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1.1 Measure Theory Chapter 6

1.1 Problem 6.1a.

Consider on \mathbb{R} the family Σ of all Borel sets which are symmetric w.r.t. the origin. Show that Σ is a σ -algebra.

Proof.

1. To show that $\mathbb{R} \in \Sigma$, note that \mathbb{R} is a Borel set that is symmetric w.r.t. to the origin.
2. To show that $A \in \Sigma \Rightarrow A^c \in \Sigma$, it suffices to show that

$$\forall x \in A : -x \in A \implies \forall y \in A^c : -y \in A^c,$$

which is equivalent with showing that

$$\forall x \in A : -x \in A \implies \forall y \notin A : -y \notin A,$$

which is equivalent with showing that

$$\exists y \notin A : -y \in A \implies \exists x \in A : -x \notin A.$$

This last statement hold if we set $x := -y$.

3. To show that Σ is stable under countable unions, assume $A_j = B_j \cup B_j^c$ for some $B_j \in \mathcal{B}([0, \infty))$. We have

$$\bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} A_j = \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} B_j \cup \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} -B_j \in \Sigma$$

□

1.2 Problem 6.3i.

Show that non-void open sets in \mathbb{R}^n have always strictly positive Lebesgue measure.

Proof.

First remember that

1. $\lambda^n[a, b] = \prod_{j=1}^n (b_j - a_j)$
2. λ^n is a pre-measure that can be extended to a measure on $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.
3. λ^n is invariant under translations
4. $A \subseteq B \implies \mu(A) \leq \mu(B)$
5. $Q_\epsilon = [-\epsilon, \epsilon)$

To show that $\lambda^n(U) > 0$ it suffices

$$\lambda^n(U') > 0$$

where $0 \in U'$ and $U' = x + U$ for some $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. To show that it suffices to show that

$$\lambda^n(B_\epsilon(0)) > 0$$

where $B_\epsilon(0) \subseteq U$. To show that it suffices to show that $Q_{\epsilon'} \subseteq B_\epsilon$ for some $\epsilon' > 0$. This holds if we set $\epsilon' := \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2n}}$. \square

1.3 Problem 6.3ii.

Is 6.3i still true for closed sets ?

Proof.

No, take $\{0\}$, then $\lambda\{x\} = 0$. \square

1.4 Problem 6.4i.

Show that $\lambda(a, b) = b - a$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a \leq b$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(a, b) &= \lambda([b - a] - \{b\}) \\ &= \lambda[b, a] - \lambda\{b\} && \text{T4.3iii} \\ &= b - a - 0 && \text{Problem 4.11i} \end{aligned}$$

□

1.5 Problem 6.4ii.

Let $H \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ be a hyperplane which is perpendicular to the x_1 -direction (that is to say: H is a translate of the x_2 axis). Show that

1. $H \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^2)$
2. $\lambda^2(H) = 0$

Proof.

1. To show that $H \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^2)$, it suffices to show that H is writable as an intersection of countable half-open sets. Note that:

$$H := \{y\} \times \mathbb{R} = \bigcap_{j \in \mathbb{N}} [y, y + 1/j) \times \mathbb{R}$$

2. We have that for any $\epsilon > 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^2(H) &= \lambda^2(\{y\} \times \mathbb{R}) \\ &\leq \lambda^2\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} [y, y + \epsilon_n) \times [-n, n)\right) \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \epsilon_n n \\ &= \epsilon L \end{aligned}$$

This follows if we choose $\epsilon_n := \frac{\epsilon}{2^n}$. Therefore $\lambda^2(H) = 0$.

□

1.6 Definition.

Let (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) be a measure space such that all singletons $\{x\} \in \mathcal{A}$. A point x is called an atom, if $\mu\{x\} > 0$. A measure is called *non-atomic* or *diffuse*, there are no atoms.

1.7 Problem 6.5i.

Show that λ^1 is diffuse.

Proof.

We've already shown that $\lambda\{x\} = 0$ for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$. □

1.8 Problem 6.5iii.

Show that for a diffuse measure μ on (X, \mathcal{A}) all countable sets are null sets.

Proof.

All countable sets are writable as

$$\bigcup_{j=0}^{\infty} \{x_j\}$$

where $x_i \neq x_j$. So we get

$$\lambda\left(\bigcup_{j=0}^{\infty} \{x_j\}\right) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \lambda\{x_j\} = 0.$$

□

1.9 Definition.

A set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is called *bounded* if it can be contained in a ball $B_r \supseteq A$ of finite radius r . A set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is called *connected*, if we can go along a curve from any point $a \in A$ to any point $a' \in A$ without ever leaving A .

1.10 Problem 6.6a.

Construct an open and unbounded set in \mathbb{R} with finite, strictly positive Lebesgue measure.

Proof.

Consider the set

$$U := \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(n - \frac{1}{2^n}, n + \frac{1}{2^n}\right).$$

This is an open set, as it union of countable open sets. It is unbounded, for any $B_r(0)$ we have that $r + 1 \in U$ and not in $B_r(0)$. We have to show that it has finite lebesgue measure.

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(U) &= \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(n - \frac{1}{2^n}, n + \frac{1}{2^n}\right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{2^n} = 2. \end{aligned}$$

□

1.11 Problem 6.6ii.

Construct an open, unbounded and connected set in \mathbb{R} with finite, strictly positive Lebesgue measure.

Proof.

Consider

$$U = \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} [0, 0 + \epsilon/(2^j)) \times [-j, j)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^2(U) &= \left(\bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \left(-\frac{1}{2^j}, \frac{1}{2^j}\right) \times (-j, j) \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{4j}{2^j} \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{j}{2^j}$$

converges.

□

1.12 Problem 6.6iii.

Is there a connected, open and unbounded set in \mathbb{R} with finite, strictly positive Lebesgue measure ?

Proof.

No, this is impossible. Since we are in one dimension, connectedness forces us to go between points in a straight, uninterrupted line. Since the set is unbounded, this means we must have a line of the sort (a, ∞) or $(-\infty, b)$ in our set and in both cases Lebesgue measure is infinite. □

1.13 Definition.

Let $A \subset X$. The closure of A , denoted by \bar{A} , is the smallest closed set containing A , i.e.

$$\bar{A} = \bigcap_{\substack{F \in \mathcal{C} \\ F \supset A}} F$$

1.14 Definition.

A set $A \subseteq X$ is dense in X if $\bar{A} = X$

1.15 Problem 6.7.

Let $\lambda := \lambda^1|_{[0,1]}$ be a Lebesgue measure on $([0, 1], \mathcal{B}[0, 1])$. Show that for every $\epsilon > 0$ there is a dense open set $U \subseteq [0, 1]$ with $\lambda(U) \leq \epsilon$.

Proof.

Note that \mathbb{Q} is dense. We are going to make an open set contained in \mathbb{Q} . Consider

$$U := \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} (q_j - \epsilon_j, q_j + \epsilon_j)$$

Then

$$\lambda(U) = \lambda\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} (q_j - \epsilon_j, q_j + \epsilon_j)\right) \leq \sum 2\epsilon_j.$$

So set $\epsilon_j := \frac{\epsilon}{2^j - 1}$. And we are done. □

1.16 Problem 6.10i.

Let μ be a measure on $\mathcal{A} = \{\emptyset, [0, 1), [1, 2), [0, 2)\}$ of $X = [0, 2)$. Such that

$$\mu[0, 1) = \mu[1, 2) = 1/2 \quad \mu[0, 2) = 1.$$

Define for each $A \subseteq [0, 2)$ the family of countable \mathcal{A} -coverings of A

$$\mathcal{C}(A) := \{(A_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{A} : \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} A_j \supseteq A\}$$

and set

$$\mu^*(A) := \inf \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(S_j) : (S_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathcal{C}(A) \right\}.$$

Define $\mathcal{A}^* := \{A \subseteq [0, 2) : \mu^*(B) = \mu^*(B \cap A) + \mu^*(B - A) \quad \forall B \subseteq X\}$

Show that

1. Find $\mu^*(a, b), \mu^*\{a\}$
2. $(0, 1), \{0\} \notin \mathcal{A}^*$

Note that in T6.1 it is proven that:

- $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{A}^*$
- $\mu^*(A) = \mu(A) \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{A}$
- \mathcal{A}^* is a σ -algebra and μ^* is a measure on $([0, 2], \mathcal{A}^*)$

Proof.

1. We have

$$\begin{aligned}\mu^*(a, b) &= \mu[0, 1) & \text{if } a, b \in [0, 1) \\ \mu^*(a, b) &= \mu[1, 2) & \text{if } a, b \in [1, 2) \\ \mu^*(a, b) &= \mu[0, 2) & \text{if } a \in [0, 1), b \in [1, 2)\end{aligned}$$

In the case of a singleton $\{a\}$ the best possible cover is always either $[0, 1)$ or $[1, 2)$ so that $\mu^*\{a\} = 1/2$.

2. Suppose that $(0, 1) \in \mathcal{A}^*$ then we would have that

$$\{0\} = [0, 1) - (0, 1) \in \mathcal{A}^*.$$

But this gives

$$\frac{1}{2} = \mu^*[0, 1) = \mu^*(0, 1) + \mu^*\{0\} = 1$$

□

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2.1 Measure Theory Chapter 7

2.1 Definition.

Let $(X, \mathcal{A}), (X', \mathcal{A}')$ be two measurable spaces. A map $T : X \rightarrow X'$ is called \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{A}' -measurable (or *measurable* unless this is too ambiguous) if the pre-image of every measurable set is a measurable set:

$$T^{-1}(A') \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall A' \in \mathcal{A}'.$$

We often denote this by $T^{-1}(\mathcal{A}') \subseteq \mathcal{A}$.

2.2 Definition.

A *random variable* is a measurable map from a probability space (i.e. $\mu(X) = 1$) to any measurable space.

2.3 Lemma 7.2.

Let $(X, \mathcal{A}), (X', \mathcal{A}')$ be measurable spaces and let $\mathcal{A}' = \sigma(\mathcal{G}')$. Then $T : X \rightarrow X'$ is \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{A}' -measurable if and only if

$$T^{-1}(G') \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall G' \in \mathcal{G}'.$$

2.4 Problem 7.1.

Show that

$$\tau_x : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n : B \mapsto B - x$$

is a $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)/\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ measurable map.

Proof.

Showing that

$$\tau_x : \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n) : B \mapsto B - x$$

is $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)/\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ measurable, is equivalent with showing that

$$\tau_x^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad \forall B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n),$$

which in turn is equivalent with showing that

$$x + B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad \forall B \in \mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R}^n),$$

which in turn is equivalent with showing that

$$x + [a, b] \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

This follows as $x + [a, b] = [x + a, x + b] \in \mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. \square

2.5 Theorem.

Every continuous map $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is $\mathcal{B}^n/\mathcal{B}^m$ measurable.

Proof.

Showing that

$$T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

is $\mathcal{B}^n/\mathcal{B}^m$ measurable, is equivalent with showing that

$$T^{-1}(\mathcal{O}^m) \subseteq \mathcal{B}^n.$$

As $\mathcal{O}^n \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{O}^n) = \mathcal{B}^n$, it suffices to show that

$$T^{-1}(\mathcal{O}^m) \subseteq \mathcal{O}^n,$$

which follows from the continuity of T . \square

2.6 Definition.

Let $(T_i)_{i \in I}$ be arbitrarily many mappings $T_i : X \rightarrow X_i$ from the same space X into measurable spaces (X_i, \mathcal{A}_i) . The smallest σ -algebra on X that makes all T_i simultaneously measurable is

$$\sigma(T_i : i \in I) := \sigma\left(\bigcup_{i \in I} T_i^{-1}(\mathcal{A}_i)\right).$$

We say that $\sigma(T_i : i \in I)$ is *generated by the family $(T_i)_{i \in I}$* .

2.7 Theorem.

Let (X_j, \mathcal{A}_j) , $j = 1, 2, 3$, be measurable spaces and $T : X_1 \rightarrow X_2$, $S : X_2 \rightarrow X_3$ be $\mathcal{A}_1/\mathcal{A}_2$ - resp. $\mathcal{A}_2/\mathcal{A}_3$ -measurable maps. Then $S \circ T : X_1 \rightarrow X_3$ is $\mathcal{A}_1/\mathcal{A}_3$ -measurable.

2.8 Problem 7.4.

Let X be a set, $(X_i, \mathcal{A}_i), i \in I$, be arbitrarily many measurable spaces, and $T_i : X \rightarrow X_i$ be a family of maps. Show that a map f from a measurable space (F, \mathcal{F}) to $(X, \sigma(T_i : i \in I))$ is measurable if, and only if, all maps $T_i \circ f$ are $\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{A}_i$ -measurable.

Proof of \implies .

To show that all maps $T_i \circ f$ are $\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{A}_i$ -measurable, it suffices to show that $T_i : X \rightarrow X_i$ is $\sigma(T_i : i \in I)/\mathcal{A}_i$ -measurable and $f : F \rightarrow X$ is $\mathcal{F}/\sigma(T_i : i \in I)$ -measurable.

By hypothesis, it suffices to show that $T_i : X \rightarrow X_i$ is $\sigma(T_i : i \in I)/\mathcal{A}_i$ -measurable, which is equivalent with showing that

$$T_i^{-1}(A_i) \in \sigma(T_i : i \in I) \quad \forall A_i \in \mathcal{A}_i.$$

It suffices to assume $A_i \in \mathcal{A}_i$ and show that

$$T_i^{-1}(A_i) \in \bigcup_{i \in I} T_i^{-1}(\mathcal{A}_i) \quad \checkmark.$$

□

Proof of \impliedby .

To show that a map f from a measurable space (F, \mathcal{F}) to $(X, \sigma(T_i : i \in I))$ is measurable, it suffices to show that

$$f^{-1}\left(\bigcup_{i \in I} T_i^{-1}(\mathcal{A}_i)\right) \subseteq \mathcal{F}$$

To show this it suffices to show that

$$\bigcup_{i \in I} f^{-1}(T_i^{-1}(\mathcal{A}_i)) \subseteq \mathcal{F},$$

to show this it suffices to show that

$$f^{-1}(T_i^{-1}(\mathcal{A}_i)) \subseteq \mathcal{F},$$

to show this it suffices to show that

$$(T_i \circ f)^{-1}(\mathcal{A}_i) \subseteq \mathcal{F}.$$

This follows by hypothesis. □

2.9 Problem 7.8.

Let $T : X \rightarrow Y$ be any map. Show that

$$T^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{G})) = \sigma(T^{-1}(\mathcal{G}))$$

holds for arbitrary families of \mathcal{G} of subsets of Y .

Proof.

To show that

$$T^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{G})) = \sigma(T^{-1}(\mathcal{G}))$$

it suffices to show:

1. $T^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{G})) \subseteq \sigma(T^{-1}(\mathcal{G}))$
2. $\sigma(T^{-1}(\mathcal{G})) \subseteq T^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{G}))$

To show

$$T^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{G})) \subseteq \sigma(T^{-1}(\mathcal{G})),$$

it suffices to show that T is $\sigma(T^{-1}(\mathcal{G}))/\sigma(\mathcal{G})$ measurable.

To show that it suffices to show that

$$T^{-1}(\mathcal{G}) \subseteq \sigma(T^{-1}(\mathcal{G})) \quad \checkmark.$$

To show

$$\sigma(T^{-1}(\mathcal{G})) \subseteq T^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{G})),$$

it suffices to show that

$$T^{-1}(\mathcal{G}) \subseteq T^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{G})) \quad \checkmark.$$

□

2.2 Measure Theory Chapter 5

2.10 Definition.

A family $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ is a *Dynkin system* if

$$\begin{aligned} X &\in \mathcal{D} \\ D \in \mathcal{D} &\implies D^c \in \mathcal{D} \\ (D_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{D} \text{ pairwise disjoint} &\implies \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} D_j \in \mathcal{D} \end{aligned}$$

2.11 Definition.

Let $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$. Then there is a smallest Dynkin system $\delta(\mathcal{G})$ containing \mathcal{G} . $\delta(\mathcal{G})$ is called the *Dynkin system generated by \mathcal{G}* .

2.12 Proposition.

Show that

$$\mathcal{G} \subseteq \delta(\mathcal{G}) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{G}).$$

Proof.

We have that $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{G})$. And therefore $\delta(\mathcal{G}) \subseteq \delta(\sigma(\mathcal{G})) = \sigma(\mathcal{G})$. \square

2.13 Theorem.

A Dynkin system \mathcal{D} is a σ -algebra if, and only if, it is stable under finite intersections: $D, E \in \mathcal{D} \implies D \cap E \in \mathcal{D}$

Proof.

It suffices to show that a \cap -stable Dynkin system is stable under countable unions. To show this, it suffices to show that given $(D_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathcal{D}$, we have

$$D := \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} D_j \in \mathcal{D}.$$

Set $E_1 = D_1 \in \mathcal{D}$. And $E_2 := D_2 \cap D_1^c$. And $E_3 = D_3 \cap D_2^c \cap D_1^c$. And so on. Then

$$D = \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} E_j \in \mathcal{D}.$$

\square

2.14 Theorem.

If $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ is stable under finite intersections, then $\delta(\mathcal{G}) = \sigma(\mathcal{G})$.

Proof.

It suffices to show that $\sigma(\mathcal{G}) \subseteq \delta(\mathcal{G})$. As $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \delta(\mathcal{G})$ it suffices to show that $\delta(\mathcal{G})$ is a σ -algebra. To show that $\delta(\mathcal{G})$ is a σ -algebra, it suffices to show that $\delta(\mathcal{G})$ is stable under finite intersections.

Fix $D \in \delta(\mathcal{G})$. Consider $\mathcal{D}_D := \{Q \subseteq X : Q \cap D \in \delta(\mathcal{G})\}$. It suffices to show that $\delta(\mathcal{G}) \subseteq \mathcal{D}_D$. To show that it suffices to show that \mathcal{D}_D is a Dynkin system and that $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{D}_D$.

To show that $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{D}_D$, it suffices to show that

$$G \cap D \in \delta(\mathcal{G}) \quad \forall G \in \mathcal{G},$$

to show that it suffices to show that

$$\delta(\mathcal{G}) \subseteq \mathcal{D}_G \quad \forall G \in \mathcal{G},$$

to show that it suffices to show that (as \mathcal{D}_G is a dynkin system)

$$\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{D}_G \quad \forall G \in \mathcal{G}.$$

This follows from $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \delta(\mathcal{G})$ and \mathcal{G} is \cap -stable. \square

2.15 Proposition.

$$A_j \uparrow A \implies A_j \cap B \uparrow A \cap B$$

Proof.

To show that

$$A_j \uparrow A \implies A_j \cap B \uparrow A \cap B,$$

it suffices to show that

$$A = \bigcup_j A_j \implies A \cap B = \bigcup_j A_j \cap B,$$

which is equivalent with showing that

$$\left(\bigcup_j A_j \right) \cap B = \bigcup_j A_j \cap B \quad \checkmark.$$

\square

2.16 Definition.

An *exhausting sequence* $(A_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ is an increasing sequence of sets $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq A_3 \subseteq \dots$ such that $\bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} A_j = X$.

2.17 Theorem.

Assume that (X, \mathcal{A}) is a measurable space and that $\mathcal{A} = \sigma(\mathcal{G})$ is generated by a family \mathcal{G} such that

- \mathcal{G} is stable under finite intersections $G, H \in \mathcal{G} \implies G \cap H \in \mathcal{G}$
- there exists an exhausting sequence $(G_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{G}$ with $G_j \uparrow X$

Any two measure μ, ν that coincide on \mathcal{G} and are finite for all members of the exhausting sequence $\mu(G_j) = \nu(G_j) < \infty$, are equal on \mathcal{A} , i.e.

$$\mu(A) = \nu(A) \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Proof.

Remember that for any increasing sequence $(A_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ with $A_j \uparrow A \in \mathcal{A}$ we have

$$\mu(A) = \lim_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_j).$$

To show that

$$\mu(A) = \nu(A) \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{A}$$

it suffices to show that (as $G_j \cap A \uparrow X \cap A$)

$$\lim_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(G_j \cap A) = \lim_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \nu(G_j \cap A) \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{A}$$

To show that it suffices to show that

$$\mu(G_j \cap A) = \nu(G_j \cap A) \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{N}, \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Consider $\mathcal{D}_j := \{A \in \mathcal{A} : \mu(G_j \cap A) = \nu(G_j \cap A)\}$. It suffices to show that $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{D}_j$, which is equivalent with showing $\sigma(\mathcal{G}) \subseteq \mathcal{D}_j$.

As \mathcal{G} is stable under finite intersections, it suffices to show that $\delta(\mathcal{G}) \subseteq \mathcal{D}_j$.

As \mathcal{G} is stable under finite intersections and $\mu(\mathcal{G}) = \nu(\mathcal{G})$, we have that $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{D}_j$ and therefore it suffices to show that \mathcal{D}_j is a Dynkin system.

Which you can check. □

2.18 Theorem.

The n -dimensional Lebesgue measure λ^n is invariant under translations, i.e.

$$\lambda^n(x + B) = \lambda^n(B) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

Proof.

Set $\nu(B) := \lambda^n(x + B)$ for some fixed $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. It suffices to show that

$$\lambda^n(B) = \nu(B) \quad B \in \mathcal{B}.$$

To show that, it suffices to show that

1. \mathcal{J} is \cap -stable \checkmark
2. \mathcal{J} admits an exhausting sequence
 - $[-j, j) \uparrow \mathbb{R}^n \quad \checkmark$
3. $\lambda^n|_{\mathcal{J}} = \nu|_{\mathcal{J}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \nu([a, b)) &= \lambda^n[x + a, x + b) \\ &= \lambda^n[a, b) \end{aligned}$$

4. ν is a measure on \mathcal{B}^n

To show that ν is a measure on \mathcal{B}^n , it suffices to show that

$$\nu\left(\bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} B_j\right) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \nu(B_j),$$

which is equivalent with

$$\lambda^n\left(x + \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} B_j\right) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda^n(x + B_j).$$

It suffices to show

$$B \in \mathcal{B}^n \implies x + B \in \mathcal{B}^n.$$

Which we have already proven. □

2.19 Theorem.

Let $(X, \mathcal{A}), (X, \mathcal{A}')$ be measurable spaces and $T : X \rightarrow X'$ be an \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{A}' measurable map. For every measure μ on (X, \mathcal{A}) ,

$$\mu'(A') := \mu(T^{-1}(A')), \quad A' \in \mathcal{A}'.$$

The measure μ' is called the image measure of μ under T and is denoted by $T \circ \mu$ or $\mu \circ T^{-1}$.

2.3 Measure Theory Chapter 7

2.20 Problem 7.7.

Use image measures to give a new proof of Problem 5.8, i.e. to show that

$$\lambda^n(t \cdot B) = t^n \lambda^n(B) \quad \forall B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n), \forall t > 0$$

Proof.

Set $\nu(B) := t^n \lambda^n(B)$ for some fixed $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. It suffices to show that

$$\lambda^n(tB) = \nu(B) \quad \forall B \in \mathcal{B}.$$

To show that, it suffices to show that

1. \mathcal{J} is \cap -stable ✓
2. \mathcal{J} admits an exhausting sequence
 - $[-j, j) \uparrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ✓
3. $\lambda^n|_{\mathcal{J}} = \nu|_{\mathcal{J}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \nu([a, b)) &= \lambda^n[ta, tb) \\ &= t^n \lambda^n[a, b) \end{aligned}$$

4. ν is a measure on \mathcal{B}^n as it is a composition of the inverse of a measurable map and a measure.

□

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3.1 Measure Theory Chapter 8

3.1 Definition.

Note that: $u^{-1}[a, \infty) = \{x \in X : u(x) \in [a, \infty)\} = \{x \in X : u(x) \geq a\}$. We define:

$$\{u(x) \geq a\} = u^{-1}[a, \infty).$$

3.2 Theorem.

Let (X, \mathcal{A}) be a measurable space. The function $u : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{B} -measurable if, and only if, one, hence all, of the following conditions hold

1. $\{u \geq a\} \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$
2. $\{u > a\} \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$
3. $\{u \leq a\} \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$
4. $\{u < a\} \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$

3.3 Definition.

We define the *extended real line* $\bar{\mathbb{R}} := [-\infty, \infty]$ with the following rules for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\begin{aligned} x + \infty &= \infty + x = \infty & x + -\infty &= -\infty + x = -\infty \\ \infty + \infty &= \infty & -\infty - \infty &= -\infty \end{aligned}$$

And for $x \in (0, \infty]$:

$$\begin{aligned} \pm x \cdot \infty &= \infty \cdot \pm x = \pm\infty \\ \pm x \cdot -\infty &= -\infty \cdot \pm x = \mp\infty \\ 0 \cdot \pm\infty &= \pm\infty \cdot 0 = 0 \\ \frac{1}{\pm\infty} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

3.4 Definition.

Functions which take values in $\bar{\mathbb{R}}$ are called *numerical functions*.

3.5 Definition.

The Borel σ -algebra $\bar{\mathcal{B}} = \mathcal{B}(\bar{\mathbb{R}})$ is defined by:

$$\bar{\mathcal{B}} := \left\{ B \cup S : B \in \mathcal{B} \text{ and } S \in \left\{ \emptyset, \{-\infty\}, \{\infty\}, \{-\infty, \infty\} \right\} \right\}$$

3.6 Theorem.

We have $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R} \cap \mathcal{B}(\bar{\mathbb{R}})$. Moreover $\bar{\mathcal{B}}$ is generated by all sets of the form $[a, \infty]$ or $(a, \infty]$ or $[-\infty, a]$ or $[-\infty, a)$ where $a \in \mathbb{R}$

3.7 Definition.

Let (X, \mathcal{A}) be a measurable space. We write $\mathcal{M} := \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$ and $\mathcal{M}_{\bar{\mathbb{R}}} := \mathcal{M}_{\bar{\mathbb{R}}}(\mathcal{A})$ for the families of real valued \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{B} -measurable and numerical $\mathcal{A}/\bar{\mathcal{B}}$ -measurable functions on X .

3.8 Definition.

A *simple function* $g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ on a measurable space (X, \mathcal{A}) is a function of the form

$$g(x) := \sum_{j=1}^M y_j \mathbf{1}_{A_j}(x)$$

with finitely many sets $A_1, \dots, A_M \in \mathcal{A}$ and $y_1, \dots, y_M \in \mathbb{R}$. The set of simple functions is denoted by \mathcal{E} or $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{A})$.

If the sets A_1, \dots, A_M are mutually disjoint we call

$$\sum_{j=0}^M y_j \mathbf{1}_{A_j}(x)$$

with $y_0 := 0$ and $A_0 := (A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_M)^c$ a *standard representation* of g . Caution, this representation is not unique.

3.9 Theorem.

Let (X, \mathcal{A}) be a measurable space. Every $\mathcal{A}/\bar{\mathcal{B}}$ -measurable numerical function $u : X \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ is the pointwise limit of simple functions:

$$u(x) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} f_j(x)$$

where $f_j \in \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{A})$ and $|f_j| \leq |u|$.

If $u \geq 0$, all f_j can be chosen to be positive and increasing towards u so that $u = \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} f_j$.

3.10 Theorem.

Let (X, \mathcal{A}) be a measurable space. If $u_j : X \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}, j \in \mathbb{N}$ are measurable functions, then so are

$$\sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} u_j \quad \inf_{j \in \mathbb{N}} u_j \quad \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} u_j \quad \liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} u_j$$

and whenever it exists

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} u_j.$$

3.11 Theorem.

Let u, v be $\mathcal{A}/\bar{\mathcal{B}}$ -measurable functions. Then the functions

$$u \pm v \quad uv \quad u \vee v := \max\{u, v\} \quad u \wedge v := \min\{u, v\}$$

are $\mathcal{A}/\bar{\mathcal{B}}$ -measurable (whenever they are defined).

3.12 Theorem.

A function u is $\mathcal{A}/\bar{\mathcal{B}}$ measurable if, and only if, u^\pm are $\mathcal{A}/\bar{\mathcal{B}}$ measurable.

3.13 Theorem.

Let $T : (X, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow (X', \mathcal{A}')$ be an \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{A}' -measurable map and let $\sigma(T) \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ be the σ -algebra generated by T . Then $u = w(T)$ for some $\mathcal{A}'/\bar{\mathcal{B}}$ measurable function $w : X' \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ if and only if $u : X \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ is $\sigma(T)/\bar{\mathcal{B}}$ -measurable.

3.14 Proposition.

Let (X, \mathcal{A}) be a measurable space. We define the indicator function:

$$1_A : X \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}} : x \in A \mapsto 1 \quad x \in X - A \mapsto 0$$

Show that the indicator function is measurable if, and only if, $A \in \mathcal{A}$.

Proof.

To show that 1_A is measurable, it suffices to show that

$$1_A^{-1}(a, \infty) \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Note that

$$1_A^{-1}(a, \infty) = \{x \in X : 1_A(x) \in (a, \infty)\} = \{1_A > a\}$$

If $a \geq 1$, then $1_A^{-1}(a, \infty) = \emptyset$.

If $a \in [0, 1)$, then $1_A^{-1}(a, \infty) = A$.

If $a < 0$, then $1_A^{-1}(a, \infty) = X$. □

3.15 Proposition.

Let $A_1, \dots, A_M \in \mathcal{A}$ be mutually disjoint sets and $y_1, \dots, y_M \in \mathbb{R}$. Then the function

$$g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : x \mapsto \sum_{j=1}^M y_j 1_{A_j}(x)$$

is measurable.

Proof.

To show that g is measurable it suffices to show that

$$\{g > a\} \in \mathcal{A}$$

i.e.

$$\left\{x \in X : \sum_{j=1}^M y_j 1_{A_j}(x) > a\right\} = \bigcup_{j: y_j > a} A_j \in \mathcal{A}.$$

□

3.16 Problem 8.3i.

Let (X, \mathcal{A}) be a measurable space. Let $f, g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be measurable functions. Show that for every $A \in \mathcal{A}$ the functions $h(x) := f(x)$ if $x \in A$ and $h(x) := g(x)$, if $x \notin A$, is measurable.

Proof.

Note that

$$h(x) := 1_A(x)f(x) + 1_{A^c}(x)g(x).$$

And remember that sums and products of measurable functions are again measurable. □

3.17 Problem 8.3ii.

Let $(f_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of measurable functions and let $(A_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ such that $\bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} A_j = X$. Suppose that $f_j|_{A_j \cap A_k} = f_k|_{A_j \cap A_k}$ for all $j, k \in \mathbb{N}$ and set $f(x) := f_j(x)$ if $x \in A_j$. Show that $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is measurable.

Proof.

We have that:

$$f^{-1}(B) = \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} A_j \cap f^{-1}(B) = \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} A_j \cap f_j^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{A}$$

□

3.18 Problem 8.4.

Let (X, \mathcal{A}) be a measurable space and let $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{A}$ be a sub- σ -algebra. Show that $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{B}) \subset \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$.

Proof.

To show that

$$\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{B}) \subset \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$$

it suffices to show there exists a \mathcal{A} -measurable function that is not \mathcal{B} -measurable. By hypothesis, we have an element $A \in \mathcal{A}$, that is not in \mathcal{B} , i.e. $A \notin \mathcal{B}$. Since 1_A is \mathcal{B} -measurable if, and only if, $B \in \mathcal{B}$, we have find the \mathcal{A} -measurable function where we were looking for. □

3.19 Theorem.

Let $u : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable. Explain why u and $u' = du/dx$ are measurable.

Proof.

If u is differentiable, it is continuous, hence measurable. Since u' exists, we can write it in the form

$$u'(x) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u(x + 1/k) - u(x)}{1/k}$$

i.e. as limit of measurable functions. Thus, u' is also measurable. □

3.20 Problem 8.17.

Show that the measurability of $|u|$ does not, in general, imply the measurability of u .

Proof.

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be such that $A \notin \mathcal{B}$. Then it is clear that

$$u(x) := 1_A(x) - 1_{A^c}(x)$$

is not measurable. Take

$$\{u = 1\} = A \notin \mathcal{A}.$$

But $|u(x)| = 1$, which is a continuous function and therefore measurable.

□

3.21 Problem 8.14.

Consider $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$ and $u : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Show that $\{x\} \in \sigma(u)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ if, and only if, u is injective.

Proof.

To show that u is injective, it suffices to assume $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and show that

$$u(x) = u(y) \implies x = y.$$

Showing that is equivalent with showing that

$$|\{u = u(x_0)\}| = 1.$$

We surely have that $\{x_0\} \subseteq \{u = u(x_0)\}$. And note that

$$\{x_0\} \in \sigma(u) = \sigma(u^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))$$

just means that $\{x_0\} = u^{-1}(B)$ for some $B \in \mathcal{B}$. □

Proof.

Assume that u is injective,. This means that every point in the range $u(\mathbb{R})$ comes exactly from unique defined $x \in \mathbb{R}$. This can be expressed by saying that $\{x\} = u^{-1}(\{u(x)\}) = \{u(x)\}$. But then

$$\{x\} \in \sigma(u) = \sigma(u^{-1}(\mathcal{B})).$$

□

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4.1 Measure Theory Chapter 9

4.1 Definition.

Let $f = \sum_{j=0}^M y_j 1_{A_j} \in \mathcal{E}^+$ be a simple function in standard representation. Then the number

$$I_\mu(f) := \sum_{j=0}^M y_j \mu(A_j) \in [0, \infty]$$

is called the (μ) -integral of f .

4.2 Theorem.

1. $I_\mu(1_A) = \mu(A) \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{A}$
2. $I_\mu(\lambda f) = \lambda I_\mu(f) \quad \forall \lambda \geq 0$
3. $I_\mu(f + g) = I_\mu(f) + I_\mu(g)$
4. $f \leq g \implies I_\mu(f) \leq I_\mu(g)$

4.3 Definition.

Let (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) be a measure space. The (μ) -integral of a positive numerical function $u \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{R}}^+$ is given by

$$\int u d\mu := \sup\{I_\mu(g) : g \leq u, g \in \mathcal{E}^+\} \in [0, \infty].$$

If we need to emphasize the integration variable, we also write

$$\int u(x) \mu(dx) \quad \text{or} \quad \int u(x) d\mu(x)$$

4.4 Theorem.

For all $f \in \mathcal{E}^+$ we have $\int f du = I_\mu(f)$.

4.5 Theorem.

Let (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) be a measure space. For an increasing sequence of numerical functions $(u_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{R}}^+, 0 \leq u_j \leq u_{j+1} \leq \dots$, we have $u := \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} u_j \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{R}}^+$ and

$$\int \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} u_j d\mu = \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \int u_j d\mu$$

4.6 Theorem.

Let $u \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{R}}^+$. Then

$$\int u d\mu = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int f_j d\mu$$

holds for every increasing sequence $(f_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{E}^+$ with $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} f_j = u$.

4.7 Theorem.

Let $u, v \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{R}}^+$. Then

1. $\int 1_A d\mu = \mu(A) \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{A}$
2. $\int \alpha u d\mu = \alpha \int u d\mu$
3. $\int (u + v) d\mu = \int u d\mu + \int v d\mu$
4. $u \leq v \implies \int u d\mu \leq \int v d\mu$

4.8 Theorem.

Let $(u_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{R}}^+$. Then $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} u_j$ is measurable and we have

$$\int \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} u_j d\mu = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int u_j d\mu$$

4.9 Theorem.

Let $(u_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{R}}^+$ be a sequence of positive measurable numerical functions.

Then $u := \liminf_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \int u_j d\mu$ is measurable and

$$\int \liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} u_j d\mu \leq \liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int u_j d\mu$$

4.10 Problem 9.1.

Let $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a positive simple function of the form

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m \xi_j 1_{A_j}(x) \quad \xi_j \geq 0, A_j \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Show that

$$I_{\mu}(f) = \sum_{j=1}^m \xi_j \mu(A_j)$$

Proof.

$$I_\mu(f) = I_\mu\left(\sum_{j=1}^m \xi_j 1_{A_j}\right) = \sum_{j=1}^m \xi_j I_\mu(1_{A_j}) = \sum_{j=1}^m \xi_j \mu(A_j)$$

□

4.11 Problem 9.5.

Let (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) be a measure space and $u \in \mathcal{M}^+(\mathcal{A})$. Show that the set-function

$$A \mapsto \int 1_A u d\mu \quad A \in \mathcal{A}$$

is a measure.

Proof.

Set

$$\nu : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty] : A \mapsto \int 1_A u d\mu.$$

1. To show that $\nu(\emptyset) = 0$. Notice that $1_\emptyset \equiv 0$.
2. Let $A = \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} A_j$ a disjoint union of sets $A_j \in \mathcal{A}$. Note that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 1_{A_j} = 1_A$$

We have to show that

$$\begin{aligned} \nu\left(\bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} A_j\right) &= \int \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 1_{A_j}\right) \cdot u d\mu \\ &= \int \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 1_{A_j} u\right) d\mu \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int 1_{A_j} u d\mu \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \nu(A_j). \end{aligned}$$

□

4.12 Problem 9.8.

Let (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) be a measure space and $(u_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{M}^+(\mathcal{A})$. If $u_j \leq u$ for all $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and some $u \in \mathcal{M}^+(\mathcal{A})$ with $\int u d\mu < \infty$, then

$$\limsup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \int u_j d\mu \leq \int \limsup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} u_j d\mu.$$

Proof.

Showing that

$$\limsup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \int u_j d\mu \leq \int \limsup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} u_j d\mu$$

is equivalent with showing that

$$-\liminf_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \int -u_j d\mu \leq -\int \liminf_{j \in \mathbb{N}} -u_j d\mu$$

which is equivalent with showing that

$$\int \liminf_{j \in \mathbb{N}} -u_j d\mu \leq \liminf_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \int -u_j d\mu$$

which is equivalent with showing that

$$\int u d\mu + \int \liminf_{j \in \mathbb{N}} -u_j d\mu \leq \int u d\mu + \liminf_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \int -u_j d\mu$$

which is equivalent with showing that

$$\int u + \liminf_{j \in \mathbb{N}} -u_j d\mu \leq \liminf_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \left(\int u d\mu + \int -u_j d\mu \right)$$

which is equivalent with showing that

$$\int \liminf_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (u - u_j) d\mu \leq \liminf_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \left(\int u - u_j d\mu \right).$$

By hypothesis, $u_j \leq u$. So we have that $u - u_j$ is a sequence of positive measurable functions and therefore our last statement follows by the theorem of Fatou. □

4.2 Measure Theory Chapter 7

4.13 Proposition.

Let $(X, \mathcal{A}), (X', \mathcal{A}')$ be measurable spaces and let $\mathcal{A}' = \sigma(\mathcal{G}')$. Then $T : X \rightarrow X'$ is \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{A}' -measurable if and only if $T^{-1}(\mathcal{G}') \subseteq \mathcal{A}$.

It suffices to show assume $T^{-1}(\mathcal{G}') \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ and show that

$$T^{-1}(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{A}.$$

Consider $\Sigma := \{A' \subseteq X' : T^{-1}(A') \in \mathcal{A}\}$. We have that $\mathcal{G}' \subseteq \Sigma$. It suffices to show that

$$\mathcal{A}' \subseteq \Sigma.$$

It suffices to show that Σ is a σ -algebra.

1. To show that $X' \in \Sigma$, it suffices to show that $T^{-1}(X') \in \mathcal{A}$.
2. Showing that

$$A' \in \Sigma \implies A'^c \in \Sigma$$

is equivalent with showing that

$$T^{-1}(A') \in \mathcal{A} \implies T^{-1}(A'^c) \in \mathcal{A} \quad \checkmark$$

3. Showing that

$$(A'_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \Sigma \implies \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} A'_j \in \Sigma$$

is equivalent with showing that

$$T^{-1}(A'_j) \in \mathcal{A} \implies T^{-1}\left(\bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} A'_j\right) \in \mathcal{A} \quad \checkmark$$

4.14 Proposition.

Let $(X, \mathcal{A}), (X', \mathcal{A}')$ be measurable spaces and $T : X \rightarrow X'$ be an \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{A}' -measurable map. For every measure μ on (X, \mathcal{A}) ,

$$\mu'(A') := T(\mu)(A') := \mu(T^{-1}(A')), \quad A' \in \mathcal{A}'$$

defines a measure on (X', \mathcal{A}') .

Proof.

1. To show that

$$\mu(T^{-1}(\emptyset)) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

2. Assume $(A'_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}'$ mutually disjoint sets and show that

$$\mu'(\bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} A'_j) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \mu'(A'_j),$$

which is equivalent with showing that

$$\mu(T^{-1}(\bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} A'_j)) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(T^{-1}(A'_j)),$$

which is equivalent with showing that

$$\mu(T^{-1}(\bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} A'_j)) = \mu(\bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} T^{-1}(A'_j)) \quad \checkmark.$$

□

4.15 Problem 7.9i.

Let μ be a measure on $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$. Show that

$$F_\mu(x) := \begin{cases} \mu[0, x) & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ -\mu[x, 0) & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

1. is monotonically increasing
2. left-continuous function

Proof.

1. Showing that F_μ is monotonically increasing is equivalent with showing that

$$x \leq y \implies F_\mu(x) \leq F_\mu(y).$$

- (a) $x \leq 0 \leq y$: Then $F_\mu(x) = -\mu[x, 0] \leq 0$ and $F_\mu(y) = \mu[0, y] \geq 0$.
 - (b) $0 < x \leq y$: Then $[0, x] \subseteq [0, y]$. And $\mu[0, x] \leq \mu[0, y]$.
 - (c) $x \leq y < 0$: Then $[y, 0] \subseteq [x, 0]$. And $\mu[y, 0] \leq \mu[x, 0]$.
2. Showing that F_μ is left continuous is equivalent with assuming (x_k) a sequence such that $x_k < x$ and $x_k \uparrow x$ and showing that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} F_\mu(x_k) = F_\mu(x).$$

If $x > 0$, it suffices to show that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu[0, x_k] = \mu[0, x].$$

If $x < 0$ it suffices to show that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} -\mu[x_k, 0] = -\mu[x, 0].$$

If $x = 0$ it suffices to show that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} -\mu[x_k, 0] = 0.$$

Remember that:

1. For any increasing sequence $(A_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ with $A_j \uparrow A \in \mathcal{A}$ we have

$$\mu(A) = \mu(\cup A_j) = \lim_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_j)$$

2. For any decreasing sequence $(A_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ with $A_j \downarrow A \in \mathcal{A}$ we have

$$\mu(A) = \mu(\cap A_j) = \lim_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_j)$$

□

4.16 Problem 7.9ii.

Let $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a Stieltjes function. Show that

$$\nu_F[a, b) = F(b) - F(a) \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a < b$$

has a unique extension to a measure on \mathcal{B} .

Proof.

By theorem 6.1 it suffices to show that ν_F is a pre-measure. To show this it suffices to show that

1. $\nu_F(\emptyset) = \nu_F[a, a) = 0$
2. $\nu_F([a, b) \cup [b, c)) = \nu_F([a, b)) + \nu_F([b, c))$

•

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nu_F([a, b)) + \nu_F([b, c)) &= F(b) - F(a) + F(c) - F(b) \\
 &= F(c) - F(a) \\
 &= \nu_F[a, c) \\
 &= \nu_F([a, b) \cup [b, c))
 \end{aligned}$$

3. For any decreasing sequence $[a_j, b_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{J}$ with $[a_j, b) \downarrow [a, b) \in \mathcal{J}$ we have

$$\nu_F([a, b)) = \lim_{j \in \infty} \nu_F[a_j, b).$$

This last statement is equivalent with

$$F(b) - F(a) = \lim_{j \in \infty} (F(b) - F(a_j)).$$

Note that since $[a_j, b_j) \downarrow [a, b) \in \mathcal{J}$ we have that $a_j \uparrow a, a_j \leq a$ and therefore

$$\lim_{j \in \infty} (F(b) - F(a_j)) = F(b) - F(a),$$

as F is left-continuous.

4. \mathcal{J} contains an exhausting sequence $[a_j, b_j)$ such that $[a_j, b_j) \uparrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\nu_F[a_j, b_j) < \infty$

□

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5.1 Markov Chains 1.2

5.1 Definition.

We say that i leads to j and write $i \rightarrow j$ if

$$\mathbb{P}_i(X_n = j \text{ for some } n \geq 0) > 0.$$

5.2 Definition.

We say i communicates with j and write $i \leftrightarrow j$ if both $i \rightarrow j$ and $j \rightarrow i$.

5.3 Theorem.

For distinct states i and j the following are equivalent:

1. $i \rightarrow j \iff \mathbb{P}_i(X_n = j \text{ for some } n \geq 0) > 0$
2. $p_{i_1 i_2} p_{i_2 i_3} \cdots p_{i_{n-1} i_n} > 0$ for some states i_1, \dots, i_n with $i_1 = i$ and $i_n = j$
3. $p_{ij}^n > 0$ for some $n \geq 0$

Proof.

Remember that

$$p_{ij}^n = \mathbb{P}_i(X_n = j) = \sum_{i_2, \dots, i_{n-1}} p_{ii_2} p_{i_2 i_3} \cdots p_{i_{n-1} j}.$$

From this everything follows. □

5.4 Proposition.

Show that $i \rightarrow i$.

Proof.

$$i \rightarrow i \iff \mathbb{P}_i(X_n = i \text{ for some } n \geq 0) > 0$$

This follows, as $\mathbb{P}_i(X_0 = i) = 1$. □

5.5 Definition.

The equivalence classes of the equivalence relations \leftrightarrow are called *communicating classes*. We say that a class C is closed if

$$i \in C, i \rightarrow j \implies j \in C$$

5.6 Definition.

A state i is *absorbing* if $\{i\}$ is a closed class.

5.7 Definition.

A chain or transition matrix P where I is a single class is called *irreducible*.

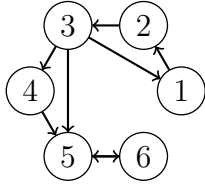
5.8 Example 1.2.2.

Find the communicating classes associated to the stochastic matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Proof.

The solution is obvious from the diagram. The classes being $\{1, 2, 3\}$, $\{4\}$ and $\{5, 6\}$. With only $\{5, 6\}$ closed.



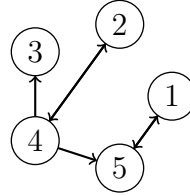
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5.9 Exercise 1.2.1.

Identify the communicating classes of the following transition matrix:

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

The solution is obvious from the diagram. The classes being $\{1, 5\}$, $\{2, 4\}$



and $\{3\}$. With $\{1, 5\}$ closed and $\{3\}$ absorbing.

5.2 Markov Chains 1.3

5.10 Definition.

Let X_n be a Markov chain with transition matrix P . The *hitting time* of a subset A of I is the random variable

$$H^A : \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty\}$$

given by

$$H^A(\omega) = \inf\{n \geq 0 : X_n(\omega) \in A\}$$

where we agree that the infimum of the empty set \emptyset is ∞ . The probability starting from i that $(X_n)_{n \geq 0}$ ever hits A is then

$$h_i^A = \mathbb{P}_i(H^A < \infty).$$

When A is a closed class, h_i^A is called the *absorption probability*. The mean time taken for X_n to reach A is given by

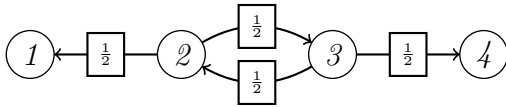
$$k_i^A = E_i(H^A) = \sum_{n < \infty} n \mathbb{P}(H^A = n) + \infty \mathbb{P}(H^A = \infty).$$

We shall often write less formally

$$h_i^A = \mathbb{P}_i(\text{hit } A) \quad k_i^A = E_i(\text{time to hit } A).$$

5.11 Example 1.3.1.

Consider the chain with following diagram:



1. Starting from 2, what is the probability of absorption in 4?
2. How long does it take until the chain is absorbed in 1 or 4 ?

Proof.

1. Note that $A = \{4\}$ is a closed class. The absorption probability is defined as

$$h_i := h_i^{\{4\}} = \mathbb{P}_i(\text{hit } 4).$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} h_1 &= 0 \\ h_4 &= 1 \\ h_2 &= \frac{1}{2}h_1 + \frac{1}{2}h_3 = \frac{1}{2}h_3 \\ h_3 &= \frac{1}{2}h_2 + \frac{1}{2}h_4 = \frac{1}{2}h_2 + \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} h_2 &= \frac{1}{4}h_2 + \frac{1}{4} \\ \implies \frac{3}{4}h_2 &= \frac{1}{4} \\ \implies h_2 &= \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

2. We need to compute

$$k_2 = k_2^{\{1,4\}} = E_2(\text{time to hit } \{1,4\}).$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= 0 \\ k_4 &= 0 \\ k_2 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}k_3 \\ k_3 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}k_2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} k_2 &= \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{4}k_2 \\ \implies \frac{3}{4}k_2 &= \frac{3}{2} \\ \implies k_2 &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

□

5.12 Theorem 1.3.2.

The vector of hitting probabilities $h^A = (h_i^A : i \in I)$ is the minimal non-negative solution to the system

$$\begin{cases} h_i^A = 1 & \text{for } i \in A \\ h_i^A = \sum_{j \in I} p_{ij} h_j^A & \text{for } i \notin A. \end{cases}$$

Minimality means that if $x = (x_i : i \in I)$ is another solution with $x_i \geq 0$ for all i , then $x_i \geq h_i$ for all i .

5.13 Example 1.3.1(continued).

Use theorem 1.3.2 to compute h_2 again.

Proof.

The vector of hitting probabilities $h^{\{4\}} = (h_1^{\{4\}}, h_2^{\{4\}}, h_3^{\{4\}}, h_4^{\{4\}})$ is the minimal non-negative solution to the system

$$\begin{aligned}h_1^{\{4\}} &= \sum_{j \in I} p_{ij} h_j^{\{4\}} = h_1^{\{4\}} \\h_2^{\{4\}} &= \sum_{j \in I} p_{ij} h_j^{\{4\}} = \frac{1}{2} h_1^{\{4\}} + \frac{1}{2} h_3^{\{4\}} \\h_3^{\{4\}} &= \sum_{j \in I} p_{ij} h_j^{\{4\}} = \frac{1}{2} h_2^{\{4\}} + \frac{1}{2} h_4^{\{4\}} \\h_4^{\{4\}} &= 1\end{aligned}$$

The minimality condition gives, that $h_1^{\{4\}} = 0$. So that

$$\begin{aligned}h_2^{\{4\}} &= \frac{1}{2} h_3^{\{4\}} \\h_3^{\{4\}} &= \frac{1}{2} h_2^{\{4\}} + \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

which gives:

$$\begin{aligned}h_2^{\{4\}} &= \frac{1}{4} h_2^{\{4\}} + \frac{1}{4} \implies h_2^{\{4\}} = \frac{1}{3} \\h_3^{\{4\}} &= \frac{1}{4} h_3^{\{4\}} + \frac{1}{2} \implies h_3^{\{4\}} = \frac{2}{3}\end{aligned}$$

□

5.14 Theorem.

Consider a recurrence relation of the form

$$ax_{n+1} + bx_n + cx_{n-1} = 0 \quad a, c \neq 0.$$

Let α, β be the roots of the quadratic equation

$$ax^2 + bx + c.$$

Then the general solution is given by

$$x_n = \begin{cases} A\alpha^n + B\beta^n & \text{if } \alpha \neq \beta \\ (A + nB)\alpha^n & \text{if } \alpha = \beta \end{cases}$$

5.15 Proposition.

Give a general solution for the recurrence relation

$$\begin{aligned} h_0 &= 1 \\ h_i &= ph_{i+1} + qh_{i-1} \end{aligned}$$

Proof.

Note that we have $-ph_{i+1} + h_i - qh_{i-1} = 0$. Consider

$$-px^2 + x - 1 + p = 0$$

We have the roots $\alpha = 1, \beta = \frac{q}{p}$. If $q \neq p$, this gives

$$h_i = A\alpha^i + B\beta^i = A + B\left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^i.$$

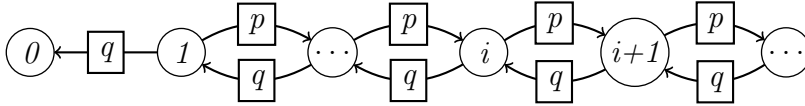
And if $p = q$, then $\alpha = \beta = 1$, and we have

$$h_i = A\alpha^i + B\beta^i = A + iB$$

□

5.16 Example 1.3.3.

Consider the Markov chain with diagram



where $0 < p = 1 - q < 1$. What is $h_i = \mathbb{P}_i(\text{hit } 0)$?

Proof.

We know that h is the minimal non-negative solution to

$$\begin{aligned} h_0 &= 1 \\ h_i &= ph_{i+1} + qh_{i-1} \end{aligned}$$

We consider some cases:

- Suppose $p = q$, then we have

$$h_i = A\alpha^i + B\beta^i = A + iB$$

and as $0 \leq h_i \leq 1$ is a probability, we must have $B = 0$. We then have

$$h_i = A,$$

and as $h_0 = 1$, we must have $h_i = 1$.

- Suppose $p \neq q$, we then have

$$h_i = A\alpha^i + B\beta^i = A + B\left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^i.$$

If $\frac{q}{p} > 1$, then we must set $B = 0$ again.

- Suppose $\frac{q}{p} < 1$. We have that $h_0 = 1$, and therefore $A + B = 1$. Hence:

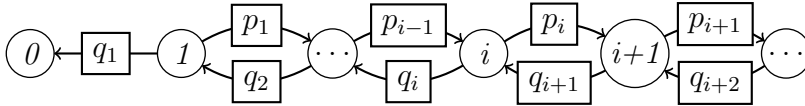
$$h_i = \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^i + A\left(1 - \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^i\right)$$

So the minimal non-negative solutions is $h_i = (q/p)^i$.

□

5.17 Example 1.3.4.

Consider the Markov chain with diagram



where for $i = 1, 2, \dots$, we have $0 < p_i = 1 - q_i < 1$. As in the preceding example, 0 is the absorbing state, and we wish to calculate the absorption probability starting from i .

Proof.

Consider the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} h_0 &= 1 \\ h_i &= p_i h_{i+1} + q_i h_{i-1} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Consider

$$u_i := h_{i-1} - h_i,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} p_i u_{i+1} &= p_i h_i - p_i h_{i+1} \\ q_i u_i &= q_i h_{i-1} - q_i h_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies q_i u_i - p_i u_{i+1} = h_i - q_i h_i - p_i h_i = 0$$

Therefore $p_i u_{i+1} = q_i u_i$ and we have

$$u_{i+1} = \left(\frac{q_i}{p_i}\right) u_i = \prod_{j=1}^i \frac{q_j}{p_j} u_1 = \gamma_1 u_1$$

We also have

$$u_1 + \dots + u_i = h_0 - h_i$$

so

$$h_i = h_0 - (u_1 + \dots + u_i) = 1 - u_1(\gamma_0 + \dots + \gamma_{n-1}).$$

At this point A remains to be determined. In the case that $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \gamma_i = \infty$, we must have $A = 0$. In the other case, we can't take $A < 0$, but we can take $A > 0$ so long as

$$h_i = 1 - A \sum_{i=0}^{i-1} \gamma_i \geq 0.$$

Which means that

$$A \leq \left(\sum_{i=0}^{i-1} \gamma_i\right)^{-1}$$

but still as big as possible. So we get

$$A = \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \gamma_i\right)^{-1}.$$

And therefore

$$h_i = \frac{\sum_{j=i}^{\infty} \gamma_j}{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \gamma_j}$$

□

5.18 Theorem 1.3.5.

The vector of mean hitting times $k^A = (k^A : i \in I)$ is the minimal non-negative solution to the system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} k_i^A = 0 & \text{for } i \in A \\ k_i^A = 1 + \sum_{j \notin A} p_{ij} k_j^A & \text{for } i \notin A \end{cases}$$

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6.1 Markov Chains 1.4

6.1 Definition.

A random variable $T : \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty\}$ is called a *stopping time* if the event $\{T = n\}$ depends only on X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Intuitively, by watching the process, you know at the time when T occurs. If asked to stop at T , you know when to stop.

6.2 Proposition.

The first passage time

$$T_j = \inf\{n \geq 1 : X_n = j\}$$

is a stopping time.

Proof.

To show that T_j is a stopping time, we have to show that

$$\{T_j = n\}$$

depends only on X_0, \dots, X_n .

This follows from

$$\{T_j = n\} = \{X_1 \neq j, \dots, X_{n-1} \neq j, X_n = j\}$$

□

6.3 Proposition.

The first hitting time

$$H^A = \inf\{n \geq 0 : X_n \in A\}$$

is a stopping time.

Proof.

To show that H^A is a stopping time, we have to show that

$$\{H^A = n\}$$

depends only on X_0, \dots, X_n . This follows from

$$\{H^A = n\} = \{X_0 \notin A, \dots, X_{n-1} \notin A, X_n \in A\}$$

□

6.4 Proposition.

The last exit time

$$L^A = \sup\{n \geq 0 : X_n \in A\}$$

is not in general a stopping time.

Proof.

The event $\{L^A = n\}$ depends on whether $(X_{n+m})_{m \geq 0}$ visits A or not. So we don't have a stopping time. □

6.5 Theorem 1.4.2 (Strong Markov property).

Let $(X_n)_{n \geq 0}$ be Markov(λ, P) and let T be a stopping time of $(X_n)_{n \geq 0}$. Then, conditional on $T < \infty$ and $X_T = i$, $(X_{T+n})_{n \geq 0}$ is Markov(δ_i, P) and independent of X_0, \dots, X_T .

We now consider an application of the strong Markov property to a Markov chain $(X_n)_{n \geq 0}$ observed only at certain times. In the first instance suppose that J is some subset of the state space I and that we observe the chain only when it takes values in J .

6.6 Proposition.

Let $(X_n)_{n \geq 0}$ be a Markov chain. Consider

$$T_0 = \inf\{n \geq 0 : X_n \in J\}$$

and, for $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$T_{m+1} = \inf\{n > T_m : X_n \in J\}.$$

Assume $P(T_m < \infty) = 1$ for all m . Show that $Y_m = X_{T_m}$ is a Markov chain and compute its transition matrix in terms of the transition matrix P of X_n .

Proof.

Showing that (Y_m) is a markov chain is equivalent with showing that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(Y_{m+1} = i_{m+1} | Y_0 = i_1, \dots, Y_m = i_m) \\ = \mathbb{P}(Y_{m+1} = i_{m+1} | Y_m = i_m)\end{aligned}$$

which in turn is equivalent with showing that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(X_{T_{m+1}} = i_{m+1} | X_{T_0} = i_1, \dots, X_{T_m} = i_m) \\ = \mathbb{P}(X_{T_{m+1}} = i_{m+1} | X_{T_m} = i_m).\end{aligned}$$

The Markov property gives that $(X_{T_m+n})_{n \geq 0}$ is a markov chain and independent of X_0, \dots, X_{T_m} , and so surely independent of $X_{T_0} = i_1, \dots, X_{T_{m-1}}$. Now $X_{T_{m+1}} = X_{T_m+n}$ for some n . So the equality follows.

Now the question is, starting from $i \in J$ what is the chance that we hit $j \in J$ the first time we hit J ? Call this chance h_i^j . Well this chance is surely greater than p_{ij} as there is also a chance that we first get outside of J and then next time hit J , and so on. With a similar reasoning as in Theorem 1.3.2 we can show that for $j \in J$ the vector $(h_i^j : i \in I)$ is the minimal non-negative solution to

$$h_i^j = p_{ij} + \sum_{k \notin J} p_{ik} h_k^j.$$

□

6.7 Proposition.

Let $(X_n)_{n \geq 0}$ be a markov chain. Consider

$$T_0 = \inf\{n \geq 0 : X_n \neq X_0\}$$

and, for $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$T_{m+1} = \inf\{n \geq T_m : X_n \neq X_{T_m}\}.$$

Assume $\mathbb{P}(T_m < \infty) = 1$ for all m . Show that $Y_m = X_{T_m}$ is a markov chain and compute its transition matrix in terms of the transition matrix P of X_n .

Proof.

Showing that (Y_m) is a markov chain is equivalent with showing that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(Y_{m+1} = i_{m+1} | Y_0 = i_1, \dots, Y_m = i_m) \\ = \mathbb{P}(Y_{m+1} = i_{m+1} | Y_m = i_m)\end{aligned}$$

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The Markov property gives that $(X_{T_m+n})_{n \geq 0}$ is a markov chain and independent of X_0, \dots, X_{T_m} , and so surely independent of $X_{T_0} = i_1, \dots, X_{T_{m-1}}$. Now $X_{T_{m+1}} = X_{T_m+n}$ for some n . So the equality follows.

Now, the question is, starting from i what is the chance to go to j now, if we set the chance $p_{ii} = 0$. Call this chance \tilde{p}_{ij} . We have

$$\tilde{p}_{ij} = \frac{p_{ij}}{\sum_{k \neq i} p_{ik}}$$

□

6.2 Markov Chains 1.5

6.8 Definition.

Let $(X_n)_{n \geq 0}$ be a Markov chain with transition matrix P . We say that a state i is *recurrent* if

$$\mathbb{P}_i(X_n = i \text{ for infinitely many } n) = 1.$$

A recurrent state is a state i where you keep coming back.

6.9 Definition.

We say that a state i is *transient* if

$$\mathbb{P}_i(X_n = i \text{ for infinitely many } n) = 0.$$

A transient state is a state i which you eventually leave for ever.

6.10 Theorem.

A state i is either recurrent or transient.

6.11 Definition.

Recall that the first passage time to a state i is the random variable T_i defined by

$$T_i(\omega) = \inf\{n \geq 1 : X_n(\omega) = i\}$$

where $\inf \emptyset = \infty$. We now define inductively the r th passage time $T_i^{(r)}$ to state i by

$$T_i^{(0)}(\omega) = 0 \quad T_i^{(1)}(\omega) = T_i(\omega)$$

and for $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$,

$$T_i^{(r+1)}(\omega) = \inf\{n \geq T_i^{(r)}(\omega) + 1 : X_n(\omega) = i\}.$$

The length of the r th excursion to i is then

$$S_i^{(r)} = \begin{cases} T_i^{(r)} - T_i^{(r-1)} & \text{if } T_i^{(r-1)} < \infty \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

6.12 Lemma 1.5.1.

For $r = 2, 3, \dots$, conditional on $T_i^{(r-1)} < \infty$, $S_i^{(r)}$ is independent of $\{X_m : m \leq T_i^{(r-1)}\}$ and

$$\mathbb{P}(S_i^{(r)} = n | T_i^{(r-1)} < \infty) = \mathbb{P}_i(T_i = n)$$

6.13 Definition.

The number of visits to i is denoted by

$$V_i = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 1_{\{X_n=i\}}.$$

6.14 Theorem.

$$E_i(V_i) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{ii}^{(n)}$$

Proof.

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_i(V_i) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_i(1_{\{X_n=i\}}) \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}_i(X_n = i) \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{ii}^{(n)}
 \end{aligned}$$

□

6.15 Definition.

The *return probability* of i is denoted by

$$f_i = \mathbb{P}_i(T_i < \infty).$$

6.16 Lemma 1.5.2.

For $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, we have $\mathbb{P}_i(V_i > r) = f_i^r$.

Proof.

Showing that

$$\mathbb{P}_i(V_i > r) = f_i^r$$

is equivalent with showing that

$$\mathbb{P}_i(V_i > r) = \mathbb{P}_i(T_i < \infty)^r$$

which in turn is equivalent with

$$\mathbb{P}_i(T_i^{(r)} < \infty) = \mathbb{P}_i(T_i < \infty)^r.$$

This last statement can be proven by induction.

□

6.17 Theorem 1.5.3.

The following dichotomy holds:

1. if $\mathbb{P}_i(T_i < \infty) = 1$, then i is recurrent and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{ii}^{(n)} = \infty$
2. if $\mathbb{P}_i(T_i < \infty) < 1$, then i is transient and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{ii}^{(n)} < \infty$

6.18 Theorem 1.5.4.

Let C be a communicating class. Then either all states in C are transient or all are recurrent.

6.19 Theorem 1.5.5.

*Every recurrent class is closed. And the contrapositive:
Every class that is not closed, is transient.*

6.20 Theorem 1.5.6.

*Every finite closed class is recurrent. And the contrapositive:
Every transient class is either infinite or not closed..*

6.21 Theorem 1.5.7.

Suppose P is irreducible and recurrent. Then for all $j \in I$ we have

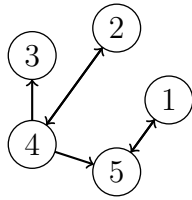
$$\mathbb{P}(T_j < \infty) = 1.$$

6.22 Exercise 1.5.1.

Identify the recurrent and transient states of the Markov chain with the following transition matrix:

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

The solution is obvious from the diagram:



The classes being $\{1, 5\}$, $\{2, 4\}$ and $\{3\}$. With $\{1, 5\}$ closed and finite, and therefore recurrent. The class $\{3\}$ is absorbing, so closed and finite, and therefore recurrent. The other class $\{2, 4\}$ is not closed, and therefore, not recurrent. So we have that $\{2, 4\}$ is transient.

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7.1 Markov Chains 1.6

7.1 Theorem.

A state i is recurrent if and only if $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{ii}^{(n)} = \infty$.

7.2 Example 1.6.1 The simple random walk on \mathbb{Z} .

Compute $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{00}^{(n)}$.

Proof.

First note that $p_{00}^{(2n+1)} = 0$.

Any given sequence of steps of length $2n$ from 0 to 0 occurs with probability $p^n q^n$, there being n steps up and n steps down. And the number of such sequences is the number of ways of choosing the n steps up from $2n$. Thus

$$p_{00}^{(2n)} = \binom{2n}{n} p^n q^n = \frac{(2n)!}{n!^2} (pq)^n.$$

Remember that

$$n! \simeq \sqrt{2\pi n} (n/e)^n \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} (2n)! &\simeq \sqrt{4\pi n} (2n/e)^{2n} & n \rightarrow \infty \\ n!^2 &\simeq 2\pi n (n/e)^{2n} & n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

And therefore

$$\frac{(2n)!}{n!^2} (pq)^n \simeq \frac{(4pq)^n}{\sqrt{\pi n}} \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

- $p = q$: Then $p = q = 1/2$, so $4pq = 1$. And we have

$$p_{00}^{(2n)} \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi n}} \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

which is equivalent with

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N : n \geq N \implies \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi n}} - \epsilon < p_{00}^{(2n)} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi n}} + \epsilon.$$

So there exists a N such that for all $n \geq N$ we have

$$p_{00}^{(2n)} > \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}.$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{00}^{(n)} > \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} p_{00}^{(2n)} > \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} = \infty$$

- $p \neq q$: Then $4pq = r < 1$. And we have

$$p_{00}^{(2n)} \simeq \frac{r^n}{\sqrt{\pi n}} \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

which is equivalent with

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N : n \geq N \implies \frac{r^n}{\sqrt{\pi n}} - \epsilon < p_{00}^{(2n)} < \frac{r^n}{\sqrt{\pi n}} + \epsilon.$$

So there exists a N such that for all $n \geq N$ we have

$$p_{00}^{(2n)} < r^n$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} p_{00}^{(n)} = \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} p_{00}^{(2n)} < \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} r^n < \infty.$$

And therefore

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{00}^{(n)} < \infty.$$

□

7.3 Example 1.6.2 The simple random walk on \mathbb{Z}^2 .

Compute $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{00}^{(n)}$.

Proof.

By rotating \mathbb{Z}^2 we get that each step is like moving in one step in each of the independent, one dimensional, simple random walks. Hence

$$p_{00}^{(2n)} \simeq \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi n}} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{\pi n}$$

which is equivalent with

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N : n \geq N \implies \frac{1}{\pi n} - \epsilon < p_{00}^{(2n)} < \frac{1}{\pi n} + \epsilon.$$

So there exists a N such that for all $n \geq N$ we have

$$p_{00}^{(2n)} > \frac{1}{4n}.$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{00}^{(n)} > \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} p_{00}^{(2n)} > \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = \infty$$

□

7.2 Markov Chains 1.7

7.4 Definition.

We say that a measure $\lambda = (\lambda_i : i \in I)$ where $\lambda_i \geq 0$ is *invariant* if

$$\lambda P = \lambda.$$

7.5 Theorem 1.7.1.

Let $(X_n)_{n \geq 0}$ be a Markov (λ, P) and suppose that λ is invariant for P . Then $(X_{n+m})_{n \geq 0}$ is also Markov (λ, P) .

7.6 Theorem 1.7.2.

Let I be finite. Suppose for some $i \in I$ that for all $j \in J$

$$p_{ij}^{(n)} \rightarrow \pi_j \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Then $\pi = (\pi_j : j \in I)$ is an invariant distribution.

7.7 Proposition.

Give a example of infinite state space I where Theorem 1.7.2 doesn't hold.

Proof.

For the random walk in \mathbb{Z} we have for all $i, j \in I$

$$p_{ij}^n \rightarrow 0 \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Note however that $(0, 0, \dots)$ is not a distribution. As the total mass

$$\sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i = 0 \neq 1.$$

□

7.8 Theorem.

Consider a recurrence relation of the form

$$x_{n+1} = ax_n + b.$$

The general solution is

$$x_n = \begin{cases} Aa^n + b/(1-a) & a \neq 1 \\ x_n = x_0 + nb & a = 1 \end{cases}$$

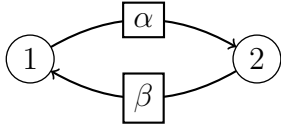
7.9 Example 1.1.4.

The most general two-state chain has transition matrix of the form

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1-\alpha & \alpha \\ \beta & 1-\beta \end{pmatrix}.$$

Draw the diagram, and find $p_{11}^{(n)}$.

Proof.



We have that

$$P^{n+1} = P^n \begin{pmatrix} 1-\alpha & \alpha \\ \beta & 1-\beta \end{pmatrix}.$$

And therefore

$$p_{11}^{(n+1)} = p_{11}^{(n)}(1-\alpha) + p_{12}^{(n)}\beta.$$

Note that we have

$$p_{12}^{(n)} = 1 - p_{11}^{(n)}.$$

So we have

$$p_{11}^{(n+1)} = p_{11}^{(n)}(1-\alpha-\beta) + \beta.$$

The general solution of this recurrence relation is

$$p_{11}^{(n)} = \begin{cases} A(1 - \alpha + \beta)^n + \alpha/(\alpha + \beta) & (1 - \alpha + \beta) \neq 1 \\ 1 + n\beta & 1 - \alpha + \beta = 1 \end{cases}$$

This reduces to:

$$p_{11}^{(n)} = \begin{cases} \frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta}(1 - \alpha + \beta)^n + \alpha/(\alpha + \beta) & \alpha + \beta > 0 \\ 1 & \alpha = \beta = 0 \end{cases}$$

□

7.10 Proposition.

Consider the two-state Markov chain with transition matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \alpha & \alpha \\ \beta & 1 - \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

Ignore the trivial cases $\alpha = \beta = 0$ and $\alpha = \beta = 1$.

Proof.

From example 1.1.4 we have

$$p_{11}^{(n)} = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}(1 - \alpha - \beta)^n + \beta/(\alpha + \beta) & \alpha + \beta > 0 \\ 1 & \alpha = \beta = 0 \end{cases}$$

In a similar we could have shown that

$$p_{12}^{(n)} = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}(1 - \alpha - \beta)^n + \alpha/(\alpha + \beta) & \alpha + \beta > 0 \\ 1 & \alpha = \beta = 0 \end{cases}$$

Therefore $p_{11}^{(n)} \rightarrow \frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta}$ and $p_{12}^{(n)} \rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}$. And by theorem 1.7.2 we get that

$$\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta}, \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \right)$$

is an invariant distribution.

□

7.11 Definition.

For a fixed state k , consider for each i the expected time spent in i between visits to k :

$$\gamma_i^k = E_k \sum_{n=0}^{T_k-1} 1_{\{X_n=i\}}$$

7.12 Theorem 1.7.5.

Let P be irreducible and recurrent. Then

1. $\gamma_k^k = 1$
2. $\gamma^k = (\gamma_i^k : i \in I)$ satisfies $\gamma^k P = \gamma^k$
3. $0 < \gamma_i^k < \infty$ for all $i \in I$

7.13 Theorem 1.7.6.

Let P be irreducible and let λ be an invariant measure for P with $\lambda_k = 1$. Then $\lambda \geq \gamma^k$. If in addition P is recurrent, then $\lambda = \gamma^k$.

Recall that a state i is recurrent if

$$\mathbb{P}_i(X_n = i \text{ for infinitely many } n) = 1$$

and we showed in Theorem 1.5.3 that this is equivalent to

$$\mathbb{P}_i(T_i < \infty) = 1.$$

7.14 Definition.

We call a recurrent state i positive recurrent if

$$m_i = E_i(T_i) < \infty.$$

If a recurrent state fails to have this stronger property we call it *null recurrent*.

7.15 Theorem 1.7.7.

Let P be irreducible. Then the following are equivalent:

1. every state is positive recurrent
2. some state i is positive recurrent
3. P has an invariant distribution π

7.16 Theorem.

If P has an invariant distribution π , we have that $m_i = E_i(T_i) = \frac{1}{\pi_i}$ for all i .

7.17 Example 1.7.8.

Show that the simple symmetric random walk on \mathbb{Z} is null recurrent.

Proof.

The simple symmetric random walk on \mathbb{Z} is irreducible and, by example 1.6.1, it also recurrent. Remember that

$$(\pi P)_j = \sum_{i \in I} \pi_i p_{ij}$$

and this equals to

$$\sum_{i \in I} \pi_i p_{ij} = 1/2\pi_{j-1} + 1/2\pi_{j+1}.$$

So

$$\pi_i = \frac{1}{2}\pi_{i-1} + \frac{1}{2}\pi_{i+1}.$$

We get the equation

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0.$$

And so we have

$$\alpha = \beta = 1.$$

And so the general solutions is

$$\pi_i = A + iB.$$

and the total mass is then

$$\sum_i \pi_i = A \sum_i 1 + B \sum_i i = B\infty.$$

So whatever A, B we choose, we never get the total mass to be zero. So there doesn't exist an invariant distribution, and by Theorem 1.7.7 we have that all states must be null recurrent. \square

7.18 Example 1.7.9.

Show that the existence of an invariant measure does not guarantee recurrence.

Proof.

The simple symmetric random walk on \mathbb{Z}^3 has an invariant measure. Consider:

$$(\pi P)_j = \sum_{i \in I} \pi_i p_{ij} = 1/4(\pi_a + \pi_b + \pi_c + \pi_d)$$

So if we set $\pi = (1, 1, 1, \dots)$. Then π is invariant. But \mathbb{Z}^3 is also transient. \square

7.19 Example 1.7.10.

Consider the asymmetric random walk on \mathbb{Z} with transition probabilities $p_{i,i-1} = q < p = p_{i,i+1}$. Show that the walk is null recurrent.

Proof.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_j = (\pi P)_j &= \sum_{i \in I} \pi_i p_{ij} = \pi_{j-1} p_{j-1,j} + \pi_{j+1} p_{j+1,j} \\ &= \pi_{j-1} p + \pi_{j+1} q \end{aligned}$$

This is a recurrence relation and we have the equation

$$\begin{aligned} qx^2 - x + p &= 0 \\ D &= \sqrt{1 - 4(1-p)p} = \sqrt{1 - 4p + 4p^2} = 1 - 2p \\ \alpha &= \frac{-1 + 1 - 2p}{-2p} = 1 \quad \beta = \frac{-2 + 2p}{-2p} = \frac{1-p}{p} = \frac{q}{p} \end{aligned}$$

So we have the general solution:

$$\pi_j = A\alpha^j + B\beta^j = A + B\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^j.$$

And the total mass is therefore

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \pi_j = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} A + B\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^j = B\infty.$$

So whatever A, B we choose, we never get the total mass to be zero. So there doesn't exist an invariant distribution, and by Theorem 1.7.7 we have that all states must be null recurrent.

□

7.20 Example 1.7.11.

Consider a success-run chain on \mathbb{Z}^+ , whose transition probabilities given by

$$p_{i,i+1} = p_i \quad p_{i0} = q_i = 1 - p_i.$$

And where

$$p = \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} p_i > 0.$$

Show that every state is transient.

Proof.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_j &= (\pi P)_j = \sum_{i \in I} \pi_i p_{ij} \\ &= \pi_{j-1} p_{j-1} \\ &= \pi_0 \prod_{i=0}^{j-1} p_i \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_0 &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \pi_i p_{i0} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (1 - p_i) \pi_i \\ &= \pi_0 \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (1 - p_i) \prod_{j=0}^{i-1} p_j \\ &= \pi_0 \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \prod_{j=0}^{i-1} p_j - \prod_{j=0}^i p_j \\ &= \pi_0 (1 - \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} p_j). \end{aligned}$$

The last equality need some thinking, but notice that it's a telescoping sum. Define

$$a_i := \prod_{j=0}^{i-1} p_j,$$

the sum is

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (a_i - a_{i+1}) = a_0 - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 1 - \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} p_j$$

The equation

$$\pi_0 = \pi_0 \left(1 - \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} p_j\right)$$

forces π_0 to be 0. And therefore all π_i are zero. So there is no invariant distribution and we have that P is transient by theorem 1.7.7. \square

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8.1 Markov Chains 1.8

8.1 Proposition.

Give an example where the limit $p_{ij}^{(n)}$ fails to converge.

Proof.

Consider the two-state chain with transition matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$P^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = I.$$

So $P^2 = I$, so $P^{2n} = I$. And $P^{2n+1} = P$. Thus $p_{ij}^{(n)}$ fails to converge for all i, j . \square

8.2 Definition.

We call a state i *aperiodic* if $p_{ii}^{(n)} > 0$ for all sufficiently large n .

8.3 Theorem.

A state i is aperiodic if and only if the set $\{n \geq 0 : p_{ii}^{(n)} > 0\}$ has no common divisor other than 1.

8.4 Lemma 1.8.2.

Suppose P is irreducible and has an aperiodic state i . Then, for all states j and k , $p_{jk}^{(n)} > 0$ for all sufficiently large n . In particular, all states are aperiodic.

8.5 Theorem 1.8.3.

Let P be irreducible and aperiodic, and suppose that P has an invariant distribution π . Let λ be any distribution. Suppose that $(X_n)_{n \geq 0}$ is Markov(λ, P). Then for all j

$$\mathbb{P}(X_n = j) \rightarrow \pi_j \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

In particular, for all i, j

$$p_{ij}^{(n)} \rightarrow \pi_j \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

8.2 Representation Theory Week 39

Let k be a field. And let A be a k -algebra.

8.6 Definition.

An element $a \in A$ is called an *idempotent element* or an *idempotent* if $a^2 = a$.

8.7 Proposition.

We have that 0 and 1 are idempotents of A .

8.8 Definition.

Two idempotents $a, b \in A$ are called *orthogonal* if $ab = 0$ and $ba = 0$.

8.9 Proposition.

If a, b are orthogonal, then $a + b$ is an idempotent.

Proof.

Showing that $a + b$ is idempotent, is equivalent with showing that

$$(a + b)^2 = a + b$$

which is equivalent with showing that

$$a + ab + ba + b = a + b$$

which in turn is equivalent with showing that

$$ab + ba = 0.$$

It suffices to show that

$$ab = 0 = ba.$$

By hypothesis we have that a, b are orthogonal, and therefore our last statement follows by definition. \square

8.10 Definition.

A set of mutually orthogonal idempotents $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ is called *complete* if

$$1 = a_1 + \dots + a_n.$$

8.11 Definition.

An idempotent $a \in Z(A)$ is called a *central idempotent* of A .

8.12 Definition.

A nonzero idempotent $a \in A$ is called *minimal* if any decomposition of a as a sum of two orthogonal idempotents $a = b + c$ implies that $b = 0$ or $c = 0$.

8.13 Proposition.

If V is a k -vector space, then $\text{End}_k(V)$ is a k -algebra.

Proof.

Showing that $\text{End}_k(V)$ is a k -algebra is equivalent with showing that there exists a ring homomorphism

$$f : k \rightarrow Z(\text{End}_k(V))$$

which is equivalent with showing that there exists a map f such that

1. $f(\alpha)L = Lf(\alpha) \quad \forall \alpha \in k, \forall L \in \text{End}_k(V)$
2. $f(\alpha)f(\beta) = f(\alpha\beta) \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in k$
3. $f(\alpha) + f(\beta) = f(\alpha + \beta) \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in k$

Remember that the condition in 1) implies that $f(\alpha)$ must be a scalar. Let's try the mapping $f(\alpha) = \alpha I$ and rewrite our conditions:

1. $\alpha I \circ L = L \circ \alpha I \quad \forall \alpha \in k, \forall L \in \text{End}_k(V)$
2. $\alpha I \beta I = (\alpha\beta)I \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in k$
3. $(\alpha + \beta)I = \alpha I + \beta I \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in k$

All those conditions hold directly. □

8.14 Proposition.

If V is a representation of a k -algebra A , then $\text{End}_A(V)$ is a k -algebra.

Proof.

Showing that $\text{End}_A(V)$ is a k -algebra is equivalent with showing that there exists a ring homomorphism

$$f : k \rightarrow Z(\text{End}_A(V))$$

which is equivalent with showing that there exists a map f such that

1. $f(\alpha)L = Lf(\alpha) \quad \forall \alpha \in k, \forall L \in \text{End}_A(V)$

2. $f(\alpha)f(\beta) = f(\alpha\beta) \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in k$
3. $f(\alpha) + f(\beta) = f(\alpha + \beta) \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in k$

Remember that the condition in 1) implies that $f(\alpha)$ must be a scalar. Let's try the mapping $f(\alpha) = \alpha.I$ and rewrite our conditions:

1. $\alpha.I \circ L = L \circ \alpha.I \quad \forall \alpha \in k, \forall L \in \text{End}_k(V)$
2. $\alpha.I\beta.I = (\alpha\beta).I \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in k$
3. $(\alpha + \beta).I = \alpha.I + \beta.I \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in k$

All those conditions hold directly. □

8.15 Proposition.

$$\text{End}_A(V) \subseteq \text{End}_k(V)$$

Proof.

Showing that $\text{End}_A(V) \subseteq \text{End}_k(V)$ is equivalent with showing that

$$\phi \in \text{End}_A(V) \implies \phi \in \text{End}_k(V).$$

In other words, does A -linearity imply k -linearity? This holds as $k1 \subseteq A$. □

8.16 Proposition.

Given a representation V of A . Then V is also a representation of $\text{End}_A(V)$

Proof.

To show that V is a representation of $\text{End}_A(V)$ it suffices to show that there exists a homomorphism of algebras:

$$\rho : \text{End}_A(V) \rightarrow \text{End}_k(V).$$

Remember that we have $\text{End}_A(V) \subseteq \text{End}_k(V)$. So we can define ρ just as the inclusion map, which is clearly a homomorphism of algebras. □

8.17 Definition.

Given a representation V of A . Then V as representation of $A' := \text{End}_A(V)$ is called the *centralizer module*. If we need to distinguish the two module structures on V , we will write ${}_A V$ to denote V as a module over A , and ${}_{A'} V$ to denote the centralizer module.

8.18 Proposition.

The image of an idempotent element under an algebra homomorphism is again an idempotent element.

Proof.

Let $a \in A : a^2 = a$. It suffices to show that

$$f(a)^2 = f(a).$$

This holds as:

$$f(a)^2 = f(a)f(a) = f(a^2) = f(a).$$

□

8.19 Proposition.

For any idempotent $e \in A$ we have that

1. $\rho(e) \in \text{End}_k(V)$ is idempotent
2. if e is central, then $\rho(e) \in \text{End}_A(V)$

Proof.

1. The statement holds as ρ is an algebra homomorphism. And remember that the image of an idempotent element under an algebra homomorphism is again an idempotent element.
2. Showing that

$$\rho(e) \in \text{End}_A(V)$$

is equivalent with showing that

$$a.\rho(e)(v) = \rho(e)(a.v)$$

which in turn is equivalent with

$$\rho(a)(\rho(e)(v)) = \rho(e)(\rho(a)(v)).$$

In other notation

$$\rho(a) \circ \rho(e)(v) = \rho(e) \circ \rho(a)(v).$$

As ρ is an algebra homomorphism this is equivalent with

$$\rho(ae)(v) = \rho(ea)(v).$$

By hypothesis, we have that e is central, so $ea = ae$ and therefore our last statement holds.

□

8.20 Proposition.

For any $x \in \text{End}_A(V)$ the subspace $\text{Ker}(x) \subseteq V$ is a A -submodule.

Proof.

Showing that $\text{Ker}(x)$ is a subrepresentation of V is equivalent with showing that

$$a \cdot \text{Ker}(x) \subseteq \text{Ker}(x) \quad \forall a \in A.$$

which is equivalent with showing that

$$x(a.v) = 0 \quad \forall a \in A, \forall v \in \text{Ker}(x)$$

As $x \in \text{End}_A(V)$, this is equivalent with showing that

$$a.x(v) = 0 \quad \forall a \in A, \forall v \in \text{Ker}(x) \quad \checkmark.$$

□

8.21 Proposition.

For any $x \in \text{End}_A(V)$ the subspace $\text{Im}(x) \subseteq V$ is a A -submodule.

Proof.

Showing that $\text{Im}(x)$ is a subrepresentation is equivalent with showing that

$$a \cdot \text{Im}(x) \subseteq \text{Im}(x)$$

which is equivalent with showing that

$$\forall a \in A \quad \forall v \in V \quad \exists w \in W \quad a.x(v) = x(w)$$

As $x \in \text{End}_A(V)$, this is equivalent with showing that

$$\forall a \in A \quad \forall v \in V \quad \exists w \in W \quad x(a.v) = x(w) \quad \checkmark.$$

□

8.22 Proposition.

If $V = U \oplus W$ is a decomposition of ${}_A V$ as direct sum of A -submodules. Then the projection e_U of V onto U along W and the projection e_W of V onto W along U satisfy:

1. $e_U, e_W \in \text{End}_A(V)$
2. e_U and e_W are orthogonal idempotent elements
3. $1 = e_U + e_W$

Remember that if $V = U \oplus W$, then we can regard U, W as subspaces of V such that $U \cap W = 0$ and for any $v \in V$ we have that $v = u + w$ where $u \in U, w \in W$. And $a.v = a.u + a.w$ where $a.u \in U$

Proof of 1.

To show that $e_U \in \text{End}_A(V)$ it suffices to show that

$$a.e_U(v) = e_U(a.v) \quad \forall a \in A, v \in V$$

which is equivalent with showing that

$$a.e_U(u + w) = e_U(a.(u + w)) \quad \forall a \in A, u \in U, w \in W$$

which is equivalent with showing that

$$a.u = e_U(a.u + a.w) \quad \forall a \in A, u \in U, w \in W.$$

With holds as U, W are subrepresentations. □

Proof of 2.

Showing that e_U is idempotent, is equivalent with showing that

$$e_U \circ e_U = e_U$$

which is equivalent with showing that

$$e_U \circ e_U(v) = e_U(v) \quad \forall v \in V$$

which is equivalent with showing that

$$e_U \circ e_U(u + w) = e_U(u + w) \quad \forall u \in U, w \in W \quad \checkmark.$$

Showing that e_U and e_W are orthogonal is equivalent with showing that

$$e_U \circ e_W = 0 \quad e_W \circ e_U = 0$$

which is equivalent with showing that

$$e_U \circ e_W(u+w) = 0(u+w) \quad e_W \circ e_U(u+w) = 0(u+w) \quad \forall u \in U, w \in W \quad \checkmark.$$

□

Proof of 3.

Showing that

$$e_U + e_W = 1$$

is equivalent with showing that

$$e_U(u+w) + e_W(u+w) = 1(u+w) \quad \forall u \in U, w \in W \quad \checkmark$$

□

8.23 Proposition.

If $e \in A'$ is an idempotent element then

1. $1 - e \in A'$ idempotent
2. $1 = e + (1 - e)$ is a decomposition as sum of orthogonal elements
3. $V = eV \oplus (1 - e)V$ is a decomposition of ${}_A V$ as a direct sum of A -submodules

Proof of 1.

Showing that $1 - e$ is idempotent is equivalent with showing that

$$(1 - e)^2 = 1 - e$$

which is equivalent with showing that

$$1 - 2e + e^2 = 1 - e \quad \checkmark.$$

□

Proof of 2.

To show that $1 = e + (1 - e)$ is a decomposition of sum of orthogonal elements, it suffices to show that

$$e(1 - e) = 0 \quad (1 - e)e = 0.$$

which is equivalent with showing that

$$e - e^2 = 0. \quad \checkmark$$

□

Proof of 3.

Since $1 = e + (1 - e)$ is a decomposition as sum of orthogonal elements, we have that

$$v = e(v) + (1 - e)(v).$$

Hence if $v \in \text{Im}(e) \cap \text{Im}(1 - e)$ then

$$v = v + v = 2v.$$

And then $v = 0$.

□

8.24 Theorem.

${}_A V$ is an indecomposable module iff $1 \in A'$ is a minimal idempotent