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## 1 Week 1

### 1.1 Tue: 2014-09-02

#### 1.1.1 Basics

Exam (in class, 90 minutes): Tue, Oct 7; Tue, Nov 11; Tue, Dec 9. — 25%, 30 % and 40 %. 5% attendance.

**Textbook:** Probability and Statistics (took the class from the writer, available through library).  
Probability with **Martingale**, the latter is the emphasis.

**Exercises:** Book has exercises, but not graded homework.

#### 1.1.2 Beginning: measure theory

**Sigma-algebra** Given a set  $E$  (a universal set),  $\mathcal{E}$ , a nonempty collection of subsets of  $E$ , is called a  $\sigma$ -algebra if closed under complements & countable unions.

- The most trivial sigma-algebra  $\{\emptyset, E\}$  is called the trivial  $\sigma$ -algebra.

**Definition 1.1.1** ( $\sigma$  algebra generated by  $\mathcal{C}$ ). *Given a collection  $\mathcal{C}$  of subsets (of  $E$ ),  $\sigma(\mathcal{C})$  will denote the smaller  $\sigma$ -algebra containing  $\mathcal{C}$ .*

**Definition 1.1.2.**  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by open sets is called **Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra**.

**$p$ -system** A collection of  $\mathcal{C}$  which is closed under (finite) intersection.

“p” for product, could also use  $\pi$ -system. The latter in Greek.

**$d$ -system** A collection  $\mathcal{D}$  is called a  $d$ -system if

- (i)  $E \in \mathcal{D}$ ,
  - (ii)  $A, B \in \mathcal{D}, A \supset B \implies A \setminus B \in \mathcal{D}$
  - (iii)  $(A_n) \subset \mathcal{D}$  and  $A_n \uparrow A \implies A \in \mathcal{D}$ .
- (“d” for Dynkin)

Note: curly characters are for collection of sets.

**Proposition 1.1.3.**  $\mathcal{E}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra if and only if it is a  $p$ -system and a  $d$ -system.

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$  is trivial.

$\Leftarrow$ : Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a collection which is a  $p$ -system and a  $d$ -system.

1. Closed under complements (to be a sigma algebra). Let  $A \in \mathcal{E} \Rightarrow E \setminus A \in \mathcal{E}$  by (ii) for property of  $d$ -system.
2. Closed under finite unions:  $A, B \in \mathcal{E} \Rightarrow A \cup B = (A^c \cap B^c)^c$  by 1 above and property of  $p$ -system.
3. Closed under countable unions: for  $(A_n) \subset \mathcal{E}$ ,  $\bigcup_n A_n \in \mathcal{E}$ ? We construct an increasing sequence of  $(B_n)$ :  
Let  $B_1 = A_1$ ,  $B_2 = A_1 \cup A_2 \in \mathcal{E} \dots \bigcup_n A_n = \bigcup_n B_n$ . Then by (iii) for property of  $d$ -system, the conclusion follows.

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**Lemma 1.1.4.** For  $\mathcal{D}$ , a  $d$ -system, fix  $D \in \mathcal{D}$ . Define  $\hat{\mathcal{D}} := \{A \in \mathcal{D} : A \cap D \in \mathcal{D}\}$ . Then,  $\hat{\mathcal{D}}$  is also a  $d$ -system.

**Monotone Class Theorem** [Very useful tool in showing an arbitrary collection of sets is a  $\sigma$ -algebra]

**Theorem 1.1.5.** If a  $d$ -system contains a  $p$ -system, then it also contains the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by the  $p$ -system.

*Proof.* Symbolic expression:  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{D} \Rightarrow \sigma(\mathcal{C}) \subset \mathcal{D}$ .

**Step 1:**

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a  $p$ -system.  $\mathcal{D}$  is the smallest  $d$ -system that contains  $\mathcal{C}$ .<sup>1</sup>

Enough to show  $\mathcal{D} \supset \sigma(\mathcal{C})$ .

If fact, we will show  $\mathcal{D}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra. By proposition, it is enough to show it is a  $p$ -system.

**Step 2:**

Fix  $B \in \mathcal{C}$  and let  $\mathcal{D}_1 := \{A \in \mathcal{D} : A \cap B \in \mathcal{D}\}$ . 1) By the lemma 1.1.4,  $\mathcal{D}_1$  is a  $d$ -system. 2)  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{D}_1$ .

1) and 2)  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{D}_1 = \mathcal{D}$ .

**Setp 3:**

Fix  $A \in \mathcal{D}$ , let  $\mathcal{D}_2 := \{B \in \mathcal{D} : B \cap A \in \mathcal{D}\}$ .

1) by the lemma,  $\mathcal{D}_2$  is a  $d$ -system. 2) by **step 2**,  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{D}_2$ .

1) and 2)  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{D}_2 = \mathcal{D}$ .

**Step 1-3** gives that  $\mathcal{D}$  is a  $p$ -system.

In here,  $\mathcal{D} = \sigma(\mathcal{C})$ . [But in the theorem, this is not a necessary conclusion.]

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**Measurable space**  $(E, \mathcal{E})$  is a measurable space. [ $\mathcal{E}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $E$ .]

**Products of measure spaces**  $(E, \mathcal{E}), (F, \mathcal{F})$ . Then  $(E \times F, \mathcal{E} \text{light-product} \mathcal{F})$  where  $\times$  is regular set product; and the light-product is  $\sigma$  ( generated by measurable rectangles)

**Measurable functions (random variables)**

**Lemma 1.1.6.** A mapping  $f : E \rightarrow F$  and (inverse mapping)  $f^{-1}(A) := \{x \in E : f(x) \in A\}$ . Then,  $f^{-1}\emptyset = \emptyset$ .  $f^{-1}(F) = E$ .  $f^{-1}(B \setminus C) = f^{-1}(B) \setminus f^{-1}(C)$ .  $f^{-1}(\bigcup_i B_i) = \bigcup_i f^{-1}(B_i)$  and  $f^{-1}(\bigcap_i B_i) = \bigcap_i f^{-1}(B_i)$ .  
(set operation passes through the inverse function operation.)

<sup>1</sup>(\*\*\*: little result – the intersections of  $d$ -systems is a  $d$ -system [to obtain the “smallest”]. Also, the “smallest” matters.)

**Definition 1.1.7.**  $(E, \mathcal{E}), (F, \mathcal{F})$ .  $f : E \rightarrow F$  is "measurable" relative to  $\mathcal{E}$  &  $\mathcal{F}$  if  $f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{E}, \forall B \in \mathcal{F}$ .

### 1.1.3 Thu: 2014-09-04

**measurable functions** (To "measure" a measurable function: just to integrate it).

**Proposition 1.1.8.** A function  $f : E \rightarrow F$  is measurable if and only if for some collection  $\mathcal{F}_0$  with  $\mathcal{F} = \sigma(\mathcal{F}_0)$ ,  $f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{E}$ .

*Proof.* Necessity is trivial; (by definition)

First collect all the sets s.t.  $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{B \in \mathcal{F} : f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{E}\} \supset \mathcal{F}$ . We show this by showing that this is a sigma algebra. [through checking the properties of inverse functions.]  $\square$

**Lemma 1.1.9** (Composition of measurable functions are measurable). [2.5 Proposition]

Let  $m(\mathcal{E})$  note the collection of measurable functions. Abuse of notation: let  $\mathcal{E}$  also note  $m(\mathcal{E})$  since the context would be clear.

**Theorem 1.1.10.** *Proof.* **Step 1** the sup would exist:

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$\square$

### Approximation of measurable functions

**Lemma 1.1.11.** For  $r \in \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $d_n(r) = \sum_{k=1}^{n^2} \frac{k-1}{2^n} 1_{[\frac{k-1}{2^n}, \frac{k}{2^n}]}(r) + n 1_{[n, \infty)}(r)$ . Then  $d_n(r) \rightarrow r$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Theorem 1.1.12.** A positive function is measurable if and only if it is a limit of positive simple functions  $(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i 1_{A_i})$  for  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $A_i \in \mathcal{E}$ .

*Proof.* Sufficiency is given by the previous theorem.

Necessity: Let  $f_n = d_n \circ f$  where  $f_n \uparrow f$ . (By construction of  $d_n(r)$ ,  $f_n$  is simple measurable function.)

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**Lemma 1.1.13.** If  $h_1, h_2, h_3 \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $h_1 + h_2, h_1 h_2, \lambda h \in \mathcal{E}$  for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Decomposition of positive part and negative part of function  $f$**  Let  $f = f^+ - f^-$  where  $f^+ = f \vee 0$ .

### Monotone Class Theorem for Functions

**Definition 1.1.14.** For  $\mathcal{M}$ , a collection of functions is a monotone class if

1.  $1 \in \mathcal{M}$  ( $1$  is the function assigning all elements in  $E$  to 1)
2.  $f, g \in \mathcal{M}_b \implies af + bg \in \mathcal{M}_b$ . where  $\mathcal{M}_b$  denote bounded functions in the set of functions denoted by  $\mathcal{M}$ .
3.  $(f_n) \subset \mathcal{M}_+$ , and  $f_n \uparrow f \implies f \in \mathcal{M}_+$ . where  $\mathcal{M}_+$  denote non-negative functions in  $\mathcal{M}$ .

**Theorem 1.1.15** (Monotone Convergence Theorem). Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a monotone class. Suppose that for some  $p$ -system  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{E} = \sigma(\mathcal{C})$ .

$1_A \in \mathcal{M}, \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{C} \implies \mathcal{M}$  includes all positive measurable functions ( $\mathcal{E}_+$ ) and all bounded measurable functions ( $\mathcal{E}_b$ )

$1_A$  here is an indicator function

*Proof. Step 1:* we want to show that, for all  $1_A \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $\forall A \in \mathcal{E}$ .

Define

use the defection of a monotone class to show that  $\mathcal{D}$  is a  $d$ -system.

$\mathcal{D}$  being a  $d$ -system implies that ...

**Step 2** Simple functions are also in  $\mathcal{M}$ . [find a reason to this.]

**Step 3** By the previous theorem on the simple function, we see that for arbitrary  $f \in \mathcal{E}_+$ ,  $\exists (f_n) \uparrow f$  where  $f_n$  is simple measurable functions.

Then, by (3) in definition of monotone class (of functions),  $f \in \mathcal{M}_+$ .

**Step 4** For  $f \in \mathcal{E}_b$ , as  $f = f^+ - f^-$  by (2) in definition of monotone class, we have  $f \in \mathcal{M}_b$ .  $\square$

**Definition 1.1.16.**  $X : \Omega \rightarrow (E, \mathcal{E})$ ,  $\sigma(X) = X^{-1}\mathcal{E} := \{X^{-1}(A) : A \in \mathcal{E}\}$  is called the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $X$ . Note that  $X$  here is a

Hereby we define a new  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $\Omega$ .

**Proposition 1.1.17.** Let  $X : \Omega \rightarrow (E, \mathcal{E})$  and another mapping  $V : \Omega \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  belongs to  $\sigma(X)$  if and only if  $V = f \circ X$  for some function  $f \in \mathcal{E}$ .

*Proof.* Sufficiency part is trivial;

Necessity: let  $\mathcal{M}$  be the collection of all  $Vf \circ X$  for some  $f \in \mathcal{E}$ . (This is enough to show if  $Y$  is bounded measurable w.r.t.  $\sigma(X)$ ,  $\exists$  a bounded measurable function  $f$  s.t.  $Y = f(X)$ )

**Step 1** Show that  $\mathcal{M}$  is a monotone class:

**Step 2**  $\mathcal{M}$  includes every indicator function in  $\sigma(X)$ . The set  $H \in \sigma(X)$ ,  $H = X^{-1}(A)$  for  $A \in \mathcal{E}$ . Then

$$1_H = 1_A \circ X$$

**Step 3** Use MCT

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## Measures

**Definition 1.1.18.** In a measurable space  $(E, \mathcal{E})$ ,  $\mathcal{E}$ , for  $\mu : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+$ , if

(a)  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$

(b)  $\mu(\bigcup_n A_n) = \sum_n \mu(A_n)$  for  $A_n$ 's being disjoint.

$\mu$  is called a measure. (Note that this measure is infinite as  $\mu : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+$ , with a bar overhead of  $\mathbb{R}$ .)

**Proposition 1.1.19.** For  $A$  and  $B$  being measurable sets,

(i) (Monotonicity)  $A \subset B \implies \mu(A) \leq \mu(B)$ ; [Implied by finite additivity.]

(ii) (Continuity under increasing limits)  $A_n \uparrow A \implies \mu(A_n) \uparrow \mu(A)$ .

*Proof.* For  $B_1 = A_1$ ,  $B_2 = A_2 \setminus A_1$ , ...,  $\bigcup_{n=1}^n B_n = \bigcup_{n=1}^n A_n$  [This is finite additivity.] [Could finish the proof by taking limits at both sides.]  $\square$

(iii) (Sub-additivity)  $\mu(\bigcup_n A_n) \leq \sum(A_n)$ .

**Notation**  $\mu(E) \leq \infty \implies \mathcal{M}$  is a finite measure.  $\mu(E) = 1$  implies that  $\mu$  is a probability measure.  
 $\sigma$ -finite if  $\exists$  a partition<sup>2</sup>  $(E_n)$  of  $E$  s.t.  $\sum (E_n) < \infty$ .  
 $\Sigma$ -finite if  $\exists \mu_n$  s.t.  $\mu = \sum_n \mu_n$  for  $\mu_n(E) < \infty$ .  
 $\sigma$ -finite  $\implies \Sigma$ -finite.

**Theorem 1.1.20.** Let  $(E, \mathcal{E})$  be a measurable space and measures  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are  $\mu(E) = \nu(E) < \infty$ . Moreover,  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  agree on  $\mathcal{C}$ , which is a  $p$ -system satisfying  $\mathcal{E} = \sigma(\mathcal{C})$ , then

$$\mu = \nu$$

This is why we can specify the Lebesgue measure by only assigning measure to the intervals. The above theorem would generalize the measure.

␣␣␣ Again is a consequence of monotone class theorem

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<sup>2</sup>Only countable, not necessarily finite. Each element in the partition is disjoint.