

Problem 4 (Jacod and Protter, page 45 Problem 7.14) Let $\{A_k\}_{k \geq 1}$ be a sequence of null events, i.e. events where $\mathbb{P}(A_k) = 0$ for each $k \geq 1$. Show that $\cup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k$ is also a null event.

Proof.

Let Ω be sample space and \mathcal{A} be the σ -algebra containing $\{A_k\}_{k \geq 1}$.

Since $\{A_k\}_{k \geq 1}$ be a sequence of null events,

there exists $\{B_k\}_{k \geq 1} \subset \mathcal{A}$ such that $A_k \subset B_k$ and $\mathbb{P}(B_k) = 0$ for $k \geq 1$.

Then $\cup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \subset \cup_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k \in \mathcal{A}$.

Let $C_1 = B_1, C_k = B_k \setminus \cup_{i=1}^{k-1} B_i \in \mathcal{A}, k \geq 2$, then

C_k 's are disjoint and $\mathbb{P}(C_k) \leq \mathbb{P}(B_k)$ by the monotonicity of probability measure.

So $\mathbb{P}(\cup_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k) = \mathbb{P}(\cup_{k=1}^{\infty} C_k) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(C_k) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(B_k) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 0 = 0$.

Since we find $\cup_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k$ such that $\cup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \subset \cup_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k$ and $\mathbb{P}(\cup_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k) = 0$,

$\cup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k$ is also a null event. □