

CHAPTER 1

1.4. $\mathcal{A} = \{ A \subseteq \mathbb{N} : A \text{ is finite or } A^c \text{ is finite} \}$, $\Omega = \mathbb{N}$

Show \mathcal{A} algebra but not a σ -algebra.

• \mathcal{A} is an algebra:

(i) $\emptyset \in \mathcal{A}$ because \emptyset is finite

(ii) If $A \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow A^c \in \mathcal{A}$ for the same definition of \mathcal{A} .

(iii) Given $\{A_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ s.t. $A_n \in \mathcal{A} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, we need to have $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{A}$.

Induction:

Base: $n=2 \Rightarrow$ if $A_1 \in \mathcal{A}$ and $A_2 \in \mathcal{A}$ are finite $\Rightarrow A_1 \cup A_2$ also and $A_1 \cup A_2 \in \mathcal{A}$
 if $\exists j \in \{1,2\}$ s.t. A_j infinite $\Rightarrow A_j^c$ finite bc. $A_j \in \mathcal{A}$
 and $(A_1 \cup A_2)^c = A_1^c \cap A_2^c \in \mathcal{A}$ bc A_1^c or A_2^c finite

We suppose to have that given $\{A_n\}_{n=1}^N \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \bigcup_{n=1}^N A_n \in \mathcal{A}$

for $N+1$ we can divide $\bigcup_{n=1}^{N+1} A_n = \bigcup_{n=1}^N A_n \cup A_{N+1}$ and we

know that $B := \bigcup_{n=1}^N A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ and $A_{N+1} \in \mathcal{A}$ so given two elements of \mathcal{A} , we can use the same proof of the base case of the induction.

• \mathcal{A} is not a σ -algebra.

Given the countable sequence of the odd and given numbers in \mathbb{N} :

$\{A_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ with $A_n := 2n$ and $\{B_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ with $B_n := 2(n+1)$

we have that $\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cup \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n = \mathbb{N} = \Omega$

and $\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n$ infinite and $(\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n)^c = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n$ infinite so $\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \notin \mathcal{A}$.

1.11.

(a) For showing a head turns up sooner or later, we know that

$$P(\text{head}) = P(\text{tail}) = 1/2$$

The prob. of not having head in the first n tosses is:

$$P(\text{no heads in first } n \text{ tosses}) = (1/2)^n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

So $(1/2)^n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$, that means the probability of having head in infinite ($n \rightarrow \infty$) tosses is 0.

$$P(\text{eventually have head}) = 1 - P(\text{never having head}) = 1 - 0 = 1.$$

(b) If we have a pattern s for a block of $k \in \mathbb{N}$ consecutive tosses, the probability that the pattern is equal at this random block is

$$P(\text{pattern } s \text{ occurs in a given block of size } k) = (1/2)^k$$

so, the probability of s not appear in a block of size k is: $1 - (1/2)^k$

In the same way of (a):

$$P(s \text{ occurs}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(s \text{ occurs in first } nk \text{ tosses})$$

The probability that s occurs somewhere in the first nk tosses is at least as large as the prob. that s occurs in one of those n separate disjoint blocks, so:

$$\begin{aligned} P(s \text{ occurs}) &\geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(s \text{ occurs in first } n \text{ disjoint blocks of size } k) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 - P(s \text{ doesn't occur in first } n \text{ disjoint blocks of size } k)) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 - \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right)^n}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ 1}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

1.15. $(\mathbb{Z}, 2^{\mathbb{Z}})$

(a)

An easy measure could be defined by $P_0: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ s.t.

$$P_0(w) = \begin{cases} 1 & w = 1 \\ 0 & w \neq 1 \end{cases} \quad \forall w \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{because} \quad \sum_{w \in \mathbb{Z}} P_0(w) = 1$$

and we use the proposition 1.4.1.

(b) We will define P_0 s.t. $P_0(w) > 0 \quad \forall w \in \mathbb{Z}$.

We can define a similar geometric distribution of \mathbb{N} knowing that every number in $n \in \mathbb{N}$ has the negative one in \mathbb{Z} .

For each number $z \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$: $P_0(z) = \frac{1}{2} p (1-p)^{|z|-1}$ and $P_0(0) = p$

$$\sum_{w \in \mathbb{Z}} P_0(w) = \sum_{w \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} \frac{1}{2} p (1-p)^{|w|-1} + p = p + \frac{1}{2} p \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1-p)^{k-1} = p + \frac{1}{2} p \left(z \cdot \frac{(1-p)}{p} \right) = \boxed{1}$$