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Solutions to problems for Measure and Probability Theory

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Chapter 2: Measurable spaces (sigma-algebras and measures)

Problem 2.6
First note that if $\mu(A \cap B) = \infty$ then by property 2 we have that also $\mu(A)$, $\mu(B)$ and $\mu(A \cup B) = \infty$ and hence the result holds trivially. So assume now that $\mu(A \cap B) < \infty$. Since

$$A \cup B = (A \setminus (A \cap B)) \cup (B \setminus (A \cap B)) \cup (A \cap B),$$

it follows from property 1 that

$$\mu(A \cup B) = \mu(A \setminus (A \cap B))) + \mu(A \cap B) + \mu(B \setminus (A \cap B)).$$

Adding $\mu(A \cap B) < \infty$ to both side we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(A \cup B) + \mu(A \cap B) &= \mu(A \setminus (A \cap B))) + \mu(A \cap B) + \mu(B \setminus (A \cap B)) + \mu(A \cap B) \\ &= \mu(A) + \mu(B), \end{aligned}$$

where the last line follows from applying property 3 twice.

Problem 2.7
The idea is to construct a family of disjoint sets $(E_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ with the following properties:

1. $E_i \subset A_i$, and
2. $\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} E_i = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i$.

If such a sequence exists then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i) &= \mu(\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} E_i) && \text{by 2} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i) && \text{because } E_i \text{ are disjoint and } \mu \text{ is } \sigma\text{-additive} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i) && \text{by 1 and monotone property of } \mu. \end{aligned}$$

So we are left to construct the required family of sets $(E_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$. The following set will do:

$$E_1 = A_1 \quad E_i = A_i \setminus \bigcup_{k<i}^{i} A_k \text{ for all } i > 1.$$

Note that by definition the set E_i are pair-wise disjoint and property1 holds. Finally, property 2 holds since $\bigcup_{i=1}^{k} E_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^{k} A_i$ holds for all $k \geq 1$.

Problem 2.9 (23 points) Let $\mathcal{O}$ denote the open sets in $\mathbb{R}$.

1. (2 points) Note that the interval (a, b) is open for any $a < b \in \mathbb{R}$. Hence $\mathcal{A}_1 \subset \mathcal{A}_1' \subset \mathcal{O}$ and thus by Lemma 2.1.5 we have that $\sigma(\mathcal{A}_1) \subset \sigma(\mathcal{A}_1') \subset \sigma(\mathcal{O}) = \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$.

2. (2 points) The inclusion $\supset$ is trivial. So assume that $x \in O$. Then by definition there exist an $r > 0$ such that the ball $B_x(r) \subset O$. But $B_x(r) = (x - r, x + r) \in \mathcal{A}_1$ so $x \in \bigcup_{I \in \mathcal{A}, I \subset O} I$.

3. (3 points) Take $O \in \mathcal{O}$. If we can show that $O \in \sigma(\mathcal{A})$ then $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}} = \sigma(\mathcal{O}) \subset \sigma(\mathcal{A})$. The result then follows from 1.

   From 2 it follows that O is a union over a subset collection of interval (a, b) where $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$. Since $\mathbb{Q}$ is countable, the collection $\{(a, b) : a < b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ is also countable and hence $O = \bigcup_{I \in \mathcal{A}, I \subset O} I \in \sigma(\mathcal{A})$, from which it follows that $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}} \subset \sigma(\mathcal{A})$.

4. (1 point) This follows immediately from 1 and 3 since these imply that $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}} = \sigma(\mathcal{A}_1) \subset \sigma(\mathcal{A}_1') \subset \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$.

5. (3 points) The inclusion $\subset$ is trivial, since $(a, b] \subset (a + b + 1/j)$ for any $j \in \mathbb{N}$. For the other inclusion we argue by contradiction. Suppose that $x \in \bigcap_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (a, b + 1/j)$ but $x \notin (a, b]$. Then $x > b$ and hence there exists a $j \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $(b - x) > 1/j$. But this implies that $x \notin (a, b + 1/j)$ which is a contradiction. So we conclude that $(a, b] \supset \bigcap_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (a, b + 1/j)$.

6. (3 points) This time the inclusion $\supset$ is trivial since $(a, b - 1/j] \subset (a, b)$ for every $j \in \mathbb{N}$. For the other inclusion suppose that $x \in (a, b)$. Then there exists a $r > 0$ such that the interval $(x - r, x + r) \subset (a, b)$. In particular, this implies that $b - (x + r) > 0$. Now take any $j \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $j > 1/(b - (x + r))$. Then $b - x > r + 1/j$ which implies that $(x - r, x + r) \subset (x - r, b - 1/j]$ and hence $x \in \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (a, b - 1/j]$.

7. (4 points) It is clear that $\mathcal{A}_2 \subset \mathcal{A}_2'$. By 5 it follows that any interval $(a, b]$ can be obtained as a countable intersection of intervals of the form $(a, b + 1/j)$. By 4 $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}} = \sigma(\mathcal{A}_1')$ which by Lemma 2.1.2 contains $\bigcap_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (a, b + 1/j) = (a, b]$. So we conclude that any interval $(a, b] \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$ from which it now follows that

   $$\sigma(\mathcal{A}_2) \subset \sigma(\mathcal{A}_2') \subset \sigma(\mathcal{A}_1') = \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}.$$

   For the other inclusion we consider a set (a, b) with $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$. Then by 6 we have that $(a, b) = \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (a, b - 1/j]$ where the later is a countable union of sets $(c, d]$ with $c, d \in \mathbb{Q}$ which must be in $\sigma(\mathcal{A}_2)$ by definition of a σ-algebra. Hence, any interval $(a, b) \in \sigma(\mathcal{A}_2)$ and we thus conclude, using 3, that

   $$\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}} = \sigma(\mathcal{A}_1) \subset \sigma(\mathcal{A}_2) \subset \sigma(\mathcal{A}_2') \subset \sigma(\mathcal{A}_1') = \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}},$$

   which implies the result.

8. (2 points) Step 1 is to show that any interval $[a, b)$ can be obtained as a countable intersection of intervals $(a - 1/j, b)$. From this we can conclude that any set $[a, b)$ must be in $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$ proving inclusions $\subset$.

   For the other inclusions we have to show that any interval (a, b) can be obtained as a countable union of intervals $[a + 1/j, b)$, which implies that (a, b) must be in the σ-algebra generated by $[a, b)$.

9. (3 points) The main tool is to show that each of the intervals $(-\infty, a]$, $(-\infty, a)$, (a, ∞) and $[a, \infty)$ can be obtained by taking any allowed set operation for σ-algebras, i.e. countable unions/intersections and finite complements. This will help use prove the $\subset$ inclusions.

   Then we show that any set of the form (a, b), $[a, b)$ or $(a, b]$ can also be obtained through countable unions/intersections and finite complements of intervals of the forms $(-\infty, a]$, $(-\infty, a)$, (a, ∞) and $[a, \infty)$. These will then yield the $\supset$ inclusions and finish the proof.

Chapter 3: Measurable functions and stochastic objects

Chapter 4: The Lebesgue Integral

Chapter 5: Convergence of integrals and functions