



Probability Theroy based on Measure Theory

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1. Probability Measure

1.1 Overview

1.2 Probability on a Field

■ **Definition 1.2.1** — Ω . Non empty set.

■ **Definition 1.2.2** — **Paving**. A collection of a subset of Ω is a paving.

■ **Definition 1.2.3** — **Field**. A field \mathcal{F} is a paving satisfying

- (i) $\Omega \in \mathcal{F}$
- (ii) $A \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A^C \in \mathcal{F}$
- (iii) $A, B \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A \cup B \in \mathcal{F}$

Derived Properties about a Field

- $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$ (by (i) and (ii):

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega \in \mathcal{F} &\Rightarrow \Omega^C \in \mathcal{F} \\ &\Rightarrow \emptyset \in \mathcal{F})\end{aligned}$$

- (i) can be replaced by " \mathcal{R} is nonempty" because,
Let $A \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$\begin{aligned}&\Rightarrow A^C \in \mathcal{F} \\ &\Rightarrow A^C \cup A \in \mathcal{F} \\ &\Rightarrow \Omega \in \mathcal{F}\end{aligned}$$

- $A \in \mathcal{F}, B \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A \cap B \in \mathcal{F}$ because,

$$\begin{aligned}(A \cap B)^C &= A^C \cup B^C \text{ (DeMorgan's Law)} \\ A \cap B &= (A^C \cup B^C)^C\end{aligned}$$

- $A_1, \dots, A_m \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_m \in \mathcal{F}$ (mathematical induction)
- $A_1, \dots, A_m \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_m \in \mathcal{F}$

Definition 1.2.4 — σ -Field. Similar to the definition of a field except for (iii). A paving satisfying

- (i) $\Omega \in \mathcal{F}$
- (ii) $A \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A^c \in \mathcal{F}$
- (iii) $A_1 \in \mathcal{F}, \dots, A_m \in \mathcal{F}$
 $\bigcup_{k=1}^m A_k \in \mathcal{F}$ (finite additivity)

If we replace (iii) from before by (iii') here:

For $A_1 \in \mathcal{F}, \dots, A_m \in \mathcal{F}$

$$\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \in \mathcal{F}$$

then \mathcal{F} is called a **σ -field**.

Derived Facts

- Again, (i) can be replaced by \mathcal{F} not empty, (iii) can be replaced $A_1 \in \mathcal{F}, \dots, A_m \in \mathcal{F}$

■ **Example 1.1** $\Omega = (0, 1]$ (from now on all intervals are left open, right closed)

R Recall that σ -fields are generated by fields. Fancy scripts denote a σ -field. Fancy scripts with a zero subscript denote a field.

\mathcal{B}_0 is the collection of all finite union of disjoint intervals. Asside: something that we can consider easily, but computers cannot. (e.g. think of all stars, etc)

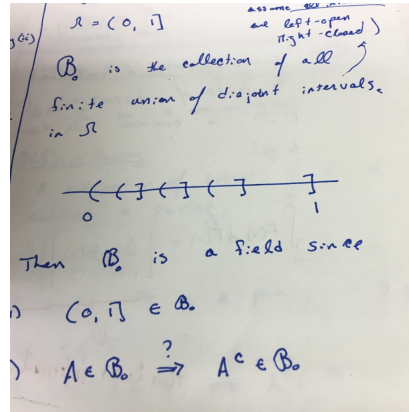


Figure 1.1: Finite union of three disjoint intervals.

Then \mathcal{B}_0 is a field.

- (i) $(0, 1] \in \mathcal{B}_0$
- (ii) $A \in \mathcal{B}_0 \Rightarrow A^c \in \mathcal{B}_0$
- (iii) $A \in \mathcal{B}_0, B \in \mathcal{B}_0 \Rightarrow A \cup B \in \mathcal{B}_0$

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\mathcal{B}_0 = collection of finite unions of disjoint subintervals of $(0, 1]$. Is a field.

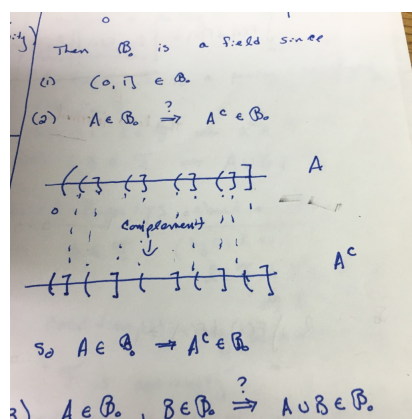
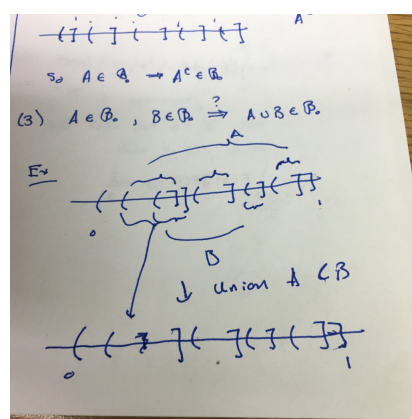


Figure 1.2: A and complement of A.

Figure 1.3: Union of A and B is still in \mathcal{B}_0

Definition 1.2.5 — Power Set. A σ -field is generated by a paving of power set. Let Ω be a set. The collection of all subsets of Ω is the power set written as 2^Ω .

- R** Where does this notation come from?
Consider this case where Ω is finite

$$\Omega = \{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n\}$$

Total number of subsets of Ω .

\emptyset , 1 element sets, 2-element sets, ..., n-element sets.

$$() + () + \dots + = (1 + 1)^n$$

$\#(\mathcal{F}) = 2^{\#\Omega}$, so it seems reasonable to denote $\mathcal{F} = 2^\Omega$.

It is also easy to show that 2^Ω is a σ -field. (The largest, even. The smallest: $\{\emptyset, \Omega\}$ which is also a σ -field.)

$$\{\emptyset, \Omega\} \subseteq \sigma\text{-field} \subseteq 2^\Omega$$

It turns out we can extend notion of length from \mathcal{B}_0 to σ -field generated by \mathcal{B}_0 .

Now, let \mathcal{A} be a nonempty paving of Ω . We define

$$\sigma(\mathcal{A}) = \cap \{ \mathcal{B} \subseteq 2^\Omega : \mathcal{B} \text{ is a } \sigma\text{-field, } \mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B} \}$$

OR rather, the *intersection* of all σ -fields that contains \mathcal{A} .

Let

$$\mathbb{F}(\mathcal{A}) = \{ \mathcal{B} \subseteq 2^\Omega : \mathcal{B} \text{ is a } \sigma\text{-field, } \mathcal{B} \supseteq \mathcal{A} \}$$

Then,


$$\sigma(\mathcal{A}) = \cap \mathcal{B}$$

$$\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{A})$$

Derived Facts

$\mathbb{F}(\mathcal{A})$ is nonempty. For example, 2^Ω is a σ -field and $2^\Omega \supseteq \mathcal{A}$.

$\cap \mathcal{B}$ is a σ -field. ($\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{A})$)

 Get notes about notation/levels.

Proof. We will prove that indeed $\sigma(\mathcal{A})$ is a σ -field. Recall that we have three conditions above for σ -field.

(i)

$$\Omega \in \sigma(\mathcal{A})$$

$$\Omega \in \cap_{\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{A})} \mathcal{B}$$

Because: \mathcal{B} is σ -field, $\Omega \in \mathcal{B}$, $\forall \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{A})$.

(ii)

$$\text{(iii) } A_1, \dots, \in \cap_{\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{A})} \mathcal{B}, \forall \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{A})$$

$$\Rightarrow \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{B}, \forall \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{A})$$

So, $\sigma(\mathcal{A})$ is a σ -field, we call it the σ -field, generated by \mathcal{B}_0 . We know how to assign length to members of \mathcal{B}_0 , we now show the assignment can be extended to $\sigma(\mathcal{B}_0)$ ■

■ **Example 1.2** Let \mathcal{I} be the collection of *all* subintervals of $(0,1]$.

Note that \mathcal{I} is a smaller collection than \mathcal{B}_0 since \mathcal{B}_0 can have numerous different combinations of the sets.

Let

$$\mathcal{B} = \sigma(\mathcal{I})$$

This is a Borel- σ -field. (a member of \mathcal{B} is Borel set.)

It turns out

$$\sigma(\mathcal{I}) = \sigma(\mathcal{B}_0)$$

This is because $\sigma(\mathcal{I})$ is a σ -field.

So,

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(\mathcal{I}) &\supseteq \mathcal{B}_o \\ \sigma(\mathcal{I}) &\supseteq \sigma(\mathcal{B}_o)\end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{I} &\subseteq \mathcal{B}_o \\ \sigma(\mathcal{I}) &\subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{B}_o)\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\sigma(\mathcal{I}) = \sigma(\mathcal{B}_o)$$

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Definition 1.2.6 — Probability Measure. Probability measures on field. Suppose \mathcal{F} is a field on a nonempty set Ω . A probability measure is a function $P : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

- (i) $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1, \forall A \in \mathcal{F}$
- (ii) $P(\emptyset) = 0, P(\Omega) = 1$
- (iii) If A_1, \dots are disjoint members of \mathcal{F} and $\cup A_n \in \mathcal{F}$ then we have countable additivity:

$$P(\cup A_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n)$$

R Note that (iii) also implies finite additivity. Prove by adding infinite empty sets on end.

If Ω is nonempty set. And \mathcal{F} is a σ -field on Ω . And P is a probability measure on \mathcal{F} . Then (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) is called a **probability space**. And (Ω, \mathcal{F}) is called a **measurable space**.

R If $A \subseteq B$, then $P(A) \leq P(B)$. This is because we may write B as

$$B = A \cup (B \setminus A)$$

R

$$P(A) + P(B) = P(A \cup B) + P(A \cap B)$$

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Recall,

Probability measure on a field, \mathcal{F}_0 .

- $P(A) + P(B) = P(A \cup B) + P(A \cap B)$
 - $P(A) = P(AB^C) + P(AB)$
 - $P(B) = P(BA^C) + P(AB)$
 - $P(A) + P(B) = P(AB^C) + P(BA^C) + 2P(AB)$
 - $P(A \cup B) = P(AB^C) + P(BA^C) + P(AB)$

- $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(AB)$ By induction, we can prove if A_1, \dots, A_n ,

$$P(\cup_{k=1}^n A_k) = \sum_{k=1}^n P(A_k) - \sum_{i < j} P(A_i A_j) + \sum_{i < j < k} P(A_i A_j A_k) + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} P(A_1, \dots, A_n)$$

Inclusion- Exclusion Formula

- If $A_1, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$B_1 = A_1$$

$$B_2 = A_2 \setminus A_1$$

$$\vdots$$

Then,

$$\cup_{k=1}^n A_k = \cup_{k=1}^n B_k$$

but the B_i are disjoint. Also $A_k \subseteq B_k \forall k = 1, \dots, n$.

$$P(\cup_{k=1}^n A_k) = P(\cup_{k=1}^n B_k) = \sum_{k=1}^n P(B_k) \leq \sum_{k=1}^n P(A_k)$$

Thus, $P(\cup_{k=1}^n A_k) \leq \sum_{k=1}^n P(A_k)$. Finite subadditivity.

Some conventions,

If A_1, \dots is a sequence of sets, we say $A_n \uparrow A$ if

1. $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq \dots$
2. $\cup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k = A$

If A_1, \dots is a sequence of sets, we say $A_n \downarrow A$ if

1. $A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq \dots$
2. $\cap_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k = A$

Theorem 1.2.1 If P is a probability measure on a field \mathcal{F} Then,

1. Continuity from below.

If $A_n \in \mathcal{F} \quad \forall n, A \in \mathcal{F}$

$$A_n \uparrow A$$

then

$$P(A_n) \uparrow P(A)$$

2. Continuity from above.

If $A_n \in \mathcal{F} \quad \forall n, A \in \mathcal{F}$

$$A_n \downarrow A$$

then

$$P(A_n) \downarrow P(A)$$

3. Countable subadditivity.

If $A_n \in \mathcal{F} \quad \forall n, \cup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \in \mathcal{F}$ then

$$P(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_k) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_k)$$

Proof. 1. If $A_1, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$B_1 = A_1$$

$$B_2 = A_2 \setminus A_1$$

$$B_3 = A_3 \setminus A_2$$

$$\vdots$$

then, B_1, \dots are disjoint.

$$\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= P(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) \\ &= P(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(B_n) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(B_n) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$2. A_n \downarrow A \Leftrightarrow A_n^C \uparrow A^C$$

But by (1),

$$P(A_n^C) \uparrow P(A^C)$$

$$1 - P(A_n) \uparrow 1 - P(A)$$

$$P(A_n) \downarrow P(A)$$

3. By finite subadditivity,

$$P(\cup_{k=1}^n A_k) \leq \sum_{k=1}^n P(A_k) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n)$$

But since, by (1), because


$$\cup_{k=1}^n A_k \uparrow \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$$

$$P(\cup_{k=1}^n A_k) \uparrow P(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n)$$

So,

$$P(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n)$$

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 $A \in \mathcal{F} = \text{"A is F-set"}$.

1.3 Extention of Probability Measure to a σ -field

Let f be a function $f : D \rightarrow R$.

Let \tilde{D} be another set such that

$$D \subseteq \tilde{D}$$

An extantion of f onto \tilde{D} is

$$\tilde{f} : \tilde{D} \rightarrow R$$

Such that $f(x) = \tilde{f}(x) \forall x \in D$

\tilde{f} is an extension of f on D .

We say f has unique extension, \tilde{f} onto \tilde{D} if

1. \tilde{f} is an extension of f to \tilde{D} .
2. if g is another extension of f to \tilde{D} then $\tilde{f} = g$ on D .

Theorem 1.3.1 A probability measure on a field has a unique extension on the σ -field generated by this field.

This means that if \mathcal{F}_0 is a field, and P is a probability measure on \mathcal{F}_0 , then there exists a probability measure, Q on $\sigma(\mathcal{F}_0)$ such that

$$Q(A) = P(A) \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{F}_0$$

Moreover, if \tilde{Q} is another probability measure on $\sigma(\mathcal{F}_0)$ such that $\tilde{Q} = P(A) \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{F}_0$ then

$$\tilde{Q} = Q$$



The proof of this theorem will come after several definitions and lemmas.

Outer Measure $P^* : 2^\Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

For any $A \in 2^\Omega$ ($A \subseteq \Omega$)

$$P^*(A) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) : A_1, A_2, \dots \text{ is a sequence of } \mathcal{F}_0 \text{ sets, } A \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \right\}$$

P^* is a measure out until \mathcal{M} , but it is only a function beyond that on 2^Ω .

Inner Measure

$$P_*(A) = 1 - P^*(A)$$

Define the paving \mathcal{M} as follows

$$\mathcal{M} = \{A \in 2^\Omega : E \in 2^\Omega, P^*(E) = P^*(E \cap A) + P^*(E \cap A^C)\}$$

Idea: we came up with this \mathcal{M} such that P^* behaves as a measure. It will turn out to be that \mathcal{M} is a σ -field that contains $\sigma(\mathcal{F}_0)$.

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P^* satisfies the following probabilities:

- (i) $P^*(\emptyset) = 0$
- (ii) $P^*(A) \geq 0 \quad \forall A \in 2^\Omega$
- (iii) $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow P^*(A) \leq P^*(B)$
- (iv) $P^*(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P^*(A_n)$

Proof. (i) Take $\{\emptyset, \emptyset, \dots\}$.

$$\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}_0, \quad \emptyset \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} \emptyset$$

So,

$$P^*(\emptyset) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(\emptyset) = 0$$

Note,

$$P(A) \geq 0 \quad \forall A$$

So,

$$P^*(\emptyset) \geq 0$$

Thus,

$$P^*(\emptyset) = 0$$

(ii) Already done as part of (i).

(iii) Let $A \subseteq B$

$$P^*(A) = \inf\left\{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n), A_n \in \mathcal{F}_0, A \subseteq \bigcup A_n\right\}$$

Now, if $B_1, \dots \in \mathcal{F}_0 \subseteq \bigcup B_n$

Then,

$$A \subseteq B \subseteq \bigcup B_n$$

If $\{\{B_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} : B_n \in \mathcal{F}_0, B \subseteq \bigcup B_n\} \subseteq \{\{A_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} : A_n \in \mathcal{F}_0, A \subseteq \bigcup A_n\}$

Or in short, Collection 1 \subseteq Collection 2.

So the inf of a larger set is smaller than (or equal to) the inf of a smaller set.

So,

$$P^*(A) = \inf\left\{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n), A_n \in \text{collection \#1}\right\} \leq P^*(B) = \inf\left\{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(B_n), B_n \in \text{collection \#2}\right\} = P^*(B)$$

(iv) Want

$$P^*(\bigcup_n A_n) \leq \sum_n P^*(A_n)$$

$$P^*(A_n) = \inf\left\{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(A_{nk}) : A_{nk} \in \mathcal{F}_0, A_n \subseteq \bigcup_k A_{nk}\right\}$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$, by definition of there exists,

$$\{B_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$$

such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(B_{nk}) \leq P^*(A_n) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^n}$$

So,

$$\cup_n A_n \subseteq \cup_{n,k} B_{nk}$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned} P^*(\cup_n A_n) &\leq \sum_{n,k} P(B_{nk}) \\ &< \sum_n P^*(A_n) + \sum_n (\varepsilon 2^{-n}) \\ P^*(\cup_n A_n) &< \sum_n P^*(A_n) + \varepsilon \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Simply put,

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So,

$$P^*(\cup_n A_n) \leq \sum_n P^*(A_n)$$

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By definition, $A \in \mathcal{M}$ if and only if $P^*(EA) + P^*(EA^C) = P^*(E)$.

We know that P^* is subadditive.

So, by subadditivity we know,

$$P^*(E) \leq P^*(AE) + P^*(A^C E)$$

Therefore, to show $A \in \mathcal{M}$ we only need to show

$$P^*(E) \geq P^*(AE) + P^*(A^C E)$$

\mathcal{M} is defined by P^* and P^* is defined using \mathcal{F}_0 so \mathcal{M} is indirectly tied to \mathcal{F}_0 .

Lemma 1. \mathcal{M} is a field.

Proof. (i) $\Omega \in \mathcal{M}$

$$A = \Omega$$

$$P^*(\emptyset) = 0$$

$$P^*(E) + P^*(\emptyset) = P^*(E)$$

(ii) $A \in \mathcal{M} = A^C \in \mathcal{M}$

$$\begin{aligned}
P^*(E) &= P^*(EA) + P^*(A^C E) \\
&= P^*(EA^C) + P^*(AE) \\
&= P^*(EA^C) + P^*((A^C)^C E)
\end{aligned}$$

(iii) $A, B \in \mathcal{M} \rightarrow A \cap B \in \mathcal{M}$

$$\begin{aligned}
B \in \mathcal{M} &\Rightarrow P^*(E) = P^*(Eb) + P^*(B^C E) \quad \forall E \\
A \in \mathcal{M} &\Rightarrow P^*(BE) = P^*((BE)A) + P^*(A^C (BE)) \\
A \in \mathcal{M} &\Rightarrow P^*(B^C E) = P^*((B^C E)A) + P^*(A^C (B^C E))
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
P^*(BE) + P^*(B^C E) &= P^*((BE)A) + P^*(A^C (BE)) + P^*((B^C E)A) + P^*(A^C (B^C E)) \\
P^*(A^C (BE)) + P^*((B^C E)A) + P^*(A^C (B^C E)) &\geq P^*((A^C BE) \cup (AB^C E) \cup (A^C B^C E)) \\
&= P^*(E \cap [A^C B \cup AB^C \cup A^C B^C]) \\
&= P^*(E \cap (AB)^C)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P^*(E) &= P^*(BE) + P^*(B^C E) \\
&= P^*((BE)A) + (P^*(A^C (BE)) + P^*((B^C E)A) + P^*(A^C (B^C E))) \\
&\geq P^*(ABE) + P^*(E(AB)^C)
\end{aligned}$$

So, $A, B \in \mathcal{M}$

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Lemma 2. If A_1, A_2, \dots is a sequence of disjoint \mathcal{M} -sets then for each $E \subseteq \Omega$,

$$P^*(E \cap (\cup_k A_k)) = \sum_k P^*(E \cap A_k)$$

Proof. First, prove this statement for finite sequence.

$$A_1, \dots, A_n$$

by mathematical induction.

If $n = 1$ this is 'trivial',

$$P^*(E \cap A_1) = P^*(E \cap A_1)$$

If $n = 2$ we need to show,

$$P^*(E(A_1 \cup A_n)) = P^*(EA_1) + P^*(EA_2)$$

Because $A_1 \in \mathcal{M}$,

$$P^*(E(A_1 \cup A_2)) = P^*(E(A_1 \cup A_2))A_1 + P^*(E(A_1 \cup A_2)A_1^2)$$

$$E(A_1 \cup A_2) = E(A_1 A_2 \cup A_1 A_2^2) = EA_1$$

$$E(A_1 \cup A_2)A_1^C = E(A_1A_1^C \cup A_2A_2^C)$$

So,

$$P^*(E(A_1 \cup A_2)) = P^*(EA_1) + P^*(EA_2)$$

Suppose true for $n = k$. (induction hypothesis)

Now we must show for $n = k + 1$.

$$P^*(E \cap (\cup_{n=1}^{k+1} A_n)) = P^*([E \cap (\cup_{n=1}^k A_n)] \cup A_{k+1})$$

$(\cup_{n=1}^k A_n), A_{k+1}$ are two disjoint sets. Using the $n=2$ case,

$$= \sum_{n=1}^k P^*(E \cap A_n) + P(E \cap A_{k+1}) = \sum_{n=1}^{k+1} P^*(E \cap A_n)$$

So this is now shown to be true for $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$. Next, show true for A_1, \dots in \mathcal{M} (disjoint).
Want:

$$P^*(E \cap (\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n)) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P^*(E \cap A_n)$$

Using countable subadditivity,

$$P^*(E \cap (\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n)) = P^*(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} E \cap A_n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P^*(E \cap A_n)$$

In the meantime, by the monotonicity of P^*

$$P^*(E \cap (\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n)) \geq P^*(E \cap (\cup_{n=1}^m A_n)) = \sum_{n=1}^m P^*(E \cap A_n)$$

So,

$$P^*(E \cap (\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n)) \geq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^m P^*(E \cap A_n)$$

(*), (**) gives us,

$$P^*(E \cap (\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n)) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P^*(E \cap A_n)$$

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(finished proof)

Lemma 3.

1. \mathcal{M} is a σ -field
2. P^* restricted on \mathcal{M} is countably additive.

Proof. First we show if

1. \mathcal{M} is a field
 2. \mathcal{M} is closed under countable disjoint union.
- then \mathcal{M} is a σ -field.

Let's create disjoint sets,

$$A_n \in \mathcal{M}, n = 1, 2, \dots \quad B_1 = A_1 \quad B_2 = A_2 A_1^C : B_n = A_n A_1^C \dots A_{n-1}^C$$

$$B_1, \dots, B_n \in \mathcal{M} \text{ (disjoint)}$$

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$$

But we know that $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \in \mathcal{M}$ so $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{M}$ and thus \mathcal{M} is a σ -field.

So it suffices to show that \mathcal{M} is closed under disjoint countable unions.

Let A_1, A_2, \dots are disjoint \mathcal{M} -sets.

Let $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$.

Let $F_n = \bigcup_{k=1}^n A_k$.

Then $F_n \in \mathcal{M}$.

So, $\forall E \in 2^{\Omega}$,

$$P^*(E) = P^*(EF_n) + P^*(EF_n^C)$$

$$P^*(EF_n) = P^*(E(\bigcup_{k=1}^n A_k))$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n P^*(EA_k)$$

$$P^*(EF_n^C) \geq P^*(EA^C)(F_n \subseteq A, F_n^C \supseteq A^C)$$

$$\Rightarrow P^*(E) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^*(EA_k) + P^*(EA^C)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P^*(EA_k) + P^*(EA^C)$$

$$= P^*(EA) + P^*(EA^C)$$

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So $A \in \mathcal{M}$ and \mathcal{M} is a σ -field.

Now, let's show P^* is countably additive.

Let A_1, A_2, \dots be disjoint members of \mathcal{M} . Then $\forall E \in 2^{\Omega}$,

$$P^*(E(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n)) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P^*(EA_n)$$

Take $E = \Omega$.

$$P^*(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n)$$

Lemma 4. $\mathcal{F}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{M}$

Proof. Let $A \in \mathcal{F}$.

Want:

$$A \in \mathcal{M}$$

$$P^*(E) = P^*(EA) + P^*(EA^C)$$

By definition, there exists $E_n \in \mathcal{F}_0$ such that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P^*(E_n) \leq P^*(E) + \varepsilon$$

$$\begin{aligned} P^*(EA) &\leq P^*((\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n)A) \text{ (monotonocity)} \\ &= P^*(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} (E_n A)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P^*(E_n A) \text{ (countably subadd)}$$

$$P^*(EA^C) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P^*(E_n A^C)$$

$$P^*(EA) + P^*(EA^C) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P^*(E_n A) + P^*(E_n A^C)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P^*(E_n)$$

Recall, $A, E_n \in \mathcal{F}_0$

$$\leq P^*(E) + \varepsilon$$

$$P^*(EA) + P^*(EA^C) \leq P^*(E) + \varepsilon \quad \forall \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow P^*(EA) + P^*(EA^C) = P^*(E)$$

$$\Rightarrow A \in \mathcal{M}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_0 \in \mathcal{M}$$

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Lemma 5.

$$P^*(A) = P(A) \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{F}_0$$

Proof. Let $A \in \mathcal{F}_0$.

Because, $A, \emptyset, \emptyset, \dots \in \mathcal{F}_0$.

$$A \subseteq A \cup \emptyset \cup \emptyset \dots$$

$$P^*(A) \leq P(A) + P(\emptyset) + \dots$$

But, if

$$A_n \in \mathcal{F}_0$$

$$A \subseteq \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P^*(A) &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) \\
\Rightarrow P^*(A) &\leq \inf \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) \\
&= P^*(A)
\end{aligned}$$

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Friday September 2

R 5 Lemma Recap

Lemma 1. \mathcal{M} is a field.

Lemma 2. If A_1, A_2, \dots is a sequence of disjoint \mathcal{M} -sets then for each $E \subseteq \Omega$,

$$P^*(E \cap (\cup_k A_k)) = \sum_k P^*(E \cap A_k)$$

Lemma 3.

1. \mathcal{M} is a σ -field
2. P^* restricted on \mathcal{M} is countably additive.

Lemma 4.

$$\mathcal{F}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{M}$$

Lemma 5.

$$P^*(A) = P(A) \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{F}_0$$

Recall, Extension Theorem. That is, If \mathcal{F} is a field and P is a probability measure, then there exists a measure, Q such that

$$Q(A) = P(A) \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{F}_0$$

Proof. By Lemma 5,

$$P^*(\Omega) = P(\Omega) = 1$$

$$P^*(\emptyset) = P(\emptyset) = 0$$

Outline of what we need to show:

- $0 \leq M(A) \leq 1$
- $M(\emptyset) = 0, \quad M(\Omega) = 1$
- $M(\cup_n A_n) = \sum_n M(A_n)$

Since $\forall A \in \mathcal{M}$,

$$\emptyset \subseteq A \subseteq \Omega$$

then

$$0 \leq P^*(\emptyset) \leq P^*(A) \leq P^*(\Omega) \leq 1$$

But, by Lemma 3, P^* is countably additive on \mathcal{M} . So P^* is probability measure on \mathcal{M} (which is a σ -field, by Lemma 3).

By Lemma 4, $\mathcal{F}_0 \subset \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow \sigma(\mathcal{F}_0) \subseteq \mathcal{M}$. So P^* is also probability measure on $\sigma(\mathcal{F}_0)$.

Finally, by Lemma 5, again $P^*(A) = P(A)$, P^* is an extension of P from \mathcal{F}_0 to $\sigma(\mathcal{F}_0)$. ■

Uniqueness of the extension, $\pi - \lambda$ Theorem

Paving - $\{\pi$ -system and λ -system.} (?)

Definition 1.3.1 — π -System. A class of subsets \mathcal{P} of Ω is a π system, if

$$A, B \in \mathcal{P} \Rightarrow AB \in \mathcal{P}$$

Definition 1.3.2 — λ -System. A class \mathcal{L} is a λ -system if

- λ (i) $\Omega \in \mathcal{L}$
- λ (ii) $A \in \mathcal{L} \Rightarrow A^C \in \mathcal{L}$
- λ (iii) If $A_1, \dots \in \mathcal{L}$ are disjoint then $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{L}$

So, the only difference is "disjoint". Weaker than a σ -field (i.e. A σ -field is always a λ -system). Note that (λ_2) can be replaced by $(\lambda_{2'})$ wherein

$$A, B \in \mathcal{F}, A \subseteq B, \Rightarrow B \setminus A \in \mathcal{L}$$

That is $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \Leftrightarrow \lambda_1, \lambda_{2'}, \lambda_3$

Lemma 6. A class of sets that is both π -system and λ -system is a σ -field.

Proof. Suppose \mathcal{F} is both π -system and λ -system.

By definition,

1. $\Omega \in \mathcal{F}$
2. $A \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A^C \in \mathcal{F}$

Let A_1, A_2, \dots be \mathcal{F} sets.

Let's construct disjoint sets, B

$$\begin{aligned} B_1 &= A_1 \\ B_2 &= A_1^C A_2 \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

Then B_n are \mathcal{F} -sets (by $\lambda_{2'} - A_2^C = \Omega A_2^C \in \mathcal{F}$, by π -system, $A_1 A_2^C \in \mathcal{F}$).

By λ_3 ,

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \in \mathcal{F}$$

So,

$$\cup_n^\infty A_n \in \mathcal{F}$$

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Theorem 1.3.2 — π - λ Theorem. If \mathcal{P} is in a π -system, \mathcal{L} is in a λ -system, then

$$\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{L} \Rightarrow \sigma(\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{L})$$

Proof. Let $\lambda(\mathcal{P})$ be the intersection of all λ -system that contains \mathcal{P} .

$$\lambda(\mathcal{P}) = \cap \{ \mathcal{L}' : \mathcal{L}' \supseteq \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}' \text{ is } \lambda\text{-set} \}$$

$\lambda(\mathcal{P})$ is a λ -system.

Goal: prove $\lambda(\mathcal{P})$ is a σ -field. So we want to show that $\lambda(\mathcal{P})$ is a π -system.

1. $\Omega \in \lambda(\mathcal{P})$?

$$\Omega \in \mathcal{L}' \quad \forall \mathcal{L}'$$

$$\Omega \in \lambda(\mathcal{P})$$

2. $A \in \lambda(\mathcal{P}) \Rightarrow A^C \in \lambda(\mathcal{P})$?

$$A \in \lambda(\mathcal{P}) \Rightarrow A \in \cap \{ \mathcal{L}' : \mathcal{L}' \supseteq \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}' \text{ is } \lambda\text{-set} \}$$

Then

$A \in \mathcal{L}'$ for any $\mathcal{L}' \supseteq \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}'$ is λ -system.

$$\Rightarrow A^C \in \mathcal{L}'$$

$$\Rightarrow A^C \in \cap \{ \mathcal{L}' : \mathcal{L}' \supseteq \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}' \text{ is } \lambda\text{-set} \} = \lambda(\mathcal{P})$$

3. $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \lambda(\mathcal{P})$ are disjoint then $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{L}' \quad \forall \mathcal{L}'$.

Then $\cup A_n \in \mathcal{L}'$ (\mathcal{L}' λ -system)

So $\cup_n A_n \in \lambda(\mathcal{P})$.

We call $\lambda(\mathcal{P})$ the λ -system generated by \mathcal{P} .

If we can say that $\lambda(\mathcal{P})$ is also a σ -field, then $\sigma(\mathcal{P}) \subseteq \lambda(\mathcal{P})$ because $\sigma(\mathcal{P})$ is smallest.

So then, $\sigma(\mathcal{P}) \subseteq \mathcal{L}$ because $\lambda(\mathcal{P})$ is the small λ -system.

So it suffices to show that $\lambda(\mathcal{P})$ is a σ -field. But we know if $\lambda(\mathcal{P})$ is a system then $\lambda(\mathcal{P})$ is σ -field. So it suffices to show that $\lambda(\mathcal{P})$ is a π -system.

Construct again for any $A \in 2^\Omega \quad (A \subseteq \Omega)$, let

$$\mathcal{L}_A = \{ B : AB \in \lambda(\mathcal{P}) \}$$

Claim: If $A \in \lambda(\mathcal{P})$ then \mathcal{L}_A is λ -system.

(a) $\Omega \in \mathcal{L}_A$?

$$A\Omega = A \in \mathcal{L}_A$$

(b) $(\lambda'_2) : B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{L}_A, B_1 \subseteq B_2 \Rightarrow B_2 B_1^C \in \mathcal{L}_A$?

$$B_1 \in \mathcal{L}_A \Rightarrow AB_1 \in \lambda(\mathcal{P})$$

$$B_2 \in \mathcal{L}_A \Rightarrow AB_2 \in \lambda(\mathcal{P})$$

Since $AB_1 \subseteq AB_2$, $\lambda(\mathcal{P})$ is λ -system by (λ'_2) for $\lambda(\mathcal{P})$

(c) If B_n is disjoint, \mathcal{L}_A -sets.

Want $\cup_n B_n$ because

$$B_n \in \mathcal{L}_A$$

$$B_n A \in \lambda(\mathcal{P})$$

Because B_n disjoint we know that $B_n A$ is also disjoint.

Hence,

$$\cup_n (B_n A) \in \lambda(\mathcal{P})$$

Claim: $\lambda(\mathcal{P})$ is π -system.

(a) If $A \in \mathcal{P}$, then $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_A$

Suppose $A \in \mathcal{P}$.

Let $B \in \mathcal{P}$, then $AB \in \mathcal{P}$ (π -system), and $AB \in \lambda(\mathcal{P}) \Rightarrow B \in \mathcal{L}_A$

(b) If $A \in \mathcal{P}$ then $\lambda(\mathcal{P}) \subset \mathcal{L}_A$.

(c) If $A \in \lambda(\mathcal{P})$, then $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{L}_A$

Suppose, $A \in \lambda(\mathcal{P})$ and let $B \in \mathcal{P}$.

By step 2,

$$A \in \mathcal{L}_A$$

$$\Rightarrow AB \in \lambda(\mathcal{P})$$

$$\Rightarrow B \in \mathcal{L}_A$$

(d) If $A \in \lambda(\mathcal{P})$, then $\lambda(\mathcal{P}) \subseteq \mathcal{L}_A$. This is because $\lambda(\mathcal{P})$ is the smallest λ -system, \mathcal{L}_A is λ -system containing \mathcal{P} (by step 3).

Now show that $\lambda(\mathcal{P})$ is π -system.

$A, B \in \lambda(\mathcal{P})$ because $A \in \lambda(\mathcal{P})$. We have that $\lambda(\mathcal{P}) \in \mathcal{L}_A$.

So

$$B \in \mathcal{L}_A$$

$$BA \in \lambda(\mathcal{P})$$

Thus $\lambda(\mathcal{P})$ is π -system. ■

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Theorem 1.3.3 Suppose P_1 and P_2 are probability measures on $\sigma(\mathcal{P})$ where \mathcal{P} is a π -system. If P_1 and P_2 agree on \mathcal{P} (that is, $P_1(A) = P_2(A) \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{P}$) then they agree on $\sigma(\mathcal{P})$.

Proof. Let

$$\mathcal{L} = \{A \in \sigma(\mathcal{P}) : P_1(A) = P_2(A)\}$$

Then $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$.

It suffices to show that \mathcal{L} is a λ -system (because if so, then $\sigma(\mathcal{P}) \subseteq \mathcal{L}$ - in fact, $\sigma(\mathcal{P}) = \mathcal{L}$).

Show \mathcal{L} is a λ -system.

1. $\Omega \in \mathcal{L}$?

$$P_1(\Omega) = P_2(\Omega) = 1, \quad \Omega \in \mathcal{P}$$

2. $A \in \mathcal{L}$

$$P_1(A) = P_2(A) \Rightarrow P_1(A^C) = P_2(A^C), \quad A^C \in \mathcal{L}$$

3. $A \in \mathcal{L}$. A_n disjoint. Want $\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{L}$.

Since

$$A_n \in \mathcal{L}$$

$$P_1(A_n) = P_2(A_n) \quad \forall n$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_1(A_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_2(A_n)$$

$$P_1(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) = P_2(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n)$$

So, $\cup A_n \in \mathcal{L}$. ■

So our extension of (and uniqueness of the extension of) P on \mathcal{F}_0 to $\sigma(\mathcal{F}_0)$ is complete. We have shown the existence of Q on \mathcal{M} .

Since Q agrees with P on \mathcal{F}_0 and \mathcal{F}_0 is a field, this implies that this is a π -system.

If you have another extension, say \tilde{Q} , then $\tilde{Q} = P$ on \mathcal{F}_0 . That is, $\tilde{Q} = Q$ on \mathcal{M} , where \mathcal{M} is a σ -field, which is a π -system.

So by Theorem 1.3.3,

$$\tilde{Q} = Q \text{ on } \sigma(\mathcal{P}).$$

So, Theorem 1.3.1, is completely proved.

Lemma 1 - Lemma 5 imply the extension.

$\pi - \lambda$ Theorem and Theorem 1.3.3 implies uniqueness.

This wraps up Theorem 1.3.1.

Lebesgue measure on $(0,1]$

$$\Omega = (0, 1]$$

Recall, \mathcal{B}_0 is the finite disjoint unions of intervals in $(0,1]$ and that \mathcal{B}_0 is a field.

Let $\mathcal{B} = \sigma(\mathcal{B}_0)$.

For each $A \in \mathcal{B}_0$,

$$A = \cup_{i=1}^n (a_i, b_i]$$

$$\text{Let } \lambda(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i).$$

Question: Is λ a probability measure on \mathcal{B}_0 ?

Theorem 1.3.4 — Theorem 2.2 in Billingsly. The set function λ on \mathcal{B}_0 is a probability measure on \mathcal{B}_0 .

Proof. 1. $0 \leq \lambda(A) \leq 1$

2.

$$\lambda(\Omega) = \lambda((0, 1]) = 1 - 0 = 1$$

$$\lambda(\emptyset) = \lambda((0, 0]) = 0$$

3. This one requires Theorem 1.3 in Billingsly (proof omitted - calculus, blah).

Theorem 1.3 - If I is an interval in $(0,1]$ and $\{I_k : k = 1, 2, \dots\}$ are disjoint intervals in $(0,1]$ such that

$$I = \cup_{k=1}^{\infty} I_k$$

then,

$$|I| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |I_k|$$

where $|a|$ means length of interval a .

Since $\cup_{j=1}^{m_k} I_{kj} \in \mathcal{B}_0$ and $\cup_{i=1}^m I_i = \cup_{k=1}^{\infty} \cup_{j=1}^{m_k} I_{kj}$.

Then

$$\lambda(A) \lambda(\cup_{i=1}^m I_i) = \sum_{i=1}^m |I_i|$$

Since, $I_i \subset \cup_{k=1}^{\infty} \cup_{j=1}^{m_k} I_{kj}$, then

$$I_i = I_i(\cup_{k=1}^{\infty} \cup_{j=1}^{m_k} I_{kj}) = \cup_{k=1}^{\infty} \cup_{j=1}^{m_k} I_i I_{kj}$$

By Theorem 1.3,

$$|I| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} |I_i I_{kj}|$$

$$\lambda(A) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} |I_i I_{kj}| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} \sum_{i=1}^m |I_i I_{kj}|$$

Because $I_{jk} \subseteq \cup_{i=1}^m I_i$, we have that

$$I_{kj} = \cup_{i=1}^m I_{kj} I_i$$

Again by Theorem 1.3, (note that $I_{kj}I_i$ are disjoint intervals)

$$|I_{kj}| = \sum_{i=1}^m |I_i I_{jk}|$$

$$\text{So, } \lambda(A) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} |I_{kj}| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda(A_k)$$

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Finished above proof.

So λ is a probability on \mathcal{B}_0 . By Theorem 3.1, there exists a unique measure τ on $\sigma(\mathcal{B}_0) = \mathcal{B}$ such that

$$\tau(A) = \lambda(A) \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{B}_0$$

τ is called **Lebesgue Measure** on $(0,1]$. We may still write it as λ .

1.4 Probabilities Concerning Sequences of Events

Set Limit

Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}) be a measurable space (i.e. Ω is nonempty set and \mathcal{F} is σ -field).

let $A_1, \dots \in \mathcal{F}$. We define

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$$

It is trivial to show that $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n \in \mathcal{F}$.

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$$

We swapped intersection/union...what we are doing here?

ω (means outcome) $\in \Omega$

$$\omega \in \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n \Leftrightarrow \omega \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \omega \in \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \quad \forall n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \omega \in A_k \quad \text{for some } k \geq n, \quad \forall n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$\Leftrightarrow \omega$ is in infinitely many k .

Similarly,

$$\omega \in \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n \Leftrightarrow \omega \in \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \omega \in \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \quad \text{for some } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \omega \in A_k \quad \forall k \geq n, \quad \text{for some } n$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \omega \in \text{all but finitely many } A_k$$

So this is a much stronger requirement. Intuitively, if ω is in all but finitely many A_k , then it must be in infinitely many A_k (i.e. $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n \subseteq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$).

For $i > \max(n, m)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \cap_{k=m}^{\infty} A_k &\subseteq A_i \subseteq \cup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k \\ \Rightarrow \cup_{m=1}^{\infty} \cap_{k=m}^{\infty} A_k &\subseteq \cup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k \\ \Rightarrow \cup_{m=1}^{\infty} \cap_{k=m}^{\infty} A_k &\subseteq \cap_{n=1}^{\infty} \cup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k \\ &\Rightarrow \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n \subseteq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n \end{aligned}$$

$$\cap_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k \uparrow \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$$

$$\cup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k \downarrow \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$$

If $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$, then we say that the sequences $\{A_n\}$ has a limit,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n \in \mathcal{F}$$

Sometimes we write,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = [A_n \text{ i.o.}]$$

Theorem 1.4.1 Suppose (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) is a probability space and $A_n \in \mathcal{F} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$

(i)

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n) \leq P(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n)$$

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n) \geq P(\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n)$$

(ii) $A_n \rightarrow A$ ($A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$), then we have continuity of probability of a set function:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n) = P(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n)$$

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Proof. (i) Let $B_n = \cap_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k$.

$$B_n \uparrow \liminf_n A_n$$

By Theorem 2.1,

$$P(B_n) \uparrow P(\liminf_n A_n)$$

So,

$$P(B_n) \leq P(\liminf_n A_n) \quad \forall n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(B_n) = P(\liminf_n A_n)$$

$$P(A_n) \geq P(B_n) \rightarrow P(\liminf_n A_n)$$

$$\liminf_n P(A_n) \geq P(\liminf_n A_n)$$

Similarly,

Let $C_n = \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k$.

Then,

$$C_n \downarrow \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k$$

$$P(A_n) \leq P(C_n) \rightarrow P(\limsup_n A_n)$$

$$\limsup_n P(A_n) \leq P(\limsup_n A_n)$$

(ii) If A_n has a limit (i.e. $\limsup_n A_n = \liminf_n A_n = \lim A$) then,

$$\liminf_n P(A_n) \geq P(\liminf_n A_n) = P(\limsup_n A_n) \geq \limsup_n P(A_n)$$

So, $\liminf_n P(A_n) = \limsup_n P(A_n)$, thus

$$\lim_n P(A_n) = P(\lim_n A_n)$$

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Independent Events

(Ω, \mathcal{F}, P)

Let $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$. They are independent if and only iff:

$$P(AB) = P(A)P(B)$$

$$A \perp\!\!\!\perp B$$

A_1, \dots, A_n are independent if and only if for any $\{k_1, \dots, k_j\} \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$,

$$P(A_{k_1} \dots A_{k_j}) = P(A_{k_1}) \dots P(A_{k_j})$$

In this case we write: $A_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp \dots \perp\!\!\!\perp A_n$.

Now let, $\mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_n$ be pavings in \mathcal{F} (i.e. $\mathcal{A}_k \subseteq \mathcal{F}$).

We say $\mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_n$ are independent if and only if for any $A_1 \in \mathcal{A}_1, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{A}_n$ we have

$$A_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp \dots \perp\!\!\!\perp A_n$$

In this case we write: $\mathcal{A}_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp \dots \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathcal{A}_n$.

Theorem 1.4.2 Suppose for (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) is a probability space if,

$$\mathcal{A}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{F} \dots \mathcal{A}_n \subseteq \mathcal{F}$$

are π -systems. Then,

$$\mathcal{A}_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp \dots \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathcal{A}_n \Rightarrow \sigma(\mathcal{A}_1) \perp\!\!\!\perp \dots \perp\!\!\!\perp \sigma(\mathcal{A}_n)$$

Proof. Let $\mathcal{B}_i = \mathcal{A}_i \cup \{\Omega\}$.

It is easy to show (in homework)

1. \mathcal{B}_i is still a π -system
2. \mathcal{B}_i are still independent

$$\mathcal{B}_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp \dots \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathcal{B}_n$$

For $B_2 \in \mathcal{B}_2, \dots, B_n \in \mathcal{B}_n$ define,

$$\mathcal{L}(B_2, \dots, B_n) = \{B \in \mathcal{F} : B \perp\!\!\!\perp B_2 \perp\!\!\!\perp \dots \perp\!\!\!\perp B_n\}$$

1. First we show $\mathcal{L}(B_2, \dots, B_n)$ is λ -system.

$$\Omega \in \mathcal{L}(B_2, \dots, B_n)$$

$$\Omega \perp\!\!\!\perp B_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp \dots \perp\!\!\!\perp B_n$$

This is true because $P(\Omega B_2 \dots B_n) = P(B_2 \dots B_n) = P(B_2) \dots P(B_n) = P(\Omega)P(B_2) \dots P(B_n)$

2. Now $A \in \mathcal{L}(B_2, \dots, B_n) \Rightarrow A^C \in \mathcal{L}(B_2, \dots, B_n)$

$A \in \mathcal{L}(B_2, \dots, B_n)$

$$\Rightarrow A \perp\!\!\!\perp B_2 \perp\!\!\!\perp \dots \perp\!\!\!\perp B_n$$

$$\Rightarrow P(AB_2 \dots B_n) = P(A)P(B_2) \dots P(B_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A^C B_2 \dots B_n)$$

$$P(B_2 \dots B_n) \setminus P(AB_2 \dots B_n)$$

$$P(B_2 \dots B_n) - P(AB_2 \dots B_n)$$

$$P(B_2) \dots P(B_n) - P(A)P(B_2) \dots P(B_n)$$

$$(1 - P(A))P(B_2) \dots P(B_n) = P(A^C)P(B_2) \dots P(B_n)$$

Then we run this through all subadditives of A, B_2, \dots, B_n .

$$A^C \perp\!\!\!\perp B_2 \perp\!\!\!\perp \dots \perp\!\!\!\perp B_n$$

3. If $C_1, C_2, \dots \in \mathcal{L}(B_2, \dots, B_n)$ they are disjoint. Want to show

$$\cup_{m=1}^{\infty} C_m \in \mathcal{L}(B_2, \dots, B_n)$$

$$C_m \in \mathcal{L}(B_2, \dots, B_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow C_m \perp\!\!\!\perp \dots \perp\!\!\!\perp B_n$$

$$\Rightarrow P(C_m B_2 \dots B_n) = P(C_m) \dots P(B_n) \quad \forall m = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} P(C_m B_2 \dots B_n) = \left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} P(C_m) \right) P(B_2) \dots P(B_n)$$

But $\{C_m, B_2, \dots, B_n, m = 1, 2, \dots\}$

So $\cup_m C_m \in \mathcal{L}(B_2, \dots, B_n)$.

And $\mathcal{L}(B_2, \dots, B_n)$.

Also, $B_1 \in \mathcal{L}(B_2, \dots, B_n) \quad \forall B_1 \in \mathcal{B}_1$ therefore by definition,

$$\mathcal{B}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{L}(B_2, \dots, B_n)$$

So, $\sigma(\mathcal{B}_1) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(B_2, \dots, B_n)$ and we have our $\lambda - \pi$ -theorem.

This means that for all $B_1 \in \sigma(\mathcal{B}_1)$

$$B_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp B_2 \perp\!\!\!\perp \dots \perp\!\!\!\perp B_n$$

Recall that B_i are arbitrary members of,

$$\sigma(\mathcal{B}_1) \perp\!\!\!\perp B_2 \perp\!\!\!\perp \dots \perp\!\!\!\perp B_n \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{B}_2 \perp\!\!\!\perp \sigma(\mathcal{B}_1) \perp\!\!\!\perp \dots \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathcal{B}_n$$

Run the previous argument repeatedly.

So

$$\sigma(\mathcal{B}_1) \perp\!\!\!\perp \sigma(\mathcal{B}_2) \perp\!\!\!\perp \dots \perp\!\!\!\perp \sigma(\mathcal{B}_n)$$

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■ **Example 1.3** Let \mathcal{I} be the collection of all intervals, then its π -system. When we want to check $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$, we only need to check

$$P(X \in \text{interval}, Y \in \text{interval}) = P(X \in \text{interval})P(Y \in \text{interval})$$

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Independence of Infinite Classes

Let $\{\mathcal{A}_\theta : \theta \in \Theta\}$ where θ is any infinite set (need not be countable) if and only if any (infinite) $\{A_\theta : \theta \in \Theta\}$ where $A_\theta \in \mathcal{A}_\theta$ are independent.

We already define independence of $\{A_\theta : \theta \in \Theta\}$; that is for an infinite collection of sets is independent if and only if any finite subcollection $\{A_{\theta_1}, \dots, A_{\theta_n}\}$ is independent.

With this device, we may make claims such as

$$\{X_t : t \in (0, 1]\}$$

are independent. Useful for stochastic process, functional data analysis.

It follows trivially, $\{\mathcal{A}_\theta : \theta \in \Theta\}$ are independent if and only if any finite collection, say $\{\mathcal{A}_{\theta_1}, \dots, \mathcal{A}_{\theta_n}\}$ are independent.

Corollary 1.4.3 — To Theorem 4.2. If (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) , $\mathcal{A}_\theta \subset \mathcal{F}$, $\{\mathcal{A}_\theta : \theta \in \Theta\}$ is independent and each \mathcal{A}_θ is a π -system, then

$$\{\sigma(\mathcal{A}_\theta) : \theta \in \Theta\}$$

are independent.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}\{\mathcal{A}_\theta : \theta \in \Theta\} \perp\!\!\!\perp &\Leftrightarrow \{\mathcal{A}_{\theta_1}, \dots, \mathcal{A}_{\theta_n}\} \perp\!\!\!\perp \\ &\Leftrightarrow \{\sigma(\mathcal{A}_{\theta_1}), \dots, \sigma(\mathcal{A}_{\theta_n})\} \perp\!\!\!\perp\end{aligned}$$

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Corollary 1.4.4 Suppose we have an array of sets,

$$\begin{array}{cccc} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & \dots \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \end{array} = \{A_{ij} : i, j = 1, \dots\} \subset \mathcal{F}$$

and this array is independent.

And let $\mathcal{F}_i = \sigma(A_{i1}, A_{i2}, \dots)$.

Then $\mathcal{F}_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathcal{F}_2$

Proof. Let \mathcal{A}_i be the class of all the finite intersections of

$$A_{i1}, A_{i2}, \dots$$

then \mathcal{A}_i is a π -system.

So,

$$\sigma(\mathcal{A}_i) = \mathcal{F}_i$$

because $\{A_{i1}, A_{i2}, \dots\}$ are contained in \mathcal{A}_i which implies $\mathcal{F}_i \subset \sigma(\mathcal{A}_i)$ and also $\mathcal{A}_i \subset \mathcal{F}_i \Rightarrow \sigma(\mathcal{A}_i) \leq \mathcal{F}_i$.

By Corollary 1, it suffices to show that $\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2, \dots$ are independent. Further, it suffices to show that any finite subcollection is independent.

Let $\{i_1, \dots, i_n\} \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots\}$. We want to show that $\mathcal{A}_{i_1} \perp\!\!\!\perp \dots \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathcal{A}_{i_n}$. This would be implied by the following

$$\forall C_{i_1} \in \mathcal{A}_{i_1}, \dots, C_{i_n} \in \mathcal{A}_{i_n}$$

$$C_{i_1} \perp\!\!\!\perp \dots \perp\!\!\!\perp C_{i_n}$$

Because, and watch out with this notation here, for

$$C_{i_\alpha} \in \mathcal{A}_{i_\alpha}$$

there exists

$$A_{i_\alpha j_1}, A_{i_\alpha j_2}, \dots, A_{i_\alpha j_{m_\alpha}}$$

such that

$$C_{i_\alpha} = A_{i_\alpha j_1}, A_{i_\alpha j_2}, \dots, A_{i_\alpha j_{m_\alpha}}$$

We have

$$P(\cap_{\alpha=1}^n C_{i_\alpha}) = P(\cap_{\alpha=1}^n \cup_{\beta=1}^{m_\alpha} A_{i_\alpha j_\beta})$$

because

$$\{A_{i_\alpha j_\beta} : \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, n, \beta = 1, 2, \dots, m_\alpha\} \subseteq \{A_{ij} : i, j = 1, 2, \dots\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\cap_{\alpha=1}^n \cup_{\beta=1}^{m_\alpha} A_{i_\alpha j_\beta}) &= \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \prod_{\beta=1}^{m_\alpha} P(A_{i_\alpha j_\beta}) \\ &= \prod_{\alpha=1}^n P(C_{i_\alpha}) \end{aligned}$$

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Borel-Cantelli Lemmas (that are actually Theorems)

Theorem 1.4.5 — BC1. For (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) probability space,

$$A_n \in \mathcal{F}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) < +\infty$ then

$$P(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n) = 0$$

Proof. $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \cap_{n=1}^{\infty} \cup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k \subset \cup_{k=n}^{\infty} P(A_k) \quad \forall n$
So,

$$P(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n) \leq P(\cup_{k=n}^{\infty} P(A_k)) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(A_k)$$

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Theorem 1.4.6 — BC2. If $\{A_n\}$ are independent and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) = \infty$, then

$$P(\limsup_n A_n) = 1$$

Proof. $P(\limsup_n A_n) = 1$

$$\Leftrightarrow P(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \cup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k) = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} \cap_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k^C) = 0 \quad (*)$$

because,

$$\Leftrightarrow P(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} \cap_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k^C) \leq \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} P(\cap_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k^C)$$

$$\Leftarrow P(\cap_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k^C) = 0 \quad \forall n = 1, 2, \dots$$

but we need to prove this to imply (*).
Shit, calculus.

$$1 - x \leq e^{-x} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

For any $j = 1, 2, \dots$,

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\bigcap_{k=n}^{n+j} A_k^C\right) &= \prod_{k=n}^{n+j} (1 - P(A_k)) \\ &\leq \prod_{k=n}^{n+j} e^{-P(A_k)} \\ &= e^{-\sum_{k=n}^{n+j} P(A_k)} \end{aligned}$$

Now, $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(A_k) = \infty$ and also

$$\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} P(A_k) \rightarrow \infty \quad \forall n$$

So,

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=n}^{n+j} P(A_k) \rightarrow \infty \quad \forall n$$

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\bigcap_{k=n}^{n+j} A_k^C\right) = 0$$

Because,

$$\bigcap_{k=n}^{n+j} A_k^C \downarrow \bigcap_{k=n}^{\text{infy}} A_k^C \quad j \rightarrow \infty$$

By continuity of probability,

$$P\left(\bigcap_{k=n}^{n+j} A_k^C\right) \downarrow P\left(\bigcap_{k=n}^{\text{infy}} A_k^C\right) \quad j \rightarrow \infty$$

So,

$$P\left(\bigcap_{k=n}^{\text{infy}} A_k^C\right) = 0$$

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finished proof.

BC1 and BC@ say that $P(\limsup_n A_n)$ is either 0 or 1.

This is a special case of a general phenomenon, the 0-1 Law.

Take σ -field, (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) ,

$$A_1, \dots \in \mathcal{F}$$

For each n ,

$$\sigma(A_n, A_{n+1}, \dots)$$

We have another σ -field called "tail of σ -field",

$$\mathcal{T} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma(A_n, A_{n+1}, \dots)$$

■ **Example 1.4 — 4.18 in Billingsly.** $\limsup A_n \in \mathcal{T}$?

$$\bigcap_n \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k$$

$$A_n, A_{n+1}, \dots \in \sigma(A_n, A_{n+1}, \dots) \Rightarrow \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k \in \sigma(A_n, A_{n+1}, \dots)$$

$$\bigcap_n \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma(A_n, A_{n+1}, \dots)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf A_n &= \left[\bigcup_n \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k \right]^C \\ &= \left[\bigcup_n \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k^C \right]^C \\ &= \left[\limsup A_k^C \right]^C \in \mathcal{T} \end{aligned}$$

■

Theorem 1.4.7 If A_1, A_2, \dots are independent, then for each $A \in \mathcal{T}$ we have $P(A) = 0$ or 1 .

Proof. By Corollary 2,

$$\begin{aligned} &\sigma(A_1) \\ &\sigma(A_2) \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdots \\ &\sigma(A_{n-1}) \\ &\sigma(A_n, A_{n+1}, \dots) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma(A_1) \perp\!\!\!\perp \dots \perp\!\!\!\perp \sigma(A_n, A_{n+1}, \dots)$$

Let $A \in \mathcal{T}$, then,

$$A \in \sigma(A_n, A_{n+1}, \dots) \quad \forall n$$

So, A_1, \dots, A_{n-1}, A are independent. By taking n large enough, this implies that any finite subcollection of A_1, A_2, \dots is also independent.

This implies that the sequence $\{A, A_1, A_2, \dots\}$ are independent.

But $A \in \sigma(A_1, A_2, \dots)$ so,

$$A \perp\!\!\!\perp A$$

$$P(AA) = P(A)P(A) = P(A)^2$$

So $P(A)$ must be zero or 1!

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R We are now skipping a few sections (5 -9) in Billingsly. These are about special random variables, random walks, etc...

1.5 General Measure on a Field

Borel Sets in \mathbb{R}^k

Two jumps, from $(0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$.

\mathcal{B} on $(0, 1]$ is a σ -field generated by \mathcal{I} = collection of all intervals in $(0, 1]$.

$$\sigma(\mathcal{I}) = \mathcal{B} \text{ on } (0, 1]$$

When we work with \mathbb{R} ,

$$\mathcal{I}' = \text{collection of all intervals in } \mathbb{R}, (a, b)$$

$$\sigma(\mathcal{I}') = \mathcal{R}' \quad \text{linear Borel } \sigma\text{-field}$$

\mathcal{I}^k is the collection of all rectangles in \mathbb{R}^k .

$$\mathcal{I}^k = \{(a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times (a_k, b_k] : a_1, b_1, \dots, a_k, b_k \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$\sigma(\mathcal{I}^k) = \mathcal{R}^k \quad \text{Borel } \sigma\text{-field in } \mathbb{R}^k$$

Properties of \mathbb{R}^k

Any open set are in \mathcal{R}^k .

Let \mathbb{Q} be the set of all rational numbers. This is countable and dense subset of \mathbb{R} .

Definition 1.5.1 — Dense. Look up definition!

Class of rational rectangles:

$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathbb{Q}}^k = \{(a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times (a_k, b_k] : a_1, b_1, \dots, a_k, b_k \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

Let G be an open set in \mathbb{R}^k and $y \in G$, then there exists

$$A_y \in \mathcal{I}_{\mathbb{Q}}^k$$

such that

$$y \in A_y \subset G$$

because \mathbb{Q} is dense in \mathbb{R} .

Note that, $\bigcup_{y \in G} A_y = G$. But, $\{A_y : y \in G\} \subseteq \mathcal{I}_{\mathbb{Q}}^k$.



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