

Problem Sheet 3

*Solutions should be submitted to the MA40042 pigeonhole
by 1700 on **Monday 24 October**.*

*Work will be returned and answers discussed
in the problems class on Tuesday 25 October.*

1. Let X be a nonempty set, and μ^* an outer measure on X .
 - (a) Show that if $A \subset X$ has outer measure 0, then A is measurable.
 - (b) Show that the measure space (X, \mathcal{M}, μ) (with the usual definitions) is complete.
2. Our aim is to construct a probability space representing an infinite sequence of coin tosses. Let $\Omega = \{\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{T}\}^{\mathbb{N}}$, so $\omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots) \in \Omega$ represents an infinite string of heads and tails. Given $\mathbf{x} \in \{\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{T}\}^n$ for some n , write $C(\mathbf{x})$ for the cylinder set

$$C(\mathbf{x}) = \{\omega \in \Omega : \omega_1 = x_1, \omega_2 = x_2, \dots, \omega_n = x_n\}.$$

Write \mathcal{C} for the empty set and all cylinder sets $C(\mathbf{x})$ for $\mathbf{x} \in \{\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{T}\}^n$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

- (a) Show that \mathcal{C} is a semialgebra on Ω

Define $\pi: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ by $\pi(\emptyset) = 0$ and for $\mathbf{x} \in \{\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{T}\}^n$ put $\pi(C(\mathbf{x})) = 2^{-n}$.

- (b) Show that π is finitely additive on disjoint sets in \mathcal{C} .
- (c) Show that no cylinder set can be written as a countably infinite disjoint union of cylinder sets. (*This is quite hard. If you can't give a proof, try to sketch the general idea, or even just explain why one might expect this to be true.*)
- (d) Deduce that π is a premeasure on \mathcal{C} .

Hence, by Carathéodory's extension theorem, π can be extended to a measure \mathbb{P} on $(\Omega, \sigma(\mathcal{C}))$.

- (e) Show that any such \mathbb{P} is a probability measure.
- (f) Show that \mathbb{P} is the unique extension of π .

3. Let (X, Σ, μ) and (Y, Π, ν) be two measure spaces. Write

$$\mathcal{S} = \{A \times B : A \in \Sigma, B \in \Pi\}$$

and put $\Sigma \otimes \Pi = \sigma(\mathcal{S})$ for the σ -algebra on $X \times Y$ generated by \mathcal{S} .

- (a) Suppose X and Y are countable. What is $\mathcal{P}(X) \otimes \mathcal{P}(Y)$?
- (b) Suppose $X = Y = \mathbb{R}$. Show that $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^2)$.
- (c) Show, in general, that \mathcal{S} is a semialgebra on $X \times Y$.

Write $\pi(A \times B) = \mu(A)\nu(B)$. You may assume (and will probably prove later in the course) that π is a premeasure on (X, \mathcal{S}) . Hence π extends to a measure on $\Sigma \otimes \Pi$, which is called the *product measure* and written $\mu \times \nu$.

- (d) Show that if μ and ν are both σ -finite, then the product measure is unique.
- (e) Let X and Y be countable, and endowed with their powersets and counting measures. What is the corresponding product measure.
- (f) Outline (without proofs) an alternative construction of the Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R}^d for $d \geq 2$.

4. Give an example of a set X , a semialgebra \mathcal{S} and a premeasure π that does not have a unique extension.

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