

# Events in tail $\sigma$ -algebra

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$X_1, X_2, \dots$  are random variables. Define

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

$\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{T}$  is called the tail  $\sigma$ -algebra of sequence  $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ .

$\mathcal{T}$  contains many important events, such as:

$$F_1 \doteq (\lim X_k \text{ exists}) \doteq \{\omega : \lim_k X_k(\omega) \text{ exists}\}. \quad (1)$$

$$F_2 \doteq \left( \sum X_k \text{ converges} \right). \quad (2)$$

$$F_3 \doteq \left( \lim \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_k}{k} \text{ exists} \right). \quad (3)$$

Prove  $F_1, F_2$  and  $F_3 \in \mathcal{T}$ .

**Proof:** For an arbitrary  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_n \doteq \sigma(X_{n+1}, X_{n+2}, \dots)$ .

As  $X_{n+1}, X_{n+2}, \dots$  are all  $\mathcal{T}_n$ -measurable,  $\{\omega : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} X_k(\omega) \text{ exists}\} \in \mathcal{T}_n$ .

In other words,  $\{\omega : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} X_k(\omega) \text{ exists}\} \in \mathcal{T}_n$ .

Thus  $\{\omega : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} X_k(\omega) \text{ exists}\} \in \bigcap_n \mathcal{T}_n = \mathcal{T}$  and  $F_1 \in \mathcal{T}$  follows.

Also, for an arbitrary  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

$$A_n \doteq \{\omega : \sum_{k > n} X_k(\omega) \text{ converges}\}.$$

Define  $S_{n+1} = X_{n+1}$  and  $S_{n+k} = S_{n+k-1} + X_{n+k}$  for  $k > 1$ .

Notice that  $A_n = \{\omega : \lim_{k > n} S_k(\omega) \text{ exists}\}$

$X_{n+1}, X_{n+2}, \dots$  are  $\mathcal{T}_n$ -measurable  $\Rightarrow S_{n+1}, S_{n+2}, \dots$  are  $\mathcal{T}_n$ -measurable.

$\Rightarrow \{\omega : \lim_{k > n} S_k(\omega) \text{ exists}\} \in \mathcal{T}_n \Rightarrow A_n \in \mathcal{T}_n$ .

Now look back at  $A_n$ , we find that  $A_0 = A_n$  because the sum from  $X_1$  to  $X_n$  are finite.

So  $A_0 = A_n \in \mathcal{T}_n \Rightarrow A_0 \in \bigcap \mathcal{T}_n = \mathcal{T}$ , and  $F_2 = A_0 \in \mathcal{T}$  follows.

Again, for a fixed  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

$$B_n \doteq \{\omega : \lim_{k>n} \frac{X_{n+1}(\omega) + X_{n+2}(\omega) + \cdots + X_k(\omega)}{k} \text{ exists}\}.$$

As  $\frac{X_{n+1}}{n+1}, \frac{X_{n+1}+X_{n+2}}{n+2}, \dots$  are  $\mathcal{T}_n$ -measurable,  $B_n \in \mathcal{T}_n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \omega \in B_0 &\Leftrightarrow \lim_{k>0} \frac{X_1(\omega)+X_2(\omega)+\cdots+X_k(\omega)}{k} \text{ exists} \\ \Leftrightarrow \lim_{k>0} \frac{X_1(\omega)+X_2(\omega)+\cdots+X_k(\omega)}{k} &= \lim_{k>0} \frac{X_1(\omega)+X_2(\omega)+\cdots+X_n(\omega)}{k} \text{ exists} \\ \Leftrightarrow \lim_{k>0} \frac{X_{n+1}(\omega)+X_{n+2}(\omega)+\cdots+X_k(\omega)}{k} &\text{ exists} \Leftrightarrow \omega \in B_n. \end{aligned}$$

So  $B_0 = B_n \in \mathcal{T}_n \Rightarrow B_0 \in \bigcap \mathcal{T}_n = \mathcal{T}$ , and  $F_3 = B_0 \in \mathcal{T}$  follows. □