous.

We call any function F on \mathbb{R} with these properties a distribution function.

Let F be a distribution function. Take $\Omega = (0, 1)$, $\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{B}(\Omega)$. Take P to be the restriction of Lebesgue measure on \mathcal{Y} .

Define $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $X(\omega) = \inf \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \omega \leq F(x)\}$

Then X is a random variable (as left continuous) and

$$\begin{aligned}F_X(x) &= P(X \leq x) = P(\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \leq x\}) \\&= P(\{\omega \in \Omega : \omega \leq F(x)\})\end{aligned}$$

Hence every distribution function is the distribution function of some random variable in \mathbb{R} .

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(Ω, \mathcal{Y}, P) a probability space, (E, \mathcal{E}) a measurable space

Recap: An E -valued random variable X is a measurable function $X: \Omega \rightarrow E$. (We can ask: what is the probability that $X \in A$, for $A \in \mathcal{E}$? $P(X \in A) = P(\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \in A\}) = P(X^{-1}(A))$, well-defined.)

Let $(X_i : i \in I)$ be a family of E -valued random variables.

Define $\sigma(X_i : i \in I) = \sigma(\{X_i^{-1}(A) : i \in I, A \in \mathcal{E}\}) (\subseteq \mathcal{Y})$

This is called the σ -algebra generated by $(X_i : i \in I)$.

Note that $\sigma(X_i) = \{X_i^{-1}(A) : A \in \mathcal{E}\}$

We say that $(X_i : i \in I)$ are independent if the σ -algebras $(\sigma(X_i) : i \in I)$ are themselves independent. For a sequence of real r.v.s this is equivalent to, $\forall n$, all $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$ $P(X_1 \leq x_1, \dots, X_n \leq x_n) = P(X_1 \leq x_1) \dots P(X_n \leq x_n)$

This comes from the fact that $\{(-\infty, x] : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is a π -system generating \mathcal{B} .

2.4 Rademacher Functions

Take $\Omega = (0, 1)$, $\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{B}(\Omega)$, P = Lebesgue

Each element $\omega \in \Omega$ has a unique binary expansion

$$\omega = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \omega_n 2^{-n} = 0 \cdot \omega_1 \omega_2 \dots, \text{ such that}$$

$\omega_n = 1$ for infinitely many n (i.e. use 01111... instead of 1000)

Define $R_n(\omega) = \omega_n$, the Rademacher functions.

Then R_1 | [] | R_2 | [] | [] | etc



We have $P(R_1 = a_1, \dots, R_n = a_n) = 2^{-n}$ for all n , all $a_k \in \{0, 1\}$.

Hence $(R_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ is a sequence of independent

Bernoulli ($\frac{1}{2}$) random variables ($P(R=0)=P(R=1)=\frac{1}{2}$)

Proposition 2.4.1

Let $(F_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be a sequence of distribution functions.

There exists a sequence $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ of independent r.v.s such that $F_{X_n} = F_n \ \forall n$.

Proof

Let $m : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be a bijection

Set $Y_{k,n} = R_{m(k,n)}$ and $Y_n = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} Y_{k,n}$. Then the sum converges everywhere to a well defined r.v. and ~~the~~ σ -algebra generated by $\sigma(Y_n) \subseteq \sigma(Y_{k,n} : k \in \mathbb{N})$ ~~so~~ $(Y_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ are independent.

For $y = 0.y_1\dots y_k = i2^{-k}, i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

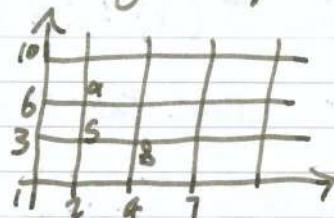
$$P(i2^{-k} < Y_n \leq (i+1)2^{-k}) = P(Y_{1,n} = y_1, \dots, Y_{k,n} = y_k) = 2^{-k}$$

$P(Y_n \leq y) = y$ for all such y , and hence for all $y \in (0, 1)$.

Now define $G_n(y) = \inf \{x \in \mathbb{R} : y \leq F_n(x)\}$. Then by

Lemma 2.2.1, G_n is Borel, and $G_n(y) \leq x \Leftrightarrow y \leq F_n(x)$

So we obtain a sequence of random variables $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ by setting $X_n = G_n(Y_n)$. Also $\sigma(X_n) \subseteq \sigma(Y_n)$ so $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ is independent.



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$$\text{Finally } F_n(x) = P(G_n(Y_n) \leq x) = P(Y_n \leq F_n(x)) = f_n(x)$$

2.5 Convergence of measurable functions and random variables

Let (E, \mathcal{E}, μ) be a measurable space. We often define a set $A \in \mathcal{E}$ by a property characterising its elements. If $\mu(A^c) = 0$

then we say that this property holds almost everywhere. (almost surely)

Thus we say that a sequence of measurable functions

$(f_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ converges almost everywhere to f if

$$\mu(\{x \in E : f_n(x) \not\rightarrow f(x)\}) = 0 \quad (f_n \rightarrow f \text{ a.e.})$$

We say that $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure (in probability) if $\forall \varepsilon > 0$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(\{x \in E : |f_n(x) - f(x)| > \varepsilon\}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Proposition 2.5.1 Let $(f_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be measurable functions.

a) Assume $\mu(E) < \infty$. If $f_n \rightarrow f$ almost everywhere, then $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure.

b) If $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure, then $f_{n_k} \rightarrow f$ almost everywhere for some subsequence n_k .

Proof

By considering $f_n - f$ if necessary we reduce to the case $f = 0$.

Assume $f_n \rightarrow 0$ almost everywhere.

a) Given $\varepsilon > 0$, $\mu(|f_n| > \varepsilon) \geq \mu(\bigcap_{m \geq n} \{|f_m| \leq \varepsilon\})$

$$\begin{aligned} &\uparrow \mu(|f_n| \leq \varepsilon \text{ eventually}) \\ &\geq \mu(f_n \neq 0) \geq \mu(E) \end{aligned}$$

Hence if $\mu(E) < \infty$, this forces $\mu(|f_n| > \varepsilon) \rightarrow 0$
so $f_n \rightarrow 0$ in measure.

b) Suppose that $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure. Then there exist

(n_k) such that $\mu(|f_{n_k}| > \frac{1}{k}) \leq 2^{-k}$

Then $\mu(|f_{n_k}| > \frac{1}{k} \text{ infinitely often}) = 0$ by the Borel-Cantelli

Lemma | $(\sum 2^{-k} < \infty)$

So $|f_{n_k}| \leq \frac{1}{k}$ eventually almost everywhere, so

$f_{n_k} \rightarrow 0$ almost everywhere

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Convergence of Random Variables

Let $X, (X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be real random variables defined on

(Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) . We say that $X_n \rightarrow X$ almost surely if

$$P(X_n \rightarrow X) = P(\{\omega \in \Omega : X_n(\omega) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} X(\omega)\}) = 1$$

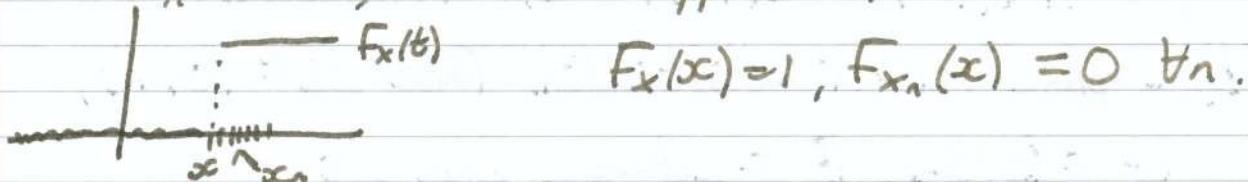
We say that $X_n \rightarrow X$ in probability if $P(|X_n - X| > \epsilon) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty \quad \forall \epsilon > 0$.

For real random variables $X, (X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ (defined possibly in different probability spaces) we say that $X_n \rightarrow X$ in distribution if $F_{X_n}(x) \rightarrow F_X(x)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that F_X is continuous at x .

Example

Take $x, (x_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ in \mathbb{R} with $x_n \rightarrow x$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Set $X_n = x_n, X = x$. Suppose $x_n > x$.



Example

Take $X = \pm 1$ with probability $\frac{1}{2}$. Set $X_n = (-1)^n X$.

Here it is not true that $X_n \rightarrow X$ almost surely, or in probability, but $F_{X_n} = F_X$ so $X_n \rightarrow X$ in distribution.

Theorem 2.5.2

Let $X, (X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be real random variables.

- Suppose $X, (X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ are all defined on the same space and $X_n \rightarrow X$. Then $X_n \rightarrow X$ in distribution.

b) If $X_n \Rightarrow X$ in distribution, then there exist random variables \tilde{X}, \tilde{X}_n having the same distributions as X, X_n respectively, and defined on the same space such that $\tilde{X}_n \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ almost surely.

Proof.

Write S for the subset of \mathbb{R} where F_X is continuous.

a) Suppose $X_n \rightarrow X$ in probability. Take $x \in S$ and $\epsilon > 0$.

There exists $\delta > 0$ such that $|F_X(y) - F_X(x)| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ if

$|y - x| \leq \delta$. Then, there exists N such that $\forall n \geq N$,

$|F_{X_n}(x) - F_X(x)| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. Then for $n \geq N$,

$$F_{X_n}(x) = P(X_n \leq x) \leq P(X \leq x + \delta) + P(|X_n - X| \geq \delta) \leq F_X(x) + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$$1 - F_{X_n}(x) = P(X_n > x) \leq P(X > x - \delta) + P(|X_n - X| \geq \delta)$$

$$\leq 1 - F_X(x) + \frac{\epsilon}{2}.$$

So $|F_{X_n}(x) - F_X(x)| \leq \epsilon$, as required.

b) Suppose $X_n \Rightarrow X$ in distribution. Take $\Omega = (0, 1)$,

$\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{B}(\Omega)$, \mathbb{P} = Lebesgue, and set

$$\tilde{X}_n(\omega) = \inf \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \omega \leq F_{X_n}(x)\},$$

$$\tilde{X}(\omega) = \inf \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \omega \leq F_X(x)\}.$$

Then \tilde{X}, \tilde{X}_n are random variables on $(\Omega, \mathcal{Y}, \mathbb{P})$ and

$$F_{\tilde{X}} = F_X, F_{\tilde{X}_n} = F_{\tilde{X}}, \forall n.$$

Since \tilde{X} is non-decreasing, it has at most countably many discontinuities. So the set $\Omega_0 \subseteq (0, 1)$ where \tilde{X} is continuous is an event with $\mathbb{P}(\Omega_0) = 1$.

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Since F_x is non-decreasing, $\mathbb{R} \setminus S$ is also countable, so

S is dense in \mathbb{R} . Take $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\epsilon > 0$.

There exist $x^\pm \in S$ such that $x^- < \tilde{x}(\omega) < x^+$ with $x^+ - x^- < \epsilon$. Then there exists $\omega^\pm \in (x_\pm)$ such that

$$\tilde{x}(\omega^\pm) \leq x^\pm \quad (\text{Remember that } \tilde{x}(\omega) \leq x \Leftrightarrow \omega \leq F_x(x))$$

$$\text{Now } x^- < \tilde{x}(\omega) \text{ so } F_x(x^-) < \omega < \omega^\pm \leq F_x(x^+)$$

$$\tilde{x}(\omega^\pm) \leq x^\pm.$$

There exists N such that $\forall n \geq N$, $F_{x_n}(x^-) \leq \omega \leq F_{x_n}(x^+)$, that is to say that $x^- \leq \tilde{x}_n(\omega) \leq x^+$. Hence

$$|\tilde{x}_n(\omega) - \tilde{x}(\omega)| < \epsilon$$

□

2.6 Tail Events

Let $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be a sequence of r.v.s on $(\Omega, \mathcal{Y}, \mathbb{P})$.

Define $\mathcal{T}_n = \sigma(X_{n+1}, X_{n+2}, \dots)$, $\mathcal{T} = \bigcap_n \mathcal{T}_n$

We call \mathcal{T} the tail σ -algebra of $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$. We call each $A \in \mathcal{T}$ a tail event.

Example

If $(X_n \rightarrow X)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ (everywhere) then X is \mathcal{T} measurable.

Generally, $\limsup X_n$ is \mathcal{T} -measurable.

Theorem 2.6

Let $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be a sequence of independent r.v.s. The tail σ -algebra \mathcal{T} of $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ is trivial, that is $\mathbb{P}(A) \in \{0, 1\}$ for all $A \in \mathcal{T}$. Moreover, for any

Υ -measurable rv Y there exist, $c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$P(Y=c) = 1.$$

Proof.

Set $\Upsilon_n = \sigma(X_1, \dots, X_n)$. Then Υ_n is generated by the π -system of events $B = \{X_{n+1} \leq x_{n+1}, \dots, X_{n+m} \leq x_{n+m}\}$ $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}$. Now $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ for all such A, B , by independence of $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$. By Theorem 1.12.1, the σ -algebras Υ_n, Υ_m are independent.

Hence Υ_n is independent of Υ for all n . Now $\cup_n \Upsilon_n$ is a π -system generating $\Upsilon_\infty = \sigma(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$. So by Theorem 1.12.1 again, Υ and Υ_∞ are independent. But $\Upsilon \subseteq \Upsilon_\infty$. So for $A \in \Upsilon$, $P(A) = P(A \cap A) = P(A^2)$. So $P(A) \in \{0, 1\}$.

If Y is a Υ -measurable rv then $P(Y \leq y) \in \{0, 1\}$, for all y . Set $c = \inf \{y \in \mathbb{R} : F_Y(y) = 1\}$.

$$\text{Then } P(Y=c) = 1 \quad \square$$

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3 Integration3.1 Definitions and Basic Properties

Let (E, \mathcal{E}, μ) be a measure space.

$$A_n \uparrow A, (A_n \subseteq A_{n+1}, \cup_n A_n = A) \Rightarrow \mu(A_n) \uparrow \mu(A)$$

We shall define for measurable functions $f: E \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$

$$\text{the integral, written } \mu(f) = \int_E f d\mu = \int_E f(x) \mu(dx)$$

Integrals with respect to Lebesgue measure on $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$ are usually written $\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) dx$.

For a random variable X on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ call the integral the expectation and write $E(X) = \int_{\Omega} X d\mathbb{P}$

A simple function f on (E, \mathcal{E}) is any function of the form

$$f = \sum_{k=1}^m a_k 1_{A_k}, m \in \mathbb{N}, a_k \geq 0, A_k \in \mathcal{E}.$$

These are precisely the measurable functions $f: E \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ taking finitely many values. Define for such functions f

$$\mu(f) = \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \mu(A_k) \quad (\text{agree that } 0 \cdot \infty = 0)$$

This is well defined (see exercise 3.1) and satisfies for simple functions f, g : $(\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0})$

a) $\mu(\alpha f + \beta g) = \alpha \mu(f) + \beta \mu(g)$

b) $f \leq g$ implies that $\mu(f) \leq \mu(g)$

(To see this note that $g-f$ is simple, $\mu(f) + \mu(g-f) = \mu(g)$ by a)

c) $\mu(f) = 0 \Leftrightarrow f = 0$ almost everywhere

For $f \geq 0$ measurable, we define

$$\mu(f) = \sup \{ \mu(g) : g \text{-simple}, g \leq f \}$$

It is clear that $f \leq h \Rightarrow \mu(f) \leq \mu(h)$. The definition is consistent for simple functions by property b). Say that a measurable function f is integrable if $\mu(|f|) < \infty$. For integrable functions f we define $\mu(f) = \mu(f^+) - \mu(f^-)$. Here $f^\pm = \max\{\pm f, 0\}$. Note that $f^\pm \leq |f|$, so $\mu(f^\pm) \leq \mu(|f|)$ so $|\mu(f)| \leq \mu(|f|)$. We can define $\mu(f)$ by (*) provided not both $\mu(f^+), \mu(f^-)$ are infinity.

Write $x_n \nearrow x$ For $x, x_n \in [0, \infty]$, write $x_n \nearrow x$ if $x_n \leq x_{n+1}$ and $x_n \rightarrow x$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. ($x = \infty$ allowed).

For functions $f, f_n : E \rightarrow [0, \infty]$, write $f_n \nearrow f$ if $f_n(x) \nearrow f(x)$ for all $x \in E$.

Theorem (Monotone Convergence)

Let f be a non-negative measurable function and let $(f_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be a sequence of such functions. Suppose that $f_n \nearrow f$. Then $\mu(f_n) \nearrow \mu(f)$.

Proof

Note that $\mu(f_n) \nearrow a \leq \mu(f)$ for some $a \in [0, \infty]$.

So our task is to show that $a = \mu(f)$.

Case 1 ($f_n = 1_{A_n}, f = 1_A$)

$\mu(f_n) = \mu(A_n) \nearrow \mu(A) = \mu(f)$ by countable additivity.

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Case 2 (f_n simple, $f \geq 1_A$)

Given $\epsilon > 0$, consider $A_\epsilon = \{x \in E : f_n(x) > 1 - \epsilon\}$.

Then $A_\epsilon \in \mathcal{E}$ and $A_\epsilon \uparrow A$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Note that $f_n \geq (1-\epsilon)$
 $f_n \geq (1-\epsilon)1_{A_\epsilon}$. So $\mu(f_n) \geq (1-\epsilon)\mu(A_\epsilon) \uparrow (1-\epsilon)\mu(A)$
but $(1-\epsilon)\mu(A) = (1-\epsilon)\mu(F)$. So since $\epsilon > 0$ was
arbitrary, we are done.

Case 3 (f_n simple, f simple)

Write $f = \sum_{k=1}^m a_k 1_{A_k}$ with $a_k > 0$, and $A_k \in \mathcal{E}$ disjoint

Then $a_k^{-1} 1_{A_k} f_n \uparrow 1_{A_k}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for all k .

So. $\mu(1_{A_k} f_n) \uparrow \mu(A_k)$ (case 2), note $f_n = \sum_{k=1}^m 1_{A_k} f_n$
so $\mu(f_n) = \sum_{k=1}^m \mu(1_{A_k} f_n) \uparrow \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \mu(A_k) = \mu(F)$

Case 4 (f_n simple, $f \geq 0$ measurable)

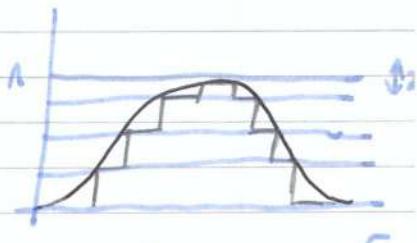
Take $g \leq f$ simple. Then $f_n \wedge g = \min\{f_n, g\} \wedge g$ so
 $\mu(f_n) \geq \mu(f_n \wedge g) \uparrow \mu(g)$. Take the supremum over all
such g to see that $\mu(f_n) \uparrow \mu(F)$.

Case 5 ($f_n, f \geq 0$ measurable)

Define $g_n = (2^{-n} \lfloor 2^n f_n \rfloor) \wedge n$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{n2^n-1} i 2^{-n} 1_{\{x \in E : i 2^{-n} \leq f_n(x) < (i+1)2^{-n}\}} + n 1_{\{f_n \geq n\}}$$

Then g_n is simple, $g_n \nearrow f$ and $g_n \uparrow F$ forces
 $g_n \uparrow F$. Also, $g_n \leq f_n$, so $\mu(f_n) \geq \mu(g_n) \uparrow \mu(F) \in$



Proposition 3.1.2

Let f, g be non-negative measurable functions. Then ($\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}_+$)

a) $\mu(\alpha f + \beta g) = \alpha \mu(f) + \beta \mu(g)$

b) $\mu(f) \leq \mu(g)$ whenever $f \leq g$

c) $\mu(f) = 0$ iff $f = 0$ almost everywhere.

Proof:

a) Consider $f_n = (2^{-n} \lfloor 2^n f \rfloor)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, $g_n = (2^{-n} \lfloor 2^n g \rfloor)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$
then f_n, g_n simple, $f_n \nearrow f$, $g_n \nearrow g$, so $\alpha f_n + \beta g_n \nearrow \alpha f + \beta g$

So by monotone convergence $\mu(f_n) \nearrow \mu(f)$, $\mu(g_n) \nearrow \mu(g)$

$\mu(\alpha f_n + \beta g_n) \nearrow \mu(\alpha f + \beta g)$, letting $n \rightarrow \infty$.

b) We obtain b) as seen already.

c) $\mu(f) = 0$ iff $\mu(f_n) = 0$ for all n

iff $f_n = 0$ almost everywhere for all n iff $f = 0$ almost everywhere

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Recap

Let (E, \mathcal{E}, μ) be a measure space. Write M^+ for the set of non-negative measurable functions. Then there exists a unique map $\mu: M^+ \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ such that $\mu(1_A) = \mu(A)$ for all $A \in \mathcal{E}$ and for every sequence $(f_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ in M^+ we have $\mu(\sum f_n) = \sum \mu(f_n)$.

Moreover, $\mu(\alpha f) = \alpha \mu(f)$ $\forall \alpha \in [0, \infty)$, $f \in M^+$, and $\mu(f) = 0$ iff $f = 0$ almost everywhere.

Proposition 3.12

We define for integrable functions (i.e. f measurable, $\mu(|f|) < \infty$) $\mu(f) = \mu(f^+) - \mu(f^-)$. $f^\pm = (\pm f) \vee 0$

Let f, g be integrable functions. Then

- $\mu(\alpha f + \beta g) = \alpha \mu(f) + \beta \mu(g)$ $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$.
- $f \leq g \Rightarrow \mu(f) \leq \mu(g)$
- $f = 0$ almost everywhere $\Rightarrow \mu(f) = 0$.

Proof

Since $(-f)^\pm = f^\mp$ we have $\mu(-f) = \mu(f^-) - \mu(f^+) = -\mu(f)$. For $\alpha \geq 0$, $(\alpha f)^\pm = \alpha f^\pm$ so $\mu(\alpha f) = \mu(\alpha f^+) - \mu(\alpha f^-) = \alpha \mu(f)$

Suppose $f + g = h$. Then $f^+ + g^+ + h^- = f^- + g^- + h^+$. So $\mu(f^+) + \mu(g^+) + \mu(h^-) = \mu(f^-) + \mu(g^-) + \mu(h^+)$ and so $\mu(f) + \mu(g) = \mu(h)$. This proves a).

For b), note for $f \leq g$, $g - f \geq 0$, so using a), $\mu(g) - \mu(f) = \mu(g - f) \geq 0$.

For c), if $f = 0$ almost everywhere, then $f^\pm = 0$ almost everywhere, so $\mu(f) = \mu(f^+) - \mu(f^-) = 0$ \square

Proposition 3.1.3

Let f be a measurable function and let $(f_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be a sequence of such functions. Suppose $f_n(x) \geq 0$ for all n , and suppose $f_n(x) \uparrow f(x)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, for almost all x . Then $\mu(f_n) \uparrow \mu(f)$ (exercise)

3.2 Limits and Integrals

Lemma 3.2.1 (Fatou's Lemma)

Let $(f_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be a sequence of non-negative measurable functions. Then $\mu(\liminf f_n) \leq \liminf \mu(f_n)$

Proof

Set $g_n = \inf_{m \geq n} f_m$ and $g = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n (= \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} g_n)$

Then $g_n \leq f_m$ for all $m \geq n$, so $\mu(g_n) \leq \inf_{m \geq n} \mu(f_m)$ (★)

But $g_n \uparrow g$ so by monotone convergence, $\mu(g_n) \uparrow \mu(g)$. Now let $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (★) to obtain $\mu(\liminf f_n) = \mu(g) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(g_n) \leq \liminf \mu(f_n)$. \square

Theorem 3.2.2 (Dominated Convergence)

Let f be a measurable function and let $(f_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be a sequence of such functions. Suppose $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\forall x \in E$ (pointwise convergence). Suppose there exists an integrable function g such that $|f_n(x)| \leq g(x)$ for all $x \in E$. Then f, f_n are integrable for all n and $\mu(f_n) \rightarrow \mu(f)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

We call g a dominating function.

Proof

Since $|f_n| \leq g$, we have $\mu(|f_n|) \leq \mu(g) < \infty$.

Also, $|f| \leq g$ so $\mu(|f|) < \infty$. Hence f, f_n integrable.

$0 \leq g \pm f_n$, and $g \pm f = \liminf (g \pm f_n)$.

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By Fatou's Lemma, $\mu(g) + \mu(f) = \mu(g+f) = \mu(\liminf(g+f_n)) \leq \liminf \mu(g+f_n) = \mu(g) + \liminf \mu(f_n)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(g) - \mu(f) &= \mu(g-f) = \mu(\liminf(g-f_n)) \\ &\leq \liminf \mu(g-f_n) = \mu(g) - \limsup \mu(f_n)\end{aligned}$$

Since $\mu(g) < \infty$, we obtain $\mu(f) \leq \liminf \mu(f_n) \leq \limsup \mu(f_n) \leq \mu(f)$. Hence $\mu(f_n) \rightarrow \mu(f)$ as required. \square

3.3 Transformations of Integrals

Proposition 3.3.1

(E, \mathcal{E}, μ) a measure space
Let $A \in \mathcal{E}$. Write $E_A = \{B \in \mathcal{E} : B \subseteq A\}$ and set $\mu_A = \mu|_{E_A}$. Then E_A is a σ -algebra, μ_A is a measure on E_A and for measurable functions f on E , $f|_A$ is E_A -measurable and $\mu_A(f|_A) = \mu(f|_A)$.

Example

$E = \mathbb{R}$, $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{B}$, $A = I$ an interval. We write

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_I f(x) dx = \mu_I(f)$$

$a = \inf I$, $b = \sup I$. The notation is ok since $\mu(\{a\}) = \mu(\{b\}) = 0$.

Proposition 3.3.3

Let f be a non-negative measurable function. Define for $A \in \mathcal{E}$, $v(A) = \mu(f|_A)$. Then v is a measure on \mathcal{E} , and for all non-negative measurable functions g , $v(g) = \mu(f \cdot g)$.

Proof

Take a sequence of disjoint sets $A_n \in \mathcal{E}$.

$$\text{Then } v(\bigcup A_n) = \mu(f \sum 1_{A_n}) = \mu(\sum f 1_{A_n})$$

$$(\text{monotone convergence}) = \sum \mu(f 1_{A_n}) = \sum v(A_n)$$

Hence, ν is a measure.

For $g \in L_E$, $B \in E$, we have $\nu(g) = \nu(B) = \mu(F_{1_B})$
 $= \mu(fg)$.

The identity $\nu(g) = \mu(fg)$ extends to simple functions by linearity.

For $g \geq 0$ measurable, recall $g_n = (2^{-n}/2^n g)$ is simple
and g_n is simple. Then by monotone convergence,

$$\nu(g) = \lim_n \nu(g_n) = \lim_n \mu(F_{g_n}) = \mu(F_g). \quad \square$$

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Proposition 3.3.4

Let (E, \mathcal{E}, μ) be a measurable space (G, \mathcal{G}) a measurable space, and $f: E \rightarrow G$ a measurable function.

Let $\nu = \mu \circ f^{-1}$ be the image measure. Then for all non-negative measurable functions g on G , we have $\nu(g) = \mu(g \circ f)$

Example

If X is an (E, \mathcal{E}) -valued random variable on (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) , and if $g: E \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is measurable, then

$$\mu_X(g) = \int g d\mu_X = E(g(X))$$

We often use Proposition 3.3.3 to specify a measure on \mathbb{R} by a density function f with respect to Lebesgue measure μ .

$$\nu(A) = \int_A f(x) \mu(dx) = \int_A f(x) dx$$

If we have f with $\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) dx = 1$, we call f a probability density function. We can specify a probability distribution ν on \mathbb{R} in this way. $\frac{d\nu}{d\mu} = f$, $\nu(dx) = f(x) dx$.

If a random variable X has $\mu_X = \nu$, then for $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ measurable, $E(g(X)) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} g d\mu_X = \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(x) f(x) dx$

3.4 Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Theorem 3.4.1

Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function.

- a) Define $F_a(t) = \int_a^t f(x) dx$, $t \in [a, b]$. Then F_a is differentiable on $[a, b]$ with $F'_a = f$.

b) Suppose $F: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable on with $F' = f$.

Then $\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$

Proof

Fix $t \in [a, b]$ and $\epsilon > 0$. There exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$[t, t+\delta] \subseteq [a, b]$ and for all $x \in [b, t+\delta]$, $|f(x) - f(t)| <$

Then for $0 < h \leq \delta$, $\left| \frac{F_a(t+h) - F_a(t)}{h} - f(t) \right|$
 $= \frac{1}{h} \left| \int_t^{t+h} (f(x) - f(t)) dx \right| \leq \frac{1}{h} \int_t^{t+h} |f(x) - f(t)| dx < \epsilon$

This shows (since $\epsilon > 0$ was arbitrary) that F_a is differentiable on the right at t with derivative f . A similar argument shows that F_a is differentiable on the left at every $t \in (a, b]$, with derivative f . Hence a) holds.

Consider $F - F_a$. Since $F - F_a$ is differentiable on $[a, b]$ with $(F - F_a)' = 0$, we have, by the Mean Value Theorem, that $F - F_a$ is constant. So $F(b) - F(a) = F_a(b) - F_a(a) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$

3.5 Differentiation under the Integral Sign

Theorem 3.5.1

Let (E, \mathcal{E}, μ) be a measure space and U be an open interval in \mathbb{R} . Suppose that $f: U \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies

I) $x \mapsto f(t, x): E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is ^{integrable} differentiable for all $t \in U$.

II) $t \mapsto f(t, x): U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable for all $x \in E$.

(III) There exists an integrable function g on E such that

$$\left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t, x) \right| \leq g(x) \text{ for all } t \in U, x \in E.$$

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(Note : we may choose U to make finding such a g easier)

Then $x \mapsto \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t, x) : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is integrable for all $t \in U$.

Moreover, if we define $F : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $F(t) = \int_E f(t, x) \mu(dx)$

then F is differentiable on U with $F'(t) = \int_E \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t, x) \mu(dx)$

Proof

Fix $t \in U$ and a sequence (h_n) in $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ such that $t+h_n \in U$
and $h_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

for all n . Define $g_n(x) = \frac{1}{h_n} (f(t+h_n, x) - f(t, x)) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t, x)$

Then $g_n(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for all x by (II). By the Mean

Value Theorem $|g_n(x)| = \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(\xi_n, x) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t, x) \right|$

for some $\xi_n \in (t, t+h_n)$. So $|g_n(x)| \leq 2g(x)$

Hence $x \mapsto \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t, x)$ is measurable (as the limit of measurable

μ

functions) and so also integrable (by II) and by dominated

convergence $\frac{1}{h_n} (F(t+h_n) - F(t)) - \int_E \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t, x) \mu(dx) = \int_E g_n(x) \mu(dx) \rightarrow$ \square

Proposition 3.4.2 (Integration by Substitution)

Let $\Phi : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be strictly increasing, and differentiable with continuous derivative. Then, for all non-negative measurable

functions g on $[\Phi(a), \Phi(b)]$, we have

$$\int_{\Phi(a)}^{\Phi(b)} g(y) dy = \int_a^b g(\Phi(x)) \Phi'(x) dx$$

Proof

Consider the measure on $[\phi(a), \phi(b)]$ given by $\nu = \mu \circ \phi^{-1}$

where $\frac{d\nu}{dx} = \phi'(x)$ ($\nu(A) = \int_A \phi'(x) dx$)

Then $\nu(g) = \mu(g \circ \phi) = \int_a^b g(\phi(x)) \phi'(x) dx$

Now for $[c, d] \subseteq [a, b]$, $\nu([\phi(c), \phi(d)]) = \int_c^d \phi'(x) dx$
 $= \phi(d) - \phi(c)$ by the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.

Hence ν is Lebesgue by uniqueness of extension

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3.6 Product Measure and Fubini's TheoremTheorem 2.1.2 (Monotone class theorem)

Let (E, \mathcal{E}) be a measurable space and let \mathcal{A} be a π -system on E satisfying \mathbb{F} with $E \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\sigma(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{E}$. Suppose that V is a vector space of bounded \mathcal{E} -measurable functions such that

- i) $1_A \in V$ for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$
- ii) If $f_n \in V$ for all n and $0 \leq f_n \uparrow f$ then $f \in V$

then V contains all bounded \mathcal{E} -measurable functions.

Proof

Consider $D = \{A \in \mathcal{E} : 1_A \in V\}$. Then $A \in D \iff E \in D$. For $A = B$, $1_{B \setminus A} = 1_B - 1_A$, so if $A, B \in D$ then $B \setminus A \in D$.

For $A_n \uparrow A$, $1_{A_n} \uparrow 1_A$, so if $A_n \in D$ for all n , then $A \in D$. Hence D is a δ -system, so $D = \sigma(A) = \mathcal{E}$ by Dynkin's Lemma.

Now for $f \geq 0$, measurable, bounded, consider $f_n = 2^{-n} \lfloor 2^n f \rfloor$

Then f is simple, so $f_n \in V$, and $0 \leq f_n \uparrow f$, so $f \in V$.

Finally, for f bounded, measurable, $f^{\pm} \in V \Rightarrow f = f^+ - f^- \in V \quad \square$

Let $(E_1, \mathcal{E}_1, \mu_1)$ and $(E_2, \mathcal{E}_2, \mu_2)$ be finite (for now) measure spaces. Write Set $\mathcal{A} = \{A_1 \times A_2 : A_1 \in \mathcal{E}_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{E}_2\}$

Write $E = E_1 \times E_2$, $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_1 \otimes \mathcal{E}_2 := \sigma(\mathcal{A})$. Note that \mathcal{A} is a π -system on E with $E \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\sigma(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{E}$.

Lemma 3.6.1

Let $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an E -measurable function.

Then for $x_1 \in E$, the function $x_2 \mapsto f(x_1, x_2) : E_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is E_2 -measurable.

Proof

Apply the monotone class theorem: ~~with~~ ~~V~~ the set of all bounded, E -measurable functions f for which the conclusion holds.

Lemma 3.6.2

Let $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded, E -measurable function and define

$$f_i(x_1) = \int_{E_2} f(x_1, x_2) \mu_2(dx_2), \quad x_1 \in E_1.$$

Then f_i is an E_i -measurable function.

Proof

Use the monotone class theorem. □

Theorem 3.6.3 (Product Measure)

There exists a unique measure μ ($=: \mu_1 \otimes \mu_2$) on E such that

$$\mu(A_1 \times A_2) = \mu_1(A_1) \mu_2(A_2) \text{ for all } A_1 \in E_1, A_2 \in E_2.$$

Proof

For uniqueness, since \mathcal{A} is a σ -system containing E , and we must have $\mu(E) = \mu(E_1) \mu(E_2) < \infty$, this follows by uniqueness of extension. For existence, define for $A \in E$

$$\mu(A) = \int_{E_1} \left(\int_{E_2} \mathbb{1}_A(x_1, x_2) \mu(dx_2) \right) \mu(dx_1)$$

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This is well defined by the lemma, and $\mu(A_1 \times A_2) = \mu_1(A_1)\mu_2(A_2)$

for all $A_1 \in E_1, A_2 \in E_2$. For $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ disjoint in E ,

$$\mu(\bigcup_n A_n) = \int_{E_1} \left(\int_{E_2} \sum_n \mathbf{1}_{A_n}(x_1, x_2) \mu_2(dx_2) \right) \mu_1(dx_1) = \sum_n \mu(A_n)$$

arrows by the monotone convergence theorem. \square

Proposition 3.6.4

Define $\hat{E} = E_2 \times E_1, \hat{\mathcal{E}} = \mathcal{E}_2 \otimes \mathcal{E}_1, \hat{\mu} = \mu_2 \otimes \mu_1$. For f

with $f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, define $\hat{f}: \hat{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $\hat{f}(x_2, x_1) = f(x_1, x_2)$

Then suppose that f is ^{bounded} non-negative and E -measurable. \hat{f} is then $\hat{\mathcal{E}}$ measurable and $\hat{\mu}(\hat{f}) = \mu(f)$.

Proof

(If $f_n \nearrow f$ bounded, then $\hat{\mu}(\hat{f}) = \lim \hat{\mu}(\hat{f}_n)$ and $\mu(f) = \lim \mu(f_n)$)
by monotone convergence

Use the monotone class theorem.

Theorem 3.6.5 (Fubini's Theorem)

a) Let f be a non-negative E -measurable function. Then

$$\mu(f) \stackrel{(*)}{=} \int_{E_1} \left(\int_{E_2} f(x_1, x_2) \mu_2(dx_2) \right) \mu_1(dx_1) \quad \left(= \int_{E_2} \left(\int_{E_1} f(x_1, x_2) \mu_1(dx_1) \right) \mu_2(dx_2) \right) \text{ by Prop 3.6.4}$$

b) Let f be a μ -integrable (E -measurable) function, then

i) $x_2 \mapsto f(x_1, x_2): E_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is μ_2 -integrable for almost all (with μ_1) $x_1 \in E_1$.

ii) $x_1 \mapsto \int_{E_2} f(x_1, x_2) \mu_2(dx_2)$ is μ_1 -integrable and the formula in a) holds.

Proof

a) The case $f = \mathbb{1}_A$ for $A \in \mathcal{E}$ is true by definition. Then (*) extends to simple functions by linearity, and to non-negative measurable functions by monotone convergence.

(For $f \geq 0$, \mathcal{E} -measurable, consider $f_n = (2^{-n} \lfloor 2^n f \rfloor + 1)_n$.
Then $\mu(f) = \lim_n \mu(f_n) = \lim_n \int_{E_1} \left(\int_{E_2} f(x_1, x_2) \mu_2(dx_2) \right) \mu_1(dx_1)$)

b) For f a μ_1 -integrable function, we have

$$\int_{E_1} \left(\int_{E_2} |f(x_1, x_2)| \mu_2(dx_2) \right) \mu_1(dx_1) = \mu_1(\Omega) < \infty$$

So $\int_{E_2} |f(x_1, x_2)| \mu_2(dx_2) < \infty$ for almost everywhere x_1 (with μ_1),
and $x_1 \mapsto \left| \int_{E_2} f(x_1, x_2) \mu_2(dx_2) \right|$ ($\leq \int_{E_2} |f(x_1, x_2)| \mu_2(dx_2)$)
is μ_1 -integrable

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Recall $(E_1, \mathcal{E}_1, \mu_1), (E_2, \mathcal{E}_2, \mu_2)$ finite measure spaces

$$E = E_1 \times E_2, \quad \mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_1 \otimes \mathcal{E}_2 = \sigma(A_1 \times A_2, A_1 \in \mathcal{E}_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{E}_2)$$

$$\mu = \mu_1 \otimes \mu_2, \text{ product measure on } E : \mu(A_1 \times A_2) = \mu_1(A_1)\mu_2(A_2)$$

Theorem 3.6.5

b) Let f be μ -integrable. Define $A_1 = \{x_1 \in E_1 : x_2 \mapsto f(x_1, x_2) \}$ in μ_2 integrable

Then $A_1 \in \mathcal{E}_1$ and $\mu_1(A_1^c) = 0$. Define

$$f_1(x_1) = \begin{cases} \int_{E_2} f(x_1, x_2) \mu_2(dx_2) & \text{for } x_1 \in A_1 \\ 0 & \text{for } x_1 \notin A_1 \end{cases}$$

Then f_1 is μ_1 -integrable and $\mu_1(f_1) = \mu(f)$.

$$(i.e. \mu(f) = \int_{E_1} \left(\int_{E_2} f(x_1, x_2) \mu_2(dx_2) \right) \mu_1(dx_1))$$

Proof

By Lemma 3.6.2 and part (a), the map

$$x_1 \mapsto \int_{E_2} |f(x_1, x_2)| \mu_2(dx_2) \text{ is } \mathcal{E}_1\text{-measurable,}$$

$$\text{and } \int_{E_1} \left(\int_{E_2} |f(x_1, x_2)| \mu_2(dx_2) \right) \mu_1(dx_1) = \mu(|f|) < \infty$$

Hence $A_1 \in \mathcal{E}_1$ and $\mu_1(A_1^c) = 0$. Define

$$f_1^{(\pm)}(x_1) = \int_{E_2} f^{\pm}(x_1, x_2) \mu_2(dx_2)$$

Then $f_1^{(\pm)} < \infty$ on A_1 and $f_1 = (f^{(+)} - f^{(-)}) \mathbf{1}_{A_1}$.

Now $f_1^{(\pm)}$ are μ -measurable and by part (a)

$$\mu_1(f_1^{(\pm)}) = \mu(f^{\pm}) < \infty$$

Hence f_1 is μ_1 -integrable and

$$\mu_1(f_1) = \mu_1(f^{(+)}) - \mu_1(f^{(-)}) = \mu(f^+) - \mu(f^-) = \mu(f) \quad \square$$

Extensions and non-extensions

- ~~Markov's theorem~~ Fubini's Theorem extends easily to σ -finite measure

$$\mu_K = \sum_n \mu_K^{(n)} \text{ with } \mu_K^{(n)} \text{ finite for all } n, k=1,2.$$

$$\mu = \mu_1 \otimes \mu_2 = \sum_{n,m} \mu_1^{(n)} \otimes \mu_2^{(m)} . f \geq 0, \text{ measurable.}$$

$$\mu(f) = \sum_{n,m} \mu_1^{(n)} \otimes \mu_2^{(m)}(f) = \sum_{n,m} \text{iterated intervals}$$

= iterated intervals (using monotone convergence)

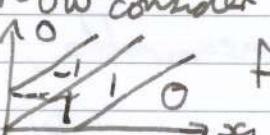
- It does not extend to non- σ -finite measures

Take $E_1 = E_2 = [0,1]$, $\mu_1 = \text{Lebesgue}$, $\mu_2 = \text{counting}$

Consider $f: E \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ $f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 1 & x_1 = x_2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$$\int_{E_1} \left(\int_{E_2} f(x_1, x_2) \mu_2(dx_2) \right) \mu_1(dx_1) = 1$$

$$\int_{E_2} \left(\int_{E_1} f(x_1, x_2) \mu_1(dx_1) \right) \mu_2(dx_2) = 0$$

Now consider : $\int_{x_2=0}^{\infty} \left(\int_{x_1=0}^{\infty} f(x_1, x_2) dx_1 \right) dx_2 = \frac{1}{2} \neq$


$$\int_0^{\infty} \left(\int_0^{\infty} f(x_1, x_2) dx_2 \right) dx_1 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

- Associativity : $\mu_1 \otimes (\mu_2 \otimes \mu_3) = (\mu_1 \otimes \mu_2) \otimes \mu_3$

This is true since both sides agree on $\{A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3, A_i \in \Sigma_i\}$.

a π -system generating the σ -algebra. So :

$\mu_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mu_n$ is well defined without brackets.

- Lebesgue measure on $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n))$. Exercise :

$$\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \underbrace{\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})}_{n \text{ times}}$$

Write λ for Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R} . Then the n -fold

product measure $\lambda^n = \underbrace{\lambda \otimes \dots \otimes \lambda}_n$ is a measure on \mathbb{R}^n ,

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and is the unique measure such that $\lambda_n\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^n [a_k, b_k]\right) = \prod_{k=1}^n (b_k - a_k)$.
 We will write $\lambda_n(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) dx$.

3.7 Independent Random Variables

Recall that random variables X_1, \dots, X_n on $(\Omega, \mathcal{Y}, \mathbb{P})$ are independent if the σ -algebras that they generate are independent i.e.

$$\mathbb{P}(X_1 \in A_1, \dots, X_n \in A_n) = \prod_{k=1}^n \mathbb{P}(X_k \in A_k)$$

Here X_k is (E_k, \mathcal{E}_k) valued and $A_k \in \mathcal{E}_k$.

Proposition 3.7.1

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be random variables on $(\Omega, \mathcal{Y}, \mathbb{P})$, with X_k taking values in the measurable space (E_k, \mathcal{E}_k) . Define

Set $E = E_1 \times \dots \times E_n$ and $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{E}_n$. Define

$X: \Omega \rightarrow E$ by $X(\omega) = (X_1(\omega), \dots, X_n(\omega))$. Then X is an (E, \mathcal{E}) valued random variable. Moreover, the following are equivalent.

- a) X_1, \dots, X_n are independent
- b) $\mu_X = \mu_{X_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mu_{X_n}$
- c) For all non-negative measurable functions f_k on E_k , we have

$$E\left(\prod_{k=1}^n f_k(X_k)\right) = \prod_{k=1}^n E(f_k(X_k))$$

Proof

Consider $A = \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^n A_k : A_k \in \mathcal{E}_k \right\}$. Then for $A = \bigcap_{k=1}^n A_k \in \mathcal{A}$

$$X^{-1}(A) = \bigcap_{k=1}^n X_k^{-1}(A_k) \in \mathcal{Y}.$$

But $\sigma(A) = \mathcal{E}$ so X is \mathcal{E} -measurable.

Consider
 $v = \mu_X \otimes \dots \otimes \mu_X$

Suppose that a) holds. Take $A = \bigcap_{k=1}^n A_k \in \mathcal{A}$. \square

Then $\mu_X(A) = P(X \in A) = P(\bigcap_{k=1}^n X_k \in A_k) = P\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^n \{X_k \in A_k\}\right)$

$$= \prod_{k=1}^n P(X_k \in A_k) = \prod_{k=1}^n \mu_{X_k}(A_k) = v(A)$$

But \mathcal{A} is a π -system generating \mathcal{E} . So $\mu_X = v$ on \mathcal{E} . Hence b) holds.

Suppose now that b) holds. Then

$$\begin{aligned} E\left(\prod_{k=1}^n f_k(x_k)\right) &= \int_{E^n} \prod_{k=1}^n f_k(x_k) \mu_X(dx) \stackrel{\text{Fubini}}{=} \prod_{k=1}^n \int_{E_k} f_k(x_k) \mu_{X_k}(dx_k) \\ &= \prod_{k=1}^n E(f_k(x_k)) \end{aligned}$$

Finally, if c) holds, then we ~~can~~ can deduce a) by taking

$$f_k = \mathbf{1}_{A_k} \text{ for } \mathcal{E}_k\text{-measurable sets } A_k. \quad \square$$

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4. Norms and Inequalities

4.1 L^p -norms

Let (E, \mathcal{E}, μ) be a measure space. Define, for $1 \leq p \leq \infty$,

$L^p = L^p(E, \mathcal{E}, \mu)$ as the set of all measurable functions

For E having finite L^p -norm. Here :

$$\|f\|_p = \left(\int |f|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \text{ for } 1 \leq p < \infty$$

$$\|f\|_\infty = \inf \{ \lambda \geq 0, |f| \leq \lambda \text{ a.e.} \}$$

(e.g. on $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}, dx)$, $\|1_a\|_\infty = 0$)

Note $\|f\|_p \leq \mu(E)^{\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_\infty$ so if $\mu(E) < \infty$, then

$L^\infty \subseteq L^p$ for all p . Say $f_n \rightarrow f$ in L^p if $\|f_n - f\|_p \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

4.2 Chebyshev's Inequality

Let f be a non-negative measurable function. Write $\{f \geq \lambda\}$ for the set $\{x \in E : f(x) \geq \lambda\}$. Note for $\lambda \geq 0$

$\lambda \mathbf{1}_{\{f \geq \lambda\}} \leq f$, so integrating we obtain

$$\lambda \mu(\{f \geq \lambda\}) \leq \mu(f) \quad \text{Chebyshev's Inequality}$$

For any measurable function g on E and any non-negative Borel-function φ on \mathbb{R} we can apply this to $f = \varphi \circ g$ to get an inequality for g . For example (for $p \in [1, \infty)$), $\lambda > 0$

$$\mu(|g| \geq \lambda) = \mu(|g|^p \geq \lambda^p) \leq \lambda^{-p} \mu(|g|^p)$$

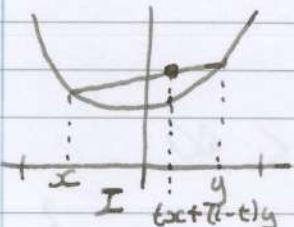
Note that for $g \in L^p$, we have $\mu(|g| \geq \lambda) = O(\lambda^{-p})$

as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$.

4.3 Jensen's Inequality

Let I be an interval in \mathbb{R} . Say that a function $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex if for all $x, y \in I$, and all $t \in [0, 1]$,

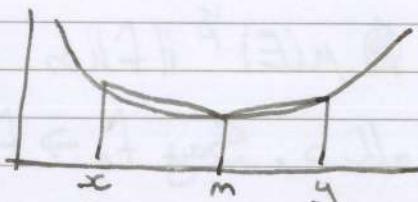
$$f(tx + (1-t)y) \leq t f(x) + (1-t) f(y)$$



Lemma 4.3.1

Let $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be convex and let m be an interior point of I . Then there exist $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $ax + b \leq f(x) \quad \forall x \in I$ with equality at $x = m$.

Proof



There exist $x, y \in I$ with $x < m < y$. For all such x, y

$$\frac{f(m) - f(x)}{m - x} \leq \frac{f(y) - f(m)}{y - m}$$

This is just a rearrangement of the basic convexity inequality, taking $m = tx + (1-t)y$.

So, $\exists a \in \mathbb{R}$ such that for all $x < m < y$,

$$\frac{f(m) - f(x)}{m - x} \leq a \leq \frac{f(y) - f(m)}{y - m}$$

Then $a(x-m) + f(m) \leq f(x) \quad \forall x \in I$.

So take $b = f(m) - am$ to obtain a, b with the required properties.

Theorem 4.3.2 (Jensen's Inequality)

Let X be an integrable random variable with values in I . Let

$f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function. Then $E(f(X))$ is well defined and $f(E(X)) \leq E(f(X))$

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Proof

The case where $x = c$ almost surely for some constant c is

obvious. We exclude it. Then $m = E(x)$ must be an interior

point of I . ($X \geq E(X)$ almost surely means $X - E(X) \geq 0$, $E(X - E(X)) \geq 0 \dots$)

we will see $f(E(x)) = f(m) = am + b = E(ax + b)$

$$ax + b \leq f(x) \text{ for all } x \in I$$

$$\Rightarrow ax + b \leq f(x) \text{ on } \Omega$$

Then $E(f(x)^+) \leq |a|E(|X|) + |b| < \infty$, so $E(f(x))$ is well defined. Moreover

$$f(E(x)) = f(m) = am + b = E(ax + b) \leq E(f(x)) \quad \square$$

For $1 \leq p \leq q$, the function $x \mapsto |x|^{\frac{p}{q}}$ is convex on \mathbb{R} .

So if $X \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$, by Jensen's Inequality

$$(E(|X|^p))^{\frac{q}{p}} \leq E(|X|^q) \text{ so}$$

$$\|X\|_p \leq \|X\|_q$$

So the map $p \mapsto \|X\|_p$ is non-decreasing on $[1, \infty]$.

Hence $L^p \supseteq L^q$.

4.4 Hölder's Inequality and Minkowski's

We say that $p, q \in [1, \infty]$ are conjugate indices if

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1.$$

Theorem 4.4.1 (Hölder's Inequality)

Let f, g be measurable functions and let $p, q \in [1, \infty]$ by conjugate indices. Then $\mu(|fg|) \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$

Proof:

The cases $p \in \{1, \infty\}$ are clear; we exclude them.

The cases where $\|f\|_p \in [0, \infty]$ are clear. We exclude these too.

(N.B. $\alpha \|f\|_p = \|af\|_p$)

By scaling, we reduce to the case $\|f\|_p = 1$. Define

$$P(A) = \mu(1_A |f|^p), A \in \mathcal{E}.$$

Then P is a probability measure on (E, \mathcal{E}) and for all measurable functions X on E , $X \geq 0$, $E(X) = \mu(X|f|^p)$, $E(X) \leq E(X^q)^{\frac{1}{q}}$

$$\text{So } \mu(|fg|) = \mu\left(\frac{|g|^{1_{\{f>0\}}} |f|^p}{|f|^{p-1}}\right) = E(X) \leq E(X^q)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

$$\text{(set } X = \frac{|g|^{1_{\{f>0\}}}}{|f|^{p-1}}\text{)} = \mu\left(\frac{|g|^q 1_{\{f>0\}} |f|^p}{|f|^{(p-1)q}}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

$$\text{(since } \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, (p-1)q = p\text{)}$$

$$\leq \mu(|g|^q)^{\frac{1}{q}} = \|g\|_q = \|g\|_q \|f\|_p \text{ as required } \square$$

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Recap

$$\|f\|_p = \mu(|f|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad p \in [1, \infty)$$

$$\|f\|_{\infty} = \inf \{ \lambda \geq 0 : |f| \leq \lambda \text{ almost everywhere} \}$$

$$\text{Hölder} \quad \mu(|fg|) \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q \quad \left(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 \right)$$

$$\|\alpha f\|_p = |\alpha| \|f\|_p$$

Theorem 4.4.2 (Minkowski's Inequality)

Let $p \in [1, \infty]$. Let f, g be measurable functions. Then

$$\|f+g\|_p \leq \|f\|_p + \|g\|_p$$

Proof for $p \in [1, \infty)$

The cases $\|f+g\|_p = 0$ and $\|f\|_p = \infty$, and $\|g\|_p = \infty$ are obvious: we exclude them. Note

$$|f+g| \leq |f| + |g| \leq 2 \max \{|f|, |g|\}$$

$$|f+g|^p \leq 2^p \max \{|f|^p, |g|^p\} \leq 2^p (|f|^p + |g|^p)$$

$$\text{So } \mu(|f+g|^p) \leq 2^p (\|f\|_p^p + \|g\|_p^p) < \infty$$

$$\text{Now } |f+g|^p = \|f+g\| |f+g|^{p-1} \leq (|f| + |g|) \|f+g\|^{p-1}$$

so by Hölder's Inequality

$$\mu(|f+g|^p) \leq \|f\|_p \| |f+g|^{p-1} \|_q + \|g\|_p \| |f+g|^{p-1} \|_q$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But } \| |f+g|^{p-1} \|_q &= \mu(|f+g|^{(p-1)q})^{\frac{1}{q}} \quad (\text{but } (p-1)q = p) \\ &= \|f+g\|^{1-\frac{1}{p}} \quad \text{and the result follows.} \end{aligned}$$

□

5. Completeness of L^p and orthogonal projection

5.1 L^p as a Banach Space

Let V be a real vector space. A norm of V is a map $\|\cdot\|: V \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that :

i) $\|u+v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$ for all $u, v \in V$

ii) $\|\alpha u\| = |\alpha| \|u\|$ for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $u \in V$

iii) $\|u\| = 0 \Rightarrow u = 0$ for $u \in V$.

For each $p \in [1, \infty)$, the L^p -norm on L^p satisfies i) and ii).

But iii) fails because $\|f\|_p = 0 \Rightarrow f = 0$ almost everywhere,

but not $f \equiv 0$. Define an equivalence relation \sim on L^p with $f \sim g$ if $f = g$ almost everywhere.

Then the set of equivalence classes \mathcal{L}^p is a real-vector-space

(exercise) and we can define consistently a norm on \mathcal{L}^p by

$$\|[f]\|_p = \|f\|_p. \text{ Actually, we prefer not to do this}$$

and to work directly with functions, not equivalence classes of functions.

In any normed vector-space, we can define a metric

$d(u, v) = \|u - v\|$. If this metric is complete, i.e. if every Cauchy sequence has a limit, then we say that $(V, \|\cdot\|)$ is a Banach space.

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Theorem 5.1.1 (Completeness of L^p)

Let $p \in [1, \infty)$, and $(f_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be a sequence in L^p such that

$\|f_n - f_m\|_p \rightarrow 0$ as $n, m \rightarrow \infty$. Then $\exists f \in L^p$ such that

$\|f_n - f\|_p \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

(This says exactly that $(L^p, \|\cdot\|)$ is complete)

Proof (for $p \in [1, \infty)$)

There exists a subsequence (n_k) such that

$$S = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|f_{n_{k+1}} - f_{n_k}\|_p < \infty \quad (\text{first Cauchy subsequence})$$

By Minkowski's inequality, for any $K \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\left\| \sum_{k=1}^{K-1} |f_{n_{k+1}} - f_{n_k}| \right\|_p \leq S$$

By monotone convergence, this inequality remains true for $K = \infty$

$$S^p \geq \mu \left(\left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |f_{n_{k+1}} - f_{n_k}|^p \right|^p \right) \nearrow \mu \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |f_{n_{k+1}} - f_{n_k}|^p \right)$$

Consider $A = \{x \in E : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |f_{n_{k+1}}(x) - f_{n_k}(x)| < \infty\}$. Then

$A \in \mathcal{E}$ and $\mu(E \setminus A) = 0$. By completeness of \mathbb{R} ,

$(f_{n_k}(x) : k \in \mathbb{N})$ has a limit for all $x \in A$. Define

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \limsup_k f_{n_k}(x) & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A \end{cases}$$

Then f is measurable, and $f_{n_k}(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ for all $x \in A$.

Given $\varepsilon > 0$, choose N_ε so that $\|f_n - f_m\|_p \leq \varepsilon$ for all $n, m \geq N_\varepsilon$.

Then for $n \geq N_\varepsilon$, we have $\|f_n - f_{n_k}\|_p \leq \varepsilon$ for all sufficiently large k .

$$\text{Then } \mu(\|f_n - f\|_p^p) = \mu(\liminf_k \|f_n - f_{n_k}\|_p^p)$$

$$\mu(\liminf_k \|f_n - f_{n_k}\|^p) \leq \liminf_k \mu(\|f_n - f_{n_k}\|^p) \leq \varepsilon^p$$

by Fatou's Lemma, for all $n \geq N$. Hence $f_n \rightarrow f$ in L^p . \square .

Note that if $\|f_n - f\| \rightarrow 0$, $|\|f_n\| - \|f\|| \leq \|f_n - f\| \rightarrow 0$

5.2 \mathbb{L}^2 as a Hilbert Space

Let V be a real vector space. An inner-product on V is a bilinear map $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$\langle v, v \rangle \geq 0$ for all $v \in V$ with equality only if $v = 0$.

Given an inner product, we can define a norm by

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle} \quad (\text{Proof: exercise, Cauchy-Schwarz})$$

If the resulting normed space is a Banach space, then we call $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ a Hilbert space.

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Theorem 5.12 (Approximation in L^p)

Let $p \in [1, \infty)$, and let \mathcal{A} be a σ -system generating \mathcal{E} .

Suppose $\mu(A) < \infty$ for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$. Consider

$$V_0 = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i 1_{A_i} : a_i \in \mathbb{R}, A_i \in \mathcal{A}, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

Then V_0 is a subspace of L^p , and for all $f \in L^p$, there exists a sequence $(f_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ in V_0 with $\|f_n - f\|_p \rightarrow 0$.

Proof

Write V for the set of all $f \in L^p$ such that there exists

$(f_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ in V_0 with $f_n \rightarrow f$ in L^p . Let D denote the set of all $A \in \mathcal{E}$ such that $1_A \in V$. Then $A \subseteq D$ and

(to be continued)

5.2 L^2 as a Hilbert space

Let V be a real vector space. A bilinear map

$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V$ is an inner product if $\langle v, v \rangle \geq 0$ for all $v \in V$ with equality only if $v = 0$. Given an inner product, we can define a norm on V by $\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$ (Cauchy-Schwarz).

Then $\|v+u\|^2 = \|v\|^2 + 2\langle v, u \rangle + \|u\|^2$ (Pythagoras)

and $\|v+u\|^2 + \|v-u\|^2 = 2\|v\|^2 + 2\|u\|^2$ (parallelogram law)

An inner-product space is a Hilbert Space if it is also complete.

For $f, g \in L^2$, define $\langle f, g \rangle = \mu(fg) = \int_E fg \, d\mu$

Then $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : L^2 \times L^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($\mu(|fg|) \leq \|f\|_2 \|g\|_2$)

is bilinear and $\langle f, f \rangle \geq 0$ but equality holds iff

$f = 0$ almost everywhere. Note $\langle f, f \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} = \|f\|_2$. Hence, since L^2 is complete, we see that $L^2 = \mathbb{L}^2$ is a Hilbert space.

For $f, g \in L^2$, we say f, g are orthogonal if $\langle f, g \rangle = 0$.

Define for $V \subseteq L^2$, $V^\perp = \{f \in L^2 : \langle f, g \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } g \in V\}$
($f_n : n \in \mathbb{N}$)

We say that V is closed if for any sequence in V such that $f_n \rightarrow f$ for some $f \in L^2$, there exists $g \in V$ such that $g = f$ almost everywhere.

Theorem 5.2.1 (Orthogonal Projection)

Let V be a closed subspace of L^2 . Define for $f \in L^2$

$$d(f, V) = \inf \{ \|f - g\|_2 : g \in V\}$$

For all $f \in L^2$, there exists $v \in V$ such that $\|f - v\|_2 = d(f, V)$.

Moreover, for such v , $f - v \in V^\perp$.

Proof

There exists a sequence $(v_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ in V such that

$\|f - v_n\|_2 \rightarrow d(f, V)$. By the parallelogram law,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|2(f - \frac{1}{2}v_n - \frac{1}{2}v_m) + (v_n - v_m)\|_2^2 + \|v_n - v_m\|_2^2 = 2\|f - v_n\|_2^2 + 2\|f - v_m\|_2^2 \\ & + \|f - \frac{v_n + v_m}{2}\|_2^2. \text{ Since } \frac{v_n + v_m}{2} \in V, \text{ this is no less than} \\ & 4d(f, V)^2. \text{ Hence } \|v_n - v_m\|_2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n, m \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

By completeness of L^2 , there exists $g \in L^2$ such that

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$V_n \rightarrow g$ in L^2 . Since V is closed, there exists $v \in V$ such that $g = v$ almost everywhere. Then $\|f - v\|_2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f - v_n\|_2 = d(f, V)$

Now for any $g \in V$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \|f - (v + tg)\|_2^2 - \|f - v\|_2^2 \\ &= 2 \langle f - v, g \rangle t + \|g\|_2^2 t^2 \end{aligned}$$

So $\langle f - v, g \rangle = 0$. Hence $f - v \in V^\perp$ \square

5.3 Conditional Expectation (Ω, \mathcal{G}, P)

Let \mathcal{G} be a finite sub- σ -algebra of \mathcal{F} , generated by the partition A of Ω . Define for an integrable

random variable X

$$E(X|A) = \begin{cases} E(X \mathbf{1}_A) / P(A) & \text{if } P(A) > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The (elementary) conditional expectation $E(X|\mathcal{G})$ is defined by $E(X|\mathcal{G}) = \sum_{A \in A} E(X|A) \mathbf{1}_A$

Theorem

The conditional expectation $E(X|\mathcal{G})$ is (a version of) the orthogonal projection of X on $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$.

$L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$ is closed since it is finite dimensional, or as it is complete.

Proof

"Y"

It is clear that $E(X|\mathcal{G}) \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$. Then it suffices to show that $E((X-Y)Z) = 0$ for all $Z \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$.

Any such Z has the form $\sum_{A \in A} q_A 1_A$, so we reduce to the case $Z = 1_A$, $A \in A$. Then $E(X 1_A) = E(X | 1_A) P(A) = E(Y | 1_A)$ as required. \square

Note that if $f \in L^2$ and $v \in V$ with $f - v \in V^\perp$ then $d(f, V) = \|f - v\|$ ^{a version of} so v is the orthogonal projection.

For, if $g \in V$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \|f - g\|^2 &= \|f - v + (v - g)\|^2 + \|f - v\|^2 + 2\langle f - v, v - g \rangle \\ &\quad + \|v - g\|^2 \\ &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

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See new section 4.5 in Online Notes.

6. Convergence in $L^1(\mathbb{P})$

6.1 Bounded Convergence

Theorem 6.1

Let $X, (X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be random variables, with $X_n \rightarrow X$ in probability. Suppose there exists a constant $C < \infty$ such that $|X_n| \leq C$ almost surely for all n . Then $X_n \rightarrow X$ in $L^1(\mathbb{P})$ ($E(|X_n - X|) \rightarrow 0$).

Proof

There is a subsequence (n_k) such that $X_{n_k} \rightarrow X$ almost surely.

So $|X| \leq C$ almost surely. Note that $|X_n - X| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} + 2C \mathbb{1}_{|X_n - X| > \frac{\epsilon}{2}}$.

There exists N such that for all $n \geq N$, $\mathbb{P}(|X_n - X| > \frac{\epsilon}{2}) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{4C}$.

So for $n \geq N$, $E(|X_n - X|) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} + 2C \frac{\epsilon}{4C} = \epsilon$. \square

6.2 Uniform Integrability

Lemma 6.2.1

Let X be an integrable random variable. Define

$$I_X(\delta) = \sup \{E(|X| \mathbb{1}_A) : A \in \mathcal{Y}, P(A) \leq \delta\}$$

Then $I_X(\delta) \downarrow 0$ as $\delta \downarrow 0$.

Proof

Suppose not. Then there exists $\epsilon > 0$ and $A_n \in \mathcal{Y}$ with $P(A_n) \leq 2^{-n}$ and $E(|X| \mathbb{1}_{A_n}) \geq \epsilon$. By the First Borel-Cantelli Lemma, $\mathbb{P}(A_n \text{ infinitely often}) = 0$ ($\{A_n \text{ infinitely often}\} = \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=m}^{\infty} A_n$)

Then by dominated convergence (using $|x|$)

$$\varepsilon \leq E(|x| 1_{U_m \cap A_m}) \rightarrow E(|x| 1_{\{\text{An infinite often}\}}) = 0 \quad \times$$

Let \mathcal{X} be a family of random variables. We say that \mathcal{X} is bounded

in L^p if $\sup_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \|x\|_p < \infty$. We say that \mathcal{X} is

uniformly integrable (UI) if \mathcal{X} is bounded in L' and

$I_{\mathcal{X}}(\delta) \rightarrow 0$ as $\delta \rightarrow 0$. Here, $I_{\mathcal{X}}(\delta) = \sup_{x \in \mathcal{X}} E(|x|)$

$$I_{\mathcal{X}}(\delta) = \sup \{E(|x| 1_A) : A \in \mathcal{Y}, P(A) \leq \delta, x \in \mathcal{X}\}$$

Thus for $X \in L'$, $\{x\}$ is UI.

Suppose that \mathcal{X} is bounded in L^p for some $p > 1$. By Hölder's Inequality

$$E(|x| 1_A) \leq \|x\|_p \|1_A\|_q = \|x\|_p P(A)^{\frac{1}{q}} \quad (p, q \text{ conjugate indices})$$

Hence, bounded in L' \mathcal{X} is uniformly integrable.

Example

On $[0, 1]$ consider $X_n = n 1_{[0, \frac{1}{n}]}$. Then the sequence $\mathcal{X} \{X_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is bounded in L' but $I_{\mathcal{X}}(\delta) = 1$ for all $\delta > 0$, so \mathcal{X} is not uniformly integrable.

Suppose that $|x| \leq Y$ for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$, for some (integrable) $Y \in L'$. Then $I_{\mathcal{X}}(\delta) \leq I_Y(\delta) \downarrow 0$ as $\delta \downarrow 0$, so such a family is uniformly integrable.

Lemma 6.2.2

Let \mathcal{X} be a family of random variables. Then \mathcal{X} is UI

if and only if $\sup_{x \in \mathcal{X}} E(|x| 1_{|x| \geq k}) \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. (*)

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Proof

Suppose that X is UI. Given $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $E(|X|1_A) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ whenever $A \in \mathcal{Y}$, $P(A) \leq \delta$. Then for all $k \geq \delta^{-1} I_X(1)$ we have by Chebyshev's Inequality, for all $x \in X$ $P(|X| \geq k) \leq k^{-1} E(|X|) \leq \delta$, so $E(|X|1_{|X| \geq k}) \leq \epsilon$.

Hence the condition holds.

Suppose on the other hand that (*) holds. There exists k_0 such that for all $x \in X$, $E(|X|1_{|X| \geq k_0}) \leq 1$. Then for all $x \in X$ we have $E(|X|) \leq E(|X|1_{|X| \leq k_0}) + E(|X|1_{|X| > k_0}) \leq k_0 + 1$.

So $I_X(1) \leq k_0 + 1$. Given $\epsilon > 0$, note that for $A \in \mathcal{Y}$ with $P(A) \leq \delta$, $|X|1_A \leq k1_A + |X|1_{|X| > k}$

Choose $k = \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ so that $E(|X|1_{|X| > k}) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ for all $x \in X$. Then for $\delta \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$, we have $E(|X|1_A) \leq kP(A) + E(|X|1_{|X| > k}) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$.

Hence X is UI □

Theorem 6.2.3

Let $X, (X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be random variable. The following are equivalent

- $X \in L'$, $X_n \in L'$ for all n and $X_n \rightarrow X$ in L' .
- $X_n \rightarrow X$ in probability and $\{X_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is UI.

Proof

Suppose that a) holds. By Chebyshev's Inequality, for all $\epsilon > 0$

$$P(|X_n - x| > \varepsilon) \leq \varepsilon^{-1} E(|X_n - x|) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence $X_n \rightarrow x$ in probability. Given $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists N such that for $n \geq N$, $E(|X_n - x|) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. Also, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for $n = 1, \dots, N$ and any $A \in \mathcal{Y}$ with $P(A) \leq \delta$,
 $E(|X_n| 1_A) \leq \varepsilon$, and $E(|x| 1_A) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ (by Lemma 6.2.1)

But for $n \geq N$ we have for such A , $|X_n| \leq |X_n - x| + |x| \Rightarrow E(|X_n| 1_A) \leq E(|X_n - x|) + E(|x| 1_A) \leq \varepsilon$.

Hence $\{X_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is UI, so b) holds.

Suppose on the other hand that b) holds. Note that for all $\varepsilon > 0$, $k <$

$$|X_n - x| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{4} + 2k 1_{|X_n - x| > \frac{\varepsilon}{4}} + |X_n| 1_{|X_n| > k} + |x| 1_{|x| > k}$$

This is because either $|X_n - x| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$, or $(|X_n - x| > \frac{\varepsilon}{4}, |X_n|, |x| \leq k)$ or $|X_n| > k$ or $|x| > k$.

There exists k such that $E(|X_n| 1_{|X_n| \leq k}) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$ and

$E(|x| 1_{|x| \geq k}) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$. Then there exists N such that for all $n \geq N$, $P(|X_n - x| > \frac{\varepsilon}{4}) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{8k}$. Then for $n \geq N$ we have $E(|X_n - x|) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{4} + 2k \frac{\varepsilon}{8k} + \frac{\varepsilon}{4} + \frac{\varepsilon}{4} = \varepsilon$

(We should have noted that there is a subsequence (n_k) such that $X_{n_k} \rightarrow x$ almost surely, so that

$$E(|x|) = E(\liminf_{n_k} |X_{n_k}|) \leq \liminf E(|X_{n_k}|) < \infty \text{ by UI}$$

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$$|X_n - X| \leq \varepsilon + 2k \mathbb{1}_{|X_n - X| > \varepsilon} + |X| \mathbb{1}_{|X| > k} + |X_n| \mathbb{1}_{|X_n| > k}$$

$x^k = (-k) \vee x \wedge k$

$$|x^k - y^k| \leq |x - y| / (2k)$$

$$|X_n - X| \leq |X_n - x_n^k| + |x_n^k - x^k| + |x^k - X|$$

7 Fourier Transforms 7.1 Definitions

In this section, we write $L^p = L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ for the set of measurable functions $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$\|f\|_p = \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty$$

For $f \in L'$, $f = u + iv$ say, for $\lambda = \text{Lebesgue Measure on } \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\lambda(f) := \lambda(u) + i\lambda(v)$$

$$\text{Note that } |\lambda(f)| = e^{i\alpha} \lambda(f), \text{ some } \alpha. \quad \tilde{f} = e^{i\alpha} f = \tilde{u} + i\tilde{v}$$

$$= \lambda(\tilde{f}) = \lambda(\tilde{u}) \leq \lambda(|f|) \quad |\tilde{u}| \leq |f|$$

For $f \in L'$ we define the Fourier transform

$$\hat{f}: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ by } \hat{f}(u) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-i\langle u, x \rangle} f(x) dx, u \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

where $\langle u, x \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^d u_k x_k$, the usual scalar product.

Note that $|\hat{f}(u)| \leq \|f\|$. Also, for $u_n \rightarrow u$, by the dominated convergence theorem, $\hat{f}(u_n) \xrightarrow{\text{complex}} \hat{f}(u)$. So \hat{f} is a continuous, bounded function on \mathbb{R}^d .

Let $f \in L'$. If $\hat{f} \in L'$, we say that the Fourier inversion formula holds for f if $f(x) = (2\pi)^{-d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-i\langle u, x \rangle} \hat{f}(u) du$ for almost all x . We will show that this holds whenever $\hat{f} \in L'$.

If $f \in L^2$, we say the Plancherelle identity holds for f if
 $\|\hat{f}\|_2 = (2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}} \|f\|_2$. We will show that this holds whenever $f \in L^2$.

Let μ be a finite Borel measure on \mathbb{R}^d . Define $\hat{\mu}: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by $\hat{\mu}(u) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{i\langle u, x \rangle} \mu(dx)$, $u \in \mathbb{R}^d$. If μ has density function f , then $\hat{\mu} = \hat{f}$.

Exercise: $|\hat{\mu}(u)| \leq \mu(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $\hat{\mu}$ is continuous on \mathbb{R}^d .

For X a random variable in \mathbb{R}^d , we define the characteristic function $\phi_X: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by

$$\phi_X(u) = \hat{\mu}_X(u) = \mathbb{E}(e^{i\langle u, X \rangle})$$

7.2 Convolutions

Let $f \in L^p$ and let ν be a Borel probability measure on \mathbb{R}^d .

We define the convolution $f * \nu$ in L^p by

$$f * \nu(x) = \begin{cases} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x-y) \nu(dy) & \text{if } f(x-\cdot) \in L^1(\nu) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We will use the fact that $(x, y) \mapsto f(x-y)$, $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

is measurable.

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By Jensen's Inequality and Fubini's Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x-y)| \nu(dy) \right)^p dx &\leq \iint_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d} |f(x-y)| \nu(dy) dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x)|^p dx \nu(dy) = \|f\|_p^p < \infty \end{aligned}$$

So $f(x-\cdot) \in L^1(\nu)$ for almost all x and

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$$\|f * \nu\|_p = \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x-y) \nu(dy) \right|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \|f\|_p$$

If ν has a density g , then we write $f * g$ for $f * \nu$

For probability measures μ, ν on \mathbb{R}^d , we define $\mu * \nu$ as the distribution of $X + Y$ for independent random variables having laws μ, ν . Thus $\mu * \nu(A) = P(X+Y \in A) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} 1_A(x+y) \mu(dx) \nu(dy)$

Thus, if μ has a density f ($\in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$) then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu * \nu(A) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} 1_A(x+y) f(x) dx \nu(dy) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} 1_A(x) f(x-y) dx \nu(dy) \xrightarrow{\text{Fubini: Swap order of}} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} 1_A(x) (f * \nu)(x) dx \xrightarrow{\text{integration, then bring } 1_A(x) \text{ outside the middle integral}} \end{aligned}$$

so $\mu * \nu$ has density $f * \nu$

7.3 Gaussians

Consider for $t \in (0, \infty)$ the centred Gaussian probability density function of variance t on \mathbb{R}^d given by

$$g_t(x) = (2\pi t)^{-\frac{d}{2}} e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{2t}}, x \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad (N(0, tI))$$

We will compute \hat{g}_t . First consider the case $d=1, t=1$.

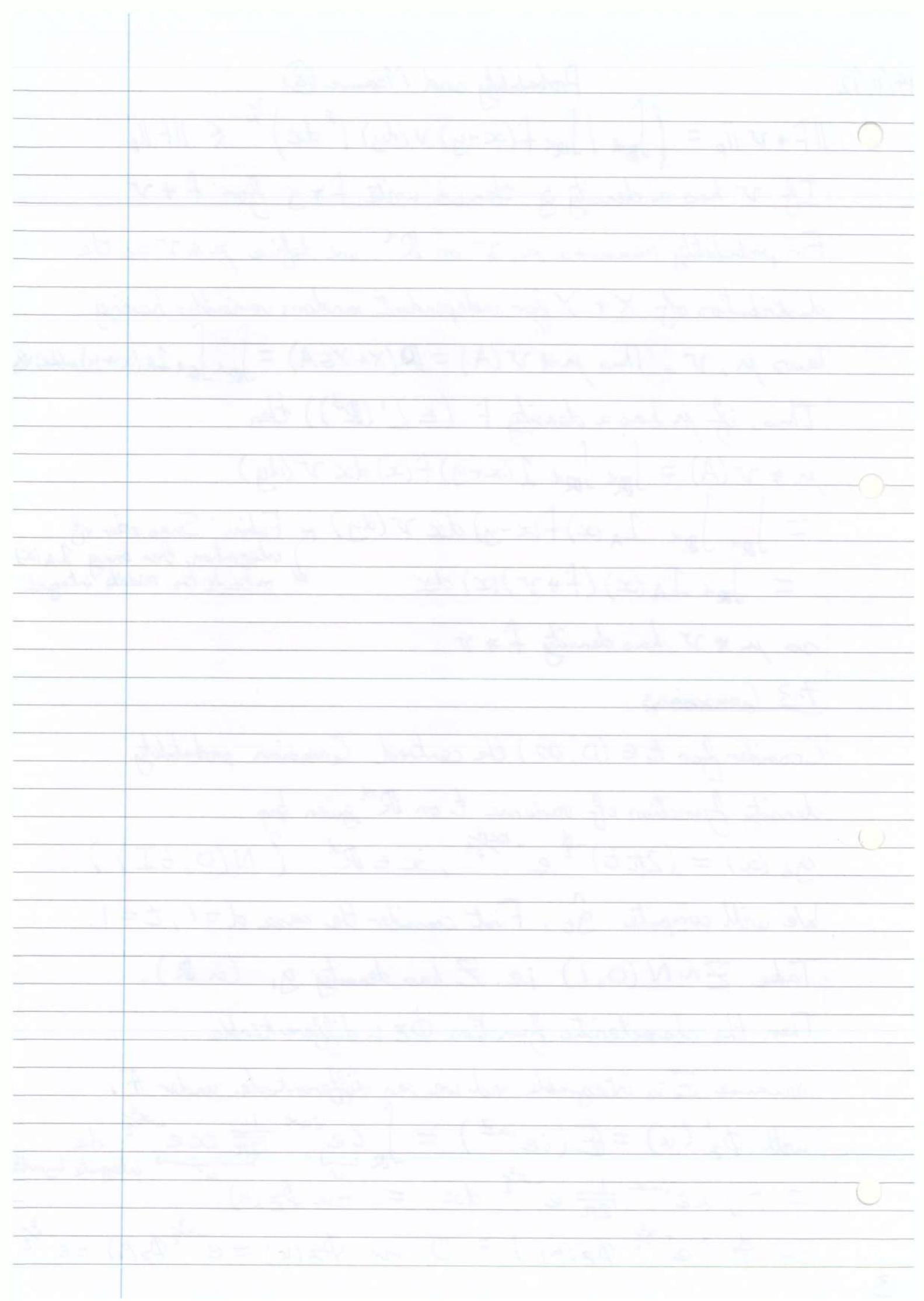
Take $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ i.e. Z has density g_1 (in \mathbb{R}).

Then the characteristic function Φ_Z is differentiable

(because Z is integrable and we can differentiate under E)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{with } \phi'_Z(u) &= E(i e^{iuz}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} i e^{iux} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}}_{V} \underbrace{x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}_{u'} dx \\ &= - \int u e^{iux} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}}_{V} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = -u \phi_Z(u) \xrightarrow{\text{integrate by part}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{d}{du} (e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} \phi_Z(u)) = 0, \text{ so } \phi_Z(u) = e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} \phi_Z(0) = e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}}$$



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4.5 Approximation in L^p Theorem 4.5.1

Let \mathcal{A} be a π -system on E generating \mathcal{E} , with $\mu(A) < \infty$ for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$, and such that $E_n \uparrow E$ for some sequence $(E_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ in \mathcal{A} . Define

$$V_0 = \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n a_k 1_{A_k} : a_k \in \mathbb{R}, A_k \in \mathcal{A}, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

Let $p \in [1, \infty)$. Then $V_0 \subseteq L^p$. Moreover, for all $f \in L^p$, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $v \in V_0$ such that $\|v - f\|_p \leq \epsilon$ (" V_0 is dense in L^p ")

Proof

For $A \in \mathcal{A}$, $\|1_A\|_p = \mu(A)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty$, so $1_A \in L^p$. So $V_0 \subseteq L^p$ because L^p is a vector-space.

Write V for the set of all $f \in L^p$ such that the conclusion holds.

Note that V is a vector space, by Minkowski's inequality.

Assume for now that $E \in \mathcal{A}$. Define $\mathcal{D} = \{A \in \mathcal{E} : 1_A \in V\}$

Then $A \in \mathcal{D}$, $1 \in \mathcal{D}$; if $A, B \in \mathcal{D}$ with $A \subseteq B$, then

$$1_{B \setminus A} = 1_B - 1_A \in V, \text{ so } B \setminus A \in \mathcal{D}; \text{ for } A_n \in \mathcal{D}, A_n \uparrow A \\ \|1_A - 1_{A_n}\|_p = \mu(A \setminus A_n)^{\frac{1}{p}} \rightarrow 0, \text{ so } 1_A \in V, \text{ so } A \in \mathcal{D}.$$

Hence \mathcal{D} is a σ -system, so $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{E}$ by Dynkin's Lemma.

Since V is a vector space it must contain every simple function.

For $f \in L^p$ with $f \geq 0$, consider the simple functions

$f_n = (2^{-n} \lfloor 2^n f \rfloor) \wedge n$, then $f_n \nearrow f$, so

$|f|^p \geq |f - f_n|^p \rightarrow 0$, pointwise, so $\|f - f_n\|_p \rightarrow 0$

by dominated convergence, so $f \in V$.

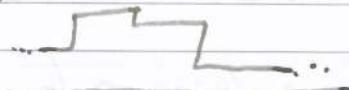
Then $V \subseteq L^p$ because V is a vector space.

Returning to the general case (where E may not be in A), the above argument shows that $f \mathbf{1}_{E_n}$ for any $f \in L^p$. Then

$|f|^p \geq |f - f \mathbf{1}_{E_n}|^p \rightarrow 0$ pointwise. Hence $\|f - f \mathbf{1}_{E_n}\|_p \rightarrow 0$

by dominated convergence. So $f \in V$ □

Exercise



Show that step-functions are dense in L^p for all $p \in [1, \infty)$. Show also that continuous functions of compact support are dense in L^p , $p < \infty$.

F-3 Gaussians (continued)

We showed that $\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{iux} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2t}} dx = e^{-\frac{u^2}{2t}}$, $u \in \mathbb{R}$

By a change of variable, $x = \frac{y}{\sqrt{t}}$, we obtain

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{iuy} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2t}} dy = e^{-\frac{u^2}{2t}}$$

Then by Fubini, for $g_t(x) = (2\pi t)^{-\frac{d}{2}} e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{2t}}$

$$g_t(u) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{i\langle u, x \rangle} g_t(x) dx = \prod_{k=1}^d \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{iux_k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} e^{-\frac{x_k^2}{2t}} dx_k \\ = \prod_{k=1}^d e^{-\frac{u_k^2}{2t}} = e^{-\frac{|u|^2}{2t}}$$

So $\hat{g}_t = (2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}} t^{-\frac{d}{2}} g_{\frac{1}{t}}$, so $\hat{g}_t = (2\pi)^d g_t$.

$$\text{So } g_t(x) = g_t(-x) = (2\pi)^{-d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-i\langle u, x \rangle} g_t(u) dt$$

Hence the Fourier Inversion Formula holds for g_t .

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7.4 Gaussian Convolutions

By a Gaussian Convolution, we mean any function of the form

$\hat{f} * \hat{g}_t$ where $\hat{f} \in L^1$, $t \in (0, \infty)$

$$\text{Note that } \hat{f} * \hat{g}_t(u) = \hat{f}(u) e^{-\frac{|u|^2 t}{2}}$$

$$\text{Recall } \hat{f} * \hat{g}_t(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{f}(x-y) \hat{g}_t(y) dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{g}_t(x-y) \hat{f}(y) dy$$

By dominated convergence, $\hat{f} * \hat{g}_t$ is continuous. Also

$$\|\hat{f} * \hat{g}_t\|_1 \leq \|\hat{f}\|_1, \quad \|\hat{f} * \hat{g}_t\|_\infty \leq (2\pi t)^{-\frac{d}{2}} \|\hat{f}\|$$

$$\|\hat{f} * \hat{g}_t\|_1 \leq \|\hat{f}\|_\infty \|\hat{g}_t\|_1 \leq \|\hat{f}\|, (2\pi t)^{\frac{d}{2}} t^{-\frac{d}{2}}$$

$$\|\hat{f} * \hat{g}_t\|_\infty \leq \|\hat{f}\|_\infty \|\hat{g}_t\|_\infty \leq \|\hat{f}\|,$$

Lemma 7.4.1

The Fourier Inversion Formula holds for $\hat{f} * \hat{g}_t$ for all $\hat{f} \in L^1$, $t \in (0, \infty)$.

Proof

We compute, using Fubini

$$\begin{aligned} (2\pi)^d \hat{f} * \hat{g}_t(x) &= (2\pi)^d \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{f}(x-y) \hat{g}_t(y) dy \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{f}(x-y) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-i\langle u, y \rangle} \hat{g}_t(u) du dy \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{g}_t(u) e^{-i\langle x, u \rangle} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{f}(x-y) e^{i\langle u, x-y \rangle} dy du \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{change of variable } x-y \mapsto y) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{g}_t(u) e^{-i\langle x, u \rangle} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{f}(y) e^{i\langle u, y \rangle} dy du \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{g}_t(u) e^{-i\langle x, u \rangle} \hat{f}(u) du = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{f} * \hat{g}_t(u) e^{-i\langle x, u \rangle} du \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 7.4.2

Let $p \in (1, \infty)$ and let $f \in L^p$. Then $\hat{f} * g_t \rightarrow f$ in L^p .

Proof

Given $\epsilon > 0$, we can find a continuous function h of compact support such that $\|f - h\|_p \leq \frac{\epsilon}{3}$. Then also

$$\|\hat{f} * g_t - h * g_t\|_p = \|(f - h) * g_t\|_p \leq \|f - h\|_p \leq \frac{\epsilon}{3}. \text{ Consider } e(y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |h(x-y) - h(x)|^p dx.$$

Then $e(y) \leq 2^p \|h\|_p^p$ and since $h(x-y) - h(x) \rightarrow 0$

as $y \rightarrow 0$, uniformly in x , we have $e(y) \rightarrow 0$ as $y \rightarrow 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \|h - h * g_t\|_p^p &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (h(x) - h(x-y)) g_t(y) dy \right|^p dx \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |h(x) - h(x-y)|^p g_t(y) dy dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{=} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g_t(y) e(y) dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g_t(y) \underbrace{e(\overline{E}y)}_{\rightarrow 0} dy \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{by bounded convergence} \\ &\text{Hence } \|\hat{f} - \hat{f} * g_t\|_p \leq \|f - h\|_p + \|h - h * g_t\|_p + \|h * g_t - \hat{f} * g_t\|_p \end{aligned}$$

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$\leq \epsilon$ for sufficiently large t

□

7.5 Uniqueness and Inversion

Theorem 7.5.1

Let $f \in L'$. Define for ~~\forall~~ $t \in (0, \infty)$

$$\hat{f}_t(x) = (2\pi)^{-d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-i\langle u, x \rangle} f(u) e^{-|u|^2 t/2} du$$

Then $\hat{f}_t \rightarrow f$ in L' . Moreover, if $\hat{f} \in L'$, the Fourier Inversion

Formula holds.

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Since $\widehat{f * g_t}(u) = \widehat{f}(u) e^{-|u|^2 t/2}$, by Lemma 7.4.1, we have

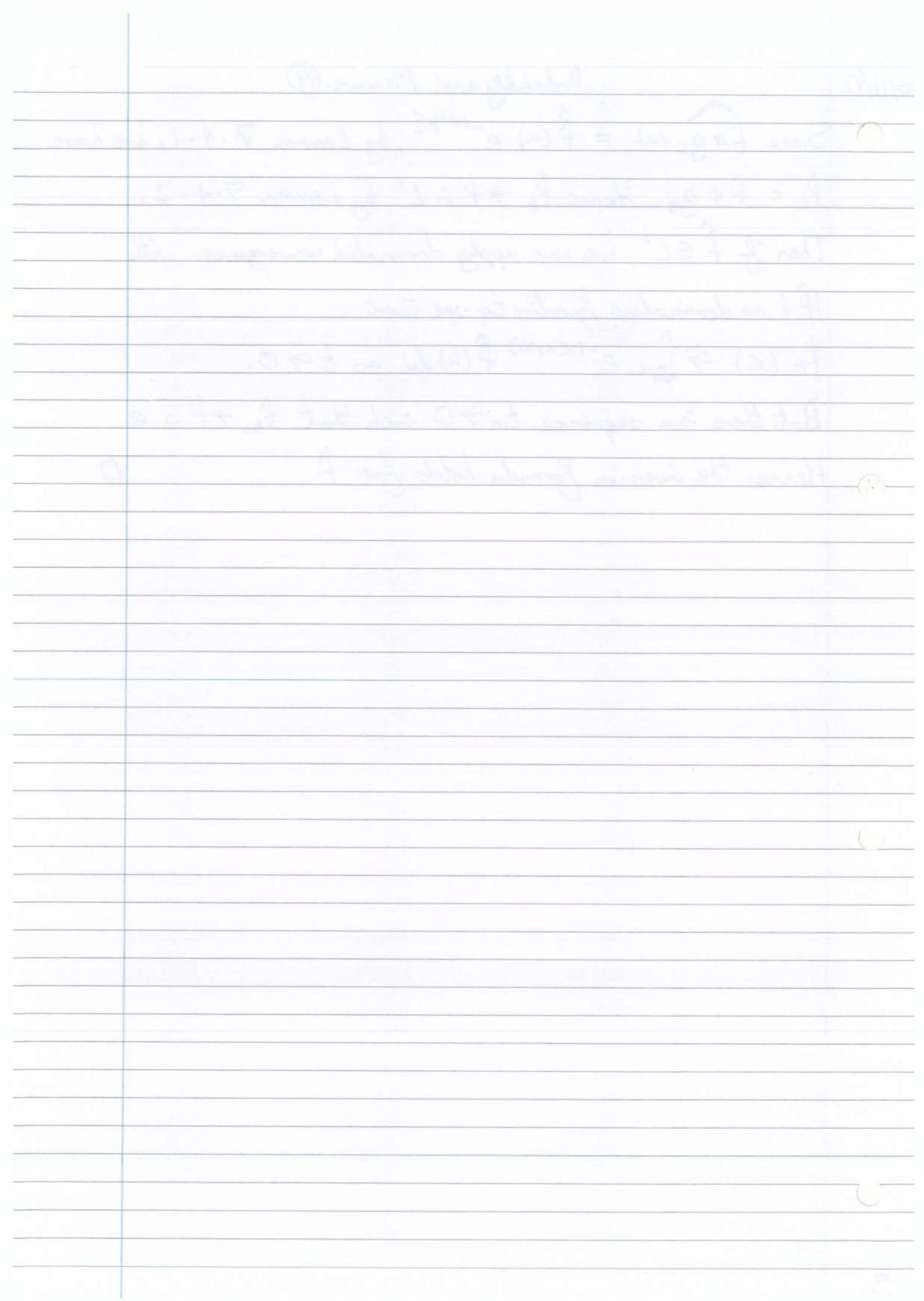
$f_t = f * g_t$. Hence $f_t \rightarrow f$ in L' by Lemma 7.4.2.

Then if $\widehat{f} \in L'$, we can apply dominated convergence with $|\widehat{f}|$ as dominating function to see that

$$f_t(x) \rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-i\langle u, x \rangle} \widehat{f}(u) du \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0.$$

But there is a sequence $t_n \rightarrow 0$ such that $f_{t_n} \not\rightarrow f$ a.e.

Hence the inversion formula holds for f □



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7.6 Fourier Transform in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ Theorem 7.6.1

Let $f \in L' \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Then the Plancherel identity holds for f :

$$\|\hat{f}\|_2 = (2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}} \|f\|_2$$

Moreover, there is a unique Hilbert space automorphism F on \mathcal{L}^2 such that for all $f \in L' \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $F[f] = [(2\pi)^{-\frac{d}{2}} \hat{f}]$

(Thus $F: \mathcal{L}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^2$ is a linear bijection with $\|Fh\| = \|h\| \forall h \in \mathcal{L}^2$)

Proof

Consider first the case where $\hat{f} \in L'$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (2\pi)^d \|\hat{f}\|_2^2 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (2\pi)^d \hat{f}(x) \overline{\hat{f}(x)} dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-ix \cdot u} \hat{f}(u) du \overline{\hat{f}(x)} dx, \text{ by the inversion formula} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{f}(u) \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-ix \cdot u} \overline{\hat{f}(x)} dx \right] du, \text{ by Fubini, since } (x, u) \mapsto |\hat{f}(x)|/|\hat{f}(u)| \text{ is integrable} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{f}(u) \overline{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ix \cdot u} \hat{f}(x) dx} du \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{f}(u) \overline{\hat{f}(u)} du = \|\hat{f}\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

For general $f \in L' \cap L^2$, consider $f_t = f * g_t$ for $t \in (0, \infty)$

Then by Lemma 7.4.2, $f_t \rightarrow f$ in L^2 , so $\|f_t\|_2 \rightarrow \|f\|_2$ as $t \rightarrow 0$.

Now $\hat{f}_t(u) = \hat{f}(u) e^{-tu^2/2}$, so $|\hat{f}_t|^2 \nearrow |\hat{f}|^2$ as $t \rightarrow 0$

So by monotone convergence, $\|\hat{f}_t\|_2^2 \rightarrow \|\hat{f}\|_2^2$ as $t \rightarrow 0$. We know

$\hat{f}_t \in L'$ and $\hat{f}_t(u) \leq \|\hat{f}\|_2 e^{-tu^2/2} \in L'$. So $\|\hat{f}_t\|_2 = (2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}} \|\hat{f}_t\|$

and the desired identity for \hat{f} follows on letting $t \rightarrow 0$.

Define F_0 on $L' \cap L^2$ by $F_0[f] = [(2\pi)^{-\frac{d}{2}} \hat{f}]$ for $f \in L' \cap L^2$.

Then F_0 is a well-defined linear map from $L^1 \cap L^2$ with $\|F_0 h\|_2 = \|h\|_2$ for all $h \in L^1 \cap L^2$. Now $L^1 \cap L^2$ is dense in L^2 (it contains all step functions), so F_0 extends uniquely to a linear isometry from L^2 into L^2 .

It remains to show that f is injective, $L^2 \rightarrow L^2$. Then $V \subseteq L^1 \cap L^2$. Consider $V = \{[f] : f \in L' \text{ with } \hat{f} \in L'\}$. Then V is dense in L^2 (it contains all Gaussian convolutions) and by the inversion formula $F^* h = h$. So F is 'onto' V and hence F is onto L^2 as required. \square

7.7 Weak Convergence and Characteristic Functions

Let μ_n , ($\mu_n : n \in \mathbb{N}$) be Borel probability measures on \mathbb{R}^d .

We say that $\mu_n \rightarrow \mu$ weakly if $\mu_n(f) \rightarrow \mu(f)$ for all $f \in C_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$ (continuous bounded functions on \mathbb{R}^d). In fact, we could restrict the class of test functions to $C_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$ (compact support) or even to $C'_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$ without affecting whether $\mu_n(f) \rightarrow \mu(f)$ for all f .

For random variables X , ($X_n : n \in \mathbb{N}$) in \mathbb{R}^d , say $X^n \Rightarrow X$ weakly if $\mu_{X_n} \rightarrow \mu_X$ weakly (on \mathbb{R}^d). In the case $d=1$ this is equivalent to convergence in distribution.

Theorem 7.7.1

Let X be a random variable in \mathbb{R}^d . Then the law μ_X of X is uniquely determined by its characteristic function $\phi_X (= \hat{\mu}_X)$

Moreover, if ϕ_x is integrable, then X has a continuous bounded density (with respect to dx) given by

$$f_x(x) = (2\pi)^{-d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-i\langle x, u \rangle} \phi_x(u) du, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Moreover, if $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ is any sequence of random variables in \mathbb{R}^d such that $\phi_{X_n}(u) \rightarrow \phi_X(u)$ for all $u \in \mathbb{R}^d$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then $X_n \rightarrow X$ weakly.

Proof

Let Z be a random variable in \mathbb{R}^d independent of X with density g , (that is, $Z \sim N(0, I)$). Then EZ has density g_e and

$X + E Z$ has density function $f_t = \mu_X * g_e$. Now $f_t \in L'$ and $\hat{f}_t = \phi_X \hat{g}_e$, $\hat{g}_e(u) = e^{-\frac{\|u\|^2}{2}}$, $\|\phi_X\|_\infty \leq 1$, so $\hat{f}_t \in L'$.

$$\text{So by inversion } f_t(x) = (2\pi)^{-d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-i\langle u, x \rangle - \frac{\|u\|^2}{2}} \phi_X(u) du \quad (*)$$

So ϕ_X determines the distribution of $X + E Z$ uniquely. By bounded convergence, for all $g \in C_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$\mu_X(g) = E(g(X)) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} E(g(X + E Z))$$

So ϕ_X determines $\mu_X(g)$ uniquely and hence μ_X .

Suppose now that $\phi_X \in L'$. We use dominated convergence with dominating function $|\phi_X|$ to see that

$$f_t(x) \rightarrow f_x(x) \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \text{ and } |f_t(x)| \leq (2\pi)^{-d} \|\phi_X\|,$$

Then for any $g \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $E(g(X)) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} E(g(X + E Z)) = \int g(y) f_t(y) dy \rightarrow \int g(y) f_x(y) dy$ by bounded convergence.

Note that $f_x(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f_t(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d$. It follows
that $\mu_x(dx) = f_x(x) dx$ (exercise)

Suppose now that $g \in C_c^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $\phi_{x_n}(u) \rightarrow \phi_x(u) \quad \forall u \in \mathbb{R}^d$
 $|g(x) - g(x + tEz)| \leq \|\nabla g\|_\infty |Ez|$ (by the Mean Value Theorem)
 $\Rightarrow |\mathbb{E}(g(x)) - \mathbb{E}(g(x + tEz))| \leq \|\nabla g\|_\infty |E| \mathbb{E}(|z|) < \infty$

Similarly $|\mathbb{E}(g(x_n)) - \mathbb{E}(g(x_n + tEz))| \leq \|\nabla g\|_\infty |E| \mathbb{E}(|z|)$

$$\text{Now } \mathbb{E}(g(x_n + tEz)) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g(x_n) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-i\langle x_n, u \rangle} e^{-\frac{|u|^2 t}{2}} \phi_{x_n}(u) du dx$$

$$\rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g(x_n) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-i\langle x_n, u \rangle} e^{-\frac{|u|^2 t}{2}} \phi_x(u) du dx = (2\pi)^d \mathbb{E}(g(x + tEz))$$

Here we used Fubini, and dominated convergence with dominating
function $(x, u) \mapsto |g(x)| e^{-\frac{|u|^2 t}{2}}$ on $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$.

Given $\varepsilon > 0$, choose t so that $\|\nabla g\|_\infty |E| \mathbb{E}(|z|) \leq \varepsilon/3$.

Then for sufficiently large n , we have

$$|\mathbb{E}(g(x)) - \mathbb{E}(g(x_n))| \leq \varepsilon \quad \square$$

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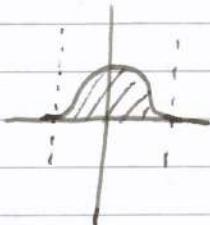
Lemma 7.7.2

Let μ be a Borel probability measure on \mathbb{R}^d and let $(\mu_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be a sequence of such measures. Suppose $\mu_n(f) \rightarrow \mu(f)$ for all $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Then $\mu_n \rightarrow \mu$ weakly on \mathbb{R}^d (i.e. $\mu_n(F) \rightarrow \mu(F)$ for all $F \in C_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$) \leftarrow note the different class of functions

Proof

Suppose that $f \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Consider

$$\rho(x) = \begin{cases} c \exp\{-((1-|x|^2)^{-1}\} & \text{if } |x| < 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } |x| \geq 1 \end{cases}$$



where c is chosen so that $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho(x) dx = 1$. Note that $\rho \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$

Set $\rho_\varepsilon(x) = \varepsilon^{-d} \rho(x/\varepsilon)$ for $\varepsilon \in (0, \infty)$ (" $\varepsilon = \text{radius}$ ")

and set $f_\varepsilon = f * \rho_\varepsilon$. Then $f_\varepsilon \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and

$$\|f_\varepsilon - f\|_\infty \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

Now $\mu_n(f_\varepsilon) \rightarrow \mu(f_\varepsilon)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and $|\mu_n(f_\varepsilon - f)| \leq \|f_\varepsilon - f\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. So $\mu_n(f) \rightarrow \mu(f)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Now suppose $f \in C_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Consider $g(x) = 0 \vee (R + 1 - |x|) \wedge 1$.

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Then $g \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$ so $\mu_n(g) \rightarrow \mu(g)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Since $\mu_n(1) = 1$ for all n , $\mu_n(1-g) \rightarrow \mu(1-g)$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Given $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $R < \infty$ such that

$\mu(1-g) < \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \|f\|_\infty$, so $\mu_n(1-g) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \|f\|_\infty$, for all

sufficiently large n . Hence $|\mu_n(f) - \mu(f)| = |\mu_n(f(1-g))|$

$$+ |\mu_n(fg) - \mu(fg)|$$

$$+ |\mu(f(1-g))|$$

$$\leq \|f\|_{\infty} \mu_n(1-g) + 1 \cdot 1 + \|f\|_{\infty} \mu(1-g)$$

$\leq \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ for all sufficiently large n

(because $f_g \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$) □

8: Gaussian Random Variables

8.1 Scalar Case

Let X be a random variable in \mathbb{R} . We say that X is Gaussian

if for some $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$, either $X = \mu$ almost surely or for some

$$\sigma^2 \in (0, \infty), X \text{ has density } f_X(x) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Write $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ($\sigma^2 = 0$ when $X = \mu$ almost surely)

Proposition 8.1.1

Let $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. Then $X \in L^2(\mathbb{P})$ and $\mathbb{E}(X) = \mu$,

b) $\text{var}(X) = \sigma^2$, c) $\phi_X(u) = \mathbb{E}(e^{iuX}) = e^{i\mu u - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 u^2}$

d) For $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $ax + b \sim N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$ (Exercise)

8.2 Gaussian random variables in \mathbb{R}^d

Let X be a random variable in \mathbb{R}^d . We say that X is Gaussian

if for all $u \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\langle u, X \rangle$ is Gaussian (in \mathbb{R}).

Example

Take Y_1, \dots, Y_d independent $N(0, 1)$. Set $Y = (Y_1, \dots, Y_d)$

Then for $u \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\mathbb{E}(e^{i\langle u, Y \rangle}) = \prod_{k=1}^d \mathbb{E}(e^{i u_k y_k})$
 $= \prod_{k=1}^d e^{-\frac{u_k^2}{2}} = e^{-\frac{\|u\|^2}{2}}$

So $\langle u, Y \rangle \sim N(0, \|u\|^2)$ by uniqueness of characteristic function

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Theorem 8.2.1

Let X be a Gaussian random variable in \mathbb{R}^d . Then $X \in L^2(\mathbb{P})$

Set $\mathbb{E}(X) = \mu \in \mathbb{R}^d$. $V = \text{var}(X) = (\text{cov}(X_j, X_k))_{jk} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ matrix

Then a) $\phi_X(u) = e^{i\langle u, \mu \rangle - \frac{1}{2}\langle u, Vu \rangle}$, $u \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

b) The distribution of X is determined by μ and V (we write $X \sim N(\mu, V)$)

c) If A is a $d \times d$ matrix and $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$, then $Ax + b$ is Gaussian in \mathbb{R}^m .

d) In the case that V is invertible, X has a density

$$f_X(x) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{d}{2}} (\det V)^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\langle x - \mu, V^{-1}(x - \mu) \rangle / 2}, x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

e) If $X = (X_1, X_2)$ with X_1 in \mathbb{R}^{d_1} , X_2 in \mathbb{R}^{d_2} , and if

$\text{cov}(X_1, X_2) = 0$, then X_1, X_2 are independent.

Proof

Each component $X_k \in L^2(\mathbb{P})$, so X is too. Note that

$$\mathbb{E}(\langle u, X \rangle) = \langle u, \mu \rangle, \text{var}(\langle u, X \rangle) = \langle u, Vu \rangle$$

Now $\langle u, X \rangle$ is Gaussian so $\mathbb{E}(e^{i\langle u, X \rangle}) = e^{i\langle u, \mu \rangle - \frac{1}{2}\langle u, Vu \rangle}$

Hence a) and b) hold by uniqueness of characteristic functions.

c) is left as an exercise.

Consider $Y = (Y_1, \dots, Y_d)$ as above, and since V is non-negative definite, there exists a symmetric $d \times d$ matrix Σ such that

~~$\Sigma^2 = V$~~ $(V = U \text{diag}(\lambda_k) U^T, \Sigma = U \text{diag}(\sqrt{\lambda_k}) U^T)$

Consider $\hat{X} = \Sigma Y + \mu$. Then \hat{X} is Gaussian and

$$\mathbb{E}(\hat{X}) = \mu, \text{var}(\hat{X}) = V, \text{so } \hat{X} \text{ has the same distribution as } X.$$

Then, by a linear change of variables in \mathbb{R}^d , \tilde{X} has density

$$f_X(x) = f_{\tilde{X}}(x) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{d}{2}} (\det V)^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\langle x - \mu, V^{-1}(x - \mu) \rangle / 2}$$

Finally, if $\text{cov}(X_1, X_2) = 0$, then $V = \begin{pmatrix} V_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & V_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ so

$$\phi_X(u) = e^{i\langle u, \mu \rangle - \frac{1}{2}\langle u, Vu \rangle} = \phi_{X_1} \phi_{X_2}, \quad u = (u_1, u_2) \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad \square$$

10.3 Central Limit Theorem

Theorem

Let $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be a sequence of square integrable, independent identically distributed random-variable (in \mathbb{R}). Set $\mu = E(X)$,

$\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X)$. Assume that $\sigma^2 > 0$. Set $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$.

$Z_n = (S_n - n\mu) / \sigma\sqrt{n}$. Then $Z_n \rightarrow Z$ weakly in \mathbb{R} where

$Z \sim N(0, 1)$ (that is, $P(Z_n \leq a) \rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^a (2\pi)^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$)

Proof

Set $\phi(u) = E(e^{iuX})$ and $\phi_n(u) = E(e^{iuZ_n})$. Since

$X \in L^2$, we can differentiate ϕ twice under E and obtain

$\phi(0) = 1$, $\phi'(0) = \phi''(0) = 0$ in the case $\mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 1$. By

Taylor's Theorem, $\phi(u) = 1 - \frac{u^2}{2} + o(u^2)$ as $u \rightarrow 0$. Then

$$\phi_n(u) = (\phi(\frac{u}{\sqrt{n}}))^n = (1 - \frac{u^2}{2n} + o(\frac{u^2}{n}))^n \text{ as } \frac{u^2}{n} \rightarrow 0$$

The complex logarithm satisfies $\log(1+z) = z + o(|z|)$ as $|z| \rightarrow 0$.

$$\text{so } \log \phi_n(u) = n \log(1 - \frac{u^2}{2n} + o(\frac{u^2}{n})) = -\frac{u^2}{2} + o(1) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

for all $u \in \mathbb{R}$.

So $\phi_n(u) \rightarrow e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for all $u \in \mathbb{R}$. But $e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} = \phi_2(u)$

so $Z_n \rightarrow Z$ weakly as required. The general case, $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$, $\sigma^2 > 0$ reduces to the case $\mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 1$ by a linear change of variables (exercise).

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9. Ergodic Theory : Definitions

Let (E, \mathcal{E}, μ) be a measure space. A measurable function

$\Theta: E \rightarrow E$ is a measure preserving transformation if

$$\mu \circ \Theta^{-1} = \mu \quad (\mu(\Theta^{-1}(A)) = \mu(A) \text{ for all } A \in \mathcal{E})$$

A set $A \in \mathcal{E}$ is invariant if $\Theta^{-1}(A) = A$. The set \mathcal{E}_Θ of all invariant sets is a σ -algebra. A measurable function f on E is invariant if $f = f \circ \Theta$. Then (exercise) F is invariant if and only if F is \mathcal{E}_Θ -measurable.

We say that Θ is ergodic if \mathcal{E}_Θ contains only sets of measure 0 and their complements (we say that \mathcal{E}_Θ is trivial)

Examples

i) Shift Map on the torus. Fix $a \in E$.

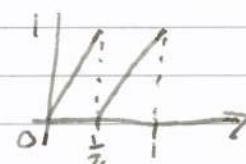
$$E = [0, 1]^d, \mathcal{E} = \mathcal{B}(E), \mu = \text{Lebesgue}^{\otimes d}$$

Define $\Theta: E \rightarrow E$ by $\Theta(x_1, \dots, x_d) = (x_1 + a_1, \dots, x_d + a_d)$
addition mod 1

It is easy to check that for $A = (b_1, c_1] \times \dots \times (b_d, c_d]$ we have $\mu(\Theta^{-1}(A)) = \mu(A)$. So μ and $\mu \circ \Theta^{-1}$ agree on the π -system of such sets, which generates \mathcal{E} . So Θ is a measure preserving transformation.

ii) Bakers Map. $E = (0, 1], \mathcal{B}(E), \text{Lebesgue}$

$$\Theta(x) = 2x - \lfloor 2x \rfloor$$



It is easy to see that $\mu(\Theta^{-1}(a, b]) = b - a$, so μ is a measure preserving transformation by the same π -system argument.

Proposition 9.1.1

Let f be an integrable function, θ a measure-preserving transformation. Then $f \circ \theta$ is integrable and $\mu(f \circ \theta) = \mu(f)$.

Proposition 9.1.2

Let f be invariant and suppose θ is ergodic. Then there exists a constant $c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f = c$ almost everywhere.

Idea : $\{x \in E : f(x) \leq y\} \in \mathcal{E}_0 \Rightarrow \mu(f \leq y) = 0$ or $\mu(f > y) = 1$

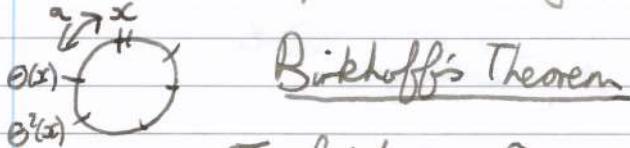
9.3 Birkhoff's and von Neumann's Ergodic Theorems

Let f be a measurable function $E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Define $S_0 = 0$ and

$$S_n = \underbrace{\dots}_{f} = f + f \circ \theta + \dots + f \circ \theta^{n-1}$$

Thus for $x \in E$, $\frac{S_n(x)}{n} = \frac{1}{n} (f(x) + f(\theta(x)) + \dots + f(\theta^{n-1}(x)))$

which is the empirical average of f along the ~~past~~ orbit of θ^n from x .



Birkhoff's Theorem

σ -finite μ , θ a measure preserving transformation

$\Rightarrow S_n^f$ converges almost everywhere.

9.3.1 Lemma (Maximal Ergodic Lemma)

Let θ be a measure preserving transformation, and f be an integrable function. Define $S^*(x) = \sup_{n \geq 0} S_n^f(x)$

$$\text{Then } \int_{\{S^* > 0\}} f d\mu \geq 0$$

Proof

Consider $S_n^* = \max_{0 \leq m \leq n} S_m$ and set $A_n = \{S_n^* > 0\}$

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For $m = 1, \dots, n$, we have $S_m = f + S_{m-1} \circ \theta \leq f + S_n^* \circ \theta$

On A_n we have $S_n^* = \max_{1 \leq m \leq n} S_m$ because $S_0 = 0 < S_n^*$

so $S_n^* \leq f + S_n^* \circ \theta$

On A_n^c we have $S_n^* = 0 \leq S_n^* \circ \theta$

Integrating and adding, we obtain

$$\int_E S_n^* d\mu \leq \int_{A_n} f d\mu + \int_E S_n^* \circ \theta d\mu$$

Now S_n^* is integrable, so this forces $\int_{A_n} f d\mu \geq 0$

Then $A_n \uparrow \{S_n^* > 0\}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ so by dominated convergence with dominating function $|f|$.

$$\int_{\{S_n^* > 0\}} f d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{A_n} f d\mu \geq 0$$

□

10.1 Strong Law of Large Numbers with finite fourth moment.

Theorem 10.2.1

Let $(x_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be a sequence of independent random variables, and suppose that $E(x_n) = 0$, $E(x_n^4) \leq M$ for all n for some $M < \alpha$. Set $S_n = x_1 + \dots + x_n$. Then $\frac{S_n}{n} \geq 0$ almost surely.

Proof

Observe that

$$E(S_n^4) = \sum_{k=1}^4 E(x_k^4) + \binom{4}{2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j < k < n} E(x_i^2 x_j^2 x_k^2)$$

because $E(x_i x_j x_k x_l) = E(x_i x_j^3) = E(x_i x_j x_k^2)$ for all distinct indices i, j, k, l .

$$\text{Now } E(x_j^2 x_k^2) \leq E(x_j^4)^{\frac{1}{2}} E(x_k^4)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq M$$

$$\text{So } E(S_n^4) \leq nM + 6 \cdot \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)M \leq 3n^2M$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So } E\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{S_n}{n}\right)^4\right) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E\left(\left(\frac{S_n}{n}\right)^4\right) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-4} 3n^2M \\ &= 3M \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} < \infty\end{aligned}$$

So $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{S_n}{n}\right)^4 < \infty$ almost surely $\Rightarrow \frac{S_n}{n} \rightarrow 0$ almost surely

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Recap

(E, \mathcal{E}, μ) a measure space. We say that a measurable function $\theta : E \rightarrow E$ is a measure-preserving transformation if $\mu = \mu \circ \theta^{-1}$.

We say that a measurable function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is invariant if $f = f \circ \theta$. We are interested in the averages of functions f along orbits of θ .

$$S_n(x) = S_n^+(x) = f(x) + f(\theta(x)) + \dots + f(\theta^{n-1}(x))$$

Maximal Ergodic Lemma

Let θ be a measure-preserving transformation and let f be an integrable function on E . Define $S^* = \sup_n S_n$. Then $\int_{\{S^* > 0\}} f d\mu \geq 0$.

Theorem 9.3.2 (Birkhoff's almost-everywhere ergodic theorem)

Assume that μ is σ -finite. Let θ be a measure-preserving transformation and let f be an integrable function on E . Then there exists an invariant function \bar{f} on E such that $\mu(|\bar{f}|) \leq \mu(|f|)$ and $\frac{S_n}{n}(x) \rightarrow \bar{f}(x)$ almost everywhere.

Proof

Consider for $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, with $a < b$. $D = D(a, b)$

$$D = \left\{ \liminf_n \frac{S_n}{n} < a, b < \limsup_n \frac{S_n}{n} \right\}$$

The functions $\liminf_n \frac{S_n}{n}$, $\limsup_n \frac{S_n}{n}$ are invariant.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} S_{n+1} &= S_n \circ \theta + f \\ \frac{S_{n+1}}{n+1} &= \frac{1}{n+1} \left(\frac{S_n}{n} \right) \circ \theta + \frac{f}{n+1} \\ \limsup \frac{S_n}{n} &= \left(\limsup \frac{S_n}{n} \right) \circ \theta \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{So } D \text{ is invariant} \\ \text{since } \liminf \frac{S_n}{n}, \\ \limsup \frac{S_n}{n} \text{ are.} \end{array}$$

We shall show that $\mu(D) = 0$.

By restricting μ, θ, f to D if necessary, we reduce to the case where $D = E$. Either $a < 0$ or $b > 0$. We interchange cases by considering $-f, -b, -a$ in place of f, a, b .

Hence we reduce to the case $b > 0$.

Fix $B \in \mathcal{E}$ with $\mu(B) < \infty$ and consider $g = f - b1_B$.

Then $S_n^g(x) = S_n^f(x) - b S_n^{1_B}(x) \geq S_n^f(x) - nb > c$

(> 0 for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, for all x). That is, $S_n^g > 0$ on D .

Note that g is integrable.

By the maximal ergodic lemma,

$$0 \leq \int_D g \, d\mu = \int_D f \, d\mu - b \mu(B).$$

There exists a sequence $B_n \in \mathcal{E}$ with $\mu(B_n) < \infty$ and

$$B_n \nearrow D. \text{ Then } b\mu(D) = \lim b\mu(B_n) \leq \int_D f \, d\mu < \infty$$

In particular $\mu(D) < \infty$.

Now we can repeat the argument with f replaced by $-f$ and b by $-a$ to obtain, taking $B = D$,

$$(-a)\mu(D) \leq \int_D (-f) \, d\mu$$

$$\text{We now have } b\mu(D) \leq \int_D f \, d\mu \leq a\mu(D)$$

This can only be true if $\mu(D) = 0$, since $b < a$.

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Consider $\Delta = \{\liminf S_n < \limsup S_n\}$. Then

$\Delta = \bigcup_{\substack{a, b \in \mathbb{Q} \\ a < b}} D(a, b)$, so Δ is invariant and $\mu(\Delta) = 0$.

So we can define an invariant function $\tilde{f}: E \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ by

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \begin{cases} \lim S_n(x) & x \in \Delta^c \\ 0 & x \in \Delta \end{cases}$$

Note that $\mu(|f| \circ \theta^n) = \mu(|f|)$ so

$$\mu(|S_n|) \leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \mu(|f| \circ \theta^k) \leq n \mu(|f|)$$

By Fatou's Lemma, $\mu(|\tilde{f}|) = \mu(\liminf |\tilde{S}_n|) \leq \liminf \mu(|S_n|) \leq \mu(|f|)$.

Hence $\tilde{f}(x) \in \mathbb{R}$ for μ -almost all x . Define

$$\bar{f}(x) = \begin{cases} \tilde{f}(x) & \text{if } \tilde{f}(x) \in \mathbb{R} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then \bar{f} is invariant, $\mu(|\bar{f}|) = \mu(|\tilde{f}|) \leq \mu(|f|)$

and $S_n \rightarrow \bar{f}$ almost everywhere. \square

Theorem 9.3.3 (von Neumann's L^p -ergodic theorem)

Assume $\mu(E) < \infty$. Let $p \in [1, \infty)$. Let θ be a measure-preserving transformation and let $f \in L^p$. Then $S_n \rightarrow \bar{f}$.

Proof

We have $\mu(|f|^p \circ \theta^n) = \mu(|f|^p)$. So by Minkowski's

Inequality, $\|S_n\|_p \leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \|f \circ \theta^k\|_p = n \|f\|_p$

Hence $\|S_n\|_p \leq \|f\|_p$. By Fatou's Lemma,

$$\mu(|\bar{f}|^p) = \mu(\liminf |S_n|^p) \leq \liminf \mu(|S_n|^p)$$

$$\liminf_n \mu(|S_n|^p) \leq \mu(|F|^p), \text{ so } \|\bar{F}\|_p \leq \|F\|_p$$

Fix $k \in (0, \infty)$, and consider $g = (-k) \wedge f \vee k$. By

Dominated Convergence (using ~~that~~ $|F|^p$ as dominating function)

$$\mu(|F-g|^p) \leq \mu(|F|^p \mathbf{1}_{|F|>k}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

Given $\epsilon > 0$, choose k so that $\|\bar{F}-g\|_p \leq \epsilon/3$. Note that $F \in L^p(\mu) \subseteq L^q(\mu)$ as μ is a finite measure.

Now $S_n^F - S_n^g = S_n^{F-g}$ and taking limits, $\bar{F} - \bar{g} = \bar{F-g}$

by Birkhoff's Theorem.

$$\|S_n^F/n - S_n^g/n\|_p = \|S_n^{F-g}/n\|_p \leq \epsilon/3.$$

$$\|\bar{F} - \bar{g}\|_p = \|\bar{F-g}\|_p \leq \epsilon/3$$

Now $S_n^g/n \rightarrow \bar{g}$ almost everywhere and $|S_n^g/n| \leq k$, so by bounded convergence, $\mu(|S_n^g/n - g|^p) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

So we can choose N so that $t_n \geq N$,

$$\|S_n^g/n - \bar{g}\|_p \leq \epsilon/3$$

So by Minkowski's Inequality,

$$\|S_n^F/n - \bar{F}\|_p \leq \|S_n^F/n - S_n^g/n\|_p + \|S_n^g/n - \bar{g}\|_p + \|\bar{g} - \bar{F}\|_p \leq \epsilon$$

□

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9.2 Bernoulli Shifts

Let μ be a Borel probability measure on \mathbb{R} . There exists a sequence $(Y_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ of independent random variables on some probability space (Ω, \mathcal{Y}, P) all having distribution μ .

Consider $E = \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}} = \{x = (x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}) : x_n \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for all } n\}$

Define coordinate maps $X_n : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $X_n(x) = x_n$.
i.e. ~~$\mathcal{E} = \sigma(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$~~

Set $\mathcal{E} = \sigma(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$. Then \mathcal{E} is also generated by $\mathcal{E} = \sigma(A)$

$A = \{A = \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n : A_n \in \mathcal{B}, A_n = \mathbb{R} \text{ for all but finitely many } n\}$

Note that \mathcal{E} is a π -system. We can define a random variable

$Y : \Omega \rightarrow E$ by $Y(\omega) = (Y_n(\omega) : n \in \mathbb{N})$

(Check $X_n \circ Y = Y_n : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is measurable).

Define a probability measure μ on (E, \mathcal{E}) by $\mu = P \circ Y^{-1}$

thus μ is the law of Y .

Call (E, \mathcal{E}, μ) the canonical model for i.i.d. sequences with

distribution μ . Consider the shift map $\Theta : E \rightarrow E$ by

$$\Theta(x_1, x_2, \dots) = (x_2, x_3, \dots)$$

Note that on (E, \mathcal{E}, μ) , the coordinate maps $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$

form a sequence of independent random variables all having distribution μ .

For $A = \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n \in \mathcal{A}$, $\Theta^{-1}(A) = \mathbb{R} \times A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \in \mathcal{A}$.

$$\text{and } \mu(A) = \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_n) = \mu(\Theta^{-1}(A))$$

Since A generates \mathcal{E} , this shows that Θ is measurable, and measure preserving on (E, \mathcal{E}, μ)

Theorem 9-2-1

The shift map is ergodic. ($A = \Theta^{-n}(A) \Rightarrow \mu(A) \in \{0, 1\}$)

Proof

Define $\mathcal{Y}_n = \sigma(X_{n+k} : k \in \mathbb{N})$, $\mathcal{Y} = \bigcap_n \mathcal{Y}_n$

For $A = \bigcap A_n \in \mathcal{A}$, $\Theta^{-n}(A) = \{X_{n+k} \in A_k \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N}\} \in \mathcal{Y}_n$.

Since \mathcal{Y}_n is a σ -algebra, and A generates \mathcal{E} , this implies that $\Theta^{-n}(A) \in \mathcal{Y}_n$ for all $A \in \mathcal{E}$.

Suppose that $A \in \mathcal{E}_0$ (A is invariant), thus $A = \Theta^{-1}(A) = \Theta^{-n}(A) \in \mathcal{Y}_n$.

Hence $A \in \mathcal{Y}$. But by Kolmogorov's zero-one law, for all

$A \in \mathcal{Y}$, $\mu(A) \in \{0, 1\}$ □

10.2 Strong Law of Large numbers

Theorem 10.2.1

$$(S_n^f(x) = f(x) + f(\Theta(x)) + \dots + f(\Theta^{n-1}(x)))$$

Assume that $\int_{\mathbb{R}} |x| m(dx) < \infty$, and $\int_{\mathbb{R}} x m(dx) = \nu$

Then $\mu(\{x \in E : \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_n}{n} \rightarrow \nu \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty\}) = 1$.

Proof

We apply consider the function X_i on (E, \mathcal{E}, μ) . Then X_i is integrable

$\mu(|X_i|) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x| m(dx) < \infty$ and $\mu(X_i) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x m(dx) = \nu$
Consider the shift map Θ^n m.p.t.

Note that $S_n^{X_i}(x) = x_1 + \dots + x_n$. By Birkhoff's Theorem,

there is an invariant function \bar{X}_i such that $\frac{S_n^{X_i}(x)}{n} \rightarrow \bar{X}_i(x)$

for μ almost-all x .

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Since Θ is ergodic, there exists a constant $c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$\bar{x}_i = c$ almost everywhere. But $\frac{s_n x_i}{n} \rightarrow \bar{x}_i$ in L'

(von Neumann ergodic theorem)

$$\text{So } c = \mu(\bar{x}_i) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu\left(\frac{s_n x_i}{n}\right) = \mu(x_i) = \nu \quad \square$$

Theorem 10.2.2 (Strong Law of Large Numbers)

Let $(Y_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be a sequence of integrable, i.i.d. r.v.s having mean ν . Set $S = Y_1 + \dots + Y_n$. Then $\frac{S_n}{n} \rightarrow \nu$ almost surely.

Proof

Observe $\{\frac{S_n}{n} \rightarrow \nu\} = \{Y \in E_0\}$ where

$E_0 = \{x \in E : \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_n}{n} \rightarrow \nu\}$. So $P(\frac{S_n}{n} \rightarrow \nu) = \mu(E_0) = 1$ \square

Convergence of $X_n \rightarrow X$ \rightarrow 3 subsequences

Almost Everywhere $\overset{L^1}{\Rightarrow}$ In Probability $\overset{n}{\Rightarrow}$ In Distribution

Dominating Function $\overset{L^P(p>1)}{\Rightarrow}$ In L'

Weak Convergence \Leftrightarrow Characteristic Function

We can return from $X_n \rightarrow X$ in distribution to $X_n \rightarrow X$ a.e. by changing the probability space.

$$X, X+E_1, \dots, X+E_n, \mathbb{E}|E_n| < \infty \text{ i.i.d. } \mathbb{E}E_n = 0$$

$$\begin{matrix} \parallel & \parallel \\ X_1 & X_n \end{matrix} \quad S_n = \frac{1}{n}(X_1 + \dots + X_n) \xrightarrow{a.s.} X$$

X, X_1, X_2, \dots independent copies of X .

$$F_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{X_k \leq x} \rightarrow F(x) \text{ a.e.}$$

X_1, X_2, \dots i.i.d. r.v.s $\mathbb{E}(X_i^2) < \infty$

Want to estimate $\mathbb{E}(X_i) = \mu$. Use $\frac{s_n}{\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} 0$

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{s_n}{\sqrt{n}} - \mu\right| \leq \varepsilon\right) = \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{s_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\right| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{\sigma}\right) \xrightarrow{\text{CLT}} \int_{-\frac{\varepsilon}{\sigma}}^{\frac{\varepsilon}{\sigma}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$$