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Last week we did Random vectors in \mathbb{R}^d

We did Poisson convergence.

→ Assign A Homework.

New topic: Chapter 4 section 1 Stopping times.

non-negative integer that is random \rightarrow random time

Stopping time is a special case - (invented by Wald popularized by Doob)

Basis: (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) Probability space

Filtration - A non-decreasing sequence of sigma Algebras, start at 0 or 1

$$\mathcal{F}_0 \subset \mathcal{F}_1 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{F}_n \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{F}$$

Natural filtration. (special case) Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n

The sigma Algebra Generated By: X_1, \dots, X_n

$$\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma(X_1, \dots, X_n), n \geq 1$$

The idea

What is the information we have as time moves forward.
so the sigma-Algebra increase as n time increases

At time 1



For $\omega \in \Omega$
is ω in
set 1 or set 2?



Can define with out
Random variables,

$$T: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+ = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

is called stopping time. Relative to $\{\mathcal{F}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ Filtration.

If $\{T = n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n, n \geq 0$ (equivalently: $\{T \leq n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n, n \geq 0$)

$$\text{what } \Rightarrow T \leq n \quad = \bigcup_{k \geq 0} \{t = k\}$$

$$\{T = n\} = \{T \leq n\} - \{T \leq n-1\}$$

$\mathcal{F}_n \swarrow \quad \mathcal{F}_{n-1} \nwarrow$
Belongs to

We don't have information about the future.

$$\{t = n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n = \sigma\{X_k\}_{0 \leq k \leq n}$$

Ex 1 $T = \inf_{k \geq 0} \{X_k \in A\}$ what do it mean $\{T = n\}$.

$$= \{X_0 \in A^c, X_1 \in A^c, \dots, X_{n-1} \in A^c, X_n \in A\} \in \mathcal{F}_n$$

"last time X_k in A ".

Ex 2 $T = \sup_{k \geq 0} \{X_k \in A\}$. is this a stopping time?

No, is not stopping time
Because we need info from
the Future

$$\{T = n\}$$

If you ask directions? They say turn left one street before big intersect?
is a statement of the future not a stopping time.
If they say turn left at 4th street, $n=4$ is stopping time.

Re-defn: $T = \sup_{k \geq 0} \{X_0 \in A, X_1 \in A_1, \dots, X_k \in A_k\}$.
 $T+1$ is ST.

$T = c$ constant. is stopping time.

Let T be a st. relative to $\{\mathcal{F}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$.

$$\mathcal{F}_T = \text{"information up to } T\text{"}$$

$\{A \in \mathcal{F} : A \cap \{T = n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n, 0 \leq n < \infty\}$

} Stopping time can be infinite
stop when level 10, which never happens.

Core definition of Stopping time

Natured filtration:

In the case of $\mathcal{F} = \sigma\{X_0, \dots, X_n\}, n \geq 0$.

$$\boxed{\mathcal{F}_T = \sigma\{X_{n \wedge T}, n \geq 0\}}$$

better def. describes a seq from $n = 0, 1, \dots, T$

Same can be shown,

Basics: If S, T are stopping time (Relative to filtration) omitted.

then $S \wedge T$ is ST as well.

To prove WTS. $\{S \wedge T = n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n, n \geq 0$

said or

One Possibility $\{S = n, T \geq n\} \vee \{S \geq n, T = n\}$

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One Possibility $\{S = n, T \geq n\} \cup \{S \geq n, T \geq n\}$
 Said or
 $\{T \geq n\}^c = \{T \leq n-1\} \in \mathcal{F}_{n-1} \subset \mathcal{F}_n$

$$X_T(\omega) = (X_{T(\omega)})(\omega)$$

< First you show this is sigma Algebra:

(a) \mathcal{F}_1 is a σ -Algebra

Assume $A_k \in \mathcal{F}_T, k \geq 1 \Rightarrow A_k \cap \{T = n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n, k \geq 1$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \right) \cap \{T = n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n$$

is measurable w.r.t. σ -Alg

(b) $T \in \mathcal{F}_T$

But how to prove it?

$$\{T = k\} \in \mathcal{F}_T$$

$$\{T = k\} \cap \{T = n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n \quad n \geq 1$$

if $k \neq n$ the empty set

if $k = n$ then $\{T = k\}$, trivial.

(c) If $S \leq T$ a.s., where S,T stopping times. then

what to show $\mathcal{F}_S \subset \mathcal{F}_T$

Because $S \leq T \Rightarrow \{T = n\} \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \{S = k\}$

If this happens, then few must of happen

Because $S \leq T$,

$$A \cap \{T = n\} = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\underbrace{A \cap \{S = k\}}_{\text{Belongs } \mathcal{F}_k} \cap \{T = n\} \right] \Rightarrow A \in \mathcal{F}_T$$

Assume $A \in \mathcal{F}_S$ nts $A \in \mathcal{F}_T, \mathcal{F}_k \subset \mathcal{F}_n$.

Let $\{\mathcal{F}_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ be a filtration.

Don't Assume Natural Filtrations

$\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is a sequence of Random Variable.

Assume $X_n \in \mathcal{F}_n, n \geq 1$ (" $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is ADAPTED")

Assume $X_n \in \mathcal{F}_n$, $n \geq 1$ ($\{\mathcal{X}_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is ADAPTED)

Let T be a st. wrt. $\{\mathcal{F}_n\}_{n \geq 1}$

then $X_T \in \mathcal{F}_T$.

Proof $\{X_T \in B\} \cap \{T = n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n$, $n \geq 1$

$$= \{X_n \in B\} \cap \{T = n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n$$

\downarrow in \mathcal{F}_n

\uparrow in \mathcal{F}_n