EXERCISES AND SOLUTIONS FOR FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS OF PROBABILITY AND ASYMPTOTIC THEORY

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Exercises

- 1. Let $f: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a double sequence with typical value given by f(m, n). Assume that
 - (a) for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $f(m_1, n) \leq f(m_2, n)$ whenever $m_1 \leq m_2$,
 - (b) for every $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $f(m, n_1) \leq f(m, n_2)$ whenever $n_1 \leq n_2$.

Show that $\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\lim_{m \to \infty} f(m, n) \right) = \lim_{m \to \infty} \left(\lim_{n \to \infty} f(m, n) \right) = \lim_{n \to \infty} f(n, n).$ As a corollary, show that if $f(m, n) \ge 0$ then $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}} f(m, n) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f(m, n).$

Answer: From conditions (a) and (b), $f(1,1) \leq f(1,2) \leq f(2,2) \leq f(2,3) \leq f(3,3) \leq \cdots$ Hence, $f(m,m) \leq f(n,n)$ whenever $m \leq n$. The sequence $\{f(n,n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is monotonically increasing, hence it has a limit, which is either finite, if the sequence is bounded above, or infinity, if it is not. Let this limit be denoted by F. By the same reasoning, there exist limits $F_m = \lim_{n \to \infty} f(m,n)$ for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $f(m,n) \leq f(n,n)$, we have that $F_m \leq F$ when $m \leq n$. Note that $F_{m_1} \leq F_{m_2}$ whenever $m_1 \leq m_2$, hence $\lim_{m \to \infty} F_m = F'$ exists, and $F' \leq F$.

To complete the proof, we need to show that F' = F. If F is finite, for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $N(\epsilon)$ such that for all $n \ge N(\epsilon)$, $F - \epsilon \le f(n, n) \le F$. Put $m := N(\epsilon)$, and note that

$$F_m = \lim_{n \to \infty} f(m, n) \ge f(m, m) := f(N(\epsilon), N(\epsilon)) \ge F - \epsilon$$

Hence, $\lim_{n\to\infty} F_m = F \ge F - \epsilon$, which implies that $F \le F'$. Combining the last inequality with $F' \le F$ from the previous paragraph gives F = F'. If F is infinite, for any C > 0

there exists N(C) such that if $n \ge N(C)$, $f(n,n) \ge C$. If $m = N(C) \le n$ then $f(m,m) \le f(m,n)$ and

$$C \le f(m,m) \le \lim_{n \to \infty} f(m,n) = F_m,$$

hence it follows that F' must be infinite.

The proof that $\lim_{n\to\infty} \left(\lim_{m\to\infty} f(m,n)\right) = \lim_{n\to\infty} f(n,n)$ follows in exactly the same way by interchanging the indexes m and n due to the symmetry of the equation.

Corollary. Let $g(p,q) = \sum_{m=1}^{p} \sum_{n=1}^{q} f(m,n)$ for $p,q \in \mathbb{N}$. Since, $f(m,n) \ge 0$, g(p,q) satisfies conditions (a) and (b), establishing the result.

2. Let X be an arbitrary set and consider the collection of all subsets of X that are countable or have countable complements. Show that this collection is a σ -algebra. Use this fact to obtain the σ -algebra generated by $\mathcal{C} = \{\{x\} : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$.

Answer: Let $\mathcal{F} = \{A \subseteq \mathbb{X} : \#A \leq \#\mathbb{N} \text{ or } \#A^c \leq \#\mathbb{N}\}$, where # indicates cardinality. First, note that $\mathbb{X} \in \mathcal{F}$ since $\mathbb{X}^c = \emptyset$, which is countable. Second, if $A \in \mathcal{F}$ then either $A = (A^c)^c$ or A^c are countable. That is, $A^c \in \mathcal{F}$. Third, if $A_n \in \mathcal{F}$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have two possible cases - A_n are all countable, or at least one of these sets is uncountable, say A_{n_0} . For the first case, $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$ is the countable union of countable sets, hence it is countable and consequently in \mathcal{F} . For the second case, since A_{n_0} is uncountable and in \mathcal{F} , it must be that $A_{n_0}^c$ is countable. Also,

$$\left(\bigcup_{n\in\mathbb{N}}A_n\right)^c = \bigcap_{n\in\mathbb{N}}A_n^c \subset A_{n_0}^c.$$

Since subsets of countable sets are countable, $\left(\bigcup_{n\in\mathbb{N}}A_n\right)^c$ is countable, and consequently $\bigcup_{n\in\mathbb{N}}A_n\in\mathcal{F}$.

Now, let \mathcal{F} be the σ -algebra defined above. Since $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$, $\sigma(\mathcal{C}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}$. Also, if $A \in \mathcal{F}$ either A or A^c is countable. Without loss of generality, suppose A is countable. Then, $A = \bigcup_{x \in C} \{x\}$ where C is a countable collection of real numbers. Hence, $A \in \sigma(\mathcal{C})$. Hence, $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{C})$. Combining the two set containments we have $\sigma(\mathcal{C}) = \mathcal{F}$.

3. Denote by B(x, r) an open ball in \mathbb{R}^n centered at x and with radius r. Show that the Borel sets are generated by the collection $B = \{B_r(x) : x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0\}.$

Answer: Let $B' = \{B_r(x) : x \in \mathbb{Q}^n, r \in \mathbb{Q}^+\}$. Then, $B' \subset B \subset \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{R}^n}$ and $\sigma(B') \subset \sigma(B) \subset \sigma(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{R}^n})$.

Now, let $S = \bigcup_{B \in B', B \subset O} B$. By construction $x \in S \implies x \in O$. Now, suppose $x \in O$. Then, since O is open, there exists $B(x, \epsilon)$ such that $B(x, \epsilon) \subset O$ where ϵ is a rational number. Since \mathbb{Q}^n is a dense subset of \mathbb{R}^n , we can find $q \in \mathbb{Q}^n$ such that $||x - q|| \le \epsilon/2$. Consequently,

$$B(q, \epsilon/2) \subset B(x, \epsilon) \subset O.$$

Hence, $O \subset S$. Thus, every open O can be written as $O = \bigcup_{B \in B', B \subset O} B$. Since B' is a collection of balls with rational radius and rational centers, B' is countable. Thus,

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{R}^n} \subset \sigma(B') \implies \sigma(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{R}^n}) \subset \sigma(B').$$

Combining this set containment with $\sigma(B') \subset \sigma(B) \subset \sigma(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{R}^n})$ completes the proof.

4. Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}) be a measurable space. Show that: a) if μ_1 and μ_2 are measures on (Ω, \mathcal{F}) , then $\mu_c(F) := c_1\mu_1(F) + c_2\mu_2(F)$ for $F \in \mathcal{F}$ and all $c_1, c_2 \ge 0$ is a measure; b) if $\{\mu_i\}_{i\in\mathbb{N}}$ are measures on (Ω, \mathcal{F}) and $\{\alpha_i\}_{i\in\mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence of positive numbers, then $\mu_{\infty}(F) = \sum_{i\in\mathbb{N}} \alpha_i \mu_i(F)$ for $F \in \mathcal{F}$ is a measure.

Answer: a) First, note that $\mu_c : \mathcal{F} \to [0, \infty]$ since $c_1, c_2, \mu_1(F), \mu_2(F) \ge 0$ for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$. Second, $\mu_c(\emptyset) = c_1 \mu_1(\emptyset) + c_2 \mu_2(\emptyset) = 0$ since μ_1 and μ_2 are measures. Third, if $\{F_i\}_{i\in\mathbb{N}} \in \mathcal{F}$ is a pairwise disjoint collection of sets,

$$\mu_{c} (\cup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} F_{i}) = c_{1} \mu_{1} (\cup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} F_{i}) + c_{2} \mu_{2} (\cup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} F_{i})$$

= $c_{1} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mu_{1}(F_{i}) + c_{2} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mu_{2}(F_{i})$, since μ_{1} and μ_{2} are measures
= $\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} (c_{1} \mu_{1}(F_{i}) + c_{2} \mu_{2}(F_{i})) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mu_{c}(F_{i}).$

b) The verification that $\mu_{\infty} : \mathcal{F} \to [0, \infty]$ and $\mu_{\infty}(\emptyset) = 0$ follows the same arguments as in item a) when examining μ_c . For σ -additivity, note that if $\{F_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathcal{F}$ is a pairwise disjoint collection of sets,

$$\mu_{\infty}\left(\cup_{j\in\mathbb{N}}F_{j}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\alpha_{i}\mu_{i}\left(\cup_{j\in\mathbb{N}}F_{j}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\alpha_{i}\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\mu_{i}\left(F_{j}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\alpha_{i}\mu_{i}\left(F_{j}\right).$$

If we are able to interchange the sums in the last term, then we can write

$$\mu_{\infty}\left(\cup_{j\in\mathbb{N}}F_{j}\right)=\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\alpha_{i}\mu_{i}\left(F_{j}\right)=\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\mu_{\infty}\left(F_{j}\right),$$

completing the proof. Now, note that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i \mu_i \left(F_j \right) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \lim_{m \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_i \mu_i \left(F_j \right) = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_i \mu_i \left(F_j \right) = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} S_{nm}$$

since the partial sums are increasing. Now, if $S_{nm} \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$$\sup_{n\in\mathbb{N}}\sup_{m\in\mathbb{N}}S_{nm}=\sup_{m\in\mathbb{N}}\sup_{n\in\mathbb{N}}S_{nm}.$$

Hence, to finish the proof, we require $\mu_i(F_j) < \infty$.

5. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ be a measure space and $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$ be a σ -algebra. In this case, we call \mathcal{G} a sub- σ -algebra of \mathcal{F} . Let $\nu := \mu|_{\mathcal{G}}$ be the restriction of μ to \mathcal{G} . That is, $\nu(G) = \mu(G)$ for all $G \in \mathcal{G}$. Is ν a measure? If μ is finite, is ν finite? If μ is a probability, is ν a probability?

Answer: Since $\emptyset \in \mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$, $\nu(\emptyset) = \mu(\emptyset) = 0$. If $\{A_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathcal{G}$ is a pairwise disjoint sequence, we have that $\{A_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathcal{F}$. Hence, $\nu(\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i) = \mu(\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_i) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \nu(A_i)$. Now, μ finite means that $\mu(\Omega) < \infty$. Since $\Omega \in \mathcal{G}$, $\nu(\Omega) = \mu(\Omega) < \infty$. The same holds for $\mu(\Omega) = 1$.

6. Show that a measure space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ is σ -finite if, and only if, there exists $\{F_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F_n = \Omega$ and $\mu(F_n) < \infty$ for all n.

Answer: (\Rightarrow) By definition, $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ is σ -finite if there exists and increasing sequence $A_1 \subset A_2 \subset A_3 \cdots$ such that $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n = \Omega$ with $\mu(A_n) < \infty$ for all n. Hence, it suffices to let $F_n = A_n$.

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) Let $A_n = \bigcup_{j=1}^n F_j$. Then, $A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \cdots$ and $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n = \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} F_j = \Omega$. Also,
 $\mu(A_n) = \mu(\bigcup_{j=1}^n F_j) \leq \sum_{j=1}^n \mu(F_j) < \infty$ since the sum is finite and $\mu(F_j) < \infty$.

7. Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) be a probability space and $\{E_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathcal{F}$. Show that if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(E_n) < \infty$ then $P\left(\limsup_{n \to \infty} E_n\right) = 0$.

Answer:

$$P\left(\limsup_{n \to \infty} E_n\right) = P\left(\lim_{n \to \infty} \bigcup_{j \ge n} E_j\right)$$

=
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} P\left(\bigcup_{j \ge n} E_j\right) \text{ by continuity}$$

$$\leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} P(E_j) \text{ by subadditivity and definition of limsup.}$$

Since
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(E_n) < \infty$$
 it must be that $\sum_{j=n}^{\infty} P(E_j) \to 0$ as $n \to 0$. Consequently, $P\left(\limsup_{n \to \infty} E_n\right) = 0.$

8. Let $\{E_j\}_{j\in J}$ be a collection of pairwise disjoint events. Show that if $P(E_j) > 0$ for each $j \in J$, then J is countable.

Answer: Let $C_n = \{E_j : P(E_j) > \frac{1}{n} \text{ and } j \in J\}$. By assumption the elements of C_n are disjoint events and

$$P\left(\cup_{j_m} E_{j_m}\right) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} P(E_{j_m}) = \infty,$$

where the last equality follows from the fact that $P(E_{j_m}) > 0$. So, it must be that C_n has finitely many elements. Also, $\{E_j\}_{j\in J} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n$, which is countable since it is a countable union of finite sets.

9. Consider the extended real line, i.e., $\overline{\mathbb{R}} := \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\} \cup \{\infty\}$. Let $\overline{\mathcal{B}} := \mathcal{B}(\overline{\mathbb{R}})$ be defined as the collection of sets \overline{B} such that $\overline{B} = B \cup S$ where $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ and $S \in \{\emptyset, \{-\infty\}, \{\infty\}, \{-\infty, \infty\}\}$. Show that $\overline{\mathcal{B}}$ is a σ -algebra and that it is generated by a collection of sets of the form $[a, \infty]$ where $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

Answer: Let's first show that $\bar{\mathcal{B}}$ is a σ -algebra. Since $\bar{B} = B \cup S$ with $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$, we can choose $B = \mathbb{R}$ and use $S = \{-\infty, \infty\}$ to conclude that $\bar{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty, \infty\} \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}$. Next, note that if $\bar{B} = B \cup S$ we have that $\bar{B}^c = B^c \cap S^c$. But the complement of a set Sis an element of $\{\bar{\mathbb{R}}, \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}, \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}, \mathbb{R}\}$. Hence, either 1) $\bar{B}^c = B^c \cap \bar{\mathbb{R}} = B^c \cup \emptyset \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}$ or, 2) $\bar{B}^c = B^c \cap (\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}) = (B^c \cap \mathbb{R}) \cup \{\infty\}$ where $B^c \cap \mathbb{R} \in \mathcal{B}$ and consequently $\bar{B}^c \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}$ or, 3) $\bar{B}^c = B^c \cap (\mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}) = (B^c \cap \mathbb{R}) \cup \{-\infty\}$ where $B^c \cap \mathbb{R} \in \mathcal{B}$ and consequently $\bar{B}^c \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}$ or, 4) $\bar{B}^c = B^c \cap \mathbb{R} \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}$.

Lastly, letting $A_i = B_i \cup S$ for $B_i \in \mathcal{B}$ we have that $\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} (B_i \cup S) = (\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} B_i) \cup S$. Since $\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} B_i \in \mathcal{B}$ we have that $\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i \in \overline{\mathcal{B}}$.

If $\bar{\mathcal{B}}$ is a σ -algebra and $\mathcal{C} = \{[a, \infty] : a \in \mathbb{R}\},$ we need to show that $\sigma(\mathcal{C}) = \bar{\mathcal{B}}$.

First, note that $[a, \infty] = [a, \infty) \cup \{\infty\}$ and we know that $[a, \infty) \in \mathcal{B}$. Thus, $[a, \infty] \in \overline{\mathcal{B}}$ for all $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Then, $\sigma(\mathcal{C}) \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{B}}$.

Second, observe that for $-\infty < a \leq b < \infty$ we have $[a, b) = [a, \infty] - [b, \infty] = [a, \infty] \cap [b, \infty]^c \in \sigma(\mathcal{C})$ since $\sigma(\mathcal{C})$ contains $[a, \infty]$ and $[b, \infty]^c$ by virtue of being a

 σ -algebra. Hence,

$$\mathcal{B} \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{C}) \subseteq \bar{\mathcal{B}}.$$

Now,

$$\{\infty\} = \bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} [i, \infty], \ \{-\infty\} = \bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} [-\infty, -i) = \bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} [-i, \infty]^c$$

which allows us to conclude that $\{\infty\}, \{-\infty\} \in \sigma(\mathcal{C})$. Hence, if $B \in \mathcal{B}$ all sets of the form

$$B, B \cup \{\infty\}, B \cup \{-\infty\}, B \cup \{\infty\} \cup \{-\infty\}$$

are in $\sigma(\mathcal{C})$. Hence, $\overline{\mathcal{B}} \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{C})$. Combining this set. containment with $\sigma(\mathcal{C}) \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{B}}$ gives the result.

10. If E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n are independent events, show that the probability that none of them occur is less than or equal to $\exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)\right)$.

Answer: Let $f(x) = \exp(-x)$ and note that for $\lambda \in (0, 1)$, by Taylor's Theorem

$$\exp(-x) = f(x) = f(0) + f^{(1)}(0)x + \frac{1}{2}f^{(2)}(\lambda x)x^2 = 1 - x + \frac{1}{2}\exp(-\lambda x)x^2$$

Consequently, $1 - x \leq \exp(-x)$. Now, we are interested in the event $E = (\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} E_i)^c = \bigcap_{i=1}^{n} E_i^c$. But since the E_1, E_2, \cdots, E_n are independent, so is the collection $E_1^c, E_2^c, \cdots, E_n^c$. Hence, $P(E) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(E_i^c) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (1 - P(E_i)) \leq \prod_{i=1}^{n} \exp(-P(E_i)) = \exp(-\sum_{i=1}^{n} P(E_i))$.

11. Let $\{A_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ and $\{B_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ be events (measurable sets) in a probability space with measure P with $\lim A_n = A$, $\lim B_n = B$, $P(B_n), P(B) > 0$ for all n. Show that $P(A_n|B) \to P(A|B), P(A|B_n) \to P(A|B), P(A|B_n) \to P(A|B)$ as $n \to \infty$.

Answer: Since $P(\cdot|B)$ is a probability measure (proved in the class notes), we have by continuity of probability measures that $P(A_n|B) \to P(A|B)$ if $\lim B_n = B$.

Now, since $\lim B_n = B$ we have that $A \cap B_n \to A \cap B$. To see this, note that if $A \cap B_n := C_n$ then $D_j = \bigcup_{n=j}^{\infty} C_n = A \cap (\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n)$. Then, $\limsup C_n = \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} D_j = \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} (A \cap \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n) = A \cap B$. Defining \liminf for C_n we can in similar fashion that $\liminf C_n = A \cap B$. Hence, by continuity of probability measures $P(A \cap B_n) \to P(A \cap B)$ and $P(B_n) \to P(B)$. Consequently,

$$P(A|B_n) = \frac{P(A \cap B_n)}{P(B_n)} \to \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = P(A|B).$$

Lastly, since $A_n \cap B_n \to A \cup B$, using the same arguments

$$P(A_n|B_n) = \frac{P(A_n \cap B_n)}{P(B_n)} \to \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = P(A|B).$$

12. Let $(\mathbb{X}, \overline{\mathcal{F}}, \overline{\mu})$ be the measure space defined in Theorem 1.15 and $\mathcal{C} = \{G \in \mathbb{X} : \exists A, B \in \mathcal{F} \ni A \subset G \subset B \text{ and } \mu(B - A) = 0\}$. Show that $\overline{\mathcal{F}} = \mathcal{C}$.

Answer: $G \in \overline{\mathcal{F}} \implies G = A \cup M$ where $A \in \mathcal{F}$ and $M \in \mathcal{S}$. $M \in \mathcal{S} \implies \exists N \in \mathcal{N}_{\mu} \ni M \subset N$. Then,

$$A \subset G = A \cup M \subset A \cup N := B \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Now, $\mu(B - A) = \mu(B \cup A^c) = \mu((A \cup N) - A) \le \mu(N) = 0$. Thus, $G \in C$.

 $G \in \mathcal{C} \implies \exists A, B \in \mathcal{F} \ni A \subset G \subset B \text{ and } \mu(B-A) = 0.$ Since $A \subset G \subset B$ we have that $G - A \subset B - A$, and since B - A is a μ -null set $G - A \in \mathcal{S}$. Now, $G = A \cup (G - A)$, and since $A \in \mathcal{F}, G \in \overline{\mathcal{F}}$.

Exercises

1. Let μ be a measure on $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$ such that $\mu([-n, n)) < \infty$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Define,

$$F_{\mu}(x) := \begin{cases} \mu([0, x)) & \text{if } x > 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0, \\ -\mu([x, 0)) & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

Show that $F_{\mu} : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ is monotonically increasing and left continuous.

Answer: Given that $\mu([-n, n)) < \infty$, F_{μ} takes values in \mathbb{R} . First, we show that all x < x', $F_{\mu}(x) \leq F_{\mu}(x')$. There are three cases to be considered

- (a) $(0 \le x < x')$: if 0 < x < x', $F_{\mu}(x') F_{\mu}(x) = \mu([0, x')) \mu([0, x))$. Since $[0, x') = [0, x) \cup [x, x')$, σ -additivity of μ gives $\mu([0, x')) = \mu([0, x)) + \mu([x, x'))$ or $\mu([x, x')) = \mu([0, x')) \mu([0, x)) = F_{\mu}(x') F_{\mu}(x) \ge 0$. If x = 0, $F_{\mu}(x') F_{\mu}(0) = \mu([0, x')) \ge 0$.
- (b) $(x < 0 \le x')$: If x' > 0, $F_{\mu}(x') F_{\mu}(x) = \mu([0, x')) + \mu([x, 0)) \ge 0$. If x' = 0, $F_{\mu}(0) - F_{\mu}(x) = \mu([x, 0)) \ge 0$.
- (c) (x < x' < 0): $F_{\mu}(x') F_{\mu}(x) = -\mu([x', 0)) + \mu([x, 0))$. Since $[x, 0) = [x, x') \cup [x', 0)$, σ -additivity of μ gives $\mu([x, 0)) = \mu([x, x')) + \mu([x', 0))$ or $\mu([x, 0)) - \mu([x', 0)) = F_{\mu}(x') - F_{\mu}(x) = \mu([x, x')) \ge 0$.

Second, we must show that $\lim_{n\to\infty} F_{\mu}(x-h_n) = F_{\mu}(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $h_1 \geq h_2 \geq h_3 \geq \cdots$ with $h_n \downarrow 0$ as $n \to \infty$, and $h_1 > 0$. There are three cases to consider.

(a) (x > 0): Choose $h_1 \in (0, x)$ and define $A_n = [0, x - h_n)$. Then, $A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \cdots$ and $\lim_{n \to \infty} A_n = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n = [0, x)$. By continuity of measure from below,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} F_{\mu}(x - h_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \mu([0, x - h_n)) = \mu([0, x)) = F_{\mu}(x).$$

(b) (x = 0): Define $A_n = [-h_n, 0)$. Then, $A_1 \supset A_2 \supset \cdots$ and $\lim_{n \to \infty} A_n = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n = \emptyset$. By continuity of measures from above, and given that $\mu([-h_1, 0)) < \infty$,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} F_{\mu}(-h_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \mu([-h_n, 0]) = \mu(\emptyset) = 0 = F_{\mu}(0).$$

(c) (x < 0): Define $A_n = [x - h_n, 0)$. Then, $A_1 \supset A_2 \supset \cdots$ and $\lim_{n \to \infty} A_n = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = [x, 0)$. By continuity of measures from above and given that $\mu([x - h_1, 0)) < \infty$,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} F_{\mu}(x - h_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} -\mu([x - h_n, 0)) = -\mu([x, 0)) = F_{\mu}(x)$$

2. Let F_{μ} be defined as in question 1 and let $\nu_{F_{\mu}}(([a, b]) = F_{\mu}(b) - F_{\mu}(a)$ for all $a \leq b$, $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. Show that $\nu_{F_{\mu}}$ extends uniquely to a measure on $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ and $\nu_{F_{\mu}} = \mu$.

Answer: Recall that $S = \{[a, b) : a \leq b, a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is a semi-ring (if $a = b, [a, a) = \emptyset$). Given F_{μ} , we define $\nu_{F_{\mu}} : S \to [0, \infty)$ as $\nu_{F_{\mu}}([a, b)) = F_{\mu}(b) - F_{\mu}(a)$ for all $a \leq b$. Since F_{μ} is monotonically increasing, $F_{\mu}(b) - F_{\mu}(a) \geq 0$ and $\nu_{F_{\mu}}([a, a) = \emptyset) = F_{\mu}(a) - F_{\mu}(a) = 0$. Also, $\nu_{F_{\mu}}$ is finitely additive since for a < c < b, we have that $[a, b) = [a, c) \cup [c, b)$ and $\nu_{F_{\mu}}([a, b)) = F_{\mu}(b) - F_{\mu}(a) = F_{\mu}(c) - F_{\mu}(a) + F_{\mu}(b) - F_{\mu}(c) = \nu_{F_{\mu}}([a, c)) + \nu_{F_{\mu}}([c, b))$. We now show that $\nu_{F_{\mu}}$ is σ -additive, i.e., for $[a_n, b_n)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ a disjoint collection such that $[a, b) = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} [a_n, b_n)$, we have $\nu_{F_{\mu}}([a, b)) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \nu_{F_{\mu}}([a_n, b_n))$. Fix ϵ_n , $\epsilon > 0$ and note that $(a_n - \epsilon_n, b_n) \supset [a_n, b_n)$. Hence, $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (a_n - \epsilon_n, b_n) \supset \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} [a_n, b_n) = [a, b) \supset [a, b - \epsilon]$. Since $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (a_n - \epsilon_n, b_n)$ is an open cover for the compact set $[a, b - \epsilon]$, by the Heine-Borel Theorem, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{N} [a_n - \epsilon_n, b_n] \supset \bigcup_{n=1}^{N} (a_n - \epsilon_n, b_n) \supset [a, b - \epsilon] \supset [a, b - \epsilon].$$
(2.1)

Now, since $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} [a_n, b_n) = [a, b)$ we have $\bigcup_{n=1}^N [a_n, b_n) \subset [a, b)$ and

$$\nu_{F_{\mu}}([a,b)) \ge \nu_{F_{\mu}}\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{N} [a_n, b_n)\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \nu_{F_{\mu}}\left([a_n, b_n)\right) \text{ by finite additivity.}$$

Hence, we have

$$0 \leq \nu_{F_{\mu}}([a,b)) - \sum_{n=1}^{N} \nu_{F_{\mu}}([a_{n},b_{n}])$$

$$= \nu_{F_{\mu}}([a,b-\epsilon)) + \nu_{F_{\mu}}([b-\epsilon,b]) - \sum_{n=1}^{N} \left(\nu_{F_{\mu}}([a_{n}-\epsilon_{n},b_{n}]) - \nu_{F_{\mu}}([a_{n}-\epsilon_{n},a_{n}])\right)$$

$$= \nu_{F_{\mu}}([a,b-\epsilon]) - \sum_{n=1}^{N} \nu_{F_{\mu}}([a_{n}-\epsilon_{n},b_{n}]) \text{ this term } < 0 \text{ by } (2.1)$$

$$+ \nu_{F_{\mu}}([b-\epsilon,b]) + \sum_{n=1}^{N} \nu_{F_{\mu}}([a_{n}-\epsilon_{n},a_{n}])$$

$$\leq \nu_{F_{\mu}}([b-\epsilon,b]) + \sum_{n=1}^{N} \nu_{F_{\mu}}([a_{n}-\epsilon_{n},a_{n}]) = F_{\mu}(b) - F_{\mu}(b-\epsilon) + \sum_{n=1}^{N} (F_{\mu}(a_{n}) - F_{\mu}(a_{n}-\epsilon_{n})).$$

By left-continuity of F_{μ} , we can choose ϵ such that $F_{\mu}(b) - F_{\mu}(b-\epsilon) < \eta/2$ and ϵ_n such that $F_{\mu}(a_n) - F_{\mu}(a_n - \epsilon_n) < 2^{-n} \eta/2$. Hence,

$$0 \le \nu_{F_{\mu}}([a,b]) - \sum_{n=1}^{N} \nu_{F_{\mu}}([a_n,b_n]) \le \frac{\eta}{2} \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{N} 2^{-n}\right).$$

Letting $N \to \infty$ we have that $\nu_{F_{\mu}}([a,b)) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu_{F_{\mu}}([a_n,b_n)).$

Since $\nu_{F_{\mu}}$ is a pre-measure on a semi-ring, by Carathéodory's Theorem, it has an extension to $\sigma(\mathcal{S}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$. Furthermore, since for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $[-n, n) \uparrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\nu_{F_{\mu}}([-n, n)) = F_{\mu}(n) - F_{\mu}(-n) = \mu([0, n)) + \mu([-n, 0))) < \infty$, this extension is unique.

To verify that $\nu_{F_{\mu}} = \mu$, it suffices to verify that $\nu_{F_{\mu}} = \mu$ on \mathcal{S} , since $\nu_{F_{\mu}}$ extends uniquely to $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$. There are three cases:

Case 1
$$(0 \le a < b)$$
: $\nu_{F_{\mu}}([a,b)) = F_{\mu}(b) - F_{\mu}(a) = \mu([0,b)) - \mu([0,a)) = \mu([0,a)) + \mu([a,b)) - \mu([0,a)) = \mu([a,b))$, since $[0,b) = [0,a) \cup [a,b)$,

Case 2 (a < 0 < b): $\nu_{F_{\mu}}([a, b]) = F_{\mu}(b) - F_{\mu}(a) = \mu([0, b]) + \mu([a, 0]) = \mu([a, b])$, since $[a, b] = [a, 0] \cup [0, b]$,

Case 3 $(a < b \le 0)$: $\nu_{F_{\mu}}([a,b)) = F_{\mu}(b) - F_{\mu}(a) = -\mu([b,0)) + \mu([a,0)) = \mu([a,b))$, since [a,b] = [a,0) - [b,0), which completes the proof.

3. If F is a distribution function, show that it can have an infinite number of jump discontinuities, but at most countably many.

Answer: A jump of F, denoted by $J_F(x)$ exists if $J_F(x) = F(x) - \lim_{h \to 0} F(x-h) > 0$ for h > 0. This happens if and only if $P(\{x\}) > 0$. Now, the collection of events $E_x := \{\{x\} : P(\{x\}) > 0\}$ is disjoint and all have positive probability. We now show that this collection is countable. Let $C_n = \{E_x : P(E_x) > \frac{1}{n} \text{ and } x \in \mathbb{R}\}$. The elements of C_n are disjoint events and

$$P\left(\cup_{x_m} E_{x_m}\right) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} P(E_{x_m}) = \infty,$$

where the last equality follows from the fact that $P(E_{x_m}) > 0$. So, it must be that C_n has finitely many elements. Also, $\{E_x\}_{x \in \mathbb{R}} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n$, which is countable since it is a countable union of finite sets.

4. Show that λ¹((a, b)) = b − a for all a, b ∈ ℝ, a ≤ b. State and prove the same for λⁿ.
Answer: Let a < b and note that [a + ¹/_k, b) ↑ (a, b) as k → ∞. Thus, by continuity of measures,

$$\lambda((a,b)) = \lim_{k \to \infty} \lambda([a+1/k,b)] = \lim_{k \to \infty} (b-a-1/k) = b-a.$$

Since $\lambda([a, b)) = b - a$, this proves that $\lambda(\{a\}) = 0$.

5. Consider the measure space $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n), \lambda^n)$. Show that for every $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $x + B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and that $\lambda^n(x+B) = \lambda^n(B)$. Note: $x + B := \{z : z = x+b, b \in B\}$. **Answer:** First, we need to show that $x + B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and for all $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Let $\mathcal{A}_x = \{B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n) : x + B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)\}$ and note that $\mathcal{A}_x \subset \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Also, \mathcal{A}_x is a σ -algebra associated with \mathbb{R}^n , since:

- (a) $\mathbb{R}^n \in \mathcal{A}_x$ given that $x + b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ for all $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\mathbb{R}^n \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$,
- (b) $B \in \mathcal{A}_x \implies x + B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n) \implies (x+B)^c \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. But since $(x+B)^c = x + B^c$ and $B^c \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n), B^c \in \mathcal{A}_x$.
- (c) $\{A_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}} \subset \mathcal{A}_x \implies x + A_n \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is a σ algebra $\bigcup_{n\in\mathbb{N}}(x+A_n) = x + \bigcup_{n\in\mathbb{N}}A_n \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. But since $\bigcup_{n\in\mathbb{N}}A_n \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $\bigcup_{n\in\mathbb{N}}A_n \in \mathcal{A}_x$.

Now, let $R^{n,h} = \times_{i=1}^{n} [l_i, u_i) \in \mathcal{I}^{n,h} \subset \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and note that $x + R^{n,h} \in \mathcal{I}^{n,h} \subset \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Hence, $R^{n,h} \in \mathcal{A}_x \implies x + R^{n,h} \in \mathcal{A}_x$. Hence,

$$\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \sigma(\mathcal{I}^{n,h}) \subset \mathcal{A}_x \subset \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n),$$

which implies that $x + B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and for all $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Now, set $v(B) = \lambda^n(x+B)$. If $B = \emptyset$, $v(\emptyset) = \lambda^n(x+\emptyset) = \lambda^n(\emptyset) = 0$. Also, for a pairwise disjoint sequence $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, $v\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\right) = \lambda^n\left(x + \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\right) = \lambda^n\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (x+A_n)\right) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda^n(x+A_n) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} v(A_n)$. Hence, v is a measure and

$$v(R^{n,h}) = \lambda^n(x + R^{n,h}) = \prod_{i=1}^n (u_i + x_i - (l_i + x_i)) = \prod_{i=1}^n (u_i - l_i) = \lambda^n(R^{n,h}).$$

Hence, $v(\mathbb{R}^{n,h}) = \lambda^n(\mathbb{R}^{n,h})$ for every $\mathbb{R}^{n,h} \in \mathcal{I}^{n,h}$. Since $\mathcal{I}^{n,h}$ is a π -system, generates $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and admits an exhausting sequence $[-k,k) \uparrow \mathbb{R}^n$ with $\lambda^n([-k,k)^n) = (2k)^n < \infty$, we have by Carathéodory Theorem that $\lambda^n = v$ on $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Exercises

1. Suppose (Ω, \mathcal{F}) and $(\mathbb{Y}, \mathcal{G})$ are measure spaces and $f : \Omega \to \mathbb{Y}$. Show that: a) $I_{f^{-1}(A)}(\omega) = (I_A \circ f)(\omega)$ for all ω ; b) f is measurable if, and only if, $\sigma(\{f^{-1}(A) : A \in \mathcal{G}\}) \subset \mathcal{F}$.

Answer: a) For any subset $A \subset Y$, we have $f^{-1}(A) = \{\omega : f(\omega) \in A\}$. Then,

$$I_{f^{-1}(A)}(\omega) = I_{\{\omega: f(\omega) \in A\}}(\omega) = I_A(f(\omega)) = (I_A \circ f)(\omega)$$

b) Since f is measurable, $f^{-1}(\mathcal{G}) \subset \mathcal{F}$. By monotonicity of σ -algebras, $\sigma(f^{-1}(\mathcal{G})) = \sigma(\{f^{-1}(A) : A \in \mathcal{G}\}) \subset \mathcal{F}$. Now, $\sigma(f^{-1}(\mathcal{G})) = f^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{G})) = f^{-1}(\mathcal{G}) \subset \mathcal{F}$. The last set containment implies measurability.

2. Show that for any function $f : \mathbb{X} \to \mathbb{Y}$ and any collection of subsets \mathcal{G} of \mathbb{Y} , $f^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{G})) = \sigma(f^{-1}(\mathcal{G}))$

Answer: $f^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{G}))$ is a σ -algebra associated with X. Since $\mathcal{G} \subset \sigma(\mathcal{G}), f^{-1}(\mathcal{G}) \subset f^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{G}))$ and consequently $\sigma(f^{-1}(\mathcal{G})) \subset f^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{G}))$.

Now, as in Theorem 3.1, $\mathcal{U} = \{U \in 2^{\mathbb{Y}} : f^{-1}(U) \in \sigma(f^{-1}(\mathcal{G}))\}$ is a σ -algebra. By definition of \mathcal{U}

$$f^{-1}(\mathcal{U}) \subset \sigma(f^{-1}(\mathcal{G})).$$

Also, $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{U}$ since $f^{-1}(\mathcal{G}) \subset f^{-1}(\mathcal{U}) \subset \sigma(f^{-1}(\mathcal{G}))$. Since \mathcal{U} is a σ -algebra we have that $\sigma(\mathcal{G}) \subset \mathcal{U}$. So,

$$f^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{G})) \subset f^{-1}(\mathcal{U}) \subset \sigma(f^{-1}(\mathcal{C})).$$

The last set containment combined with the reverse obtained on the last paragraph completes the proof.

- 3. Let $i \in I$ where I is an arbitrary index set. Consider $f_i : (X, \mathcal{F}) \to (X_i, \mathcal{F}_i)$.
 - (a) Show that for all *i*, the smallest σ -algebra associated with X that makes f_i measurable is given by $f_i^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_i)$.
 - (b) Show that $\sigma\left(\bigcup_{i\in I} f_i^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_i)\right)$ is the smallest σ -algebra associated with X that makes all f_i simultaneously measurable.

Answer: a) f_i is measurable if $f_i^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_i) \subset \mathcal{F}$. But by monotonicity of $\sigma(\cdot)$ we have $\sigma(f_i^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_i)) = f_i^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_i) \subset \mathcal{F}$ since $f_i^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_i)$ is a σ -algebra. b) $f_i^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_i) \subset \mathcal{F}$ for all $i \in I$ because f_i is measurable. But any sub- σ -algebra of \mathcal{F} that makes all f_i measurable functions must contain all $f_i^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_i)$, i.e., $\bigcup_{i \in I} f_i^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_i)$. However, unions of σ -algebras are not necessarily σ -algebras. Hence, we consider $\sigma\left(\bigcup_{i \in I} f_i^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_i)\right)$, the smallest σ -algebra that makes all f_i simultaneously measurable.

- 4. Let $X : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P) \to (S, \mathcal{B}_S)$ where $S \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ and $\mathcal{B}_S = \{B \cap S : B \in \mathcal{B}^k\}$ be a random vector with $k \in \mathbb{N}$, and $g : (S, \mathcal{B}_S) \to (T, \mathcal{B}_T)$ be measurable where $T \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ with $p \in \mathbb{N}$. If Y = g(X), show that
 - (a) $\sigma(Y) := Y^{-1}(\mathcal{B}_T) \subset \sigma(X) := X^{-1}(\mathcal{B}_S),$
 - (b) if k = p and g is bijective, $\sigma(Y) = \sigma(X)$.

Answer: (a) $E \in Y^{-1}(\mathcal{B}_T) \implies E = Y^{-1}(B_T)$ for some $B_T \in \mathcal{B}_T$. Now,

$$E = \{\omega : Y(\omega) \in B_T\} = \{\omega : g(X(\omega)) \in B_T\} = \{\omega : X(\omega) \in g^{-1}(B_T)\}$$

= $X^{-1}(g^{-1}(B_T)).$

Since g is measurable, $g^{-1}(B_T) \in \mathcal{B}_S$ and since X is a random vector $X^{-1}(g^{-1}(B_T)) \in \sigma(X) := X^{-1}(\mathcal{B}_S)$. Hence, $\sigma(Y) \subset \sigma(X)$.

(b) First, observe that since g is bijective, it must be that k = p and S = T. For any $B_T \in \mathcal{B}_T$,

$$g^{-1}(B_T) = g^{-1}(g(B))$$
 for some $B \subset S$
= $B \in \mathcal{B}_S$ since g^{-1} is an inverse function and g is measurable.

Hence, any $B_T \in \mathcal{B}_T$ is such that $B_T = g(B)$ where $B \in \mathcal{B}_S$. Similarly, due to the existence of the inverse g^{-1} , for any $B_S \in \mathcal{B}_S$, $B_S = g^{-1}(B)$ where $B \in \mathcal{B}_T$. Hence, if

 $\mathcal{C} := \{g^{-1}(B) : B \in \mathcal{B}_T\}$ then $\mathcal{B}_S \subset \mathcal{C}$. But measurability of g assures that $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{B}_S$ Hence, $X^{-1}(\mathcal{B}_S) := \sigma(X) = X^{-1}(\mathcal{C}) = \{X^{-1}(g^{-1}(B)) : B \in \mathcal{B}_T\} = \sigma(Y).$

Exercises

1. Prove Theorem 4.2.

Answer: Let $f = \sum_{i=0}^{I} y_i I_{A_i}$ and $f = \sum_{j=0}^{J} y_j I_{B_j}$ be standard representations of f and g. Then,

$$f \pm g = \sum_{i=0}^{I} \sum_{j=0}^{J} (y_i \pm z_j) I_{A_i \cap B_j}$$

and

$$fg = \sum_{i=0}^{I} \sum_{j=0}^{J} (y_i z_j) I_{A_i \cap B_j}$$

with $(A_i \cap B_j) \cap (A_{i'} \cap B_{j'}) = \emptyset$ whenever $(i, j) \neq (i', j')$. After relabeling and merging the double sums into single sums we have the result. The case for cf is obvious. fsimple implies f^+ and f^- are simple by definition, and since $|f| = f^+ + f^-$, |f| is simple.

2. Show that if f is a non-negative measurable simple function, its integral, as defined in Definition 4.3 is equal to $I_{\mu}(f)$.

Answer: Since f is simple and $f \leq f$, f is one of the simple functions (denoted by ϕ) appearing in Definition 21 of the class notes. Hence, $\int f d\mu \geq I_{\mu}(f)$. Also, if ϕ is a simple function such that $\phi \leq f$, by monotonicity of the integral of simple functions we have $I_{\mu}(\phi) \leq I_{\mu}(f)$, hence

$$\sup_{\phi} I_{\mu}(\phi) := \int f d\mu \le I_{\mu}(f).$$

Combining the two inequalities we have $\int f d\mu = I_{\mu}(f)$.

3. Let $(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{F})$ be a measurable space and $\{\mu_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of measures defined on it. Noting that $\mu = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu_n$ is also a measure on $(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{F})$ (you don't have to prove this), show that

$$\int_{\mathbb{X}} f d\mu = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{\mathbb{X}} f d\mu_n$$

for f non-negative and measurable.

Answer: First, let $f = I_F \ge 0$ for $F \in \mathcal{F}$. Then, f is measurable and

$$\int_{\mathbb{X}} f d\mu = \int_{\mathbb{X}} I_F d\mu = \mu(F) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu_n(F) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{\mathbb{X}} I_F d\mu_n = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{\mathbb{X}} f d\mu_n.$$

Hence, the result holds for indicator functions. Now, consider a simple non-negative function $f = \sum_{j=0}^{m} a_j I_{A_j}$ where $a_j \ge 0$ and $A_j \in \mathcal{F}$. Then,

$$\begin{split} \int_{\mathbb{X}} f d\mu &= \int_{\mathbb{X}} \sum_{j=0}^{m} a_{j} I_{A_{j}} d\mu = \sum_{j=0}^{m} a_{j} \int_{\mathbb{X}} I_{A_{j}} d\mu = \sum_{j=0}^{m} a_{j} \mu(A_{j}) = \sum_{j=0}^{m} a_{j} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu_{n}(A_{j}) \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{j=0}^{m} a_{j} \mu_{n}(A_{j}) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{\mathbb{X}} f d\mu_{n}. \end{split}$$

Hence, the result holds for simple non-negative functions. Lastly, let f be non-negative and measurable. By Theorem 3.3 in the class notes, there exists a sequence $\{\phi_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ of non-negative, non-decreasing, measurable simple function such that $\sup_{n\in\mathbb{N}}\phi_n = f$. By Beppo-Levi's Theorem

$$\int_{\mathbb{X}} f d\mu = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{\mathbb{X}} \phi_n d\mu.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{split} \int_{\mathbb{X}} f d\mu &= \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{\mathbb{X}} \phi_n d\mu = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{X}} \phi_n d\mu_j \\ &= \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{j=1}^m \int_{\mathbb{X}} \phi_n d\mu_j \text{ since } \int_{\mathbb{X}} \phi_n d\mu_j \text{ is nondecreasing.} \\ &= \sup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{j=1}^m \int_{\mathbb{X}} \phi_n d\mu_j = \sup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{j=1}^m \int_{\mathbb{X}} \phi_n d\mu_j \\ &= \sup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{j=1}^m \lim_{n \to \infty} \int_{\mathbb{X}} \phi_n d\mu_j \\ &= \sup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{j=1}^m \int_{\mathbb{X}} \lim_{n \to \infty} \phi_n d\mu_j \text{ by Beppo-Levi's Theorem} \\ &= \sup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{j=1}^m \int_{\mathbb{X}} f d\mu_j = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{\mathbb{X}} f d\mu_j. \end{split}$$

- 4. Let $(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ be a measure space and $f : (\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{F}, \mu) \to (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$ be measurable and nonnegative. For every $F \in \mathcal{F}$ consider $\int I_F f d\mu$. Is this a measure? **Answer:** Let $v(F) = \int I_F f d\mu$. Then v is a $[0, \infty]$ -valued set function defined for $F \in \mathcal{F}$. Then,
 - (a) $I_{\emptyset} = 0$ and clearly $v(\emptyset) = 0$.
 - (b) Let $F = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} F_i$ be a union of pairwise disjoint sets in \mathcal{F} . Then, $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} I_{F_i} = I_F$ and

$$v(F) = \int \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} I_{F_i}\right) f d\mu = \int \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} I_{F_i} f\right) d\mu$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int I_{F_i} f d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} v(F_i)$$

5. Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) be a probability space and $\{F_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathcal{F}$.

- (a) Prove that $I_{\liminf_{n\to\infty}F_n} = \liminf_{n\to\infty}I_{F_n}$ and $I_{\limsup_{n\to\infty}F_n} = \limsup_{n\to\infty}I_{F_n}$.
- (b) Prove that $P\left(\liminf_{n\to\infty}F_n\right) \leq \liminf_{n\to\infty}P(F_n).$

(c) Prove that $\limsup_{n \to \infty} P(F_n) \le P\left(\limsup_{n \to \infty} F_n\right)$. **Answer:** Part (a) is straightforward by noting that $I_{\cap F_n} = \inf I_{F_n}$ and $I_{\cup F_n} =$ $\sup I_{A_n}.$ (b) Part (a) combined with Fatou's Lemma gives,

$$P(\liminf F_n) = \int I_{\liminf F_n} dP = \int \liminf I_{F_n} dP \le \liminf \int I_{F_n} dP$$

(c) Again, by Fatou's Lemma (the reverse) we have,

$$P(\limsup F_n) = \int I_{\limsup F_n} dP = \int \limsup I_{F_n} dP \ge \limsup \int I_{F_n} dP$$

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$$fg = \sum_{i=0}^{I} \sum_{j=0}^{J} (y_i z_j) I_{A_i \cap B_j}$$

with $(A_i \cap B_j) \cap (A_{i'} \cap B_{j'}) = \emptyset$ whenever $(i, j) \neq (i', j')$. After relabeling and merging the double sums into single sums we have the result. The case for cf is obvious. fsimple implies f^+ and f^- are simple by definition, and since $|f| = f^+ + f^-$, |f| is simple.

2. Prove Theorem 4.10.

Answer: Since $f = f^+ - f^-$ and f^+ and f^- are nonnegative, use Theorems 4.6 and 4.8 in your notes.

3. Use Markov's inequality to prove the following for a > 0 and $g: (0, \infty) \to (0, \infty)$ that is increasing:

$$P(|X(\omega)| \ge a) \le \frac{1}{g(a)} \int g(|X|) dP$$

Answer: Since g is increasing, $\{\omega : |X(\omega)| \ge a\} = \{\omega : g(|X(\omega)|) \ge g(a)\}$. Hence, since g is positive

$$g(a)I_{\{\omega:|X(\omega)|\geq a\}} = g(a)I_{\{\omega:g(|X(\omega)|)\geq g(a)\}} \leq g(|X(\omega)|).$$

Integrating both sides we have $g(a)P(\{\omega : |X(\omega)| \ge a\}) \le \int g(|X(\omega)|)dP$. This completes the proof as g(a) > 0.

4. Let X be a random variable defined in the probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) with $E(X^2) < \infty$. Consider a function $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$. What restrictions are needed on f to guarantee that f(X) is a random variable with $E(f(X)^2) < \infty$?

Answer: Recall that if $X : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P) \to (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$, we say that X is a random variable (measurable real valued function) if, and only if, for all $B \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$ we have $X^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{F}$. Hence, if $h(\omega) := f(X(\omega)) = (f \circ X)(\omega) : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P) \to (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$ we require that for all $B \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$ we have $h^{-1}(B) = (f \circ X)^{-1}(B) = X^{-1}(f^{-1}(B)) \in \mathcal{F}$. That is, $f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$.

Since X is a random variable (measurable) and given that $f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$ for all $B \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$, f(X) is a random variable (measurable). Since the f^2 is a continuous function of f, f^2 is also a random variable (measurable). Hence, we can consider the integrability (or not) of $f(X)^2$, i.e., whether or not $E(f(X)^2) < \infty$. We give two general restrictions on f that give $E(f(X)^2) < \infty$. First, suppose that $\sup_{\omega \in \Omega} |h(\omega)| = \sup_{\omega \in \Omega} |(f \circ X)(\omega)| < C$. Then,

$$\left| \int f^2 dP \right| \le \int h^2 dP \le C^2 \int dP = C^2.$$

Second, suppose that $h^2 \leq X^2$ for all $\omega \in \Omega$. Then, $\int h^2 dP \leq \int X^2 dP < \infty$.

Note that, in general, it is not true that $E(f(X)^2) < \infty$ even if $E(X^2) < \infty$. For example, suppose that $X \sim U[0,1]$. Then, $E(X^2) = 1/3$. Now, let $Y := f(X) = \tan(\pi(X-\frac{1}{2}))$ and we can easily obtain that the probability density of Y is

$$f_Y(y) = \left| \frac{d}{dy} f^{-1}(y) \right| = \left| \frac{d}{dy} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \arctan(y) \right) \right| = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+y^2}, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

But this is the Cauchy density and $\int y^2 f_Y(y) dy$ does not exist.

5. Let $X : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P) \to (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$ be a random variable. Show that if $V(X) := E((X - E(X)))^2 = 0$ then X is a constant with probability 1.

Answer: From your notes, if $\int_{\Omega} X^2 dP = 0$ then $X^2 = 0$ almost everywhere. If N is a null set $\int_{\Omega} X^2 dP = \int_N X^2 dP + \int_{N^c} X^2 dP = \int_N X^2 dP + \int_{N^c} 0 dP = 0$. Thus, $P(X^2 = x) = 0$ for $x \neq 0$ and $P(X^2 = 0) = 1$. But this is equivalent to P(X = 0) = 1. Hence, $V(X) = E((X - E(X)))^2 = 0$ implies P(X - E(X) = 0) = P(X = E(X)) = 1.

6. Consider the following statement: f is continuous almost everywhere if, and only if, it is almost everywhere equal to an everywhere continuous function. Is this true or false? Explain, with precise mathematical arguments.

Answer: False. Consider the function $I_{\mathbb{Q}}(x)$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}$. This function is nowhere continuous in \mathbb{R} , but it is equal to 0 almost everywhere, an everywhere continuous function. Alternatively, the function $I_{[0,\infty)}(x)$ is continuous everywhere except at $\{0\}$, a set of measure zero. So, it is continuous almost everywhere. However, there is no everywhere continuous function in \mathbb{R} that is equal $I_{[0,\infty)}(x)$ almost everywhere.

7. Adapt the proof of Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem in your notes to show that any sequence $\{f_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ of measurable functions such that $\lim_{n\to\infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$ and $|f_n| \leq g$ for some g with g^p nonnegative and integrable satisfies

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \int |f_n - f|^p d\mu = 0.$$

Answer: (3 points) First, note that $|f_n - f|^p \leq (|f_n| + |f|)^p$. Since $|f_n - f| \to 0$ we have that $|f_n| \to |f|$. Consequently, for all $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $N_{\epsilon} \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for $n \geq N_{\epsilon}$ we have

$$|f_n| - \epsilon \le |f| \le |f_n| + \epsilon \le g + \epsilon$$

since $|f_n| < g$. Consequently, $|f| \leq g$, $|f|^p \leq g^p$ and $|f_n - f|^p \leq 2^p g^p$ where g^p is nonnegative and integrable. Now, letting $\phi_n = |f_n - f|^p$ we have that $\lim_{n \to \infty} \phi_n = 0$ and by Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem in the class notes

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \int_{\mathbb{X}} \phi_n d\mu = \int_{\mathbb{X}} \lim_{n \to \infty} \phi_n d\mu = 0.$$

8. Let λ be the one-dimensional Lebesgue measure for the Borel sets of \mathbb{R} . Show that for every integrable function f, the function

$$g(x) = \int_{(0,x)} f(t)d\lambda$$
, for $x > 0$

is continuous.

Answer: Consider a sequence $\{y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ with $0 < x < y_n$ such that $\lim_{n \to \infty} y_n = x$. Then,

$$\begin{split} g(y_n) - g(x) &= \int_{(0,y_n)} f d\lambda - \int_{(0,x)} f d\lambda = \int_{(0,\infty)} I_{(0,y_n)} f d\lambda - \int_{(0,\infty)} I_{(0,x)} f d\lambda \\ &= \int_{(0,\infty)} (I_{(0,y_n)} - I_{(0,x)}) f d\lambda = \int_{(0,\infty)} I_{(x,y_n)} f d\lambda \\ &|g(y_n) - g(x)| &\leq \int_{(0,\infty)} I_{[x,y_n)} |f| d\lambda. \end{split}$$

Now, $I_{[x,y_n)}|f| \leq |f|$ and $\int_{(0,\infty)} |f| d\lambda < \infty$ since f is integrable. Also, $\lim_{n \to \infty} I_{[x,y_n)} f = 0$ almost everywhere (ae). Thus, by dominated convergence in the class notes

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} |g(y_n) - g(x)| \leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \int_{(0,\infty)} I_{(x,y_n)} |f| d\lambda$$
$$= \int_{(0,\infty)} \lim_{n \to \infty} I_{(x,y_n)} |f| d\lambda = 0.$$

By repeating the argument for $y_n \uparrow x$ we obtain continuity of g at x.

9. Show that if X is a random variable with $E(|X|^p) < \infty$ then |X| is almost everywhere real valued.

Answer: Let $N = \{\omega : |X(\omega)| = \infty\} = \{\omega : |X(\omega)|^p = \infty\}$. Then $N = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{\omega : |X(\omega)|^p \ge n\}$. Then,

$$\begin{split} P\left(N\right) &= P\left(\cap_{n\in\mathbb{N}} \{\omega : |X(\omega)|^p \ge n\}\right) \\ &= \lim_{n\to\infty} P\left(\{\omega : |X(\omega)|^p \ge n\}\right) \text{ by continuity of probability measures} \\ &\leq \lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{1}{k} \int_{\Omega} |X|^p dP \text{ by Markov's Inequality} \\ &= 0 \text{ since } \int_{\Omega} |X|^p dP \text{ is finite.} \end{split}$$

10. Suppose $X : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P) \to (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$ is a random variable with $E(|X|) < \infty$. Let $N \in \mathcal{F}$ be such that P(N) = 0 and define

$$Y(\omega) = \begin{cases} X(\omega) & \text{if } \omega \notin N \\ c & \text{if } \omega \in N \end{cases},$$

where $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Is Y integrable? Is E(X) = E(Y)?

Answer: Yes, for both questions. We can change an integrable random variables at any set of measure zero without changing the integral.

Exercises

1. Let $X_1, X_2 \in \mathcal{L}^2$ and define $\operatorname{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = E([X_1 - E(X_1)][X_2 - E(X_2)])$. Show that $\operatorname{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = E(X_1X_2) - E(X_1)E(X_2)$ and that if X_1 and X_2 are independent $\operatorname{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = 0$.

Answer: From the definition of $Cov(X_1, X_2)$ and linearity of expectations

 $Cov(X_1, X_2) = E(X_1X_2 - X_1E(X_2) - X_2E(X_1) + E(X_1)E(X_2)) = E(X_1X_2) - E(X_1)E(X_2).$ Independence of X_1 and X_2 implies that $E(X_1X_2) = E(X_1)E(X_2)$. Hence, $Cov(X_1, X_2) = 0.$

2. Let $\{X_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of random variables that are independent and share the same continuous distribution. Let p be a permutation of $\{1, \dots, n\}$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Show that (X_1, \dots, X_n) and $(X_{p(1)}, \dots, X_{p(n)})$ have the same distribution.

Answer: Since the random variables are independent and have the same distribution, say F,

$$P(X_1 \le x_1, \cdots, X_n \le x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n F(x_i)$$

for all $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$. If $\{p(i)\}_{i=1}^n$ is a permutation of $\{1, \dots, n\}$, then

$$P(X_{p(1)} \le x_1, \cdots, X_{p(n)} \le x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n F(x_i).$$

Hence, (X_1, \dots, X_n) and $X_{p(1)}, \dots, X_{p(n)}$ have the same distribution.

3. Let I be a finite index set and consider the collection of σ -algebras $\{\mathcal{B}_i\}_{i\in I}$. Show that this collection is independent if, and only if, for every choice of non-negative \mathcal{B}_i -measurable random variable X_i , we have $E\left(\prod_{i\in I} X_i\right) = \prod_{i\in I} E(X_i)$.

Answer: If $E(\prod_{i\in I} X_i) = \prod_{i\in I} E(X_i)$ whenever $X_i \in \mathcal{B}_i$, then for any $A_i \in \mathcal{B}_i$, take $X_i = I_{A_i}$ and

$$E\left(\prod_{i\in I} X_i\right) = P\left(\bigcap_{i\in I} A_i\right) = \prod_{i\in I} P(A_i) = \prod_{i\in I} E(X_i)$$

and consequently $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$ are independent and $\{\mathcal{B}_i\}_{i \in I}$ are independent σ -algebras.

Now, suppose $\{\mathcal{B}_i\}_{i\in I}$ are independent σ -algebras. For $A_i \in \mathcal{B}_i$ and $X_i = I_{A_i}$ we have

$$E\left(\prod_{i\in I}X_i\right) = \prod_{i\in I}E(X_i)$$

Now, if $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$ are simple, then write $X_i = \sum_j x_{ij} I_{A_{ij}}$ for $A_{ij} \in \mathcal{B}_i$. Then, we have

$$E\left(\prod_{i\in I} X_i\right) = E\left(\prod_{i\in I} \sum_{j(i)} x_{ij(i)} I_{A_{ij(i)}}\right) = E\left(\sum_{j(i),i\in I} \prod_{i\in I} x_{ij(i)} I_{\bigcap_{i\in I} A_{ij(i)}}\right)$$
$$= \sum_{j(i),i\in I} \prod_{i\in I} x_{ij(i)} P\left(\bigcap_{i\in I} A_{ij(i)}\right) = \sum_{j(i),i\in I} \prod_{i\in I} x_{ij(i)} P(A_{ij(i)})$$
$$= \prod_{i\in I} \sum_{j(i)} x_{ij(i)} P(A_{ij(i)}) = \prod_{i\in I} E(X_i).$$

If X_i is a non-negative \mathcal{B}_i -measurable function, there exists $X_i^{(n)}$ such that $X_i^{(n)}$ is simple and $0 < X_i^{(n)} \uparrow X_i$. Then, it follows that $\prod_{i \in I} X_i^{(n)} \uparrow \prod_{i \in I} X_i$ and by the monotone convergence theorem $E\left(\prod_{i \in I} X_i^{(n)}\right) \uparrow E\left(\prod_{i \in I} X_i\right)$ and from the previous argument, the left side is $\prod_{i \in I} E\left(X_i^{(n)}\right) \uparrow \prod_{i \in I} E\left(X_i\right)$ again using the monotone convergence theorem.

4. If E is an event that is independent of the π -system P and $E \in \sigma(P)$, then P(E) is either 0 or 1.

Answer: Set $C_1 = E$ and $C_2 = P$ and it follows that C_1 is independent of C_2 . This implies that $\sigma(C_1)$ is independent of $\sigma(C_2)$. Therefore, E is independent of E and P(E) = 0 or 1.

5. Let $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^n$ be independent events. Show that $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n P(A_i^c)$. **Answer:** By De Morgan's Law $(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i)^c = \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i^c$. Hence,

$$P\left(\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} A_{i}\right)^{c}\right) = 1 - P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} A_{i}\right) = P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{n} A_{i}^{c}\right)$$

which implies

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} A_i\right) = 1 - P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{n} A_i^c\right) = 1 - \bigcap_{i=1}^{n} P(A_i^c)$$

where the last equality follows from the fact that if $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^n$ are independent events, so are $\{A_i^c\}_{i=1}^n$.

6. We have proved that if X and Y are independent, then f(X) and g(Y) are independent if f and g are measurable. Is it possible to have X and Y be dependent and f(X) and g(Y) be independent? If so, give an example, if not, prove.

Answer: Yes, it is possible. Consider two independent random variables X_1 and X_2 and another random variable W that is independent of X_1 and X_2 and takes on the values 1 and -1 with probability 1/2 each. Now, define two new random variables $X = WX_1$ and $Y = WX_2$. X and Y are functionally connected and cannot be independent. However, $X^2 = X_1^2$ and $Y^2 = X_2^2$, which are independent since X_1 and X_2 are independent.

Exercises

1. Let $\{X_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}\subset\mathcal{L}^p$ for $p\in[1,\infty)$ be a sequence of non-negative functions. Show that

$$\|\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n\|_p \le \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|X_n\|_p.$$

Answer: Let $S_n = \sum_{n=1}^N X_n$. Since $X_n \ge 0$ for all $n, 0 \le S_1 \le S_2 \le \cdots$. Given that $|S_N|^p \le 2^p \sum_{n=1}^N |X_n|^p$. we have $\int_{\Omega} |S_N|^p dP \le 2^p \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{\Omega} |X_n|^p dP < \infty$. Consequently, $S_N \in \mathcal{L}^p$. By Minkowski's inequality

$$\|S_N\|_p \le \sum_{n=1}^N \|X_n\|_p \le \sum_{n=1}^\infty \|X_n\|_p,$$
(7.1)

which implies $||S_N||_p^p \leq (\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ||X_n||_p)^p$. By Beppo-Levi's Theorem

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|S_N\|_p^p = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{\Omega} S_N^p dP = \int_{\Omega} \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} S_N^p dP = \int_{\Omega} \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N X_n \right)^p dP$$
$$= \int_{\Omega} \left(\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{n=1}^N X_n \right)^p dP = \|\sum_{n=1}^\infty X_n\|_p^p.$$
(7.2)

Hence, by inequality (7.1) and (7.2) we have

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|S_N\|_p^p = \|\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n\|_p^p \le \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|X_n\|_p\right)^p.$$

Consequently, $\|\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n\|_p \le \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|X_n\|_p$.

2. Show that if $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} x_n$ converges absolutely, then it converges.

Answer: Suppose $N_1, N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$, $N_1 < N_2$ and $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} x_n$ converges absolutely. Note that $\sum_{n=1}^{N_2} |x_n| - \sum_{n=1}^{N_1} |x_n| = \sum_{n=N_1+1}^{N_2} |x_n|$. If $N_1 \to \infty$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{N_2} |x_n| - \sum_{n=1}^{N_1} |x_n| \to 0$, as every convergent sequence is Cauchy. Also, since

$$|x_{N_1+1} + x_{N_2+1} + \dots + x_{N_2}| \le \sum_{n=N_1+1}^{N_2} |x_n|$$

$$\left|\sum_{n=1}^{N_2} x_n - \sum_{n=1}^{N_1} x_n\right| = \left|x_{N_1+1} + x_{N_2+1} + \dots + x_{N_2}\right| \le \sum_{n=N_1+1}^{N_2} |x_n| \to 0.$$

Since \mathbb{R} is complete, $\lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_n$ converges.

3. Prove Theorem 7.9.

Answer: Just $X_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}^1} X$ on item 2. For $\epsilon > 0$ let $A_n = \{|X_n - X| > \epsilon\}$

$$E|X_n - X| = E(|X_n - X|I_{|X_n - X| < \epsilon} + |X_n - X|I_{|X_n - X| \ge \epsilon})$$

$$\leq \epsilon + E(|X_n|I_{A_n}) + E(|X|I_{A_n}).$$

 $P(A_n) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$, hence $E(|X_n|I_{A_n}) \to 0$ by Theorem 7.6. Similarly, $E(|X|I_{A_n}) \to 0$, which gives the result.

4. Let $\{g_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$ be a sequence of real valued functions that converge uniformly to g on an open set S, containing x, and g is continuous at x. Show that if $\{X_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$ is a sequence of random variables taking values in S such that $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$, then

$$g_n(X_n) \xrightarrow{p} g(X).$$

Note: Recall that a sequence of real valued functions $\{g_n\}_{n=1,2,\cdots}$ converges uniformly to g on a set S if, for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $N_{\epsilon} \in \mathbb{N}$ (depending only on ϵ) such that for all $n > N_{\epsilon}$, $|g_n(x) - g(x)| < \epsilon$ for every $x \in S$.

Answer: Let $\epsilon, \delta > 0$ and define the following subsets of the sample space: $S_1^n = \{\omega : |g_n(X_n) - g(X)| < \epsilon\}, S_2^n = \{\omega : |g_n(X_n) - g(X_n)| < \epsilon/2\}, S_3^n = \{\omega : |g(X_n) - g(X)| < \epsilon/2\}, S_4^n = \{\omega : X_n \in S\}$. By the triangle inequality, $S_1^n \supseteq S_2^n \cap S_3^n$. By continuity of g at X and openness of S, there exists γ_{ϵ} such that whenever $|X_n - X| < \gamma_{\epsilon}, |g(X_n) - g(X)| < \epsilon/2$ and $X_n \in S$. Letting, $S_5^n = \{\omega : |X_n - X| < \gamma_{\epsilon}\}$, we

see that $S_5^n \subseteq S_3^n \cap S_4^n$. Since $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$ and uniform convergence of g_n , there exists $N_{\delta,\epsilon}$ such that whenever $n > N_{\delta,\epsilon}$, $|g_n(X) - g(X)| < \epsilon/2$ for all $X \in S$ and $P(S_5^n) > 1 - \delta$. Thus, $n > N_{\delta,\epsilon}$ implies $S_4^n \subseteq S_2^n$. Consequently, $n > N_{\delta,\epsilon}$ implies $S_1^n \supseteq S_2^n \cap S_3^n \supseteq S_4^n \cap S_3^n \supseteq S_5^n$. Thus, $P(S_1^n) \ge P(S_5^n) > 1 - \delta$.

5. Show that $X_n \xrightarrow{as} X$ is equivalent to $P\left(\{\omega : \sup_{j \ge n} |X_j - X| \ge \epsilon\}\right) \to 0$ for all $\epsilon > 0$ as $n \to \infty$.

Answer: For any $\epsilon > 0$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$ let $A_k(\epsilon) = \{\omega : |X_k(\omega) - X(\omega)| > \epsilon\}$. If for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have that $P(\bigcup_{k>n} A_k(\epsilon)) > 0$ then it must be that $X_n \xrightarrow{as} X$. Consequently,

$$X_n \xrightarrow{as} X \iff \lim_{n \to \infty} P\left(\bigcup_{n < k} A_k(\epsilon)\right) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P\left(\left\{\omega : \sup_{j \ge n} |X_j - X| > \epsilon\right\}\right) \to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$

6. Prove item 1 of Remark 7.1.

Answer: For $\epsilon > 0$ we have that

$$\{\omega: |X_n+Y_n-X-Y| > \epsilon\} \subseteq \{\omega: |X_n-X| > \epsilon/2\} \cup \{\omega: |Y_n-Y| > \epsilon/2\}$$

The probability of the events on the union on right-hand side go to zero as $n \to \infty$. By monotonicity of probability measures we have the results.

7. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $h_n > 0$ such that $h_n \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$. Show that if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(\{\omega : |X_n - X| \ge h_n\}) < \infty$ then $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$.

Answer: From question 5,

$$X_n \xrightarrow{as} X \Leftrightarrow \lim_{n \to \infty} P\left(\cup_{n < k} A_k(h_n) \right) = 0.$$

But $P(\bigcup_{n < k} A_k(h_n)) \leq \sum_{k \ge n} P(A_k(\epsilon))$ and if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(\{\omega : |X_n - X| \ge h_n\}) < \infty$ then it must be that $\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{k \ge n} P(A_k(\epsilon)) = 0$. Since convergence almost surely implies convergence in probability, the proof is complete.

8. Show that if $Y_n \xrightarrow{d} Y$ then $Y_n = O_p(1)$.

Answer: Without loss of generality let a > 0. Provided that a and -a are continuity points of F_Y , we can write that, $P(|Y_n| > a) \to P(|Y| > a)$ as $n \to \infty$. Hence, for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists N_{ϵ} such that,

$$|P(|Y_n| > a) - P(|Y| > a)| < \epsilon \text{ for all } n \ge N_{\epsilon}$$

or

$$P(|Y| > a) - \epsilon < P(|Y_n| > a) < P(|Y| > a) + \epsilon.$$

We can choose a such that $P(|Y| > a) < \delta$ for any $\delta > 0$. Thus, $P(|Y_n| > a) < \delta + \epsilon$ for all $n \ge N_{\epsilon}$.

9. Let $g : S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be continuous on S, and X_t and X_s be random variables defined on (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) taking values in S. Show that: a) if X_t is independent of X_s , then $g(X_t)$ is independent of $g(X_s)$; b) if X_t and X_s are identically distributed, then $g(X_t)$ and $g(X_s)$ are identically distributed.

Answer: Let $Y_t = g(X_t)$ and $Y_s = g(X_s)$. g continuous assures that both Y_t and Y_s are random variables.

a) $F_{Y_t,Y_s}(a,b) = P(S = \{\omega : Y_t \leq a \text{ and } Y_s \leq b\})$. Let $S_t = \{X_t(\omega) : Y_t(\omega) \leq a\}, S_s = \{X_s(\omega) : Y_s(\omega) \leq b\}$. Since, $S = S_t \cap S_s$ and by independence $P(S) = P(S_t)P(S_s)$ which implies $F_{Y_t,Y_s}(a,b) = F_{Y_t}(a)F_{Y_s}(b)$.

b)
$$F_{Y_t}(a) = P(S_t) = P(\{X_s(\omega) : Y_s(\omega) \le a\}) = F_{Y_s}(a).$$

10. Let $\{X_n\}$ be a sequence of independent random variables that converges in probability to a limit X. Show that X is almost surely a constant.

Answer: Recall that if X is almost surely a constant, say c, $P(\{\omega : X(\omega) \neq c\}) = 0$. Then, the distribution function F associated with X is given by

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x < c \\ 1, & \text{if } x \ge c \end{cases}$$

If X is not a constant, there exists a c and $0 < \epsilon < 1/2$ such that $P(X < c) > 2\epsilon$ and $P(X \le c + \epsilon) < 1 - 2\epsilon$ or $P(X > c + \epsilon) > 2\epsilon$. Since $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$ than $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$. Consequently, for n sufficiently large and c a point of continuity of F we have

$$F(c) - \epsilon < F_n(c) < F(c) + \epsilon$$

which implies that $\epsilon < F_n(c)$. Also, $1 - F_n(c + \epsilon) > 1 - F(c + \epsilon) - \epsilon$ which implies $P(X_n > c + \epsilon) > P(X > c + \epsilon) - \epsilon > \epsilon$. Since $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$, for *n* sufficiently large $P(\{\omega : |X_r - X_s| > \epsilon\}) < \epsilon^3$. Since $\{\omega : |X_r - X_s| > \epsilon\} = \{\omega : X_r - X_s > \epsilon\} \cup \{\omega : X_r - X_s < -\epsilon\}$ we note that if $X_r < c$ and $X_s > c + \epsilon$ then $X_r - X_s > \epsilon$ is equivalent to $X_r - X_s < -\epsilon$. Consequently,

$$P(\{\omega : |X_r - X_s| > \epsilon\}) \le P(\{\omega : X_r < c \text{ and } X_s > c + \epsilon\}).$$

But since X_r and X_s are independent $P(\{\omega : X_r < c \text{ and } X_s > c + \epsilon\}) = P(\{\omega : X_r < c\})P(\{\omega : X_s > c + \epsilon\}) > \epsilon^2$. Hence,

$$\epsilon^3 > P(\{\omega : |X_r - X_s| > \epsilon\}) > \epsilon^2,$$

a contradiction.

11. Suppose $\frac{X_n-\mu}{\sigma_n} \xrightarrow{d} Z$ where the non-random sequence $\sigma_n \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$, and g is a function which is differentiable at μ . Then, show that $\frac{g(X_n)-g(\mu)}{g^{(1)}(\mu)\sigma_n} \xrightarrow{d} Z$.

Answer: From question 2, if $Z_n \xrightarrow{d} Z$ then $Z_n = O_p(1)$. Let $Z_n = \frac{X_n - \mu}{\sigma_n}$ and write $X_n = \mu + \sigma_n Z_n = \mu + O_p(\sigma_n)$. By Taylor's Theorem

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_n}g(X_n) - g(\mu) = g^{(1)}(\mu)\frac{(X_n - \mu)}{\sigma_n} + o_p(1).$$

Since $\frac{X_n - \mu}{\sigma_n} \xrightarrow{d} Z$, we have the result.

12. Show that if $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and X are random variables defined on the same probability space and $r > s \ge 1$ and $X_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}_r} X$, then $X_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}_s} X$.

Answer: For arbitrary W let $Z = |W|^s$, Y = 1 and p = r/s. Then, by Hölder's Inequality

$$E|ZY| \le ||Z||_p ||Y||_{p/(p-1)}.$$

Substituting Z and Y gives $E(|W|^s) \leq E(|W|^{sp})^{1/p} = E(|W|^{s\frac{r}{s}})^{s/r}$. Raising both sides to 1/s gives

$$E(|W|^s)^{1/s} \le E(|W|^r)^{1/r}.$$

Setting $W = X_n - X$ and taking limits as $n \to \infty$ gives the result.

Exercises

1. Let U and V be two points in an n-dimensional unit cube, i.e., $[0,1]^n$ and X_n be the Euclidean distance between these two points which are chosen independently and uniformly. Show that $\frac{X_n}{\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{p} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$.

Answer: Let $U' = (U_1 \cdots U_n)$ and $V' = (V_1 \cdots V_n)$. Then, $X_n = (\sum_{i=1}^n (U_i - V_i)^2)^{1/2}$ and we can write

$$\frac{1}{n}E(X_n^2) = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n E((U_i - V_i)^2) = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (u - v)^2 du dv = 1/6$$

where the last equality follows from routine integration. Then, since $E(|(U-V)^2|) = E((U-V)^2) < \infty$, by Kolmogorov's Law of Large Numbers

$$\frac{1}{n}X_n^2 = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n (U_i - V_i)^2 \xrightarrow{p} 1/6.$$

Since, $f(x) = x^{1/2}$ is a continuous function $[0, \infty)$, by Slutsky Theorem if $\frac{1}{n}X_n^2 \xrightarrow{p} 1/6$ then $f\left(\frac{1}{n}X_n^2\right) \xrightarrow{p} f(1/6)$. Consequently,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}X_n \xrightarrow{p} 1/\sqrt{6}$$

2. Show that if $\{X_j\}_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of random variables with $E(X_j) = 0$ and $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_j^p} E(|X_j|^p) < \infty$ for some $p \ge 1$ and a sequence of positive constants $\{a_j\}_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$. Then,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(|X_j| > a_j) < \infty \text{ and } \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_j} |E(X_j I_{\{\omega: |X_j| \le a_j\}})| < \infty.$$

Furthermore, for any $r \ge p$,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_j^r} E(|X_j|^r I_{\{\omega:|X_j| \le a_j\}}) < \infty.$$

Use this result to prove Theorem 8.4 in your class notes with convergence in probability. Answer: Note that

$$P\left(\{\omega : |X_j| > a_j\}\right) = 1 - P(\{\omega : |X_j| \le a_j\}) = \int_{\Omega} \left(1 - I_{\{\omega : |X_j| \le a_j\}}\right) dP.$$

If $\omega \in \{\omega : |X_j| \le a_j\}$, then $P(\{\omega : |X_j| > a_j\}) = 0$. If $|X_j| > a_j$, then $|X_j|^p > a_j^p$ and $|X_j|^p/a_j^p > 1$. Hence,

$$P(\{\omega : |X_j| > a_j\}) < \int_{\Omega} |X_j|^p / a_j^p dP = \frac{1}{a_j^p} E(|X_j|^p)$$

and

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P\left(\{\omega : |X_j| > a_j\}\right) < \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_j^p} E\left(|X_j|^p\right) < \infty.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{a_j} |E(X_j I_{\{\omega:|X_j| \le a_j\}})| &= \frac{1}{a_j} |E(X_j) - E(X_j I_{\{\omega:|X_j| \le a_j\}})|, \text{ since } E(X_j) = 0. \\ &\le \frac{1}{a_j} E\left(|X_t|(1 - I_{\{\omega:|X_j| \le a_j\}})\right) \\ &\le \frac{1}{a_j^p} E\left(|X_j|^p (1 - I_{\{\omega:|X_j| \le a_j\}}) \text{ since } \frac{|X_j|^p}{a_j^p} \ge \frac{|X_j|}{a_j} \text{ if } p \ge 1 \\ &\le \frac{1}{a_j^p} E\left(|X_j|^p\right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_j} |E(X_j I_{\{\omega:|X_j| \le a_j\}})| < \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_j^p} E(|X_j|^p) < \infty$$

Lastly, if $|X_j| \le a_j$ we have that $\frac{1}{a_j}|X_j| \le 1$. Then, for $r \ge p \ge 1$

$$\frac{1}{a_j^r} |X_j|^r I_{\{\omega:|X_j| \le a_j\}} \le \frac{1}{a_j^p} |X_j|^p I_{\{\omega:|X_j| \le a_j\}} \le \frac{1}{a_j} |X_j| I_{\{\omega:|X_j| \le a_j\}}$$

and

$$E\left(\frac{1}{a_j^r}|X_j|^r I_{\{\omega:|X_j|\leq a_j\}}\right) \leq E\left(\frac{1}{a_j^p}|X_j|^p I_{\{\omega:|X_j|\leq a_j\}}\right).$$

Hence,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} E\left(\frac{1}{a_j^r} |X_j|^r I_{\{\omega:|X_j| \le a_j\}}\right) < \infty.$$

In Theorem 8.4, the sequence of random variables $\{X_j\}_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$ is independent and has expectation μ_j . Hence, if $W_j := X_j - \mu_j$, we have $E(W_j) = 0$. Furthermore, in Theorem 8.4 it is assumed that for some $\delta > 0$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{E(|W_j|^{1+\delta})}{j^{1+\delta}} < \infty.$$

Now, note that for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have $\sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{E(|W_j|^{1+\delta})}{n^{1+\delta}} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{E(|W_j|^{1+\delta})}{j^{1+\delta}}$ and

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{E(|W_j|^{1+\delta})}{n^{1+\delta}} \le \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{E(|W_j|^{1+\delta})}{j^{1+\delta}} < \infty$$

Now, in the first part of this answer, take $a_j = n$ for all j and for any $r > 1 + \delta$. Then, we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(|W_j| > n) < \infty \text{ and } \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^r} E(|W_j|^r I_{\{\omega: |W_j| \le n\}}) < \infty$$

Hence, taking r = 2 the conditions on Theorem 8.2 are met and we have

$$\frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}W_{j} - \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}E\left(W_{j}I_{\{\omega:|W_{j}|\leq n\}}\right) = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}(X_{j} - \mu_{j}) - \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}E\left(W_{j}I_{\{\omega:|W_{j}|\leq n\}}\right) = o_{p}(1).$$

But since $E(W_{j}) = 0$, we have $E\left(W_{j}I_{\{\omega:|W_{j}|\leq n\}}\right) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$. Thus, $\frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}(X_{j} - \mu_{j}) = o_{p}(1).$

3. Let $\{X_i\}_{i=2,3,\dots}$ be a sequence of independent random variables such that

$$P(X_i = i) = P(X_i = -i) = \frac{1}{2i \log i}, \ P(X_i = 0) = 1 - \frac{1}{i \log i}$$

Show that $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=2}^{n} X_i \xrightarrow{p} 0.$

Answer: Let $S_n = \sum_{i=2}^n X_i$ and note that $E(X_i) = 0$. Hence, by independence

$$E(S_n^2) = \sum_{i=2}^n E(X_i^2) = \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{i}{\log i} \le \frac{n^2}{\log n}.$$

Hence, $V(S_n/n) = \frac{1}{n^2}V(S_n) = \frac{1}{n^2}E(S_n^2) \le \frac{1}{n^2}\frac{n^2}{\log n} = \frac{1}{\log n} \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$. Consequently, $\frac{1}{n}S_n \xrightarrow{p} 0$ by Chebyshev's inequality.

Exercises

1. Assess the veracity of the following statement: "Since knowledge of X implies knowledge of f(X), conditioning on X is the same as conditioning on f(X). Hence, E(Y|f(X)) = E(Y|X)." Explain using mathematical arguments.

Answer: The statement is false. Recall that conditioning on a random variable X means conditioning on the sub- σ -algebra generated by X, i.e., $X^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$. Hence, conditioning on f(X) means conditioning on the sub- σ -algebra generated by f(X), i.e., $X^{-1}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))$ which is generally different from $X^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$. Take, for example, the following random vector: $(Y, X) : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}^2$ with $(Y(\omega), X(\omega)) = (1, -1)$ if $\omega \in E_1$ and $(Y(\omega), X(\omega)) = (2, -1)$ if $\omega \in E_2$, $(Y(\omega), X(\omega)) = (1, 1)$ if $\omega \in E_3$ and $(Y(\omega), X(\omega)) = (2, 1)$ if $\omega \in E_4$, with $P(E_j) = 1/6$ for j = 1, 2, $P(E_3) = 3/6$, $P(E_4) = 1/6$ and $\Omega = \bigcup_{j=1}^4 E_j$ and $E_i \cup E_j = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$. Now, let $f(X) = X^2$. Then,

$$E(Y|X) = \begin{cases} 1.5 & \text{if } X = -1\\ 5/4 & \text{if } X = 1 \end{cases} \text{ and } E(Y|X^2) = 8/6.$$

2. Let X and Y be independent random variables defined in the same probability space. Show that if $E(|Y|) < \infty$ then

$$P\left(E(Y|X) = E(Y)\right) = 1.$$

Answer: Let \mathcal{F}_X be the σ -algebra generated by X. Let $E \in \mathcal{F}_X$ and note that there exists B such that $E = \{\omega : X(\omega) \in B\}.$

$$\int_{A} Y dP = \int_{\Omega} Y I_A dP = \int_{\Omega} Y I_{X \in B} dP = E(Y I_{X \in B}) = E(Y) E(I_{X \in B})$$

where the last equality follows by independence. Now,

$$E(Y)E(I_{X\in B}) = E(Y)\int_{\Omega} I_{X\in B}dP = E(Y)\int_{\Omega} I_AdP = \int_A E(Y)dP.$$

Consequently, since A is arbitrary in \mathcal{F}_X

$$\int_{A} Y dP = \int_{A} E(Y) dP \text{ or } \int_{A} (Y - E(Y)) dP = 0$$

By definition of conditional expectation we have that E(Y|X) = E(Y) since A is arbitrary in \mathcal{F}_X .

- 3. Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) be a probability space. The set of random variables $X : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$ such that $\int_{\Omega} X^2 dP < \infty$ is denoted by $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$. On this set $||X|| = (\int_{\Omega} X^2 dP)^{1/2}$ is a norm and $\langle X, Y \rangle = \int_{\Omega} XY dP$ is an inner product. If \mathcal{G} is a σ -algebra and $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$, the conditional expectation of X with respect to \mathcal{G} , denoted by $E(X|\mathcal{G})$ is the orthogonal projection of X onto the closed subspace $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$ of $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$. Prove the following results:
 - (a) For $X, Y \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ we have $\langle E(X|\mathcal{G}), Y \rangle = \langle E(Y|\mathcal{G})), X \rangle = \langle E(X|\mathcal{G}), E(Y|\mathcal{G}) \rangle$.
 - (b) If X = Y almost everywhere then $E(X|\mathcal{G}) = E(Y|\mathcal{G})$ almost everywhere.
 - (c) For $X \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$ we have $E(X|\mathcal{G}) = X$.
 - (d) If $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{G}$ is a σ -algebra, then $E(E(X|\mathcal{G})|\mathcal{H}) = E(X|\mathcal{H})$.
 - (e) If $Y \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$ and there exists a constant C > 0 such that $P(|Y| \ge C) = 0$, we have that $E(YX|\mathcal{G}) = YE(X|\mathcal{G})$.
 - (f) If $\{Y_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$, $X \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ and $||Y_n X|| \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$, then $E(Y_n|\mathcal{G}) \xrightarrow{p} E(X|\mathcal{G})$ as $n \to \infty$.

Answer: (a) By definition of conditional expectation, for all measurable $s \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$,

$$E\left([X - E(X|\mathcal{G})]s\right) = 0 \iff E(Xs) = E\left(E(X|\mathcal{G})s\right).$$
(9.1)

Since $E(Y|\mathcal{G}) \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$, we have $E(XE(Y|\mathcal{G})) = E(E(X|\mathcal{G})E(Y|\mathcal{G}))$. But by definition of the inner product the last equality is $\langle E(Y|\mathcal{G}) \rangle, X \rangle = \langle E(X|\mathcal{G}), E(Y|\mathcal{G}) \rangle$. Similarly, changing X for Y in equation (9.1) we obtain $E(Ys) = E(E(Y|\mathcal{G})s)$. Letting, $s = E(X|\mathcal{G})$ we get $E(YE(X|\mathcal{G})) = E(E(Y|\mathcal{G})E(X|\mathcal{G}))$ and $E(YE(X|\mathcal{G})) = E(XE(Y|\mathcal{G}))$, which is equivalent to $\langle E(X|\mathcal{G}), Y \rangle = \langle E(Y|\mathcal{G})), X \rangle$. (b) Let $y = E(Y|\mathcal{G})$ and $x = E(X|\mathcal{G})$. Then,

$$(y-x)^2 = (y-Y+Y-x)(y-x) = (y-Y)(y-x) + (Y-x)(y-x)$$

= $(y-Y)(y-x) + (Y-X)(y-x) + (X-x)(y-x)$

But from item 1, $E(y-x)^2 := ||y-x||^2 = E(Y-X)(y-x) \le E|(Y-X)(y-x)| \le ||Y-X|| ||y-x||$, which gives $||y-x|| \le ||Y-X||$. Lastly, if X = Y almost everywhere, then ||Y-X|| = 0 and x = y almost everywhere.

(c) Since $X \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$, it follows from the projection theorem that $E(X|\mathcal{G}) = X$.

(d) From item (a), we have $\langle E(E(X|\mathcal{G})|\mathcal{H}), Y \rangle = \langle E(X|\mathcal{G}), E(Y|\mathcal{H}) \rangle = \langle X, E(E(Y|\mathcal{H})|\mathcal{G}) \rangle$. Since $E(Y|\mathcal{H}) \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$, we have that by item (c) $\langle X, E(E(Y|\mathcal{H})|\mathcal{G}) \rangle = \langle X, E(Y|\mathcal{H}) \rangle = \langle E(X|\mathcal{H}), Y \rangle$. Hence, $E(E(X|\mathcal{G})|\mathcal{H}) = E(X|\mathcal{H})$ almost everywhere. (e) Since $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$ is a closed linear subspace of $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ and $E(\cdot|\mathcal{G})$ is a linear

projector, any $X \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ can be written as

$$X = E(X|\mathcal{G}) + (X - E(X|\mathcal{G}))$$
(9.2)

where $(X - E(X|\mathcal{G}))$ is orthogonal to any element of $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$. Hence, (9.2) gives

$$XY = E(X|\mathcal{G})Y + (X - E(X|\mathcal{G}))Y.$$
(9.3)

Now, note that for any $s \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$ and $Y \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$ bounded almost everywhere, as assumed in the question, we have $sY \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P)$. Hence, $E((X - E(X|\mathcal{G}))sY) = 0$ and using (9.3) we have

$$E(sXY) = E(sE(X|\mathcal{G})Y) \iff E([XY - E(X|\mathcal{G})Y]s) = 0,$$

and the conclusion that $E(XY|\mathcal{G}) = E(X|\mathcal{G})Y$.

(f) From item (b)

$$||E(Y_n|\mathcal{G}) - E(Z|\mathcal{G})|| \le ||Y_n - Z||.$$

Taking limits on both sides as $n \to \infty$ we obtain $||E(Y_n|\mathcal{G}) - E(Z|\mathcal{G})|| \to 0$, since $||Y_n - Z|| \to 0$ by assumption. That is, $E(Y_n|\mathcal{G})$ converges in quadratic mean to $E(Z|\mathcal{G})$. But by Chebyshev's inequality, convergence in quadratic mean implies convergence in probability. Hence, $E(Y_n|\mathcal{G}) \xrightarrow{p} E(Z|\mathcal{G})$.

- 4. Let $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ be random variables and assume that E(Y|X) = aX where $a \in \mathbb{R}$.
 - (a) Show that if $E(X^2) > 0$, $a = E(XY)/E(X^2)$.
 - (b) If $\{(Y_i X_i)^T\}_{i=1}^n$ is a sequence of independent random vectors with components having the same distribution as $(Y X)^T$, show that

$$\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}X_{i}^{2} \xrightarrow{p} E(X^{2}) \text{ and } \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}Y_{i}X_{i} \xrightarrow{p} E(XY).$$

(c) Let $a_n = \left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2\right)^{-1} \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i X_i$. Does $a_n \xrightarrow{p} a$? Can a_n be defined for all n? Explain.

Answer: (a) Note that $E(Y|X) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} (Y - aX)^2 dP$. Now,

$$\int_{\Omega} (Y - aX)^2 dP = \int_{\Omega} Y^2 dP + a^2 \int_{\Omega} X^2 dP - 2a \int_{\Omega} XY dP,$$

$$\frac{d}{da} \int_{\Omega} (Y - aX)^2 dP = 2a \int_{\Omega} X^2 dP - 2 \int_{\Omega} XY dP \text{ and } \frac{d^2}{da^2} \int_{\Omega} (Y - aX)^2 dP = 2 \int_{\Omega} X^2 dP > 0.$$

Hence, setting the first derivative equal to zero gives, $E(Y|X) \int_{\Omega} X^2 dP = \int_{\Omega} XY dP \iff E(Y|X) = \frac{E(XY)}{E(X^2)}.$

(b) Since
$$X_i^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Y_i \\ X_i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Y_i \\ X_i \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^T$$
 and $X_i Y_i = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Y_i \\ X_i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Y_i \\ X_i \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^T$ they are measurable function of $\begin{pmatrix} Y_i \\ X_i \end{pmatrix}$. Hence, $\{X_i^2\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $\{X_i Y_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ are IID se-

quences. Since, $E(X_i^2) = E(X^2)$ and $E(X_iY_i) = E(XY)$ by the law of large numbers for IID random variables

$$\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}X_{i}^{2}\xrightarrow{p}E(X^{2})>0 \text{ and } \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}Y_{i}X_{i}\xrightarrow{p}E(XY).$$

(c) To define a_n we need $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 > 0$ which is not assured from the assumptions. What can be said is that $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \xrightarrow{p} E(X^2) > 0$. Hence, a_n exists in probability as $n \to \infty$.

5. Prove the following:

(a) If $Y \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ and $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$ is a σ -algebra, show that $|E(Y|\mathcal{G})| \leq E(|Y||\mathcal{G})$. **Answer:** $|Y| = Y^+ - Y^-$ where $Y^+, Y^- \geq 0$. By linearity of conditional expectation

$$E(|Y||\mathcal{G}) = E(Y^+|\mathcal{G}) + E(Y^-|\mathcal{G})$$

and from Theorem 7.9 $E(Y^+|\mathcal{G}) \ge 0, E(Y^-|\mathcal{G}) \ge 0$. Hence,

$$|E(Y|\mathcal{G})| = |E(Y^+|\mathcal{G}) - E(Y^-|\mathcal{G})| \le |E(Y^+|\mathcal{G})| + |E(Y^-|\mathcal{G})|$$
$$= E(Y^+|\mathcal{G}) + E(Y^-|\mathcal{G}) = E(|Y||\mathcal{G})$$

(b) Let c be a scalar constant and suppose X = c almost surely. Show that $E(X|\mathcal{G}) = c$ almost surely.

Answer: It suffices to show that $\int_{\Omega} |c - E(X|\mathcal{G})| dP = 0$. Now,

$$\int_{\Omega} |c - E(X|\mathcal{G})| dP = \int_{c \ge E(X|\mathcal{G})} (c - E(X|\mathcal{G})) dP + \int_{c < E(X|\mathcal{G})} (E(X|\mathcal{G}) - c) dP.$$

Now, $\int_{c \geq E(X|\mathcal{G})} (c - E(X|\mathcal{G})) dP = \int_{\Omega} (c - E(X|\mathcal{G})) I_{\{c \geq E(X|\mathcal{G})\}} dP$. Now, since $E(X|\mathcal{G}) \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P), I_{\{c \geq E(X|\mathcal{G})\}}$ is \mathcal{G} -measurable. Hence, by the definition of conditional expectation

$$\int_{c \ge E(X|\mathcal{G})} (c - E(X|\mathcal{G})) dP = 0.$$

Similarly, $\int_{c < E(X|\mathcal{G})} (E(X|\mathcal{G}) - c) dP = 0$. Hence, $c = E(X|\mathcal{G})$ almost surely. (c) If $Y \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ and $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$ is a σ -algebra, show that for a > 0

$$P\left(\{\omega: |Y(\omega)| \ge a\} | \mathcal{G}\right) \le \frac{1}{a} E(|Y(\omega)| | \mathcal{G}).$$

What is the definition of $P(\{\omega : |Y(\omega)| \ge a\}|\mathcal{G})$? Is this a legitimate probability measure?

Answer: Note that $aI_{\{\omega:|Y(\omega)|\geq a\}} \leq |Y(\omega)|$ and

$$aE\left(I_{\{\omega:|Y(\omega)|\geq a\}}|\mathcal{G}\right) \leq E(|Y(\omega)||\mathcal{G}) \iff E\left(I_{\{\omega:|Y(\omega)|\geq a\}}|\mathcal{G}\right) \leq \frac{1}{a}E(|Y(\omega)||\mathcal{G}).$$

If we define $E\left(I_{\{\omega:|Y(\omega)|\geq a\}}|\mathcal{G}\right) := P\left(\{\omega:|Y(\omega)|\geq a\}|\mathcal{G}\right)$ we have

$$P\left(\{\omega : |Y(\omega)| \ge a\} | \mathcal{G}\right) \le \frac{1}{a} E(|Y(\omega)| | \mathcal{G}).$$

Now, to verify that $P(\cdot|\mathcal{G})$ is a legitimate probability measure note that, $E(I_{\Omega}|\mathcal{G}) = E(1|\mathcal{G}) = 1 = P(\Omega|\mathcal{G})$ almost surely. Also, if $\{E_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a countable collection of disjoint events $I_{\cup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} E_j} = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} I_{E_j}$ and

$$P\left(\bigcup_{j\in\mathbb{N}}E_{j}|\mathcal{G}\right)=E\left(I_{\bigcup_{j\in\mathbb{N}}E_{j}}|\mathcal{G}\right)=E\left(\sum_{j\in\mathbb{N}}I_{E_{j}}|\mathcal{G}\right)=\sum_{j\in\mathbb{N}}E\left(I_{E_{j}}|\mathcal{G}\right)=\sum_{j\in\mathbb{N}}P\left(E_{j}|\mathcal{G}\right).$$

- 6. Let Y and X be random variables such that $Y, X \in \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ and define $\varepsilon = Y E(Y|X)$.
 - (a) Show that $E(\varepsilon|X) = 0$ and $E(\varepsilon) = 0$.
 - (b) Let $V(Y|X) = E(Y^2|X) E(Y|X)^2$. Show that $V(Y|X) = V(\varepsilon|X)$, $V(\varepsilon) = E(V(Y|X))$;
 - (c) $Cov(\varepsilon, h(X)) = 0$ for any function of X whose expectation exists.
 - (d) Assume that $E(Y|X) = \alpha + \beta X$ where $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$. Let $E(Y) = \mu_Y$, $E(X) = \mu_X$, $V(Y) = \sigma_Y^2$, $V(X) = \sigma_X^2$ and $\rho = \frac{Cov(X,Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$. Show that,

$$E(Y|X) = \mu_Y + \rho \sigma_Y \frac{X - \mu_X}{\sigma_X} \text{ and } E(V(Y|X)) = (1 - \rho^2)\sigma_Y^2.$$

Answers:

- (a) $E(\varepsilon|X) = E(Y E(Y|X)|X) = E(Y|X) E(Y|X) = 0$. By the law on iterated expectations $E(\varepsilon) = E(E(\varepsilon|X)) = 0$.
- (b) $V(Y|X) = E((Y E(Y|X))^2|X) = E(\varepsilon^2|X) = V(\varepsilon|X)$ since $E(\varepsilon|X) = 0$. Also, since $E(\varepsilon) = 0$ we have that $V(\varepsilon) = E(\varepsilon^2) = E(E(\varepsilon^2|X)) = E(V(\varepsilon|X)) = E(V(\varepsilon|X))$.
- (c) $Cov(\varepsilon, h(X)) = E(\varepsilon h(X)) E(\varepsilon)E(h(X)) = E(\varepsilon h(X))$ since $E(\varepsilon) = 0$. But by definition of conditional expectation

$$E(\varepsilon h(X)) = E(h(X)E(\varepsilon|X)) = 0$$
 since $E(\varepsilon|X) = 0$.

(d) First note that

$$\mu_Y = E(E(Y|X)) = E(\alpha + \beta X) = \alpha + \beta \mu_X.$$
(9.4)

Now, by definition of conditional expectation

$$E(XY) = E(X(\alpha + \beta X)) = \alpha \mu_X + \beta E(X^2) = \alpha \mu_X + \beta (\sigma_X^2 + \mu_X^2).$$

Also, $E(XY) = Cov(X, Y) + \mu_X \mu_Y = \rho \sigma_X \sigma_Y + \mu_X \mu_Y$. Then, we have

$$\alpha \mu_X + \beta (\sigma_X^2 + \mu_X^2) = \rho \sigma_X \sigma_Y + \mu_X \mu_Y.$$
(9.5)

Equations (9.4) and (9.5) form a system with two unknowns (α , β). The solution is given by,

$$\beta = \frac{\rho \sigma_Y}{\sigma_X}$$
 and $\alpha = \mu_Y - \mu_X \frac{\rho \sigma_Y}{\sigma_X}$.

Substituting α and β into $E(Y|X) = \alpha + \beta X$ gives the desired result. Lastly,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_Y^2 &:= V(Y) = E \left(Y - E(Y) \right)^2 = E \left(Y - E(Y|X) + E(Y|X) - E(Y) \right)^2 \\ &= E \left((Y - E(Y|X))^2 \right) + E \left((E(Y|X) - E(Y))^2 \right) \\ &+ 2E \left((Y - E(Y|X)) (E(Y|X) - E(Y)) \right) \\ &= E \left((Y - E(Y|X))^2 \right) + V \left(E(Y|X) \right) + 2E \left(\varepsilon (E(Y|X) - E(Y)) \right) \\ &= E(V(Y|X)) + V \left(E(Y|X) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$E(V(Y|X)) = \sigma_Y^2 - V\left(\mu_Y + \rho\sigma_Y \frac{X - \mu_X}{\sigma_X}\right)$$
$$= \sigma_Y^2 - \rho^2 \sigma_Y^2 = \sigma_Y^2 (1 - \rho^2)$$

Exercises

1. Suppose $\{X_i\}_{i=1,2,\dots}$ is a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables and $Y_i(x) = I_{\{\omega: X_i \leq x\}}$, where I_A is the indicator function of the set A. Now define

$$F_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(x)$$

for fixed x. Obtain the asymptotic distribution of $\sqrt{n}(F_n(x) - F(x))$. You can use a Central Limit Theorem, but otherwise show all your work.

Answer: (3 points) First, note that $E(Y_i(x)) = P(\{\omega : X_i \le x\}) = F(x)$ and $V(Y_i(x)) = F(x) - F(x)^2 = F(x)(1 - F(x)).$

$$\sqrt{n}(F_n(x) - F(x)) = \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i(x) - E(Y_i(x)))\right).$$

Now, since the sequence is $\{Y_i(x)\}$ is IID, this is so because I_A is measurable, by Lévy's CLT

$$\frac{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(Y_{i}(x) - E(Y_{i}(x)))}{\sqrt{\frac{F(x)(1 - F(x))}{n}}} = \sqrt{n}\frac{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(Y_{i}(x) - E(Y_{i}(x)))}{\sqrt{F(x)(1 - F(x))}} = \frac{\sqrt{n}(F_{n}(x) - F(x))}{\sqrt{F(x)(1 - F(x))}} \xrightarrow{d} Z \sim N(0, 1)$$

2. Let $\{X_n\}_{n=1,2,\cdots}$ and $\{Y_n\}_{n=1,2,\cdots}$ be sequences of random variables defined on the same probability space. Suppose $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ and $Y_n \xrightarrow{d} Y$ and assume X_n and Y_n are independent for all n and X and Y are independent. Show that $X_n + Y_n \xrightarrow{d} X + Y$. Hint: use the characteristic function for a sum of independent random variables.

Answer: The characteristic function of $X_n + Y_n$ is given by

$$\phi_{X_n+Y_n}(t) = E(\exp it(X_n + Y_n)) = E(\exp it(X_n)\exp it(Y_n)) = E(\exp it(X_n))E(\exp it(Y_n)) = \phi_{X_n}(t)\phi_{Y_n}(t) = E(\exp it(X_n))E(\exp it(Y_n)) = E(\exp it(X_n))E(\exp it(X_n))E(\exp it(Y_n)) = E(\exp it(X_n))E(\exp it(X_$$

where the next to last equality follows by independence of X_n and Y_n . Since, $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ and $Y_n \xrightarrow{d} Y$, it must be that $\phi_{X_n}(t) \to \phi_X(t)$ and $\phi_{Y_n}(t) \to \phi_Y(t)$. So,

$$\phi_{X_n+Y_n}(t) = \phi_{X_n}(t)\phi_{Y_n}(t) \to \phi_X(t)\phi_Y(t) = \phi_{X+Y}(t),$$

where the last equality follows from independence of X and Y. Thus, $X_n + Y_n \xrightarrow{d} X + Y$.

3. Let $\{X_i\}_{i=1,2,\dots}$ be a sequence of independent and identically random variables with $E(X_i) = 1$ and $\sigma_{X_i}^2 = \sigma^2 < \infty$. Show that if $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$

$$\frac{2}{\sigma} \left(S_n^{1/2} - n^{1/2} \right) \stackrel{d}{\to} Z \sim N(0, 1).$$

Answer: Note that,

$$\frac{2}{\sigma} (S_n - n) = \frac{2}{\sigma} \left(S_n^{1/2} - n^{1/2} \right) \left(S_n^{1/2} + n^{1/2} \right)$$
$$= \frac{2}{\sigma} \left(S_n^{1/2} - n^{1/2} \right) n^{1/2} \left((S_n/n)^{1/2} + 1 \right)$$

So that,

$$\frac{2}{\sigma}\sqrt{n}\left((S_n/n) - 1\right) = \frac{2}{\sigma}\left(S_n^{1/2} - n^{1/2}\right)\left((S_n/n)^{1/2} + 1\right)$$

and

$$((S_n/n)^{1/2} + 1)^{-1} \frac{2}{\sigma} \sqrt{n} ((S_n/n) - 1) = \frac{2}{\sigma} (S_n^{1/2} - n^{1/2}).$$

Since, $\{X_i\}_{i=1,2,\cdots}$ is a sequence of independent and identically random variables with $E(X_i) = 1$, by Slutsky Theorem $((S_n/n)^{1/2} + 1)^{-1} \xrightarrow{p} 2^{-1}$ and since $\sigma_{X_i}^2 = \sigma^2 < \infty$, by Lévy's CLT $\frac{1}{\sigma}\sqrt{n}\left((S_n/n) - 1\right) \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1)$. Hence, $\frac{2}{\sigma}\left(S_n^{1/2} - n^{1/2}\right) \xrightarrow{d} Z \sim N(0,1)$.