
Series 1: probability spaces

Exercise 1

Let $X: (\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) \rightarrow (E, \mathcal{E})$ be a random variable. Recall the definition of the distribution of X , and show that it is indeed a probability measure.

Exercise 2

Let $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. Find two σ -algebras $\mathcal{F}_1$ and $\mathcal{F}_2$ of Ω such that the union $\mathcal{F}_1 \cup \mathcal{F}_2$ is not a σ -algebra.

Exercise 3

Let $\mathcal{F}$ be the collection of all subsets of $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. Give an example of two probability measures $\mu \neq \nu$ on $\mathcal{F}$ which agree on a collection of sets C such that $\sigma(C) = \mathcal{F}$.

Exercise 4

A σ -algebra $\mathcal{F}$ is said to be countably generated if there exists a countable collection $C \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ such that $\sigma(C) = \mathcal{F}$.

(a) Show that $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ is countably generated.

(b) Show that $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^2) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$.

Exercise 5

Let $\Omega = \mathbb{R}$, and let $\mathcal{F}$ be the collection of all subsets of $\mathbb{R}$ such that either A or A^c is countable. We define $\mathbb{P}: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that $\mathbb{P}(A) = 0$ if A is countable, and $\mathbb{P}(A) = 1$ otherwise. Show that $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ is a probability space.

Exercise 6

We say that $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ has asymptotic density θ if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#(A \cap \{1, \dots, n\})}{n} = \theta(A).$$

Let $\mathcal{A}$ be the collection of subsets of $\mathbb{N}$ which have an asymptotic density.

(a) Give an example of a subset of $\mathbb{N}$ which does not belong to $\mathcal{A}$.

(b) Show that $\mathcal{A}$ is not a σ -algebra.