

2. proof for any events $A_i, i=1, \dots, n$, where $n \geq 3$

$$(1) P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} P(A_i A_j)$$

$$(2) P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} P(A_i A_j) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} P(A_i A_j A_k)$$

3. Show that, the so called countable additivity or σ -additivity is equivalent to finite additivity plus continuity if $A_n \downarrow \emptyset$, then $P(A_n) \rightarrow 0$.

4. If X_1, X_2 are r.v., so is $X_1 + X_2$.

5. Textbook : 1.1. (5)

1.2. (3, 5, 6, 7)

1.3. (1, 7, 8)

2. (1) We notice $A_i \setminus \bigcup_{1 \leq j < i} A_j$, $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ are disjoint (note $\bigcup_{j \in \emptyset} A_j = \emptyset$)

$$\text{and } \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq n} A_i \setminus \bigcup_{1 \leq j < i} A_j$$

$$\text{then } P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n A_i \setminus \bigcup_{1 \leq j < i} A_j$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_i \setminus \bigcup_{1 \leq j < i} A_j) &= P(A_i \setminus \bigcup_{1 \leq j < i} A_i A_j) \\ &= P(A_i) - P\left(\bigcup_{1 \leq j < i} A_i A_j\right) \\ &\geq P(A_i) - \sum_{1 \leq j < i} P(A_i A_j) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n \left(P(A_i) - \sum_{1 \leq j < i} P(A_i A_j) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - \sum_{1 \leq j < i \leq n} P(A_i A_j) \end{aligned}$$

$$(2) P\left(\bigcup_{1 \leq j < i} A_i A_j\right) = P\left(\bigcup_{1 \leq j < i} (A_i A_j \setminus \bigcup_{1 \leq k < j < i} A_i A_j A_k)\right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{same reason with (1)}}{=} \sum_{1 \leq j < i} P(A_i A_j \setminus \bigcup_{1 \leq k < j < i} A_i A_j A_k)$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \sum_{1 \leq j < i} P(A_i A_j) - \sum_{1 \leq k < j < i} P(A_i A_j A_k)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) &= \sum_{i=1}^n [P(A_i) - P\left(\bigcup_{1 \leq j < i} A_i A_j\right)] \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n [P(A_i) - \sum_{1 \leq j < i} P(A_i A_j) + \sum_{1 \leq k < j < i} P(A_i A_j A_k)] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - \sum_{1 \leq j < i \leq n} P(A_i A_j) + \sum_{1 \leq k < j < i \leq n} P(A_i A_j A_k) \end{aligned}$$

3. proof: countable additivity \Leftrightarrow finite additivity + continuity

\Rightarrow : Given a collection of sets A , derived from Ω , satisfies countable additivity

For \forall disjoint $A_1, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{A}$, take $A_k = \emptyset, k \geq n+1$

$$\text{then } P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) \xrightarrow{A_i, i=1, \dots \text{ disjoint}} \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$$

\Rightarrow finite additivity

if $A_n \downarrow \emptyset$, that is $A_1 \supset A_2 \supset \dots$ and $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \emptyset, A_i \in \mathcal{A}, i=1, \dots$

take $B_i = A_i^c, i=1, \dots$,

then $B_n \uparrow \Omega$, that is $B_1 \subset B_2 \subset \dots$ and $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i = \Omega$

construct $C_i = \begin{cases} B_1 & i=1 \\ B_i \setminus B_{i-1} & i \geq 2 \end{cases}$

then $C_i, i=1, \dots$ are disjoint and $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} C_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i = \Omega$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(B_n) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n C_i\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n P(C_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(C_i) = P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} C_i\right) = P(\Omega) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\Omega \setminus B_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [P(\Omega) - P(B_n)] \\ &= P(\Omega) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(B_n) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow continuity

\Leftarrow : See the next page.

\Leftarrow : Given a collection of set A , derived from Ω , satisfies finite additivity and continuity.

For \forall disjoint $A_1, \dots \in A$, take $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$, $B_n = A \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$

then $B_1 \supset B_2 \supset \dots \supset B_n \rightarrow \emptyset$ when $n \rightarrow \infty$

then according to the definition of continuity, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(B_n) \rightarrow 0$

by B_n and $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ disjoint

$$\text{then } P(A) = P(B_n \cup (\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i)) = P(B_n) + P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i)$$

$$= P(B_n) + \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) \rightarrow 0 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i) \text{ when } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

\Rightarrow countable additivity

4. X_1 and X_2 are random variables,

then we can construct a random vector (X_1, X_2)

Take functions $f_1 : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ($w \mapsto (X_1(w), X_2(w))$)

$f_2 : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($(X_1, X_2) \mapsto X_1 + X_2$)

For $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$: $f_1^{-1}((-\infty, a] \times (-\infty, b])$

$$= \{w : X_1(w) \leq a \text{ and } X_2(w) \leq b\}$$

$$= X_1^{-1}((-\infty, a]) \cap X_2^{-1}((-\infty, b)) \in \mathcal{F}$$

$\Rightarrow f_1$ is measurable ... ①

For $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}$: $f_2^{-1}((-\infty, c])$

$$= \{(X_1, X_2) : X_1 + X_2 \leq c\} \in \mathcal{B}$$

$\Rightarrow f_2$ is measurable ... ②

Combine conclusion ① & ② ,

then the composition of $f_1 \& f_2$. $f_1 \circ f_2$ is measurable.

\Rightarrow measurable function $X_1 + X_2 = f_1 \circ f_2 : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a r.v.

1.1.5 (i) Show that if $F_1 \subset F_2 \subset \dots$ are σ -algebras, then $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i$ is an algebra. (ii) Give an example to show that $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i$ need not to be a σ -algebra.

(i) Given $F_1 \subset F_2 \subset \dots$ are σ -algebras.

For $\forall A, B \in \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i$, $\exists a, b \text{ in } \{1, 2, \dots\}$ s.t. $A \in F_a, B \in F_b$
 -then we have $A^c \in F_a$

Take $c = \max\{a, b\}$, then $A \cup B \in F_c \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i$

$\Rightarrow \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i$ is an algebra.

(ii) Take $A_n = [0, \frac{1}{n}]$, $F_n = \sigma(\{A_i\}_{i=1}^n)$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$

then $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} [0, \frac{1}{i}] = \{0\}$ and $A_i \in \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots$
 but $\{0\} \notin F_n$ for $\forall n \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$

then $\{0\} \notin \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k$

$\Rightarrow \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k$ is not a σ -algebra.

1.2.3 Suppose there are countable discontinuous points $D = \{x_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in P}$

where P is an uncountable set

Denote $F(x^-) = \lim_{\alpha \uparrow x} F(\alpha)$, $F(x^+) = \lim_{\alpha \downarrow x} F(\alpha)$

For $\forall x_\alpha \in D$, then $F(x_\alpha^-) < F(x_\alpha)$

Denote region $A_\alpha = (F(x_\alpha^-), F(x_\alpha))$, $\alpha \in P$

then A_α , $\alpha \in P$ are disjoint.

For $\forall a < b$, $\exists q \in \mathbb{Q}$ st. $q \in (a, b)$

then we can find uncountable distinct rational numbers

$$\{q_\alpha : q_\alpha \in A_\alpha, q_\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}\}_{\alpha \in P}$$

which contradicts with the countability of \mathbb{Q}

\Rightarrow A distribution function has at most countably many discontinuity.

1.2.5 Take $Y = g(X)$, then we have $P(g(\alpha) \leq Y \leq g(\beta)) = 1$

$$F(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(g(X) \leq y) = P(X \leq g^{-1}(y))$$
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{g^{-1}(y)} f(x) dx = \int_{\alpha}^{g^{-1}(y)} f(x) dx$$

then $f(y) = \frac{dF(y)}{dy} = f(g^{-1}(y)) \cdot \frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy}$

we notice that $g(g^{-1}(y)) = y$

$$\text{then } g'(g^{-1}(y)) \cdot \frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy} = 1$$

then $f(y) = f(g^{-1}(y)) \cdot \frac{1}{g'(g^{-1}(y))}$

When $g(x) = ax + b$, then $g'(x) = a$, $g^{-1}(x) = \frac{x-b}{a}$

$$\text{then } f(y) = f\left(\frac{y-b}{a}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{a}$$

1.2.6 Given $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\}$

Take $Y = g(X) = \exp\{X\}$, then $g^{-1}(x) = \log x$, $g'(x) = \exp\{x\}$
then, according to 1.2.5, the density function of Y is

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left\{-\frac{(\log y - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\} \cdot \frac{1}{y}, \quad y > 0$$

1.2.7 Given that X has density function f , denote $Y = X^2$

then $F_{X^2}(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(X^2 \leq y) = P(-\sqrt{y} \leq X \leq \sqrt{y})$

$$= \int_{-\sqrt{y}}^{\sqrt{y}} f(x) dx$$

so $f_{X^2}(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_{X^2}(y) = f(\sqrt{y}) \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} - f(-\sqrt{y}) \cdot (-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}})$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \cdot [f(\sqrt{y}) + f(-\sqrt{y})]$$

1.3.1 proof if $S = \sigma(\mathcal{A})$, $X^{-1}(\mathcal{A}) := \{\{X \in A\} : A \in \mathcal{A}\}$, $\sigma(X) := \{\{X \in B\} : B \in S\}$

then $\sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{A})) = \sigma(X)$

Given $S = \sigma(\mathcal{A})$, then $X^{-1}(\mathcal{A}) := \{\{w : X(w) \in A\} : A \in \mathcal{A}\}$

$$\subset \{\{w : X(w) \in A\} : A \in \underline{S}\}$$

$$= \{\{w : X(w) \in B\} : B \in S\}$$

$$=: \sigma(X)$$

$\sigma(X)$ is a σ -field

$$\Rightarrow \sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{A})) \subset \sigma(X)$$

Denote $M = \{B \in S : X^{-1}(B) \in \sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{A}))\} \subset S$

① We know $\emptyset \in S$ and $X^{-1}(\emptyset) = \emptyset \in \sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{A}))$

then $\emptyset \in M$

② For $M \in M$, then $M \in S$ and $X^{-1}(M) \in \sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{A}))$

by S and $\sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{A}))$ are σ -field.

then $M^c \in S$ and $X^{-1}(M^c) = (X^{-1}(M))^c \in \sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{A}))$

then $M^c \in M$

③ For $M_1, M_2, \dots \in M$

$\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i \in S$ and $X^{-1}(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} X^{-1}(M_i) \in \sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{A}))$

then $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i \in M$ (continue in the next page)

①+②+③ $\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is a σ -field.

For $\forall A \in \mathcal{A}$, we have $A \in \mathcal{A} \subset S$ and $X^{-1}(A) \in \sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{A}))$

then $A \in \mathcal{M}$ then $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{M}$

Since $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{M} \subset S = \sigma(\mathcal{A})$ and \mathcal{M} is a σ -field

then $\mathcal{M} = S$

For $\forall B \in S = \mathcal{M}$, $X^{-1}(B) \in \sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{A}))$

then $\underline{X^{-1}(S)} \subset \sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{A}))$
 $\underline{X^{-1}(S)} = \{\{w : X(w) \in B\} : B \in S\}$
 $\Rightarrow \sigma(X) \subset \sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{A}))$

Hence $\sigma(X) = \sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{A}))$

1.3.7 Denote class C contains the simple function and closed under pointwise limits

and $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is \mathcal{F} -measurable function

For $\forall f$ (f is non-negative), we have $f = f^+ - f^-$

then we construct converging functions respectively for f^+ and f^-

For $\forall N \in \mathbb{N}$, we define

$$E_{\ell, N} = \{ \omega \in \Omega : \frac{\ell}{N} < f(\omega) \leq \frac{\ell+1}{N} \} = f^{-1}\left(\frac{\ell}{N}, \frac{\ell+1}{N}\right), \quad 0 \leq \ell < N^2$$

Since f is measurable with respect to \mathcal{F}

then $E_{\ell, N} \in \mathcal{F}$

Construct simply function

$$g_N(\omega) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{N^2-1} \frac{\ell}{N} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{E_{\ell, N}}(\omega) \quad \omega \in \Omega$$

The value range of g_N is $[0, N]$ and

$$|g_N(\omega) - f(\omega)| \leq \frac{1}{N}, \quad \forall \omega \in f^{-1}[0, N]$$

For $\forall \omega \in \Omega$, $\exists N_1$, s.t. $N_1 < f(\omega) \leq N_1 + 1$

then for $\forall n > N_1$, then we have $f(\omega) \leq n$ and $|f(\omega) - g_n(\omega)| \leq \frac{1}{n}$

Hence, for $\forall f$, the pointwise limits of $\{g_n\}$ is f

Therefore, for $\forall C \in \mathcal{F}$

\Rightarrow class \mathcal{F} is contained by the intersection of all C_s .

1.3.8 proof: Y is measurable w.r.t. $\sigma(X) \Leftrightarrow Y = f(X)$

where $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is measurable.

\Rightarrow : Suppose Y is measurable w.r.t. $\sigma(X)$

Then for $\forall B_1 \in \mathcal{B}$, we have $Y^{-1}(B_1) \in \sigma(X)$

By the definition of $\sigma(X)$,

then $\exists B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$, s.t. $Y^{-1}(B_1) = X^{-1}(B_2)$.

Suppose there is a function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. s.t. $Y = f(X)$

then $f^{-1}(B_1) = B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ for $\forall B_1 \in \mathcal{B}$.

$\Rightarrow f$ is measurable.

\Leftarrow : Suppose X is a r.v. and f is measurable.

Since $X: (\Omega, \sigma(X)) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$]
 $f: (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$] both measurable.

then the composition $Y = f \circ X$ is also measurable w.r.t. $\sigma(X)$