

Pro $\beta\alpha\beta$ ility Theory

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1 Dynkin systems

Definition 1. A *Dynkin system* on a set Ω is a subset \mathcal{D} of the power set $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$, with the following properties:

1. $\Omega \in \mathcal{D}$;
2. $A, B \in \mathcal{D}, A \subset B \implies B \setminus A \in \mathcal{D}$;
3. $A_n \in \mathcal{D}, A_n \subset A_{n+1}, n \geq 1 \implies \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{D}$.

Definition 2. Let \mathcal{A} be a subset of $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$. The *Dynkin system generated* by \mathcal{A} is the Dynkin system on Ω , denoted $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A})$, equal to the intersection of all Dynkin systems on Ω which contain \mathcal{A} . i.e.,

$$\mathcal{D}(\Omega) := \{ \mathcal{D} \text{ Dynkin systems on } \Omega : \mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{D} \}.$$

Definition 3. A *σ -algebra* on a set Ω is a subset \mathcal{F} of the power set $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ with the following properties:

1. $\Omega \in \mathcal{F}$;
2. $A \in \mathcal{F} \implies \Omega \setminus A =: A^c \in \mathcal{F}$;
3. $A_n \in \mathcal{F}, n \geq 1 \implies \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{F}$.

Appendix A Background

Definition 4. A **set** is a well-defined collection of distinct mathematical objects.

Definition 5. Given two sets A and B , the **set difference** of A and B is defined: $B \setminus A := \{x \text{ in } B, x \text{ not in } A\}$.

Definition 6. The **power set** of a set Ω , denoted $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$, is the set of all subsets of Ω . i.e.,

$$\mathcal{P}(\Omega) := \{A \text{ subset of } \Omega\}.$$