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Problem Set 1

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Readings:

- (a) Notes from Lecture 1.
- (b) Handout on background material on sets and real analysis (Recitation 1).

Supplementary readings:

- [C], Sections 1.1-1.4.
- [GS], Sections 1.1-1.3.
- [W], Sections 1.0-1.5, 1.9.

Exercise 1. Let \mathbb{N} be the set of positive integers.

- (a) A function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ is said to be *eventually zero* if there exists some N such that $f(n) = 0$, for all $n > N$. Show that the set of eventually zero functions is countable.
- (b) Does the result from part (a) remain valid if we consider rational-valued eventually zero functions $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$?
- (c) Does the result from part (a) remain valid if we consider real-valued eventually zero functions $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$?
- (d) A function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ is said to be *eventually constant* if there exists some $N \in \mathbb{N}$ and $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $f(n) = q$, for all $n > N$. Are the eventually constant functions also countable?

Solution:

- (a) For a given positive integer N , let $A_N = \{f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0, 1\} : f(n) = 0, \forall n > N\}$. For a given N , each of $f(1), \dots, f(N)$ can take one of two possible values 0 or 1. Hence the cardinality of A_N is given by $|A_N| = 2^N$. For example, for $N = 2$, there are four functions in the set A_2 :

$$f(1)f(2)f(3)f(4) \dots = 0000 \dots ; \quad 1100 \dots ; \quad 0100 \dots ; \quad 1000 \dots .$$

The set of eventually zero from \mathbb{N} to $\{0, 1\}$, denoted A , can be written as,

$$A = \bigcup_{N=1}^{\infty} A_N.$$

Since the union of countably many finite sets is countable, we conclude that the set of eventually zero functions from \mathbb{N} to $\{0, 1\}$ is countable.

- (b) Still, for a given positive integer N , let $A_N = \{f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} : f(n) = 0, \forall n > N\}$. For a given N and $i \leq N$, $f(i)$ can take any value in \mathbb{Q} . Hence we conclude that A_N has the same cardinality as \mathbb{Q}^N (the Cartesian product of N sets of rational numbers). Since \mathbb{Q} is countable, and the Cartesian product of finitely many countable sets is countable, we know that A_N is countable, for any given N . Since the set of eventually zero functions from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{Q} is the union of A_1, A_2, \dots , it is countable, because the union of countably many countable sets is countable.
- (c) Let A be the set of real values eventually zero functions on \mathbb{N} . We will show that this set is uncountable. Let $A_N = \{f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f(n) = 0, \forall n > N\}$. As before the cardinality of A_N is same as that of \mathbb{R}^N which is uncountable. Hence $A \supset A_N$ is also uncountable.
- (d) For $N \in \mathbb{N}$ and $q \in \mathbb{Q}$, let $A_{N,q} = \{f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} : f(n) = q, \forall n > N\}$. Let A be the set of eventually constant functions from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{Q} . By definition, we have

$$A = \bigcup_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} \bigcup_{N \in \mathbb{N}} A_{N,q}$$

Similar to part b, $A_{N,q}$ has same cardinality as \mathbb{Q}^N . Since countable union of countable sets is countable, A is countable.

Exercise 2. Let $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ be real sequences that converge to x and y , respectively. Provide a formal proof of the fact that $x_n + y_n$ converges to $x + y$.

Solution: Fix some $\epsilon > 0$. Let n_1 be such that $|x_n - x| < \epsilon/2$, for all $n > n_1$. Let n_2 be such that $|y_n - y| < \epsilon/2$, for all $n > n_2$. Let $n_0 = \max\{n_1, n_2\}$. Then, for all $n > n_0$, we have

$$|(x_n + y_n) - (x + y)| \leq |x_n - x| + |y_n - y| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon,$$

which proves the desired result.

Exercise 3. We are given a function $f : A \times B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where A and B are nonempty sets.

- (a) Assuming that the sets A and B are finite, show that

$$\max_{x \in A} \min_{y \in B} f(x, y) \leq \min_{y \in B} \max_{x \in A} f(x, y).$$

(b) For general nonempty sets (not necessarily finite), show that

$$\sup_{x \in A} \inf_{y \in B} f(x, y) \leq \inf_{y \in B} \sup_{x \in A} f(x, y).$$

Solution:

(a) The proof rests on the application of the following simple fact: if $h(z) \leq g(z)$ for all z in some finite set Z , then

$$\min_{z \in Z} h(z) \leq \min_{z \in Z} g(z) \quad (1)$$

$$\max_{z \in Z} h(z) \leq \max_{z \in Z} g(z). \quad (2)$$

Observe that for all x, y ,

$$f(x, y) \leq \max_{x \in A} f(x, y),$$

and Eq. (1) implies that for each x ,

$$\min_{y \in B} f(x, y) \leq \min_{y \in B} \max_{x \in A} f(x, y).$$

Now applying Eq. (2), let's take a maximum of both sides with respect to $x \in A$. Since the right-hand side is a number, it remains unchanged:

$$\max_{x \in A} \min_{y \in B} f(x, y) \leq \min_{y \in B} \max_{x \in A} f(x, y),$$

which is what we needed to show.

(b) Along the same lines, we have the fact that if $h(z) \leq g(z)$ for all $z \in Z$,

$$\inf_{z \in Z} h(z) \leq \inf_{z \in Z} g(z) \quad (3)$$

$$\sup_{z \in Z} h(z) \leq \sup_{z \in Z} g(z). \quad (4)$$

These follow immediately from the definitions of sup and inf.

As before, we begin with

$$f(x, y) \leq \sup_{x \in A} f(x, y),$$

for all x, y . By Eq. (3), for each x ,

$$\inf_{y \in B} f(x, y) \leq \inf_{y \in B} \sup_{x \in A} f(x, y),$$

and using Eq. (4),

$$\sup_{x \in A} \inf_{y \in B} f(x, y) \leq \inf_{y \in B} \sup_{x \in A} f(x, y).$$

Exercise 4. A probabilistic experiment involves an infinite sequence of trials. For $k = 1, 2, \dots$, let A_k be the event that the k th trial was a success. Write down a set-theoretic expression that describes the following event:

B : For every k there exists an ℓ such that trials $k\ell$ and $k\ell^2$ were both successes.

Note: A “set theoretic expression” is an expression like $\bigcup_{k>5} \bigcap_{\ell<k} A_{k+\ell}$.

Solution: $B = \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{\ell=1}^{\infty} (A_{k\ell} \cap A_{k\ell^2})$.

Exercise 5. Let $f_n, f, g : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ and $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$. Derive the following set theoretic expressions:

(a) Show that

$$\{x \in [0, 1] \mid \sup_n f_n(x) \leq a\} = \bigcap_n \{x \in [0, 1] \mid f_n(x) \leq a\},$$

and use this to express $\{x \in [0, 1] \mid \sup_n f_n(x) < a\}$ as a countable combination (countable unions, countable intersections and complements) of sets of the form $\{x \in [0, 1] \mid f_n(x) \leq b\}$.

- (b) Express $\{x \in [0, 1] \mid f(x) > g(x)\}$ as a countable combination of sets of the form $\{x \in [0, 1] \mid f(x) > c\}$ and $\{x \in [0, 1] \mid g(x) < d\}$.
- (c) Express $\{x \in [0, 1] \mid \limsup_n f_n(x) \leq c\}$ as a countable combination of sets of the form $\{x \in [0, 1] \mid f_n(x) \leq c\}$.
- (d) Express $\{x \in [0, 1] \mid \lim_n f_n(x) \text{ exists}\}$ as a countable combination of sets of the form $\{x \in [0, 1] \mid f_n(x) < c\}$, $\{x \in [0, 1] \mid f_n(x) > c\}$, etc. (Hint: think of $\{x \in [0, 1] \mid \limsup_n f_n(x) > \liminf_n f_n(x)\}$).

Solution: First observe the following set relations

$$\begin{aligned} [0, c) &= \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [0, c - \frac{1}{n}] & [0, c] &= \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} [0, c + \frac{1}{n}] \\ (c, 1] &= \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [c + \frac{1}{n}, 1] & [c, 1] &= \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (c - \frac{1}{n}, 1]. \end{aligned}$$

All conversions between strict and non-strict inequalities following from these relations and properties of the inverse image, i.e. homomorphism of arbitrary set operations. We will use the shorthand notation

$$\{f < a\} := \{x \in [0, 1] \mid f(x) < a\}.$$

- (a) Let $x \in \bigcap_n \{f_n \leq a\}$. Then, $f_n(x) \leq a$ for all $n \implies \sup_n f_n(x) \leq a$, by definition of sup as a is an upper bound for $\{f_n(x)\}$. Therefore, as x was arbitrary,

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{f_n \leq a\} \subset \{\sup_n f_n \leq a\}.$$

Let $x \in \{\sup_n f_n \leq a\}$. Then $\sup_n f_n(x) \leq a$ and for all n $f_n(x) \leq \sup_n(x) \leq a$. Therefore, as x was arbitrary,

$$\{\sup_n f_n \leq a\} \subset \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{f_n \leq a\}.$$

Hence $\{\sup_n f_n \leq a\} = \bigcap_n \{f_n \leq a\}$. By De Morgan's this relation also implies

$$\{\sup_n f_n > a\} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{f_n > a\}.$$

Similar results hold for \inf .

Let $f = \sup_n f_n$. Using the above comment

$$\begin{aligned} \{\sup_n f_n < a\} &= \{f < a\} \\ &= f^{-1}([0, a)) \\ &= \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} f^{-1}([0, a - \frac{1}{k}]) \\ &= \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \{\sup_n f_n \leq a - \frac{1}{k}\} \\ &= \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{f_n \leq a - \frac{1}{k}\}. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Using countability and density of the rationals

$$\begin{aligned} \{f > g\} &= \bigcup_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} \{f > q\} \cap \{q > g\} \\ &= \bigcup_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} \{f > q\} \cap \{q \geq g\} \\ &= \bigcup_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} \{f \geq q\} \cap \{q > g\}. \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}
\{\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n \leq c\} &= \{\inf_{n \geq 1} \sup_{k \geq n} f_k \leq c\} \\
&= \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \{\inf_{n \geq 1} \sup_{k \geq n} f_k < c + \frac{1}{m}\} \\
&= \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{\sup_{k \geq n} f_k < c + \frac{1}{m}\} \\
&= \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \{\sup_{k \geq n} f_k \leq c + \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{\ell}\} \\
&= \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} \{f_k \leq c + \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{\ell}\}.
\end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}
\{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n \text{ exists}\} &= \{\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n\} \\
&= \{\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n < \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n\}^c \quad (\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)) \\
&= \left(\bigcup_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} \{\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n < q\} \cap \{q < \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n\} \right)^c \quad (\text{part } b) \\
&= \bigcap_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} \{\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n \geq q\} \cup \{\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n \leq q\}.
\end{aligned}$$

The sets $\{\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n \geq q\}$ and $\{\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n \leq q\}$ can be expressed as countable combinations using part (c) and the fact that

$$\begin{aligned}
-\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) &= -\inf_{n \geq 1} \sup_{k \geq n} f_k(x) \\
&= \sup_{n \geq 1} \inf_{k \geq n} (-f_k(x)) \\
&= \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-f_n(x)),
\end{aligned}$$

i.e. $\{\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n \geq q\} = \{\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-f_n) \leq -q\}$. More specifically,

$$\bigcap_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} \left[\left(\bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} \{f_k \geq c - \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{\ell}\} \right) \cup \left(\bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} \{f_k \leq c + \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{\ell}\} \right) \right].$$

Using one of the later two expressions of part (b), we can drop one of the outer intersections

$$\bigcap_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} \left[\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} \{f_k \geq c + \frac{1}{\ell}\} \right) \cup \left(\bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} \{f_k \leq c + \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{\ell}\} \right) \right]$$

or

$$\bigcap_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} \left[\left(\bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} \{f_k \geq c - \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{\ell}\} \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} \{f_k \leq c - \frac{1}{\ell}\} \right) \right].$$

Exercise 6. (a) Give an example of set Ω with two σ -algebras \mathcal{F}_1 and \mathcal{F}_2 such that $\mathcal{F}_1 \cup \mathcal{F}_2$ is NOT a σ -algebra. *Hint:* Consider $\Omega = \{a, b, c\}$.

- (b) Let $\Omega \neq \emptyset$ be a set. Let $\mathcal{F}_1 \subset \mathcal{F}_2 \subset \dots$ be an increasing sequence of σ -algebras. Show that $\mathcal{F} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}_i$ is an algebra.
- (c) Consider the same situation as in part (b). Give an example where \mathcal{F} is not a σ -algebra. *Hint:* Consider $\Omega = \mathbb{N}$ and $\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma(\{\{1\}, \{2\}, \dots, \{n\}\})$. (Recall that $\sigma(\mathcal{C})$ is the smallest sigma algebra containing the collection of sets \mathcal{C} .) Then consider the set of even numbers for the union.

Remark: In fact a stronger statement is true: If $\mathcal{F}_1 \subsetneq \mathcal{F}_2 \subsetneq \dots$ is a *strictly increasing* sequence of σ -algebras then $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}_i$ is NOT a σ algebra.

Solution:

- (a) Let $\Omega = \{a, b, c\}$. Let $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \Omega\}$ and $\mathcal{F}_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, c\}, \Omega\}$. We can easily check that both \mathcal{F}_1 and \mathcal{F}_2 are σ -algebras. Indeed, consider \mathcal{F}_1 . We have

- $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}_1$
- Trivially for all $A \in \mathcal{F}_1$, we have $A^c \in \mathcal{F}_1$ (there are four choices for A ; consider $A = \{b, c\}$ for example)
- For countable union, note that there are only four **distinct** choices of $A \in \mathcal{F}_1$. Hence it is enough to check finite union of four sets. Formally, let $A_i \in \mathcal{F}_1$, $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. Consider $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^4 A_i$. If any of the A_i is Ω , then $A = \Omega \in \mathcal{F}_1$. If say $A_1 = \emptyset$, then $A = \bigcup_{i=2}^4 A_i$. Hence it is enough to verify the union property for $A_i \in \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$. But trivially, $\{a\} \cup \{b, c\} = \Omega \in \mathcal{F}_1$. Hence $A \in \mathcal{F}_1$.

Now let $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_1 \cup \mathcal{F}_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \Omega\}$. Let $A_1 = \{a\}$ and $A_2 = \{b\}$. Note that $A_1 \cup A_2 = \{a, b\} \notin \mathcal{F}$. Hence \mathcal{F} is not a σ -algebra.

(b) Let $\mathcal{F} = \cup_i \mathcal{F}_i$. Let us verify the three properties of an algebra:

- Trivially $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$ since the empty set is in $\mathcal{F}_1 \subset \mathcal{F}$.
- Let $A \in \mathcal{F}$. Hence there is an i such that $A \in \mathcal{F}_i$ by the definition of union of sets. Since \mathcal{F}_i is a σ -algebra, this means $A^c \in \mathcal{F}_1 \subset \mathcal{F}$. Hence $A^c \in \mathcal{F}$.
- Let $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$. Hence there are i, j (not necessarily distinct) such that $A \in \mathcal{F}_i$ and $B \in \mathcal{F}_j$. Let $k = \max(i, j)$. Then $\mathcal{F}_i, \mathcal{F}_j \subset \mathcal{F}_k$. Hence $A, B \in \mathcal{F}_k$. Therefore $A \cup B \in \mathcal{F}_k \subset \mathcal{F}$. So $A \cup B \in \mathcal{F}$.

(c) Let $\Omega = \mathbb{N}$. Let $[n] = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. Let

$$\mathcal{F}_n = \{A : A \subset [n]\} \cup \{A : \Omega \setminus A \subset [n]\}$$

that is, \mathcal{F}_n consists of all subsets of $[n]$ and their complements in Ω . First we will show that \mathcal{F}_n is a σ -algebra on Ω . Trivially, \mathcal{F}_n is closed under complements. The only non-trivial property to check is the countable union property. But note that \mathcal{F}_n is a finite collection. Hence enough to check that finite unions are closed. This again follows from noting that for A_1 and A_2 such that $A_1 \subset [n]$ and $\Omega \setminus A_2 \subset [n]$, we have that $(A_1 \cup A_2)^c = A_1^c \cap A_2^c \subset [n]$. Hence $A_1 \cup A_2 \in \mathcal{F}_n$. (This is pretty much the only case we need to check).

Now we will show that

$$\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma(\{\{1\}, \{2\}, \dots, \{n\}\}) \equiv \mathcal{G}_n$$

Since $\{i\} \in \mathcal{F}_n$ for all $i \in [n]$, clearly $\mathcal{G}_n \subset \mathcal{F}_n$. If $A \in \mathcal{F}_n$, then either $A = \cup_{i \in A} \{i\} \in \mathcal{G}_n$ or $A^c = \cup_{i \in A^c} \{i\} \in \mathcal{G}_n$. Hence $\mathcal{F}_n \subset \mathcal{G}_n$. Therefore $\mathcal{F}_n = \mathcal{G}_n$.

Clearly $\mathcal{G}_n \subset \mathcal{G}_{n+1}$.

Now we can see that

$$\mathcal{F} = \cup_n \mathcal{F}_n = \{A \subset \mathbb{N} : |A| < \infty \text{ or } |\Omega \setminus A| < \infty\}$$

Let $A_n = \{2n\}$, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Note that $A_n \in \mathcal{F}_{2n}$. Let $A = \cup_n A_n = \{2n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. That is, A is just the set of even positive integers. Since none of A and $\Omega \setminus A$ are finite sets, $A \notin \mathcal{F}$. Hence \mathcal{F} is not a σ -algebra.

Exercise 7. Optional — not to be graded

This exercise develops an example that is meant to illustrate the following: if we work with fields instead of σ -fields, and if we only require finite additivity, then countable additivity will not be an automatic consequence, and the model may not correspond to any intuitive notion of probabilities.

Let $\Omega = \mathbb{N}$ (the positive integers), and let \mathcal{F}_0 be the collection of subsets of Ω that either have finite cardinality or their complement has finite cardinality. For any $A \in \mathcal{F}_0$, let $\mathbb{P}(A) = 0$ if A is finite, and $\mathbb{P}(A) = 1$ if A^c is finite.

- (a) Show that \mathcal{F}_0 is a field but not a σ -field.
- (b) Show that \mathbb{P} is finitely additive on \mathcal{F}_0 ; that is, if $A, B \in \mathcal{F}_0$, and A, B are disjoint, then $\mathbb{P}(A \cup B) = \mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(B)$.
- (c) Show that \mathbb{P} is not countably additive on \mathcal{F}_0 ; that is, construct a sequence of disjoint sets $A_i \in \mathcal{F}_0$ such that $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in \mathcal{F}_0$ and $\mathbb{P}(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) \neq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_i)$.
- (d) Construct a decreasing sequence of sets $A_i \in \mathcal{F}_0$ such that $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \emptyset$ for which $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(A_i) \neq 0$.

Solution:

- (a) The empty set has zero cardinality, and therefore belongs to \mathcal{F}_0 . Furthermore, if $A \in \mathcal{F}_0$, then either A or A^c has finite cardinality. It follows that either A^c or $(A^c)^c$ has finite cardinality, so that $A^c \in \mathcal{F}_0$.

Suppose that $A, B \in \mathcal{F}_0$. If both A and B are finite, then $A \cup B$ is also finite and belongs to \mathcal{F}_0 . Suppose now that at least one of A or B is infinite. We have $A \cup B = (A^c \cap B^c)^c$. Since $A^c \cap B^c$ is finite, it follows that $A \cup B \in \mathcal{F}_0$. This shows that \mathcal{F}_0 is a field.

To see that \mathcal{F}_0 is not a σ -field, note that $\{2n\} \in \mathcal{F}_0$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, but the set $\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \{2n\}$, the set of even natural numbers, is not in \mathcal{F}_0 .

- (b) Let $A, B \in \mathcal{F}_0$ be disjoint. If both A and B are finite, then $\mathbb{P}(A \cup B) = 0 = \mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(B)$. Suppose that either A or B (or both) is infinite. Since A and B are disjoint, we have $A \subset B^c$ and $B \subset A^c$. It follows that A and B cannot both be infinite. Therefore, $\mathbb{P}(A \cup B) = 1 = \mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(B)$, and \mathbb{P} is finitely additive.
- (c) Note that $\{n\} \in \mathcal{F}_0$ and $\bigcup_{n \geq 1} \{n\} = \Omega$. However, $\mathbb{P}(\{n\}) = 0$ while $\mathbb{P}(\Omega) = 1$, hence \mathbb{P} is not countably additive.
- (d) Let $A_n = \{n, n+1, \dots\}$. Then $(A_n)_{n \geq 1}$ forms a decreasing sequence of sets with $\bigcap_n A_n = \emptyset$. But $\mathbb{P}(A_n) = 1$ for all n , hence $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n) = 1$.