1 Separating and convergence-determining classes

Definition 1.1 (Separating class)

Suppose Ω is a non-empty set, \mathcal{A} is a σ -algebra of subsets of Ω , (S, \mathcal{A}) is the corresponding measurable space, and $\mathcal{M}_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$ is the set of all probability measures defined on \mathcal{A} . A **separating class** of subsets of (Ω, \mathcal{A}) is a collection $S \subset \mathcal{A}$ of subsets of Ω which satisfies the following condition: For every two probability measures $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{M}_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$.

$$\mu(S) = \nu(S)$$
, for every $S \in \mathcal{S} \implies \mu(A) = \nu(A)$, for every $A \in \mathcal{A}$

Definition 1.2 (Convergence-determining class)

Suppose Ω is a topological space, $\mathcal{B}(\Omega)$ is its Borel σ -algebra, $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega))$ is the corresponding measurable space, and $\mathcal{M}_1(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(S))$ is the set of all probability measures defined on $\mathcal{B}(\Omega)$. A **convergence-determining class** of subsets of $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega))$ is a collection $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{B}(\Omega)$ of Borel subsets of Ω which satisfies the following condition: For any $\mu, \mu_1, \mu_2, \ldots \in \mathcal{M}_1(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega))$,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \mu_n(C) = \mu(C), \text{ for every } C \in \mathcal{C} \implies \mu_n \xrightarrow{w} \mu.$$

Theorem 1.3

Suppose Ω is a non-empty set, \mathcal{A} is a σ -algebra of subsets of Ω , and (Ω, \mathcal{A}) is the corresponding measurable space. If

- $S \subset A$ is closed under finite intersections, and
- S generates A (i.e. $\sigma(S) = A$).

then S is a separating class of subsets of (Ω, A) .

PROOF Let μ and ν be two probability measures defined on (Ω, \mathcal{A}) such that $\mu(S) = \nu(S)$ for each $S \in \mathcal{S}$. We need to show that $\mu(A) = \nu(A)$ for each $A \in \mathcal{A}$. To this end, let

$$\mathcal{L} := \{ A \in \mathcal{A} = \sigma(\mathcal{S}) \mid \mu(A) = \nu(A) \}.$$

Note that $S \subset \mathcal{L}$, by the hypothesis that μ and ν agree on S, and $\mathcal{L} \neq \emptyset$ since $\Omega \in \mathcal{L}$. By Corollary B.8, it suffices to establish that \mathcal{L} is a λ -system, since then it will follow that

$$\mathcal{A} = \sigma(\mathcal{S}) \subset \mathcal{L} := \{ A \in \mathcal{A} = \sigma(\mathcal{S}) \mid \mu(A) = \nu(A) \} \subset \sigma(\mathcal{S}) = \mathcal{A},$$

i.e., $\mathcal{A} = \sigma(\mathcal{S}) = \mathcal{L}$, or equivalently, μ and ν agree on all of $\mathcal{A} = \sigma(\mathcal{S})$. Now, we have already noted that $\Omega \in \mathcal{L}$. For $A \in \mathcal{L}$, we have

$$\mu(\Omega \setminus A) = 1 - \mu(A) = 1 - \nu(A) = \nu(\Omega \setminus A),$$

hence $\Omega \setminus A \in \mathcal{L}$. Thus, \mathcal{L} is closed under complementations. Lastly, let $A_1, A_2, \ldots \in \mathcal{L}$ be pairwise disjoint. Then,

$$\mu\left(\bigsqcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu(A_n) = \nu\left(\bigsqcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right),$$

thus $\bigsqcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{L}$, which proves that \mathcal{L} is closed under countable disjoint unions. \mathcal{L} is therefore indeed a λ -system and the proof of the Theorem is complete.

Corollary 1.4 Suppose S is a topological space and $\mathcal{B}(S)$ is its Borel σ -algebra (i.e. the σ -algebra generated by the collection of open subsets of S). Then, the collection of open subsets of S is a separating class of subsets of the measurable space $(S, \mathcal{B}(S))$.

PROOF Recall that the collection of open sets are closed under finite intersections (by definition of topology), and they generate the Borel σ -algebras (by definition of Borel σ -algebras). Thus the Corollary follows immediately from Theorem 1.3.

2 Examples of separating and convergence-determining classes of \mathbb{R}^{∞}

Definition 2.1 (The metric on \mathbb{R}^{∞} , Example 1.2, [1])

Let \mathbb{R}^{∞} denotes the set of all infinite sequences of real numbers, i.e.

$$\mathbb{R}^{\infty} := \{ (x_1, x_2, \dots) \mid x_i \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ for each } i \in \mathbb{N} \}.$$

Define $\rho: \mathbb{R}^{\infty} \times \mathbb{R}^{\infty} \longrightarrow [0,1]$ as follows:

$$\rho(x,y) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\min\{1, |x_n - y_n|\}}{2^n}.$$

Remark 2.2 Recall that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}}\right) = 1,$$

which proves indeed that $0 \le \rho(x, y) \le 1$, for any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^{\infty}$.

Theorem 2.3 (The metric space properties of \mathbb{R}^{∞})

- (i) $(\mathbb{R}^{\infty}, \rho)$ is a metric space. Let \mathbb{R}^{∞} denote also this metric space in the remainder of this Theorem.
- (ii) For $x, x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, x^{(3)}, \ldots, \in \mathbb{R}^{\infty}$, we have:

$$\rho(x^{(n)}, x) \longrightarrow 0 \iff \text{for each } i \in \mathbb{N}, \lim_{n \to \infty} |x_i^{(n)} - x_i| = 0$$

(iii) For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the "natural projection to the initial segment of length n"

$$\pi_n: \mathbb{R}^\infty \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n: x \longmapsto (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

is continuous, where \mathbb{R}^n has the usual Euclidean topology.

(iv) For each $x \in \mathbb{R}^{\infty}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $\varepsilon > 0$, let $C_{\mathbb{R}^n}(\pi_n(x), \varepsilon)$ denote the open hypercube in \mathbb{R}^n of side length 2ε centred at $\pi_n(x) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, i.e.

$$C_{\mathbb{R}^n}(\pi_n(x), \varepsilon) := \left\{ y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid |y_i - x_i| < \varepsilon, \\ i = 1, 2, \dots, n \right\}$$

Then, its pre-image in \mathbb{R}^{∞} under π_n

$$\pi_n^{-1}(C_{\mathbb{R}^n}(\pi_n(x),\varepsilon)) = \left\{ y \in \mathbb{R}^\infty \mid |y_i - x_i| < \varepsilon, \\ i = 1, 2, \dots, n \right\}$$

is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^{∞} .

(v) For each $x \in \mathbb{R}^{\infty}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $\varepsilon > 0$, we have:

$$\pi_n^{-1}(C_{\mathbb{R}^n}(\pi_n(x),\varepsilon)) \subset B_{\mathbb{R}^\infty}\left(x,\varepsilon+\frac{1}{2^n}\right),$$

where $B_{\mathbb{R}^{\infty}}\left(x,\,\varepsilon+\frac{1}{2^{n}}\right)$ is the open ball in \mathbb{R}^{∞} centred at x of radius $\varepsilon+\frac{1}{2^{n}}$, i.e.

$$B_{\mathbb{R}^{\infty}}\left(x, \varepsilon + \frac{1}{2^n}\right) := \left\{y \in \mathbb{R}^{\infty} \mid \rho(y, x) < \varepsilon + \frac{1}{2^n}\right\}$$

(vi) The collection

$$\left\{ \left. \pi_n^{-1} (C_{\mathbb{R}^n}(\pi_n(x), \varepsilon)) \subset \mathbb{R}^{\infty} \; \right| \; n \in \mathbb{N}, \, x \in \mathbb{R}^{\infty}, \, \varepsilon > 0 \; \right\}$$

of all pre-images under π_n of open hypercubes in \mathbb{R}^n , for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, forms a basis for the topology of \mathbb{R}^{∞} .

- (vii) \mathbb{R}^{∞} is a separable metric space.
- (viii) \mathbb{R}^{∞} is a complete metric space.

Proof

(i) Clearly, ρ is non-negative and symmetric. We now show that, for any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^{\infty}$, we have $\rho(x, y) = 0$ implies x = y. Indeed,

$$\rho(x,y) = 0 \iff \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\min\{1, |x_i - y_i|\}}{2^i} = 0$$

$$\iff \min\{1, |x_i - y_i|\} = 0, \text{ for each } i \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\iff |x_i - y_i| = 0, \text{ for each } i \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\iff x = y.$$

In order to show that ρ is a metric, it remains only to establish the Triangle Inequality. By Lemma A.2, for any $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^{\infty}$, we have

$$\rho(x,y) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\min\{1, |x_i - y_i|\}}{2^i} \\
\leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\min\{1, |x_i - z_i|\} + \min\{1, |z_i - y_i|\}}{2^i} \\
= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\min\{1, |x_i - z_i|\}\}}{2^i} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\min\{1, |z_i - y_i|\}}{2^i} \\
= \rho(x,z) + \rho(z,y),$$

where we have used the fact that $0 \le \rho \le 1$ to split the infinite sum into two terms in second-to-last equality. This proves that ρ satisfies the Triangle Inequality, and it is thus a metric on \mathbb{R}^{∞} .

(ii) $\lim_{n \to \infty} \rho(x^{(n)}, x) = 0 \implies \lim_{n \to \infty} |x_i^{(n)} - x_i| = 0$, for each $i \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \rho \left(x^{(n)}, x \right) = 0 \implies \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\min\{1, |x_i^{(n)} - x_i|\}}{2^i} = 0$$

$$\implies \lim_{n \to \infty} \min\{1, |x_i^{(n)} - x_i|\} = 0, \text{ for each } i \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\implies \lim_{n \to \infty} \left| x_i^{(n)} - x_i \right| = 0, \text{ for each } i \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left| x_i^{(n)} - x_i \right| = 0, \text{ for each } i \in \mathbb{N} \implies \lim_{n \to \infty} \rho(x^{(n)}, x) = 0$$

This follows from the Weierstrass M-test. Suppose $\lim_{n\to\infty} \left| x_i^{(n)} - x_i \right| = 0$, for each $i \in \mathbb{N}$. Then,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\min\{1, |x_i^{(n)} - x_i|\}}{2^i} = 0 =: y_i, \text{ for each } i \in \mathbb{N}.$$

For each $i \in \mathbb{N}$, let $M_i := \frac{1}{2^i}$. Then,

$$\frac{\min\{1, |x_i^{(n)} - x_i|\}}{2^i} \le M_i \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i < \infty.$$

Hence, by the Weierstrass M-test (Lemma A.3), we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \rho \Big(x^{(n)}, x \Big) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\min\{1, |x_i^{(n)} - x_i|\}}{2^i} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} y_i = 0.$$

- (iii) Immediate by (ii).
- (iv) Since $C_{\mathbb{R}^n}(\pi_n(x), \varepsilon) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n , its pre-image under the continuous (by (iii)) map $\pi_n : \mathbb{R}^\infty \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^∞ .
- (v) For $y \in \mathbb{R}^{\infty}$, we have

$$y \in \pi_n^{-1}(C_{\mathbb{R}^n}(\pi_n(x), \varepsilon)) \implies |y_i - x_i| < \varepsilon, \text{ for each } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\implies \rho(x, y) := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\min\{1, |x_i - y_i|\}}{2^i} \le \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\varepsilon}{2^i} + \sum_{i=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^i} = \varepsilon + \frac{1}{2^n}.$$

This proves:

$$\pi_n^{-1}(C_{\mathbb{R}^n}(\pi_n(x),\varepsilon)) \subset B_{\mathbb{R}^\infty}\left(x,\varepsilon+\frac{1}{2^n}\right).$$

(vi) It suffices to show that every open ball in $B_{\mathbb{R}^{\infty}}(x,r) \subset \mathbb{R}^{\infty}$, r > 0, contains the pre-image of an open hypercube centred at $\pi_n(x) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ under π_n . To this end, for r > 0, choose $\varepsilon > 0$ sufficiently small and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ sufficiently large such that $\varepsilon + \frac{1}{2^n} < r$. Then, for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^{\infty}$, by (v), we have:

$$x \in \pi_n^{-1}(C_{\mathbb{R}^n}(\pi_n(x),\varepsilon)) \subset B_{\mathbb{R}^\infty}\left(x,\varepsilon+\frac{1}{2^n}\right) \subset B_{\mathbb{R}^\infty}(x,r),$$

as required.

(vii) It suffices to exhibit a countable subset of \mathbb{R}^{∞} that intersects every open ball in \mathbb{R}^{∞} . To this end, let

$$D := \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \in \mathbb{R}^{\infty} \mid \begin{array}{c} x_i \in \mathbb{Q}, \text{ for each } i \in \mathbb{N} \\ x_i = 0, \text{ for all } i \ge n \end{array} \right\}.$$

Clearly, D is a countable subset of \mathbb{R}^{∞} . Now let $B_{\mathbb{R}^{\infty}}(x,\varepsilon)$ be an arbitrary open ball in \mathbb{R}^{∞} . Choose $\delta > 0$ small enough and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ large enough such that $\delta + \frac{1}{2^n} < \varepsilon$. Then,

$$\pi_n^{-1}(C_{\mathbb{R}^n}(\pi_n(x),\delta)) \subset B_{\mathbb{R}^\infty}(x,\delta+\frac{1}{2^n}) \subset B_{\mathbb{R}^\infty}(x,\varepsilon),$$

Now, for each i = 1, 2, ..., n, choose $z_i \in \mathbb{Q} \cap (x_i - \delta, x_i + \delta)$. Let $z = (z_1, z_2, ..., z_n, 0, 0, ...) \in \mathbb{R}^{\infty}$. Then, we have

$$z \in D \bigcap \left\{ \left. y \in \mathbb{R}^{\infty} \; \right| \; \begin{array}{l} y_i \in (x_i - \delta, x_i + \delta), \\ \text{for each } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \end{array} \right\} \; = \; D \bigcap \pi_n^{-1} (\, C_{\mathbb{R}^n}(\pi_n(x), \delta) \,) \; \subset \; D \bigcap B_{\mathbb{R}^\infty}(x \,, \varepsilon) \,.$$

This proves the the countable subset $D \subset \mathbb{R}^{\infty}$ has non-empty intersection with every open ball in \mathbb{R}^{∞} , i.e. D is dense in \mathbb{R}^{∞} . Hence, \mathbb{R}^{∞} is separable.

(viii) We need to show that every Cauchy sequence in \mathbb{R}^{∞} converges to any element in \mathbb{R}^{∞} .

$$\left\{x^{(n)}\right\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}\subset\mathbb{R}^{\infty}\text{ is a Cauchy sequence in }\mathbb{R}^{\infty}$$

$$\iff \text{ for each }\varepsilon>0\text{, there exists }N_{\varepsilon}\in\mathbb{N}\text{ such that }\rho\Big(x^{(m)},x^{(n)}\Big)<\varepsilon\text{, for any }m,n>N_{\varepsilon}$$

$$\iff \text{ for each }i\in\mathbb{N}\text{, we have:}$$

$$\text{ for each }\varepsilon>0\text{, there exists }N_{\varepsilon}\in\mathbb{N}\text{ such that }\left|\left|x_{i}^{(m)}-x_{i}^{(n)}\right|\right|<\varepsilon\text{, for any }m,n>N_{\varepsilon}$$

$$\iff \text{ for each }i\in\mathbb{N}\text{, }\left\{x_{i}^{(n)}\right\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}\subset\mathbb{R}\text{ is a Cauchy sequence in }\mathbb{R}\text{; hence }x_{i}:=\lim_{n\to\infty}x_{i}^{(n)}\in\mathbb{R}\text{ exists}$$

$$\implies \lim_{n \to \infty} \rho(x^{(n)}, x) = 0, \text{ where } x := (x_1, x_2, \dots) \in \mathbb{R}^{\infty} \text{ (by (ii))}$$

This proves that \mathbb{R}^{∞} indeed is a complete metric space.

Definition 2.4

The **finite-dimensional class** of subsets of \mathbb{R}^{∞} is, by definition, the following:

$$\mathcal{B}_f(\mathbb{R}^\infty) := \left\{ \left. \pi_k^{-1}(B) \subset \mathbb{R}^\infty \; \middle| \; \begin{array}{c} k \in \mathbb{N} \\ B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^k) \end{array} \right. \right\},$$

where $\pi_k : \mathbb{R}^{\infty} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^k : x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \longmapsto (x_1, \dots, x_k)$ is the projection of \mathbb{R}^{∞} onto \mathbb{R}^k .

Theorem 2.5

- (i) $\mathcal{B}_f(\mathbb{R}^\infty) \subset \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^\infty)$.
- (ii) $\mathcal{B}_f(\mathbb{R}^{\infty})$ is a separating class of Borel subsets of \mathbb{R}^{∞} .
- (iii) $\mathcal{B}_f(\mathbb{R}^{\infty})$ is a convergence-determining class of Borel subsets of \mathbb{R}^{∞} .

Proof

(i) Note that

$$\mathcal{B}_f(\mathbb{R}^\infty) := \left\{ \left. \pi_k^{-1}(B) \subset \mathbb{R}^\infty \; \right| \; \begin{array}{c} k \in \mathbb{N} \\ B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^k) \end{array} \right\} = \bigcup_{k=1}^\infty \pi_k^{-1} \left(\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^k) \right).$$

Thus, (i) is equivalent to the statement that each $\pi_k : \mathbb{R}^{\infty} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ is Borel measurable. But each π_k is continuous, hence Borel measurable (Corollary B.12). This proves (i).

(ii) We apply Theorem 1.3 to $\mathcal{B}_f(\mathbb{R}^{\infty})$.

 $\mathcal{B}_f(\mathbb{R}^{\infty})$ is closed under finite intersections

$\mathcal{B}_f(\mathbb{R}^{\infty})$ generates $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^{\infty})$

Let $\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{R}^{\infty})$ denote the collection of open sets of \mathbb{R}^{∞} . Hence $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^{\infty}) := \sigma(\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{R}^{\infty}))$. By (i), we have $\mathcal{B}_f(\mathbb{R}^{\infty}) \subset \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^{\infty}) = \sigma(\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{R}^{\infty}))$, which implies $\sigma(\mathcal{B}_f(\mathbb{R}^{\infty})) \subset \sigma(\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{R}^{\infty}))$. We need to establish the reverse inclusion, which will immediately follows from:

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Claim: $\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{R}^{\infty}) \subset \sigma(\mathcal{B}_f(\mathbb{R}^{\infty})).$

Proof of Claim: By Theorem 2.3(v), every open ball $B_{\mathbb{R}^{\infty}}(x,\varepsilon)$ in \mathbb{R}^{∞} contains the pre-image of an open hypercube from some finite-dimensional Euclidean space, where that pre-image itself contains x. We therefore see that every open set in \mathbb{R}^{∞} can be expressed as a union of pre-images of open hypercubes from finite-dimensional Euclidean spaces. By Theorem 2.3(vii), \mathbb{R}^{∞} is separable. Hence, by Theorem C.1, we see that every open set in \mathbb{R}^{∞} can be expressed as a countable union of pre-images of open hypercubes from finite-dimensional Euclidean spaces. Since pre-images of open hypercubes from finitedimensional Euclidean spaces belong to $\mathcal{B}_f(\mathbb{R}^\infty)$, we see that $\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{R}^\infty) \subset \sigma(\mathcal{B}_f(\mathbb{R}^\infty))$. This completes the proof of the Claim.

\mathbf{A} Technical Lemmas

Lemma A.1 Define

$$\phi\,:\,[\,0,\infty\,)\,\longrightarrow\,[\,0,1\,]\,:\,t\,\longmapsto\,\min\{\,1\,,t\,\}.$$

Then, ϕ satisfies:

$$\phi(s+t) \leq \phi(s) + \phi(t)$$
, for each $s, t \in [0, \infty)$.

For any $s, t \in [0, \infty)$, either $s + t \ge 1$ or s + t < 1. If $s + t \ge 1$, then Proof

$$\phi(s+t) = \min\{1, s+t\} = 1 < 2 = 1+1 \le \min\{1, s\} + \min\{1, t\} = \phi(s) + \phi(t),$$

hence, the required inequality holds. On the other hand, if s + t < 1, then we must also have s < 1 and t < 1 (since $s, t \geq 0$). Hence,

$$\phi(s+t) = \min\{1, s+t\} = s+t = \min\{1, s\} + \min\{1, t\} = \phi(s) + \phi(t),$$

thus, the required inequality also holds.

Lemma A.2 For any $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$, we have:

$$\min\{1, |x-y|\} \le \min\{1, |x-z|\} + \min\{1, |z-y|\}.$$

Observe that $|x-y| \le |x-z| + |z-y|$ implies Proof

$$\min\{1, |x-y|\} < |x-z| + |z-y|.$$

The above inequality, together with min $\{1, |x-y|\} \le 1$, thus in turn imply:

$$\min\{1, |x-y|\} \le \min\{1, |x-z| + |z-y|\}.$$

By Lemma A.1, we therefore have:

$$\min\{1, |x-y|\} \le \min\{1, |x-z|+|z-y|\}. \le \min\{1, |x-z|\} + \min\{1, |z-y|\},$$

which proves the present Lemma.

Lemma A.3 (The Weierstrass M-test, Theorem A.28, [2])

Suppose that $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_i^{(n)} = x_i$, for each $i\in\mathbb{N}$, and that $\left|x_i^{(n)}\right| \leq M_i$, where $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i < \infty$. Then,

(i)
$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i$$
 exists, and $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i^{(n)}$ exists for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

(ii) Furthermore,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i^{(n)} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i.$$

Proof

- (i) $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i < \infty$ and $\left| x_i^{(n)} \right| \le M_i \implies$ the series $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i^{(n)}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, converge absolutely.
- (ii) Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Choose $K \in \mathbb{N}$ sufficiently large such that $\sum_{j=K+1}^{\infty} M_i < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$. Next, choose $N \in \mathbb{N}$ sufficiently large such that

$$\left| x_i^{(n)} - x_i \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3K}$$
, for any $n > N$ and $i = 1, 2, \dots, K$.

Then, we have, for each n > N,

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i^{(n)} - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i \end{array} \right| = \left| \begin{array}{c} \sum_{i=1}^{K} \left(x_i^{(n)} - x_i \right) + \sum_{i=K+1}^{\infty} x_i^{(n)} - \sum_{i=K+1}^{\infty} x_i \right| \\ \leq \sum_{i=1}^{K} \left| x_i^{(n)} - x_i \right| + \sum_{i=K+1}^{\infty} \left| x_i^{(n)} \right| + \sum_{i=K+1}^{\infty} |x_i| \\ \leq K \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{3K} + \sum_{i=K+1}^{\infty} M_i + \sum_{i=K+1}^{\infty} M_i \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + 2 \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{3} = \varepsilon. \end{array}$$

Since ε is arbitrary, this proves:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i^{(n)} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i.$$

B σ -algebras and λ -systems

Definition B.1

Suppose Ω is a non-empty set. A σ -algebra of subsets of Ω is a collection \mathcal{A} of subsets of Ω which satisfies the following conditions:

- $\Omega \in \mathcal{A}$.
- $\Omega \setminus A \in \mathcal{A}$, for every $A \in \mathcal{A}$.
- $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in \mathcal{A}$, whenever $A_1, A_2, \ldots \in \mathcal{A}$

Definition B.2

Suppose Ω is a non-empty set. A λ -system of subsets of Ω is a collection \mathcal{L} of subsets of Ω which satisfies the following conditions:

- $\Omega \in \mathcal{L}$.
- $\Omega \setminus A \in \mathcal{L}$, for every $A \in \mathcal{L}$.
- $\bigsqcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in \mathcal{L}$, whenever $A_1, A_2, \ldots \in \mathcal{L}$ and $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$, for any $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ with $i \neq j$.

Remark B.3 Clearly, every σ -algebra is also a λ -system.

Theorem B.4

Suppose Ω is a non-empty set and \mathcal{L} is a λ -system of subsets of Ω .

- (i) \mathcal{L} is closed under proper set-theoretic differences, i.e. $A, B \in \mathcal{L}$ and $A \subset B$ together imply $B \setminus A \in \mathcal{L}$.
- (ii) If \mathcal{L} is closed under finite intersections, then \mathcal{L} is a σ -algebra of subsets of Ω .

PROOF For each $X \subset \Omega$, write $\Omega \setminus X$ as X^c .

- (i) Suppose $A, B \in \mathcal{L}$ with $A \subset B$. Then, $B^c \cap A = \emptyset$. Hence, $B \setminus A = B \cap A^c = (B^c \cup A)^c = (B^c \cup A)^c \in \mathcal{L}$, since \mathcal{L} is closed under complementations and finite disjoint unions.
- (ii) Since \mathcal{L} is a λ -system, we immediately have $\Omega \in \mathcal{L}$, and hence $\Omega \setminus A \in \mathcal{L}$, for every $A \in \mathcal{L}$. It remains to show that \mathcal{L} closed under countable unions, i.e. for $A_1, A_2, \ldots \in \mathcal{L}$, we need to show $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in \mathcal{L}$. To this end, define:

$$B_{1} := A_{1}$$

$$B_{2} := A_{2} \cap A_{1}^{c}$$

$$B_{3} := A_{3} \cap A_{1}^{c} \cap A_{2}^{c}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$B_{n} := A_{n} \cap A_{1}^{c} \cap A_{2}^{c} \cap \dots \cap A_{n}^{c}$$

Being a λ -system, \mathcal{L} is closed under complementations. By hypothesis, \mathcal{L} is furthermore closed under finite intersections. We thus see that $B_n \in \mathcal{L}$, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Note also that the B_n 's are pairwise disjoint, and

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} A_{i} = \bigsqcup_{i=1}^{n} B_{i}, \text{ for each } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Hence,

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \bigsqcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i \in \mathcal{L},$$

since \mathcal{L} is closed under countable pairwise disjoint unions (\mathcal{L} being a λ -system). This proves that \mathcal{L} is a σ -algebra of subsets of Ω .

Theorem B.5 Let Ω be a non-empty set.

- (i) The intersection of a non-empty collection of σ -algebras of subsets of Ω is itself a σ -algebra of subsets of Ω .
- (ii) The intersection of a non-empty collection of λ -systems of subsets of Ω is itself a λ -system of subsets of Ω .

Proof

(i) Suppose Γ is an (arbitrary) non-empty set, and, for each $\gamma \in \Gamma$, \mathcal{A}_{γ} is a σ -algebra of subsets of Ω . We need to prove that $\mathcal{A} := \bigcap_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \mathcal{A}_{\gamma}$ is itself a σ -algebra of subsets of Ω .

$$\Omega \in \mathcal{A} := \bigcap_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \mathcal{A}_{\gamma}$$

Since, for each $\gamma \in \Gamma$, \mathcal{A}_{γ} is a σ -algebra of subsets of Ω , we have $\Omega \in \mathcal{A}_{\gamma}$. Thus, $\Omega \in \bigcap_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \mathcal{A}_{\gamma}$.

$$\frac{A \in \mathcal{A} \implies \Omega \backslash A \in \mathcal{A}}{A \in \mathcal{A} := \bigcap_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \mathcal{A}_{\gamma}} \iff A \in \mathcal{A}_{\gamma}, \, \forall \, \gamma \in \Gamma \implies \Omega \backslash A \in \mathcal{A}_{\gamma}, \, \forall \, \gamma \in \Gamma \implies \Omega \backslash A \in \bigcap_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \mathcal{A}_{\gamma} =: \mathcal{A}$$

$$\frac{A_{1}, A_{2}, \dots \in \mathcal{A} \implies \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_{i} \in \mathcal{A}}{A_{1}, A_{2}, \dots \in \mathcal{A} := \bigcap_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \mathcal{A}_{\gamma}} \implies A_{1}, A_{2}, \dots \in \mathcal{A}_{\gamma}, \, \forall \, \gamma \in \Gamma \implies \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_{i} \in \mathcal{A}_{\gamma}, \, \forall \, \gamma \in \Gamma$$

$$\implies \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_{i} \in \bigcap_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \mathcal{A}_{\gamma} =: \mathcal{A}$$

(ii) Suppose Γ is an (arbitrary) non-empty set, and, for each $\gamma \in \Gamma$, \mathcal{L}_{γ} is a λ -system of subsets of Ω . We need to prove that $\mathcal{L} := \bigcap_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \mathcal{L}_{\gamma}$ is itself a λ -system of subsets of Ω .

$$\Omega \in \mathcal{L} := \bigcap_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \mathcal{L}_{\gamma}$$

Since, for each $\gamma \in \Gamma$, \mathcal{L}_{γ} is a λ -system of subsets of Ω , we have $\Omega \in \mathcal{L}_{\gamma}$. Thus, $\Omega \in \bigcap_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \mathcal{L}_{\gamma}$.

$$\frac{A \in \mathcal{L} \implies \Omega \backslash L \in \mathcal{L}}{A \in \mathcal{L} := \bigcap_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \mathcal{L}_{\gamma}} \iff A \in \mathcal{L}_{\gamma}, \, \forall \, \gamma \in \Gamma \implies \Omega \backslash A \in \mathcal{L}_{\gamma}, \, \forall \, \gamma \in \Gamma \implies \Omega \backslash A \in \bigcap_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \mathcal{L}_{\gamma} =: \mathcal{L}}$$

$$\frac{A_{1}, A_{2}, \ldots \in \mathcal{L} \text{ and } A_{i} \cap A_{j} \text{ whenever } i \neq j \implies \bigsqcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_{i} \in \mathcal{L}}{A_{1}, A_{2}, \ldots \in \mathcal{L} := \bigcap_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \mathcal{L}_{\gamma}, \, \text{ and } A_{i} \cap A_{j} \text{ whenever } i \neq j}$$

$$\implies A_{1}, A_{2}, \ldots \in \mathcal{L}_{\gamma}, \, \forall \, \gamma \in \Gamma, \, \text{ and } A_{i} \cap A_{j} \text{ whenever } i \neq j$$

$$\implies \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_{i} \in \mathcal{L}_{\gamma}, \, \forall \, \gamma \in \Gamma$$

$$\implies \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_{i} \in \mathcal{L}_{\gamma} =: \mathcal{L}$$

Theorem B.6 Suppose Ω is a non-empty set, \mathcal{S} is non-empty collection of subsets of Ω . Denote the power set of Ω by $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$. Define

$$\sigma(\mathcal{S}) \ := \ \bigcap_{\mathcal{A} \in \Sigma(\mathcal{S})} \mathcal{A} \,, \quad \text{where} \quad \Sigma(\mathcal{S}) \, := \, \left\{ \left. \mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{P}(\Omega) \, \right| \, \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{A} \text{ is a σ-algebra of subsets of Ω,} \\ \text{and $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{A}$} \end{array} \right\}, \ \text{and}$$

$$\lambda(\mathcal{S}) \ := \ \bigcap_{\mathcal{L} \in \Lambda(\mathcal{S})} \mathcal{L}, \quad \text{where} \quad \Lambda(\mathcal{S}) \, := \, \left\{ \left. \mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{P}(\Omega) \, \right| \, \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{L} \text{ is a λ-system of subsets of Ω,} \\ \text{and $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{L}$} \end{array} \right\}.$$

Then, $\sigma(S)$ is the unique smallest σ -algebra of subsets of Ω that contains $S \subset \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$, and $\lambda(S)$ is the unique smallest λ -system of subsets of Ω that contains $S \subset \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$. More precisely, we have

• $S \subset \sigma(S)$, $S \subset \lambda(S)$, and

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- $\sigma(S)$ is a σ -algebra of subsets of Ω , and $\lambda(S)$ is a λ -system of subsets of Ω , and
- if $A \subset \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ is a σ -algebra and $S \subset A$, then $\sigma(S) \subset A$.
- if $\mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ is a λ -system and $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{L}$, then $\lambda(\mathcal{S}) \subset \mathcal{L}$.

PROOF First, note that $\Sigma(S) \neq \emptyset$ since $\mathcal{P}(\Omega) \in \Sigma(S)$. Similarly, $\Lambda(S) \neq \emptyset$ since $\mathcal{P}(\Omega) \in \Lambda(S)$. It is immediate that $S \subset \sigma(S)$, and $\sigma(S)$ is contained in every σ -algebra which contains S. Similarly, $S \subset \lambda(S)$, and $\lambda(S)$ is contained in every λ -system which contains S. Since $\sigma(S)$ is, by definition, an intersection of σ -algebras, it itself is a σ -algebra of subsets of Ω by Theorem B.5. Similarly, since $\lambda(S)$ is, by definition, an intersection of λ -systems, it itself is a λ -system of subsets of Ω by Theorem B.5.

Theorem B.7 Suppose Ω is a non-empty set and S is a non-empty collection of subsets of Ω . Then,

 \mathcal{S} is closed under finite intersections $\implies \lambda(\mathcal{S})$ is a σ -algebra of subsets of Ω ,

where $\lambda(S)$ is λ -system of subsets of Ω generated by S.

PROOF By Theorem B.4(ii), it suffices to show that $\lambda(S)$ is closed under finite intersections. We establish the proof in the following series of claims:

Claim 1: For each $A \in \lambda(\mathcal{S})$,

$$\mathcal{L}(A) := \{ B \subset \Omega \mid A \cap B \in \lambda(\mathcal{S}) \}$$

is a λ -system of subsets of Ω .

<u>Proof of Claim 1:</u> Clearly, $\Omega \in \mathcal{L}(A)$, since $A \cap \Omega = A \in \lambda(\mathcal{S})$. Next, we prove that $\mathcal{L}(A)$ is closed under complementations. Let $B \in \mathcal{L}(A)$. Then, $A \cap B \in \lambda(\mathcal{S})$. Note that $A = (A \cap B) \sqcup (A \cap B^c)$, hence $A \cap B^c = A \setminus (A \cap B) \in \lambda(\mathcal{S})$, since $A, A \cap B \in \lambda(\mathcal{S})$ and $\lambda(\mathcal{S})$ is closed under proper set-theoretic differences by Theorem B.4(i). This proves that $\mathcal{L}(A)$ is indeed closed under complementations. We now prove that $\mathcal{L}(A)$ is closed under countable disjoint unions. Let $B_1, B_2, \ldots \in \mathcal{L}(A)$ be pairwise disjoint. Then, $A \cap B_1, A \cap B_2, \ldots \subset \lambda(\mathcal{S})$ are pairwise disjoint. Hence,

$$A \bigcap \left(\bigsqcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i \right) = \bigsqcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (A \cap B_i) \in \lambda(\mathcal{S}),$$

since $\lambda(S)$ is closed under countable disjoint unions. This proves that $\mathcal{L}(A)$ is a λ -system and thus completes the proof of the Claim 1.

Claim 2: $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{L}(A)$, for each $A \in \mathcal{S}$. Consequently, $\lambda(\mathcal{S}) \subset \mathcal{L}(A)$, for each $A \in \mathcal{S}$.

<u>Proof of Claim 2:</u> Suppose $A \in \mathcal{S}$. Then, $A \cap B \in \mathcal{S}$ for each $B \in \mathcal{S}$, by the hypothesis that \mathcal{S} is closed under finite intersections. Thus, $A \cap B \in \lambda(\mathcal{S})$, since $\mathcal{S} \subset \lambda(\mathcal{S})$. Hence, $B \in \mathcal{L}(A)$, for any $A, B \in \mathcal{S}$. This proves that $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{L}(A)$, for each $A \in \mathcal{S}$. By Claim 1, $\mathcal{L}(A)$ is a λ -system. Hence, $\mathcal{L}(A) \supset \lambda(\mathcal{S})$, the smallest λ -system containing \mathcal{S} . This proves Claim 2.

Claim 3: $A \cap B \in \lambda(S)$, for each $A \in S$ and $B \in \lambda(S)$.

<u>Proof of Claim 3:</u> Let $A \in \mathcal{S}$ and $B \in \lambda(\mathcal{S})$. By Claim 2, we have $\lambda(\mathcal{S}) \subset \mathcal{L}(A)$. Thus we have $B \in \mathcal{L}(A)$, which is equivalent to $A \cap B \in \lambda(S)$. This proves Claim 3.

Claim 4: $S \subset \mathcal{L}(B)$, for each $B \in \lambda(S)$. Consequently, $\lambda(S) \subset \mathcal{L}(B)$, for each $B \in \lambda(S)$.

<u>Proof of Claim 4:</u> Suppose $B \in \lambda(\mathcal{S})$. Then, $A \cap B \in \lambda(\mathcal{S})$ for each $A \in \mathcal{S}$, by Claim 3. This proves that $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{L}(B)$. By Claim 1, $\mathcal{L}(B)$ is a λ -system. Hence, $\mathcal{L}(B) \supset \lambda(\mathcal{S})$, the smallest λ -system containing \mathcal{S} . This proves Claim 4.

Claim 5: $A \cap B \in \lambda(S)$, for each $A, B \in \lambda(S)$.

<u>Proof of Claim 5:</u> Let $A, B \in \lambda(S)$. By Claim 4, we have $\lambda(S) \subset \mathcal{L}(B)$. Thus we have $A \in \mathcal{L}(B)$, which is equivalent to $A \cap B \in \lambda(S)$. This proves Claim 5.

Claim 5 states precisely that $\lambda(\mathcal{S})$ is closed under finite intersections, and completes the proof.

Corollary B.8 Suppose Ω is a non-empty set and S is a non-empty collection of subsets of Ω . If S is closed under finite intersections, then

- (i) $\sigma(S) \subset \lambda(S)$, and
- (ii) $\sigma(S) \subset \mathcal{L}$, for any λ -system \mathcal{L} of subsets of Ω such that $S \subset \mathcal{L}$,

where $\sigma(S)$ and $\lambda(S)$ are, respectively, the σ -algebra and λ -system of subsets of Ω generated by S.

Proof

- (i) By Theorem B.6, $\lambda(S)$ is the smallest λ -system containing S. Since S is, by hypothesis, closed under finite intersections, $\lambda(S)$ is furthermore a σ -algebra, by Theorem B.7. Thus, by Theorem B.6 again, we have $\sigma(S) \subset \lambda(S)$.
- (ii) This is now immediate since

$$\sigma(S) \subset \lambda(S) \subset \mathcal{L},$$

where the first inclusion follows by (i), and the second inclusion follows by Theorem B.6.

Lemma B.9 (The pre-image of a σ -algebra is itself a σ -algebra.)

Suppose Ω is a non-empty set, (X, \mathcal{X}) is a measurable space, and $f: \Omega \longrightarrow X$ is a map from Ω into X. Then,

$$f^{-1}(\mathcal{X}) := \left\{ f^{-1}(V) \subset \Omega \mid V \in \mathcal{X} \right\}$$

is a σ -algebra of subsets of Ω .

Proof

$$\Omega \in f^{-1}(\mathcal{X}) \quad f(\Omega) \subset X \implies \Omega = f^{-1}(X) \in f^{-1}(\mathcal{X}).$$

 $f^{-1}(\mathcal{X})$ is closed under complementations Let $V \in \mathcal{X}$. Then, $X \setminus V \in \mathcal{X}$, and

$$\Omega \setminus f^{-1}(V) \ = \ \left\{ \ \omega \in \Omega \ | \ f(\omega) \notin V \ \right\} \ = \ \left\{ \ \omega \in \Omega \ | \ f(\omega) \in X \setminus V \ \right\} \ = \ f^{-1}(X \setminus V) \ \in \ f^{-1}(\mathcal{X}) \, ,$$

which shows that $f^{-1}(\mathcal{X})$ is indeed closed under complementations.

 $\underline{f^{-1}(\mathcal{X})}$ is closed countable unions Let $V_1, V_2, \ldots \in \mathcal{X}$. Then, $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i \in \mathcal{X}$, and

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \, f^{-1}(V_i) \;\; = \;\; \left\{ \; \omega \in \Omega \; \left| \begin{array}{c} f(\omega) \in V_i \\ \text{for some } i \in \mathbb{N} \end{array} \right. \right\} \;\; = \;\; f^{-1}\!\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \, V_i \right) \;\; \in \;\; f^{-1}(\mathcal{X}) \,,$$

which proves that $f^{-1}(\mathcal{X})$ is indeed closed under countable unions.

This concludes the proof that that $f^{-1}(\mathcal{X})$ is a σ -algebra of subsets of Ω .

Lemma B.10

Suppose (Ω, A) is a measurable space, X is a non-empty set, and $f: \Omega \longrightarrow X$ is a map from Ω into X. Then,

$$\mathcal{F} := \left\{ V \subset X \mid f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{A} \right\}$$

is a σ -algebra of subsets of X.

Proof

$$X \in \mathcal{F}$$
 $f^{-1}(X) = \Omega \in \mathcal{A} \implies X \in \mathcal{F}$.

 $\underline{\mathcal{F}}$ is closed under complementations $V \in \mathcal{F} \implies f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{A} \implies f^{-1}(X \setminus V) = \Omega \setminus f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{A} \implies X \setminus V \in \mathcal{F}$, which proves that \mathcal{F} is indeed closed under complementations.

 \mathcal{F} is closed under countable unions

$$V_1, V_2, \ldots \in \mathcal{F} \implies f^{-1}(V_1), f^{-1}(V_2), \ldots \in \mathcal{A}$$

$$\implies f^{-1}\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i\right) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} f^{-1}(V_i) \in \mathcal{A}$$

$$\implies \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i \in \mathcal{F},$$

which proves that \mathcal{F} is indeed closed under countable unions.

Theorem B.11

Suppose (Ω, \mathcal{A}) and (X, \mathcal{X}) are measurable spaces, and $f: \Omega \longrightarrow X$ is a map from Ω into X. Then, f is $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{X})$ -measurable if there exists $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{X}$ satisfying the following conditions:

- S generates X, i.e. $\sigma(S) = X$, and
- $f^{-1}(\mathcal{S}) \subset \mathcal{A}$.

PROOF By Lemma B.10,

$$\mathcal{F} := \left\{ V \subset X \mid f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{A} \right\}$$

is a σ -algebra of subsets of X. By hypothesis, $S \subset \mathcal{F}$; hence, $\mathcal{X} = \sigma(S) \subset \mathcal{F}$. Thus, $f^{-1}(\mathcal{X}) \subset \mathcal{A}$; equivalently, f is $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{X})$ -measurable.

Corollary B.12 (Continuous maps are Borel measurable.)

Suppose X_1 , X_2 are topological spaces, and \mathcal{B}_1 , \mathcal{B}_2 are their respective Borel σ -algebras. Then, every continuous map $f: X_1 \longrightarrow X_2$ is $(\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2)$ -measurable.

C Topology

Theorem C.1 (Appendix M3, [1])

Suppose S is a metric space. Then, the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) S is separable.
- (ii) The topology of S has a countable basis.
- (iii) Every open cover of each subset of S has a countable subcover.

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