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## Assignment 2

Measure Theory

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## 1.1

Let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be probability measures on  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$ . We wish to show that the convolution

$$\mu * \nu(B) = \int \nu(B - x) \mu(dx) \quad (1)$$

of these two measures is well defined in the sense that  $\nu(B - x)$  is measurable in  $x$  and the integral exists. Firstly see that

$$\nu(B - x) = \int \chi_{B-x}(y) \nu(dy) \quad (2)$$

$$= \int \chi_B(x + y) \nu(dy) \quad (3)$$

and by seeing that  $\phi(x, y) = \chi_B(x + y)$  is  $\mathcal{B}(R) \otimes \mathcal{B}(R)$  measurable and so applying Tonelli's theorem  $\nu(B - x)$  is measurable.

We now need to show that the integral exists. This is clear because

$$0 \leq \nu(B - x) \leq 1 \quad (4)$$

and thus

$$\int \nu(B - x) \mu(dx) \leq \int 1 \mu(dx) \quad (5)$$

$$= 1 \quad (6)$$

because  $\mu$  is a probability measure.

## 1.2

Suppose there exists a bounded set  $F \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$  such that

$$\mu * \nu(F) = 1 \quad (7)$$

we wish to show that there exists bounded sets  $G, H \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$  such that

$$\mu(G) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \nu(H) = 1. \quad (8)$$

See that if

$$1 = \mu * \nu(F) \quad (9)$$

$$= \int \nu(F - x) \mu(dx) \quad (10)$$

$$= \int \int \chi_F(x + y) \nu(dy) \mu(dx) \quad (11)$$

Now as  $F$  is bounded there exist intervals  $G = [a, b]$  and  $H = [c, d]$  such that

$$\int \int \chi_F(x + y) \chi_G(x) \chi_H(y) \nu(dy) \mu(dx) \quad (12)$$

and further

$$1 = \int \int \chi_F(x+y) \chi_G(x) \chi_H(y) \nu(dy) \mu(dx) \leq \int \int \chi_G(x) \chi_H(y) \nu(dy) \mu(dx) \quad (13)$$

$$= \int \chi_H(y) \nu(dy) \int \chi_G(x) \mu(dx) \quad (14)$$

<sup>1</sup> which implies that

$$\int \chi_G(x) \mu(dx) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \int \chi_H(y) \nu(dy) = 1 \quad (15)$$

that is  $\mu(G) = 1$  and  $\nu(H) = 1$ .

Suppose that  $F$  is now countable but such that  $\mu * \nu(F) = 1$ . Then

$$1 = \int \nu(F-x) \mu(dx) \quad (16)$$

$$= \int \int \chi_F(x+y) \nu(dy) \mu(dx) \quad (17)$$

now since  $F = \{(x_k, y_k)\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is countable then there must exist countable sets  $G = \{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ ,  $H = \{y_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that

$$\int \int \chi_F(x+y) \nu(dy) \mu(dx) = \int \int \chi_F(x+y) \chi_G(x) \chi_H(y) \nu(dy) \mu(dx) \quad (18)$$

and further

$$1 = \int \int \chi_F(x+y) \chi_G(x) \chi_H(y) \nu(dy) \mu(dx) \leq \int \int \chi_G(x) \chi_H(y) \nu(dy) \mu(dx) \quad (19)$$

$$= \int \chi_H(y) \nu(dy) \int \chi_G(x) \mu(dx) \quad (20)$$

which as before implies  $\mu(G) = 1$  and  $\nu(H) = 1$ .

Then argument above also holds for finite  $F$  with exactly the same construction and so if  $F$  is finite and such that  $\mu * \nu(F) = 1$  then there must exist finite sets  $G$  and  $H$  such that  $\mu(G) = 1$  and  $\nu(H) = 1$ .

## 2

### 2.1

Suppose  $u$  and  $\nu$  are  $\sigma$ -finite *positive* measures on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ . Then suppose that  $\mu \ll \nu$  and  $\nu \ll \mu$ . Then for  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  we have that  $\mu(A) = 0 \Rightarrow \nu(A) = 0$  and  $\nu(A) = 0 \Rightarrow \mu(A) = 0$ . That is to say that  $\nu(A) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mu(A) = 0$ . That is to say that  $\nu$  and  $\mu$  have the same null sets. This argument is symmetric so it is clear that the reverse implication also holds.

We now wish to show that there is an  $\mathcal{F}$ -measurable function  $g$  that satisfies  $0 < g(\omega) < +\infty$  at each  $\omega \in \Omega$  and is such that  $\nu(A) = \int_A g d\mu$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Now suppose that there is a  $\mathcal{F}$  measurable function  $0 < g(\omega) < \infty$  such that  $\nu(A) = \int_A g d\mu$ .

Suppose  $\nu(A) = 0$  then

$$0 = \nu(A) = \int_A g d\mu \quad (21)$$

$$= \int \chi_A g d\mu \quad (22)$$

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<sup>1</sup>Note that the reason we could split up the integrals to a product in both cases is because  $\int \chi_H(y) \nu(dy)$  is a constant with respect to  $x$ .

Now as  $\chi_A g \geq 0$  and  $\mu$  is a positive measure then by theorem 2.18 (3) we must that  $\chi_A g = 0$ ,  $\mu$ -a.e. As  $g > 0$  we have that  $\chi_A = 0$   $\mu$ -a.e. which means that  $\mu(A) = 0$ . So  $\mu \ll \nu$ .

We claim that  $\nu \ll \mu$  as well. Suppose  $\mu(A) = 0$  then note that as  $g$  is a measurable function we have that by Theorem 2.11  $g(\omega) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n(\omega)$  for all  $\omega$  and a sequence of increasing simple functions. That is

$$\int_A g d\mu = \int_A \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n d\mu. \quad (23)$$

Further by the monotone convergence theorem we have that

$$\int_A \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A s_n d\mu. \quad (24)$$

Now for some simple function  $s$  we have that if  $\mu(A) = 0$  then

$$\int_A s d\mu = \int_A \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \chi_{B_k} d\mu \quad (25)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \int_A \chi_{B_k} d\mu \quad (26)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \int \chi_{B_k \cap A} d\mu \quad (27)$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \int \chi_A d\mu \quad (28)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k 0 \quad (29)$$

$$= 0 \quad (30)$$

thus if  $\mu(A) = 0$  then  $\int_A s_n d\mu = 0$  for all  $n$  and so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A s_n d\mu = 0$  and hence  $\nu(A) = 0$ . This means that  $\nu \ll \mu$  as well.

## 2.2

Let  $\{B_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a covering of  $\Omega$  by disjoint sets with  $0 < \mu(B_n) < \infty$  for all  $n$ . Such a covering exists because  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite. Now select a sequence of constants  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $\alpha_n > 0$  for all  $n$  and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = 1. \quad (31)$$

For example we could select  $\alpha_n = 2^{-n}$ .

We claim that the function  $\nu : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$\nu(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n \frac{\mu(A \cap B_n)}{\mu(B_n)} \quad (32)$$

is a probability measure with the same null sets as  $\mu$ . Firstly we show that it is a measure, that is we show  $\sigma$ -additivity.

For a collection of disjoint sets  $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  we have that

$$\nu\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k \frac{\mu(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cap B_k)}{\mu(B_k)} \quad (33)$$

and by  $\sigma$ -additivity of  $\mu$  we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k \frac{\mu(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cap B_k)}{\mu(B_k)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_n \cap B_k)}{\mu(B_k)} \quad (34)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k \frac{\mu(A_n \cap B_k)}{\mu(B_k)} \quad (35)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu(A_n). \quad (36)$$

The interchange of the order of summation can be justified by the fact that  $\mu(A_n \cap B_k) \geq 0$  and

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_n \cap B_k)}{\mu(B_k)} < \infty \quad (37)$$

which we prove now (by proving  $\nu$  is a probability measure).

See that

$$\nu(\Omega) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k \frac{\mu(\Omega \cap B_k)}{\mu(B_k)} \quad (38)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k \frac{\mu(B_k)}{\mu(B_k)} \quad (39)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k \quad (40)$$

$$= 1. \quad (41)$$

We now just have to show that  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  share the same null sets.

Suppose  $\mu(A) = 0$  then

$$\mu(A) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k \frac{\mu(A \cap B_k)}{\mu(B_k)} \quad (42)$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k \frac{\mu(A)}{\mu(B_k)} \quad (43)$$

$$= 0 \quad (44)$$

and thus  $\nu \ll \mu$ . Now suppose  $\nu(A) = 0$  then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k \frac{\mu(A \cap B_k)}{\mu(B_k)} = 0 \quad (45)$$

and as  $\mu(B_k) < \infty$  for all  $k$  this implies that  $\mu(A \cap B_k) = 0$  for all  $k$ . Now

$$0 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(A \cap B_k) \quad (46)$$

$$= \mu \left( \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} (A \cap B_k) \right) \quad (47)$$

$$= \mu \left( A \cap \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k \right) \quad (48)$$

$$= \mu(A \cap \Omega) \quad (49)$$

$$= \mu(A). \quad (50)$$

Thus  $\mu \ll \nu$ .

So  $\nu$  is a finite measure on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  which is equivalent to  $\mu$ .

### 3

#### 3.1

Firstly note that the definition of the characteristic function is

$$\hat{\mu}_X(u) = \mathbb{E}[\exp(i\langle X, u \rangle)] \quad (51)$$

and so for the random vector  $cX$  with  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  we have that

$$\hat{\mu}_{cX}(u) = \mathbb{E}[\exp(i\langle cX, u \rangle)] \quad (52)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[\exp(i\langle X, cu \rangle)] \quad (53)$$

$$= \hat{\mu}_X(cu) \quad (54)$$

#### 3.2

By definition we have that

$$\hat{\mu}(\mathbf{u}) = \int \exp(i\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u} \rangle) d\mathbb{P}_X(\mathbf{x}). \quad (55)$$

We can say that

$$\frac{d^\alpha \hat{\mu}(\mathbf{u})}{d\mathbf{u}^\alpha} = \frac{d^\alpha}{d\mathbf{u}^\alpha} \int \exp(i\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u} \rangle) d\mathbb{P}_X(\mathbf{x}). \quad (56)$$

We wish to justify taking this derivative through the integral sign. To do this we use an extension of corollary 2.28 (2) from the notes.

**Claim**

If the partial derivative

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial \mathbf{u}^\alpha} f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) \quad (57)$$

exists for all  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) \in X \times [a, b]^d$  and if there is a function  $g \in L^1(\mu)$  such that

$$\left| \frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial \mathbf{u}^\alpha} f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) \right| \leq g \quad (58)$$

for every  $\mathbf{x} \in X$  and  $\mathbf{u} \in (a, b)^d$  then

$$\frac{d^\alpha}{d\mathbf{u}^\alpha} \int f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) d\mu(\mathbf{x}) = \int \frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial \mathbf{u}^\alpha} f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) d\mu(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{for } \mathbf{u} \in (a, b)^d. \quad (59)$$

**Proof** We induct on  $|\alpha|$ . For  $|\alpha| = 0$  the result is degenerate. Suppose it is true for  $|\alpha|$  we wish to show that it is true for  $|\alpha| + 1$ .

We have that

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial \mathbf{u}^\alpha} \exp(i\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u} \rangle) = i^{|\alpha|} \prod_{k=1}^d x_k^{\alpha_k} \exp(i\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u} \rangle) \quad (60)$$

and that

$$\left| \frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial \mathbf{u}^\alpha} \exp(i\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u} \rangle) \right| \leq \underbrace{\prod_{k=1}^d |x_k|^{\alpha_k}}_{\circledast} \quad (61)$$

Now because

$$\mathbf{E} \left( \prod_{k=1}^d |X_k|^{\alpha_k} \right) = \int \prod_{k=1}^d |x_k|^{\alpha_k} d\mathbb{P}_X(\mathbf{x}) < \infty \quad (62)$$

then  $\circledast \in L^1(\mathbb{P}_X)$  and so we can apply our claim (the DCT) to get

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha \hat{\mu}(\mathbf{u})}{\partial \mathbf{u}^\alpha} = \int \frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial \mathbf{u}^\alpha} \exp(i\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u} \rangle) d\mathbb{P}_X(\mathbf{x}) \quad (63)$$

$$= \int i^{|\alpha|} \prod_{k=1}^d x_k^{\alpha_k} \exp(i\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u} \rangle) d\mathbb{P}_X(\mathbf{x}) \quad (64)$$

$$= i^{|\alpha|} \int \prod_{k=1}^d x_k^{\alpha_k} \exp(i\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u} \rangle) d\mathbb{P}_X(\mathbf{x}) \quad (65)$$

and so

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha \hat{\mu}(\mathbf{u})}{\partial \mathbf{u}^\alpha} \Big|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{0}} = i^{|\alpha|} \int \prod_{k=1}^d x_k^{\alpha_k} \exp(i\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{0} \rangle) d\mathbb{P}_X(\mathbf{x}) \quad (66)$$

$$= i^{|\alpha|} \int \prod_{k=1}^d x_k^{\alpha_k} d\mathbb{P}_X(\mathbf{x}) \quad (67)$$

$$= i^{|\alpha|} \mathbb{E}(X^\alpha) \quad (68)$$

### 3.3

Notice that as the distribution is symmetric we have that

$$\hat{\mu}(u) = \int e^{iux} f(x) dx \quad (69)$$

$$= \int f(x) (\cos(ux) + i \sin(ux)) dx \quad (70)$$

$$= \int f(x) \cos(ux) dx \quad (71)$$

Now notice that

$$\left| \frac{\partial}{\partial u} f(x) \cos(ux) \right| = |xf(x) \sin(ux)| \quad (72)$$

Now notice that

$$\int |xf(x) \sin(ux)| dx = \underbrace{\int_{-K}^K |xf(x) \sin(ux)| dx}_{\leq M_1} + \int_{-K}^{-\infty} |xf(x) \sin(ux)| dx + \int_K^{\infty} |xf(x) \sin(ux)| dx \quad (73)$$

for some constant  $M_1$  and a constants  $K$  and  $J$  chosen such that

$$\int_K^{\infty} |xf(x) \sin(ux)| dx \leq \int_K^{\infty} \frac{|\sin(ux)|}{Jx} dx. \quad (74)$$

We can therefore say that

$$\int |xf(x) \sin(ux)| dx \leq M_1 + 2 \int_K^{\infty} \frac{|\sin(ux)|}{Jx} dx. \quad (75)$$

Now appealing to a result in special functions we can say that

$$\int_K^{\infty} \frac{|\sin(ux)|}{Jx} dx = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \text{Si}(ux) \text{sgn}(\sin(ux)) - \text{Si}(uK) \text{sgn}(\sin(uK)) \quad (76)$$

and it turns out that  $\frac{1}{J} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \text{Si}(ux) \text{sgn}(\sin(ux)) < \infty$  which means that

$$\left| \frac{\partial}{\partial u} f(x) \cos(ux) \right| \in L^1(\mu) \quad (77)$$

for every  $u$ . We can then apply the dominated convergence theorem corollary 2.28 (2) to say that  $\hat{\mu}(u)$  is differentiable for all  $u$  and not just at 0.

## 4

Let  $\mu$  be the binomial distribution with  $n$  trials and probability of success  $p$ , that is  $\mu = \text{Bin}(n, p)$ , and let  $\nu$  be the Poisson distribution with mean  $\lambda > 0$ .

### 4.1

We wish to verify that  $\hat{\mu}(u) = (1 - p + pe^{iu})^n$ . Because the binomial distribution is just the convolution of identical independent Bernoulli distributions then we just have to verify that  $(1 - p + pe^{iu})$  is the characteristic function for *Bernoulli*( $p$ ).



If  $\nu$  is the Bernoulli measure and  $X$  has law  $\nu$  then

$$\hat{\nu}(u) = \mathbb{E}[\exp(iuX)] \quad (78)$$

$$= \sum_{k \in \{0,1\}} e^{iuk} \nu_X(k) \quad (79)$$

$$= pe^{iu} + (1-p). \quad (80)$$

Then by repeated application of the convolution theorem we get that  $\hat{\mu}(u) = (1-p + pe^{iu})^n$ .

## 4.2

We wish to verify that  $\hat{\nu}(u) = \exp(\lambda(e^{iu} - 1))$ . The probability mass function of the Poisson distribution is

$$\frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda} \quad (81)$$

and thus

$$\mathbb{E}[\exp(iuX)] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda} e^{iuk} \quad (82)$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} (e^{iu})^k \quad (83)$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda e^{iu})^k}{k!} \quad (84)$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda e^{iu}} \quad (85)$$

$$= e^{\lambda(e^{iu} - 1)} \quad (86)$$

## 4.3

We wish to show that if  $p_n$  is a sequence in  $[0, 1]$  such that  $p_n \downarrow 0$  and  $np_n \rightarrow \lambda$  then  $\mu_n \rightarrow \nu$  in the weak sense where  $\mu_n = \text{Bin}(n, p_n)$ . Let  $f \in C_b$  then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n f(k) \binom{n}{k} p_n^k (1-p_n)^{n-k} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \chi_{k \leq n} \cdot f(k) \binom{n}{k} p_n^k (1-p_n)^{n-k} \quad (87)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \chi_{k \leq n} \cdot f(k) \binom{n}{k} p_n^k (1-p_n)^{n-k}. \quad (88)$$

The interchange of the order of the limit and the sum is justified by the uniform convergence of the sum. To see this let  $M = \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}^0} f(k)$  (which exists because  $f \in C_b$ ) and then note that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \chi_{k \leq n} \cdot f(k) \binom{n}{k} p_n^k (1-p_n)^{n-k} \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \chi_{k \leq n} \cdot M \binom{n}{k} p_n^k (1-p_n)^{n-k} \quad (89)$$

$$= M < \infty \quad (90)$$

and so by the Weierstrass M test the series converges uniformly.

Now as  $np_n \rightarrow \lambda$  or  $p_n \rightarrow \frac{\lambda}{n}$  we get

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \chi_{k \leq n} \cdot f(k) \binom{n}{k} p_n^k (1-p_n)^{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \chi_{k \leq n} \cdot f(k) \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} p_n^k (1-p_n)^n (1-p_n)^{-k} \quad (91)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \chi_{k \leq n} \cdot f(k) \frac{n^k + O(n^{k-1})}{k!} p_n^k (1-p_n)^n (1-p_n)^{-k} \quad (92)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f(k) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^k + O(n^{k-1})}{k!} p_n^k (1-p_n)^n \underbrace{(1-p_n)^{-k}}_{\rightarrow 0} \quad (93)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f(k) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\frac{n^k + O(n^{k-1})}{k!}}_{\rightarrow \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}} p_n^k (1-p_n)^n \quad (94)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} f(k) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n}_{\rightarrow e^{-\lambda}} \quad (95)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda} f(k). \quad (96)$$

This proves the weak convergence.

## 4.4

This argument holds whether one takes the integral (sum) or not. So  $\mu_n(\{k\}) \rightarrow \nu(\{k\})$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}^0$ .

## 5

### 5.1

We wish to show that  $\mathbb{P}(B_n) = 1/2$  for every  $n \geq 1$ . Note that

$$B_n = \bigcup_{k=0}^{2^{n-1}-1} \left[ \frac{2k}{2^n}, \frac{2k+1}{2^n} \right) \quad (97)$$

and thus

$$\mathbb{P}(B_n) = \mathbb{P} \left( \bigcup_{k=0}^{2^{n-1}-1} \left[ \frac{2k}{2^n}, \frac{2k+1}{2^n} \right) \right) \quad (98)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{2^{n-1}-1} \mathbb{P} \left( \left[ \frac{2k}{2^n}, \frac{2k+1}{2^n} \right) \right) \quad (99)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{2^{n-1}-1} \frac{1}{2^n} \quad (100)$$

$$= 2^{n-1} \frac{1}{2^n} \quad (101)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}. \quad (102)$$

## 5.2

We now wish to show that the sequence of events  $B_n$  form an infinite sequence of independent events. Take a finite subset  $J \subset \mathbb{N}$  with  $|J| = m$  and  $\max J = r$  then

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\bigcap_{n \in J} B_n\right) = \mathbb{P}\left(\bigcap_{n \in J} \bigcup_{k=0}^{2^{n-1}-1} \left[\frac{2k}{2^n}, \frac{2k+1}{2^n}\right)\right) \quad (103)$$

$$= \mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{k=0}^{2^{r-m}-1} \left[\frac{2k}{2^r}, \frac{2k+1}{2^r}\right)\right) \quad (104)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{2^{r-m}-1} \mathbb{P}\left(\left[\frac{2k}{2^r}, \frac{2k+1}{2^r}\right)\right) \quad (105)$$

$$= 2^{r-m} \frac{1}{2^r} \quad (106)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^m} \quad (107)$$

$$= \prod_{n \in J} \mathbb{P}(B_n) \quad (108)$$

and so the sequence of events  $B_n$  form an infinite sequence of independent events.

## 5.3

We wish to show / argue that the probability that a randomly sampled number  $\omega$  will have the sequence 5825 occur infinitely often in its decimal expansion is 1.

We use the Borel-Cantelli lemma. Ignoring possible overlaps (on the 5s) we can see that we can break any decimal expansion of  $\omega$  up into blocks of 4 digits.

Then by we can define  $E_i$  as the probability of obtaining 5285 in the  $i$ -th block position. By the same argument as above these events are independent.

The for any  $i$  we have that  $\mathbb{P}(E_i) = \frac{1}{10000}$  (the same argument as above applied to a decimal expansion). Then clearly

$$\mathbb{P}(E_i) = \frac{1}{10000}. \quad (109)$$

By the Borel-Cantelli lemma this implies

$$\mathbb{P}(\limsup_n E_n) = 1. \quad (110)$$

Now

$$\limsup_n E_n = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{j=n}^{\infty} E_j \quad (111)$$

can be intuitively read as  $E_j$  happens infinitely often. Which is to say that 5285 occurs *blockwise* in the expansion of  $\omega$  infinitely often. Clearly as allowing for overlaps allows for more configurations then the probability is 1 (it can be no more).