
Problem 8.6

(a) Define the sets

$$B_j := \bigcup_{i \geq j} A_i, \quad j \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Clearly the sequence $(B_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is decreasing and $\{A_n \text{ i.o.}\} \subset B_j$ for every $j \in \mathbb{N}$.

By assumption, and the σ -subadditivity of \mathbb{P} ,

$$\mathbb{P}(B_1) = \mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_i) < +\infty.$$

Moreover, the summability also gives

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(B_j) \leq \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=j}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_i) = 0.$$

Hence, by the continuity from above of μ , we obtain

$$\mathbb{P}(\{A_n \text{ i.o.}\}) \leq \mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} B_j\right) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(B_j) = 0,$$

i.e., $\{A_n \text{ i.o.}\}$ is a null set. In other words, \mathbb{P} -almost every ω is in only finitely many A_n .

(b) We will prove that

$$\mathbb{P}(\Omega \setminus \{A_n \text{ i.o.}\}) = 0,$$

from which the result follows since $\mathbb{P}(\Omega) = 1$.

First note that

$$\Omega \setminus \{A_n \text{ i.o.}\} = \bigcup_{k \geq 1} \left(\bigcup_{n \geq k} A_n \right)^c = \bigcup_{k \geq 1} \bigcap_{n \geq k} A_n^c.$$

Next, since A_n are mutually exclusive, so are A_n^c . Thus, for any $k \geq 1$ we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}\left(\bigcap_{n \geq k} A_n^c\right) &= \prod_{n \geq k} \mathbb{P}(A_n^c) = \prod_{n \geq k} (1 - \mathbb{P}(A_n)) \\ &\leq \prod_{n \geq k} e^{-\mathbb{P}(A_n)} = e^{-\sum_{n \geq k} \mathbb{P}(A_n)} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Here we used that for any $0 \leq x \leq 1$ it holds that $1 - x \leq e^{-x}$.

Finally, using σ -subadditivity we conclude that

$$\mathbb{P}(\Omega \setminus \{A_n \text{ i.o.}\}) = \mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{k \geq 1} \bigcap_{n \geq k} A_n^c\right) \leq \sum_{k \geq 1} \mathbb{P}\left(\bigcap_{n \geq k} A_n^c\right) = 0.$$

Problem 8.7

Fix $\varepsilon > 0$ and define $A_n(\varepsilon) : \{|X_n - X| > \varepsilon\}$. Then the assumption translates to

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} \mathbb{P}(A_n(\varepsilon)) < \infty.$$

By Lemma 8.11 1) this then implies that $\mathbb{P}(A_n(\varepsilon) \text{ i.o.}) = 0$. Since $\varepsilon > 0$ was arbitrary, Lemma 8.9 now implies that $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X$.