

Definition 2: Let X be a set. A family $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ is called a σ -algebra on X if:

(A1) $\emptyset \in \mathcal{A}$

(A2) $A \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow C A \in \mathcal{A}$

(A3) $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{A}$

Property 1: Let \mathcal{A} be a σ -algebra on a set X . Then

(i) $X \in \mathcal{A}$

(ii) $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{A}$

(iii) $A_1, \dots, A_N \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \bigcup_{n=1}^N A_n \in \mathcal{A}, \bigcap_{n=1}^N A_n \in \mathcal{A}$

(iv) $A, B \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow A \setminus B \in \mathcal{A}$

Ex 1: Which of the following families of sets in \mathbb{R} are σ -algebras on \mathbb{R} ?

a) $\mathcal{A} = \{A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \mid A \text{ is finite}\}$

Sol: $\mathbb{R} \notin \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is not a σ -algebra on \mathbb{R} .

b) $\mathcal{A} = \{A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \mid A \text{ is finite or } C A \text{ is finite}\}$

Sol: Let $A_n = \{n\}, n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, A_n \in \mathcal{A}$

$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \mathbb{N} \notin \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is not a σ -algebra

c) $\mathcal{A} = \{A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \mid A \text{ is at most countable or } C A \text{ is at most countable}\}$

Sol: (A1) $\emptyset \in \mathcal{A}$

(A2) Let $A \in \mathcal{A}$

Case 1: A is at most countable, $A = C(CA) \Rightarrow CA \in \mathcal{A}$

Case 2: A is not at most countable $\Rightarrow CA$ is at most countable $\Rightarrow A \in \mathcal{A}$

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Case 1: A is at most countable, $A = C(CA) \Rightarrow$
 $CA \in A$

Case 2: A is not at most countable $\Rightarrow CA$ is at most
countable $\Rightarrow A \in A$

(A3) Let $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq A$

Case 1: $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, A_n$ is at most countable $\Rightarrow \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ is
at most countable, as a countable union
of countable sets.

Case 2: $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. A_{n_0} is not at most countable \Rightarrow

$\Rightarrow C A_{n_0}$ is at most countable.

$$C\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C A_n \subseteq C A_{n_0} \Rightarrow C\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) \text{ is}$$

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So, \mathcal{A} is a σ -algebra on \mathbb{R} .

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following two σ -algebras on \mathbb{R} .

$\mathcal{A}_2 = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}, \{1\}, \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}\}$.

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the σ -algebra generated by the family \mathcal{E} (is the smallest
 σ -algebra that contains the family \mathcal{E}).

Let $X = \mathbb{R}^m$ and \mathcal{E} be the family of all open subsets
of \mathbb{R}^m , then $\sigma(\mathcal{E}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^m)$ is called the family of
all Borel sets in \mathbb{R}^m .

Prop: $\mathcal{E}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{E}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X) \Rightarrow \sigma(\mathcal{E}_1) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{E}_2)$

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 is not necessarily a σ -algebra on X .

Let us consider the following two σ -algebras on \mathbb{R} :

$$\mathcal{A}_1 = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}, \{0\}, \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}\}, \mathcal{A}_2 = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}, \{1\}, \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}\}.$$

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Let $X = \mathbb{R}^m$ and \mathcal{E} be the family of all open subsets of \mathbb{R}^m , then $\sigma(\mathcal{E}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^m)$ is called the family of all Borel sets in \mathbb{R}^m .

Prop. $\mathcal{E}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{E}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X) \Rightarrow \sigma(\mathcal{E}_1) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{E}_2)$
 $\mathcal{E} \text{ is a } \sigma\text{-algebra} \Rightarrow \sigma(\mathcal{E}) = \mathcal{E}$

Remark 1. $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^m) = \sigma(\mathcal{F})$, where \mathcal{F} is the family of all closed subsets of \mathbb{R}^m .

$\mathcal{H} = \{[a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times [a_m, b_m] \mid a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{R}, a_i \leq b_i, i = \overline{1, m}\}$

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$\mathcal{H}' = \{[a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times [a_m, b_m] \mid a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{Q}, a_i \leq b_i, i = \overline{1, m}\}$

Ex 3: Show that a) $\sigma(\mathcal{H}') = \sigma(\mathcal{H}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^m)$

Sol: Let us denote by \mathcal{E} and \mathcal{F} the families of all open and closed subsets of \mathbb{R}^m , respectively.

$$\mathcal{H}' \subseteq \mathcal{H} \subseteq \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \sigma(\mathcal{H}') \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{H}) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{F}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^m) \quad (*)$$

Let G be a non-empty open subset of \mathbb{R}^m $\xrightarrow[\text{Lemma 1}]{\text{Ex 1}}$

$$\Rightarrow \exists (H_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{H}' \text{ s.t. } G = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n \in \sigma(\mathcal{H}') \quad \left. \begin{matrix} \in \sigma(\mathcal{H}') \\ \notin \sigma(\mathcal{H}') \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{E} \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{H}') \Rightarrow \sigma(\mathcal{E}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^m) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{H}') \quad (*)$$

$$\rightarrow \sigma(\mathcal{H}') = \sigma(\mathcal{H}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^m)$$

b) $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ is generated by the following families of sets in \mathbb{R} :

$$(1) \mathcal{I} = \{(-\infty, q) \mid q \in \mathbb{Q}\} \quad (2) \mathcal{J} = \{(q, \infty) \mid q \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

$$(3) \mathcal{K} = \{(-\infty, q] \mid q \in \mathbb{Q}\} \quad (4) \mathcal{L} = \{[q, \infty) \mid q \in \mathbb{Q}\} \quad \text{Homework}$$

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b) $A = \{A_n\}$

Sol: Let $A_n = \left[\frac{1}{n}, 1 \right]$
 $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \mathbb{R}^+$

c) $A = \{A_n\}$

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Case 1

$\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^m)$

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Homework

In this case, $\mathcal{H}' \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{H}) \Rightarrow \sigma(\mathcal{H}') = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{H}) \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$
 $\Rightarrow \sigma(\mathcal{H}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$

(i) Let $q_1, q_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$, $q_1 \leq q_2$,
 $[q_1, q_2] = (-\infty, q_2] \setminus (-\infty, q_1)$

$(-\infty, q_2] = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (-\infty, q_2 + \frac{1}{n}) \in \sigma(\mathcal{H})$; $(-\infty, q_1) \in \mathcal{H} \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow [q_1, q_2] \in \sigma(\mathcal{H}) \in \mathcal{H}$

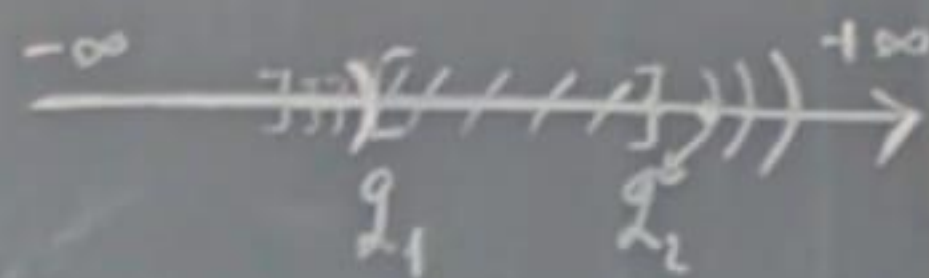
$\Rightarrow \sigma(\mathcal{H}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$

(ii) Let $q_1, q_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$, $q_1 \leq q_2$

$[q_1, q_2] = (-\infty, q_2] \setminus (-\infty, q_1)$

$(-\infty, q_2] \in \mathcal{H}$, $(-\infty, q_1) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (-\infty, q_1 - \frac{1}{n}] \in \sigma(\mathcal{H})$

$\Rightarrow [q_1, q_2] \in \sigma(\mathcal{H}) \Rightarrow \sigma(\mathcal{H}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$



Ex 4: Let \mathcal{H} at most countable
 $\mathcal{H} = \{ \{x\} \}$
Sol.: $\{x\} \in \mathcal{H}$
 $\Rightarrow \{x\} \in \sigma(\mathcal{H})$

Let $A \in \sigma(\mathcal{H})$
 $\Rightarrow A = \emptyset$

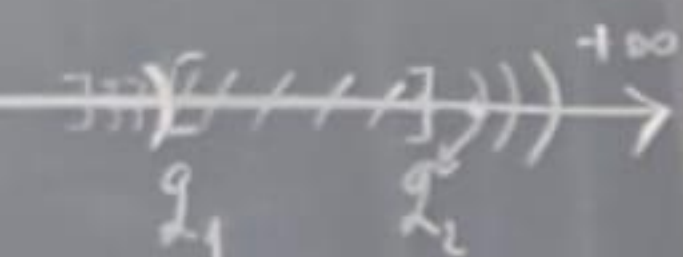
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Def 3: Let A a σ -algebra

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$$B(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{I}) \subseteq B(\mathbb{R})$$



$$(-\infty, q_1) \in \mathcal{I} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left\{ \left[q_1 - \frac{1}{n}, q_1 \right] : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\} \in \sigma(\mathcal{I})$$

Ex 4: Let us consider the σ -algebra $\mathcal{A} = \{A \subseteq \mathbb{R} : A \text{ is at most countable or } C A \text{ is at most countable}\}$ and $\mathcal{E} = \{\{x\} : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$. Show that $\sigma(\mathcal{E}) = \mathcal{A}$.

Sol.: ($\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$, $\{x\}$ is finite, so at most countable \Rightarrow

$$\Rightarrow \{x\} \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \mathcal{E} \subseteq \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \sigma(\mathcal{E}) \subseteq \mathcal{A} \quad (**)$$

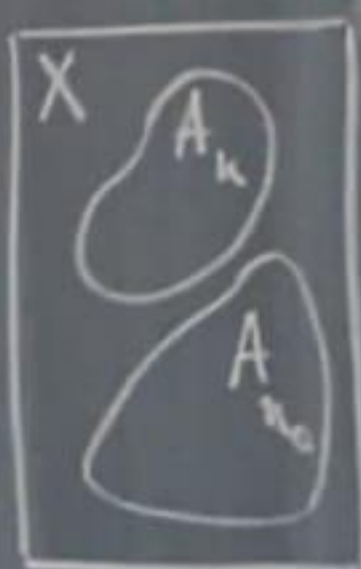
Let $A \in \mathcal{A}$. Case 1: A is at most countable \Rightarrow

$$\Rightarrow A = \bigcup_{a \in A} \{a\} \in \sigma(\mathcal{E})$$

Case 2: $C A$ is at most countable $\Rightarrow C A \in \sigma(\mathcal{E}) \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow A = C(C A) \in \sigma(\mathcal{E})$$

$$\Rightarrow A \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{E}) \xrightarrow{(**)} \sigma(\mathcal{E}) = \mathcal{A}$$



Def 3: Let \mathcal{A} be a σ -algebra on a set X . A measure on \mathcal{A} is a function $\mu: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ such that:

$$(i) \mu(\emptyset) = 0$$

(ii) (σ -additivity) if $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a family of pairwise disjoint sets, then $\mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_n)$.

Ex 5: Let \mathcal{A} be the σ -algebra \mathcal{A} on X and consider the function $\mu: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$. Show that μ is a measure on \mathcal{A} .

Mention that μ is well-def. (A are at most countable (in the σ -algebra) or at most countable).

Sol.: (i) $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$, (ii) Let $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be pairwise disjoint sets.

Case 1: $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, A_n is at most countable $\Rightarrow \mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = 0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_n)$

Case 2: $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. A_{n_0} is not at most countable

$$C\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C A_n \subseteq C A_{n_0} \rightarrow C A_{n_0} \in \mathcal{A}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = 1$$

Let $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{n_0\} \Rightarrow A_n \cap A_{n_0} = \emptyset \Rightarrow A_n$ is at most countable $\Rightarrow \mu(A_n) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_n) = \mu(A_{n_0}) = 1 = \mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right)$$

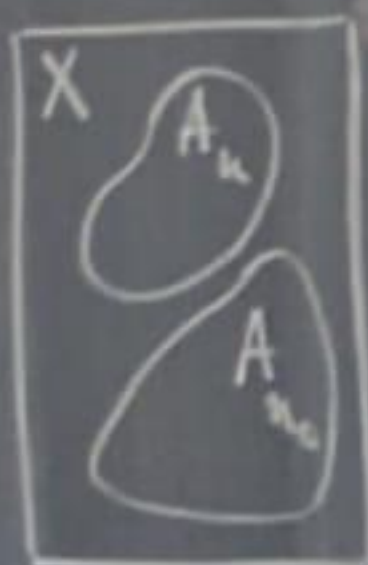
algebra $\mathcal{A} = \{A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \mid A \text{ is at most countable}\}$ and that $\sigma(\mathcal{E}) = \mathcal{A}$.

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$\mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \sigma(\mathcal{E}) \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ (**)

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Ex 5: Let \mathcal{A} be the σ -algebra from 'Ex 4' and let us consider the function $\mu: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$, $\mu(A) = \begin{cases} 0, & A \text{ is at most countable} \\ 1, & C A \text{ is at most countable} \end{cases}$. Show that μ is a measure on \mathcal{A} .

Mention that μ is well-defined, $\forall A \in \mathcal{A}$ s.t. A and $C A$ are at most countable (in this case $\mathbb{R} = A \cup C A$ would be at most countable).

Sol: (i) $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$, (ii) Let $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ be a family of pairwise disjoint sets.

Case 1: $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, A_n is at most countable $\Rightarrow \mu(A_n) = 0$
countable $\Rightarrow \mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = 0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_n)$

Case 2: $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. A_{n_0} is not at most countable $\Rightarrow \mu(A_{n_0}) = 1$
 $C\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C A_n \subseteq C A_{n_0} \Rightarrow C\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right)$ is at most countable $\Rightarrow \mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = 1$

Let $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{n_0\} \Rightarrow A_n \cap A_{n_0} = \emptyset \Rightarrow A_n \subseteq C A_{n_0} \Rightarrow A_n$ is at most countable $\Rightarrow \mu(A_n) = 0$

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