

Exercise 1. True or false? Justify your answers either by a proof or a counterexample.

(i) For a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) we have $P(\Omega \setminus A) = 1 - P(A)$ for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$.

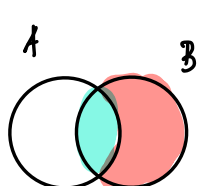
$$\begin{aligned} & \Omega = A \cup A^c \\ & A^c := \Omega \setminus A \\ & P(\Omega) = 1 \quad (*) \\ & A \cap A^c = \emptyset \quad (*) \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} & P(\underbrace{A \cup A^c}_{=\Omega}) \stackrel{(*)}{=} P(A) + P(A^c) \stackrel{!}{=} 1 \quad (*) \\ & \Leftrightarrow P(A^c) = 1 - P(A) \\ & P: \mathcal{A} \mapsto [0, 1] \end{aligned}$$

• $\mu(B \setminus A) = \mu(B) - \mu(A)$, if $A \subseteq B$ and $\mu(A) < \infty$,

(ii) Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ be a measure space, $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $\mu(A \cap B) < \infty$. Then $\mu(B \setminus A) = \mu(B) - \mu(A \cap B)$.

$\Rightarrow \mu(B \setminus A) = \mu(B) - \mu(A)$, if $A \subseteq B$ and $\mu(A) < \infty$, $(*)$

$$\underbrace{\mu(B \setminus A)}_{\text{purple wavy line}} = \mu(B \setminus (B \cap A)) \stackrel{(*)}{=} \mu(B) - \mu(B \cap A) \quad \square$$



$$(B \cap A) \subseteq B$$

(iii) For a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) and a sequence $(A_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ in \mathcal{A} , we have

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i\right) = \sup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} P(A_i).$$

Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. A real number $u \in \mathbb{R}$ is called an *upper bound* of S if $x \leq u$ for all $x \in S$. An upper bound s of S is called *supremum* or *least upper bound* if for all upper bounds u of S in \mathbb{R} we have $s \leq u$. We then write $\sup(S) = s$. When $S = \{x_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is at most countable, we also write $\sup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} x_i = s$. *Suprema and infima* can be defined for subsets of any partially ordered set.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Omega = \{0, 1\} \\ A := \mathcal{P}(\Omega) = \mathcal{P}(\{0, 1\}) \\ A_0 := \{0\}, A_1 := \{1\} \\ P(A_0) := 1/2 \\ P(A_1) := 1/2 \end{array} \right\} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{LHS: } P\left(\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i\right) = P(\Omega) = 1 \\ \text{RHS: } \sup_{i \in \{0, 1\}} P(A_i) = \sup_{i \in \{0, 1\}} (1/2) = 1/2 \end{array} \right. \quad \text{(false)}$$

(iv) Let (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) be a probability space and $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$. Then I/E : Inclusion/Exclusion formula

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

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Diagram: } A \text{ and } B \text{ are overlapping circles. } X_{BC} \text{ is the region of } B \text{ that does not overlap with } A. \\ \text{Formula: } P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \quad (\text{Prop. 1.17, Item 1}) \\ \Rightarrow P(A \cup X_{BC}) = P(A) + P(X_{BC}) - P(A \cap X_{BC}) \end{array}$$

(v) The triple consisting of \mathbb{N} , $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$, and the set function

$$\mu : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow [0, \infty], A \mapsto \begin{cases} 0 & A \text{ finite} \\ \infty & A \text{ infinite} \end{cases}$$

form a measure space.

Definition 1.16 (measure, measure space). Let (Ω, \mathcal{A}) be a measurable space. We call $\mu : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ a *measure* if

- (i) $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$, ✓
- (ii) it is non-negative, i.e., for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$ we have $\mu(A) \geq 0$, and ✓
- (iii) it is σ -additive, i.e., for all countable collections $(A_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ of pairwise disjoint sets in \mathcal{A} , we have

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i\right) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_i).$$

The triple $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ is then called a *measure space*.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_i := \{i\} \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N} \\ |A_i| = 1 < \infty \\ \Rightarrow \mu(A_i) = 0 \end{array} \right. \quad \text{LHS:} \quad \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \{i\} = \mathbb{N} \\ \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i\right) = \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{N}) = \infty$$

$$\text{RHS: } \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} 0 = 0 \quad \neq \quad \text{(false)}$$

(vi) We consider the two-time fair coin flip, where we interpret the two sides to count as 0 or 1. We are only interested in the sum of the two outcomes. Then the cdf is given by

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0, \\ \frac{1}{4} & x \in [0, 1), \\ \frac{3}{4} & x \in [1, 2), \\ 1 & x \geq 2. \end{cases} \quad \Omega = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$\Omega = \{(0,0), (0,1), (1,0), (1,1)\} \leftarrow \text{Uniformly: } \forall \omega \in \Omega: \mathbb{P}(\omega) = 1/|\Omega|$$

$$A_1 := \{(0,1), (1,0)\} \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(A_1) = \frac{|A_1|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{2}{4} = 1/2 \quad ; \quad \mathbb{P}(A_0) = \mathbb{P}(A_2) = 1/4$$

$$F(x) = \mathbb{P}((-\infty, x]) = \sum_{n \in \{0,1,2\}} \mathbb{P}(A_n) = \begin{cases} 0 & , x < 0 \\ 1/4 & , x \in [0, 1) \\ 3/4 & , x \in [1, 2) \\ 1 & , x \in [2, \infty) \end{cases}$$

Exercise 2. Let $\Omega = \{\square, \square, \square, \square, \square, \square\}$, representing the rolling of a fair die. Assume a uniform distribution over Ω and let $p \in [0, 1]$ be the probability of obtaining at least one \square when throwing six fair dice at once. Compute p (using rigorous mathematical notation, i.e., setting up the probability spaces properly).

$$\gg (\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$$

$$\Omega' := \{1, \dots, 6\} := [6]$$

$$\Omega = \left\{ \omega = (\omega_1 \dots \omega_6) \mid \forall i \in [6]: \omega_i \in \Omega' \right\} = [6]^6$$

$$|\Omega| = |[6]^6| = |[6]|^6 = 6^6$$

$$\forall \omega \in \Omega: \mathbb{P}(\omega) = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} = 1/6^6$$

$$A^c := \text{"no '1's"}$$

$$A^c = \left\{ \omega = (\omega_1 \dots \omega_6) \mid \forall i \in [6]: \omega_i \in \Omega' \setminus \{1\} \right\} = (\Omega' \setminus \{1\})^6$$

$$|A^c| = |(\Omega' \setminus \{1\})^6| = 5^6$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(A^c) = 1 - \frac{|A^c|}{|\Omega|} = 1 - \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^6 \approx 0.665$$

Exercise 3 (*Inclusion-exclusion formula*). Let (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) be a probability space, $(A_i)_{i \in [n]} \in \mathcal{A}^{[n]}$ for a given $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then

$$P(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} P(A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k})$$

In particular, it holds that

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cap A_2).$$

$$n \in \mathbb{N}_0$$

$$A(0) \xrightarrow{\cup} A(1) \xrightarrow{\cup} A(2) \rightarrow \dots$$

$$\text{IH: } A(n)$$

$$\text{IB: } A(0)$$

$$\text{IS: } A(n) \rightarrow A(n+1)$$

$$\text{IH}$$

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$$\text{iff: } P(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \cdot \sum_{\substack{I_k \subseteq [n] \\ |I_k|=k}} P(A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} I_k := \{i_1, \dots, i_k\} \subseteq [n] \\ J_n := (A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n) \end{array} \right.$$

In particular, it holds that

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cap A_2).$$

$$\text{13: } (n=2) \quad P(A_1 \cup A_2) = \sum_{k=1}^2 (-1)^{k-1} \cdot \sum_{I_k \subseteq [2]} P(A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cap A_2)$$

□ Prop. 1.17, Item 4

$$\text{13: } \underbrace{A(n)} \rightarrow \underbrace{A(n+1)}$$

iff

$$A(n+1) \cdot P(J_{n+1}) = \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{k-1} \cdot \sum_{I_k \subseteq [n+1]} P(A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k})$$

$$P(J_{n+1}) = P(A_{n+1} \cup J_n) \stackrel{\text{13}}{=} P(A_{n+1}) + P(J_n) - P(A_{n+1} \cap J_n)$$

iff

$$P(A_{n+1} \cap J_n) = P(A_{n+1} \cap (A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n)) = P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n (A_i \cap A_{n+1})\right)$$

$$A(n+1) \cdot P(J_{n+1}) = \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{k-1} \cdot \sum_{I_k \subseteq [n+1]} P(A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k})$$

$$P(J_{n+1}) = P(A_{n+1} \cup J_n) \stackrel{IH}{=} \underbrace{P(A_{n+1})}_{IH} + \underbrace{P(J_n)}_{IH} - \underbrace{P(A_{n+1} \cap J_n)}_{IH}$$

$$- P(A_{n+1} \cap J_n) = -P(A_{n+1} \cap (A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n)) = P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n (A_i \cap A_{n+1})\right)$$

$\rightarrow IH$

$$= - \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \cdot \sum_{I_k \subseteq [n]} P\left((A_{i_1} \cap A_{n+1}) \cap \dots \cap (A_{i_k} \cap A_{n+1})\right)$$

$$= - \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \cdot \sum_{I_k \subseteq [n]} P(A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k} \cap A_{n+1})$$

$[n+1],$

$n+1 \in I_k$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \cdot \sum_{\substack{I_k \subseteq [n+1], \\ n+1 \in I_k}} P(A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k})$$

$$P(J_{n+1}) = P(A_{n+1} \cup J_n) \stackrel{IH}{=} P(A_{n+1}) + \underbrace{P(J_n)}_{IH} - \underbrace{P(A_{n+1} \cap J_n)}_{\text{IH}}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \cdot \sum_{I_k \subseteq [n]} P(A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}) + P(A_{n+1})$$

all terms w/o A_{n+1}
singleton terms with A_{n+1}

$$+ \sum_{k=2}^n (-1)^{k-1} \cdot \sum_{\substack{I_k \subseteq [n+1], \\ n+1 \in I_k}} P(A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k})$$

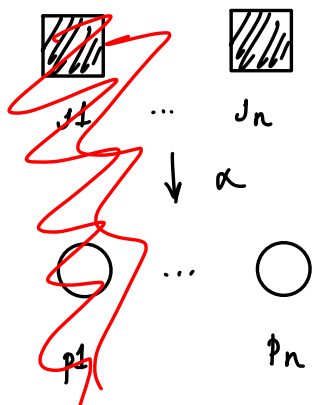
terms of length ≥ 2 with A_{n+1}

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{k-1} \cdot \sum_{I_k \subseteq [n+1]} P(A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}) \quad \square$$

Exercise 4. The DWT tutor Angelika supervises an exercise group with n sheets being submitted anonymously. After grading, Angelika randomly redistributes the sheets. What is the probability that no one gets their original sheet back? How does this probability behave as $n \rightarrow \infty$?

[Hint: Use the inclusion-exclusion formula and that $\exp(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}$]

$$\boxed{\exp(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}} \quad | -1$$



$$\alpha(j_i) = p_i$$

(ii) Without replacement, ordered draws. The space of possible outcomes is

$$\rightarrow \Omega = \{(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_k) \in [n]^k \mid \omega_i \neq \omega_j \text{ for } i \neq j\} \quad \text{with } |\Omega| = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}.$$

(iii) Without replacement, unordered draws. The space of possible outcomes is

$$\Omega = \{S \subseteq [n] \mid |S| = k\} \quad \text{with } |\Omega| = \binom{n}{k}.$$

$$A_i := (\alpha(j_i) = p_i) \quad \text{"i-th assignment correct"}$$

$$|A_i| = (n-1)!$$

$$P(A_i) = \frac{|A_i|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{(n-1)!}{n!}$$

$$P(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2}) = \frac{(n-2)!}{n!}$$

$$P(A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}) = \frac{(n-k)!}{n!}$$

$$A := \text{"no correct assignments"}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^c := A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n$$

$$P(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \cdot \sum_{I_k \in [n]} \underbrace{P(A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k})}_{\text{}} \quad \text{where } I_k = \{i_1, \dots, i_k\} \subseteq [n]$$

$$I_k := \{i_1, \dots, i_k\} \subseteq [n]$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \cdot \sum_{I_k \in [n]} \frac{(n-k)!}{n!}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \cdot \binom{n}{k} \cdot \frac{(n-k)!}{n!} = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \cdot \frac{\cancel{n!}}{(\cancel{n-k})! \cdot k!} \cdot \frac{(\cancel{n-k})!}{\cancel{n!}} \cdot \frac{1}{k!} = P(A^c)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A) = 1 - P(A^c) = 1 - \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \cdot \frac{1}{k!}$$

$$\exp(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} \quad ; \quad \exp(-1) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} = e^{-1}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \cdot \frac{1}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \cdot \frac{1}{k!} = e^{-1}$$

$$1 \sim \left. (-1)^k \cdot \frac{1}{k!} \right|_{k=0}$$

Exercise 5 ([Bonus exercise]). Show that the Borel σ -algebra $\mathcal{B}^n := \sigma(\mathcal{E}_1)$, generated by the set of open sets

$$\mathcal{E}_1 := \{A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n : A \text{ is open}\}$$

can also be generated by the set of half-open intervals

$$\mathcal{E}_2 := \{[a, b) : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}^n, a < b\}$$

meaning that $\sigma(\mathcal{E}_1) = \sigma(\mathcal{E}_2)$.

[Hint: Show $\mathcal{E}_i \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{E}_j)$ and use the fact that $\sigma(\mathcal{E}_i)$ is the smallest σ -algebra containing \mathcal{E}_i .]

Remark 1 (Other possible generator sets). *The Borel σ -algebra \mathcal{B}^n can also be generated by*

$$\mathcal{E}_3 := \{A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \mid A \text{ is compact}\}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_4 := \{B_r(x) \mid x \in \mathbb{Q}^n, r \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}\}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_5 := \{A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \mid A \text{ is closed}\}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_6 := \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}^n, a < b\}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_7 := \{(a, b] \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}^n, a < b\}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_8 := \{[a, b] \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}^n, a < b\}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_9 := \{(-\infty, b) \mid b \in \mathbb{Q}^n\}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{10} := \{(-\infty, b] \mid b \in \mathbb{Q}^n\}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{11} := \{(a, \infty) \mid a \in \mathbb{Q}^n\}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{12} := \{[a, \infty) \mid a \in \mathbb{Q}^n\}$$

meaning it holds $\mathcal{B}^n = \sigma(\mathcal{E}_i)$ for all $i \in [12]$.

Definition 1.10 (measurable space, measurable sets). A *measurable space* is a tuple (Ω, \mathcal{A}) , where Ω is a set and \mathcal{A} is a σ -algebra on Ω . The elements of \mathcal{A} are then called *measurable sets*.

Definition 1.16 (measure, measure space). Let (Ω, \mathcal{A}) be a measurable space. We call $\mu : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ a *measure* if

- (i) $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$,
- (ii) it is non-negative, i.e., for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$ we have $\mu(A) \geq 0$, and
- (iii) it is σ -additive, i.e., for all countable collections $(A_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ of pairwise disjoint sets in \mathcal{A} , we have

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i\right) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_i).$$

The triple $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ is then called a *measure space*.

Proposition 1.17 (basic properties of measures). Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ be a measure space, $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$, and $(A_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$. Then

- $\mu(A \cup B) + \mu(A \cap B) = \mu(A) + \mu(B)$, $\mu(A \cup B) = \mu(A \cup (B \setminus A)) \rightarrow$
- $\mu(B \setminus A) = \mu(B) - \mu(A)$, if $A \subseteq B$ and $\mu(A) < \infty$, $= \mu(A) + \mu(B) - \mu(B \cap A)$
- μ is *monotone*, meaning that whenever $A \subseteq B$ we have $\mu(A) \leq \mu(B)$,
- μ is *continuous from below*, i.e., $\mu(A_k) \uparrow \mu(\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i)$ for $A_0 \subseteq A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq \dots$,
- μ is *continuous from above*, i.e., $\mu(A_k) \downarrow \mu(\bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i)$ for $A_0 \supseteq A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq \dots$ with $\mu(A_0) < \infty$,
- μ is σ -subadditive, meaning that

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i\right) \leq \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_i).$$

Definition 1.18 (probability measure, probability space). Let (Ω, \mathcal{A}) be a measurable space. A measure $P : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is called *probability measure* if $P(\Omega) = 1$. The triple (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) is then called *probability space*. In this case, \mathcal{A} is called the *event space* or *set of events of interest*.

Lemma 1.33 (classical urn models). We consider an urn with $n \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$ distinct objects and $k \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$ draws.

(i) *With replacement, ordered draws.* The space of possible outcomes is

$$\Omega = [n]^k \quad \text{with} \quad |\Omega| = n^k.$$

\Rightarrow (ii) *Without replacement, ordered draws.* The space of possible outcomes is

$$\Omega = \left\{ (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_k) \in [n]^k \mid \omega_i \neq \omega_j \text{ for } i \neq j \right\} \quad \text{with} \quad |\Omega| = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}.$$

(iii) *Without replacement, unordered draws.* The space of possible outcomes is

$$\Omega = \{S \subseteq [n] \mid |S| = k\} \quad \text{with} \quad |\Omega| = \binom{n}{k}.$$

(iv) *With replacement, unordered draws.* The space of possible outcomes is

$$\Omega = \left\{ (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{N}_0^n \mid \sum_{i=1}^n a_i = k \right\} \quad \text{with} \quad |\Omega| = \binom{n+k-1}{k},$$

where a_i counts how often object i is drawn.