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Lemma: 1

\mathcal{M} is a field.

Proof

(i) Since $\forall E \subset \Omega$,

$$\begin{aligned} P^*(\emptyset \cap E) + P^*(\emptyset^c \cap E) &= P^*(\emptyset) + P^*(E) \\ &= P^*(E) \end{aligned}$$

So $\emptyset \in \mathcal{M}$.

(ii) $A \in \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow A^c \in \mathcal{M}$ by the symmetry of the definition of \mathcal{M} .

(iii) Given $A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{M}$. Want $A_1 \cup A_2 \in \mathcal{M}$. We can show that $A_1 \cap A_2 \in \mathcal{M}$.

$$\begin{aligned} &P^*((A_1 \cap A_2) \cap E) + P^*((A_1 \cap A_2)^c \cap E) \\ &= P^*(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap E) + P^*((A_1 \cap E \cap A_2^c) \\ &\quad \cup (A_2 \cap E \cap A_1^c) \cup (A_1^c \cap A_2^c \cap E)) \quad (1) \\ &\leq P^*(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap E) + P^*(A_1 \cap E \cap A_2^c) \\ &\quad + P^*(A_2 \cap E \cap A_1^c) + P^*(A_1^c \cap A_2^c \cap E) \\ &= A + B + C + D \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A + B &= P^*(A_2 \cap (A_1 \cap E)) + P^*(A_2^c \cap (A_1 \cap E)) \\ &\leq P^*(A_1 \cap E) \text{ since } A_2 \in \mathcal{M} \\ C + D &= P^*(A_2 \cap (E \cap A_1^c)) + P^*(A_2^c \cap (E \cap A_1^c)) \\ &\leq P^*(A_1^c \cap E) \end{aligned}$$

So (1) $\leq (A + B) + (C + D) \leq P^*(A_1 \cap E) + P^*(A_1^c \cap E) \leq P^*(E)$
since $A_1 \in \mathcal{M}$.

□

Lemma: 2

Countable additivity holds for sets in \mathcal{M} .

Note. $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{M}$, disjoint then $P^*(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P^*(A_n)$

Proof

- 1) Prove finite additivity: given $A_1, \dots \in \mathcal{M}$, disjoint, and $E \in \Omega$.
 Since $(E \cap A_1) \cup (E \cap A_2)$ are disjoint, $A_1 \cap [E \cap (A_1 \cup A_2)] = A_1 \cap E$.
 Also $A_2 \subset A^c$.

$$\begin{aligned} P^*(E \cap (A_1 \cup A_2)) &= P^*(A_1 \cap [E \cap (A_1 \cup A_2)]) + P^*(A_1^c \cap [E \cap (A_1 \cup A_2)]) \\ &= P^*(A_1 \cap E) + P^*(A_2 \cap E) \end{aligned}$$

- 2) Countable additivity: $A_1 A_2 \dots \in \mathcal{M}$, disjoint

$$\begin{aligned} P^*(E \cap \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) &= P^*(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (E \cap A_n)) \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P^*(E \cap A_n) \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand:

$$\begin{aligned} P^*(E \cap \left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \right)) &\geq P^*\left(E \cap \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P^*(E \cap A_n) \text{ by 1) above} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } n \rightarrow \infty \quad P^*(E \cap \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) \geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P^*(E \cap A_n)$$

□

Lemma: 3

\mathcal{M} is a σ -field.

Proof

We only need to show that it is closed under countable unions. Given $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{M}$. Let $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$. We want to show that $A \in \mathcal{M}$.

Assume A_1, A_2, \dots are disjoint. If not write $A = A_1 \cup (A_2 \setminus A_1) \cup \dots$ which is a disjoint union.

Let $B_m := \bigcup_{n=1}^m A_n$. Note that $B_m \in \mathcal{M}$ since \mathcal{M} is a field. Notice

$B_m \subset \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = A \Rightarrow A^c \subset B_m^c$. So $\forall E \subset \Omega$,

$$\begin{aligned} P^*(E) &= P^*(B_m \cap E) + P^*(B_m^c \cap E) \\ &= P^*\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^m (A_n \cap E)\right) + P^*(B_m^c \cap E) \\ &\geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P^*(A_n \cap E) + P^*(A^c \cap E) \end{aligned}$$

Let $m \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\begin{aligned} P^*(E) &\geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P^*(A_n \cap E) + P^*(A^c \cap E) \\ &= P^*\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cap E)\right) + P^*(A^c \cap E) \\ &= P^*\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cap E\right) + P^*(A^c \cap E) \\ &= P^*(A \cap E) + P^*(A^c \cap E) \end{aligned}$$

Hence $A \in \mathcal{M}$. □

Lemma: 4

$\mathcal{F}_0 \subset \mathcal{M}$.

Lemma: 5

$A \in \mathcal{F}_0 \Rightarrow P^*(A) = P(A)$.

Since $P(\Omega) = 1$, by Lemma 5, $P^*(\Omega) = 1$. Now we have $P^*(\emptyset) = 0, P^*(\Omega) = 1, \emptyset \subset A \subset \Omega \Rightarrow 0 \leq P^*(A) \leq 1$, and P^* is countably additive on \mathcal{M} . It follows that P^* is a probability measure on \mathcal{M} and $P^* = P$ for set on $\mathcal{F}_0 \subset \mathcal{M}$.