

# Sigma Algebra

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## Sigma Algebra

- $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  a probability space
- $X, Z$  two random variables
- elementary conditional probability :

$$\mathbb{P}[X = x \mid Z = z] = \mathbb{P}[X = x, Z = z] / \mathbb{P}[Z = z]$$

- elementary conditional expectation :

$$\mathbb{E}[X \mid Z = z] = \sum_x x \mathbb{P}[X = x \mid Z = z]$$

- $Y = \mathbb{E}[X \mid \sigma(Z)]$  ?
  - $Y$  is measurable with respect to  $\sigma(Z)$
  - $\mathbb{E}[Y 1_{Z=z}] = \mathbb{E}[X 1_{Z=z}]$

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- $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space
- $X$  is a random variable on the probability space with  $\mathbb{E}[|X|] < \infty$
- $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{F}$  is a sub  $\sigma$ -algebra

Then there exists a random variable  $Y$  such that

- $Y$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable with  $\mathbb{E}[|Y|] < \infty$
- for any  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have  $\mathbb{E}[Y1_A] = \mathbb{E}[X1_A]$ .

Moreover, if  $\tilde{Y}$  also satisfies the above two properties, then  $\tilde{Y} = Y$  a.s.  
A random variable  $Y$  with the above two properties is called the **conditional expectation** of  $X$  given  $\mathcal{A}$ , and we denote it by  $\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{A}]$ .

**Remark :**

- If  $\mathcal{A} = \{\emptyset, \Omega\}$ , then  $\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{A}] = \mathbb{E}[X]$ .
- ! • If  $X$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable, then  $\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{A}] = X$ .
- If  $Y = \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{A}]$ , then  $\mathbb{E}[Y] = \mathbb{E}[X]$

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$$X_8 = \text{st. price @ 8th Oct} \quad \mathbb{E}[X_8]$$

$$\text{if } X_g \sim A\text{-measurable} \quad E[X_g | A] = X_g \\ E[X_{g_1} | A] = E[X_{g_2} | A]$$

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- **Probability space** is triple  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  where  $\Omega$  is sample space,  $\mathcal{F}$  is set of events (the  $\sigma$ -algebra) and  $P : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is the probability function.
- **$\sigma$ -algebra** is collection of subsets closed under complementation and countable unions. Call  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  a measure space.
- **Measure** is function  $\mu : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying  $\mu(A) \geq \mu(\emptyset) = 0$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  and countable additivity:  $\mu(\cup_i A_i) = \sum_i \mu(A_i)$  for disjoint  $A_i$ .
- Measure  $\mu$  is **probability measure** if  $\mu(\Omega) = 1$ .

$$\mathcal{G} = \{ \{1\}, \{2\}, \dots, \{6\}, \{2,3,4,5,6\}, \{1,2,3,4,5\}, \dots, \{1,2,3,4,5,6\} \}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \{ \{1\}, \{2,3,4,5,6\} \} \subseteq \mathcal{G}$$

- ▶ **monotonicity:**  $A \subset B$  implies  $\mu(A) \leq \mu(B)$
- ▶ **subadditivity:**  $A \subset \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m$  implies  $\mu(A) \leq \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_m)$ .
- ▶ **continuity from below:** measures of sets  $A_i$  in increasing sequence converge to measure of limit  $\bigcup_i A_i$
- ▶ **continuity from above:** measures of sets  $A_i$  in decreasing sequence converge to measure of intersection  $\bigcap_i A_i$

## Why not all Subsets are Sigma-Algebra?

- ▶ Uniform probability measure on  $[0, 1)$  should satisfy **translation invariance**: If  $B$  and a horizontal translation of  $B$  are both subsets  $[0, 1)$ , their probabilities should be equal.
- ▶ Consider **wrap-around translations**  $\tau_r(x) = (x + r) \bmod 1$ .
- ▶ By translation invariance,  $\tau_r(B)$  has same probability as  $B$ .
- ▶ Call  $x, y$  “equivalent modulo rationals” if  $x - y$  is rational (e.g.,  $x = \pi - 3$  and  $y = \pi - 9/4$ ). An **equivalence class** is the set of points in  $[0, 1)$  equivalent to some given point.
- ▶ There are uncountably many of these classes.
- ▶ Let  $A \subset [0, 1)$  contain **one** point from each class. For each  $x \in [0, 1)$ , there is **one**  $a \in A$  such that  $r = x - a$  is rational.
- ▶ Then each  $x$  in  $[0, 1)$  lies in  $\tau_r(A)$  for **one** rational  $r \in [0, 1)$ .
- ▶ Thus  $[0, 1) = \cup \tau_r(A)$  as  $r$  ranges over rationals in  $[0, 1)$ .
- ▶ If  $P(A) = 0$ , then  $P(S) = \sum_r P(\tau_r(A)) = 0$ . If  $P(A) > 0$  then  $P(S) = \sum_r P(\tau_r(A)) = \infty$ . Contradicts  $P(S) = 1$  axiom.

- ▶ The **Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra**  $\mathcal{B}$  is the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing all open intervals.
- ▶ Say that  $\mathcal{B}$  is “generated” by the collection of open intervals.
- ▶ Why does this notion make sense? If  $\mathcal{F}_i$  are  $\sigma$ -fields (for  $i$  in possibly uncountable index set  $I$ ) does this imply that  $\cap_{i \in I} \mathcal{F}_i$  is a  $\sigma$ -field?

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A **filtration** is a non-decreasing family of sub  $\sigma$ -algebras of  $\mathcal{F}$  indexed by time, i.e. a family  $\mathbb{F} := (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$  such that

$$\mathcal{F}_s \subseteq \mathcal{F}_t,$$

for  $s \leq t$ , where  $t, s \in \mathbb{T}$ .



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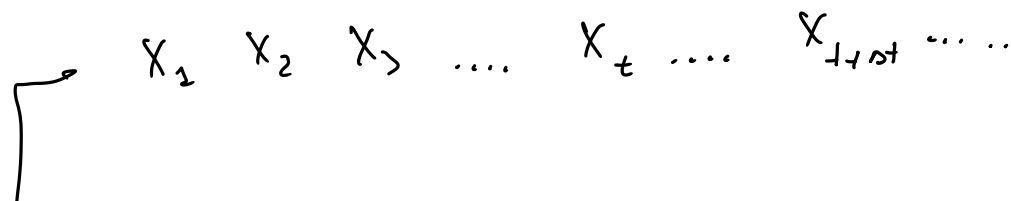
Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a (continuous time) filtration. We say that  $\mathbb{F}$  is the **right-continuous filtration** if for any  $t \in \mathbb{T}$  we get

$$\mathcal{F}_t = \mathcal{F}_{t_+} ,$$

where  $\mathcal{F}_{t_+} := \bigcap_{s>t, s \in \mathbb{T}} \mathcal{F}_s$ .

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$$\mathcal{F}_1 \quad \mathcal{F}_2 \quad \mathcal{F}_3 \quad \dots \quad \mathcal{F}_t$$


$$X_1 \quad X_2 \quad X_3 \quad \dots \quad X_t \quad \dots \quad X_{t+dt} \quad \dots$$

process  $X$  is said to be **adapted** to filtration  $\mathbb{F}$  (or  **$\mathbb{F}$ -adapted**) if  $X_t$  is  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -measurable for any  $t \in \mathbb{T}$ .

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Let  $X$  be a stochastic process. We say that  $\mathbb{F}^X := (\mathcal{F}_t^X)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$ , where

$$\mathcal{F}_t^X = \sigma(X_s, s \leq t, s \in \mathbb{T})$$

is a filtration **generated** by stochastic process  $X$ .

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Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be a standard probability space with  $\Omega = [0, 1]$ .<sup>9</sup> Let

$$\mathcal{A} := \sigma(N \subset [0, 1] : \#N < \infty)$$

denote the  $\sigma$ -algebra of countable sets (and their complements). For time horizon  $\mathbb{T} = [0, +\infty)$  we define filtration  $\mathbb{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$  by setting

$$\mathcal{F}_t := \begin{cases} \mathcal{A} & \text{for } t \in [0, 1); \\ \mathcal{F} & \text{for } t \in [1, \infty). \end{cases}$$

Next, we define a stochastic process  $X = (X_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$  by setting

$$X_t(\omega) := \mathbb{1}_{\Delta}(t, \omega) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t = \omega \text{ and } t \leq 1/2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad t \in \mathbb{T}, \omega \in \Omega.$$

where  $\Delta := \{(t, t) : t \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]\}$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{T} \times \Omega$ .

### Definition (Moments)

Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable, and let  $n \geq 1$  be an integer.  
The number

$$E(X^n) = \sum_x x^n p_X(x)$$

is called the  **$n$ -th moment of  $X$** . Notice that the first moment is the mean.

### Definition

Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable. The function

$$M_X(t) = E(e^{tX})$$

is called the **moment generating function (MGF)** of  $X$ .

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## Problem (Geometric)

Let  $X$  be geometric with parameter  $p$ . Show that

$$M_X(t) = \frac{pe^t}{1 - qe^t}.$$

$$\boxed{q = 1 - p}$$

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### Problem (Binomial)

*Let  $X$  be binomial with parameters  $n$  and  $p$ . Show that*

$$M_X(t) = (pe^t + q)^n.$$



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## Problem (Poisson)

Let  $X$  be Poisson with parameter  $\lambda$ . Show that

$$M_X(t) = e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}.$$

$$e^y \approx 1 + y + \frac{y^2}{2!} + \frac{y^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$P(X=x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$$

$$M_X(t) = E[e^{tx}] = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} e^{tx} \cdot \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{(e^t \cdot \lambda)^x}{x!}$$

Taylor's series  
↓  
 $x$

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## Theorem

Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable. Then

$$M'_X(0) = E(X).$$

In general, for each  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$M_X^{(n)}(0) = E(X^n).$$

$$Var(X) = M''_X(0) - (M'_X(0))^2$$

### Theorem

1. Let  $X$  be geometric with parameter  $p$ . Then

$$E(X) = 1/p \quad \text{and} \quad \text{var}(X) = q/p^2.$$

2. Let  $X$  be binomial with parameters  $n$  and  $p$ . Then

$$E(X) = np \quad \text{and} \quad \text{var}(X) = npq.$$

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## Theorem (Change of Scale Theorem)

Let  $Y = aX + b$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers and  $X$  is a random variable. Then  $M_Y(t) = e^{tb} M_X(at)$ .

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### Theorem (Uniqueness Theorem)

*Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be random variables. If  $M_X(t) = M_Y(t)$  for all  $t \in [-a, a]$  for some positive real number  $a$ , then  $X$  and  $Y$  have the same distribution, that is,  $F_X = F_Y$ .*

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