

### Measure Theory

#### Classes of sets

**Definition 1.1 ( $\sigma$ -algebra):** A class of sets  $A \subset 2\Omega$  if it fulfils the following three conditions: (i)  $\Omega \in A$ . (ii)  $A$  is closed under complements. (iii)  $A$  is closed under countable unions.

**Definition 1.2 (algebra):** A class of sets  $A \subset 2\Omega$  is called an algebra if the following three conditions are fulfilled: (i)  $\Omega \in A$ . (ii)  $A$  is  $\setminus$ -closed. (iii)  $A$  is  $\cup$ -closed

**Definition 1.3 (ring):** A class of sets  $A \subset 2\Omega$  is called a ring if the following three conditions hold: (i)  $\emptyset \in A$ . (ii)  $A$  is  $\setminus$ -closed. (iii)  $A$  is  $\cup$ -closed. A ring is called a  $\sigma$ -ring if it is also  $\sigma$ - $\cup$ -closed

**Definition 1.4 (semiring):** A class of sets  $A \subset 2\Omega$  is called a semiring if (i)  $\emptyset \in A$ , (ii) for any two sets  $A, B \in A$  the difference set  $B \setminus A$  is a finite union of mutually disjoint sets in  $A$ , (iii)  $A$  is  $\cap$ -closed.

**Definition 1.5 (Dynkin-system):** A class of sets  $A \subset 2\Omega$  is called a  $\lambda$ -system (or Dynkin's  $\lambda$ -system) if (i)  $\Omega \in A$ , (ii) for any two sets  $A, B \in A$  with  $A \subset B$ , the difference set  $B \setminus A$  is in  $A$ , and (iii)  $\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in A$  for any choice of countably many pairwise disjoint sets  $A_1, A_2, \dots \in A$ .

**Definition 1.6 (liminf & limsup):** Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  be subsets of  $\Omega$ . The sets  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n := \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} \cap_{m=n}^{\infty} A_m$  and  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n := \cap_{n=1}^{\infty} \cup_{m=n}^{\infty} A_m$  are called limes inferior and limes superior, respectively, of the sequence  $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ .

**Theorem 1.1 (Intersection of classes of sets):** Let  $I$  be an arbitrary index set, and assume that  $A_i$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra for every  $i \in I$ . Hence the intersection  $A_I := \{A \subset \Omega : A \in A_i \text{ for every } i \in I\} = \cap_{i \in I} A_i$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra. The analogous statement holds for rings,  $\sigma$ -rings, algebras and  $\lambda$ -systems. However, it fails for semirings

**Theorem 1.2 (Generated  $\sigma$ -algebra):** Let  $E \subset 2\Omega$ . Then there exists a smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\sigma(E)$  with  $E \subset \sigma(E)$ :  $\sigma(E) := \cap \{A \subset 2\Omega \text{ is a } \sigma\text{-algebra } A \supseteq E\}$ .

**Theorem 1.3 ( $\pi$ -closed  $\lambda$ -system):** Let  $D \subset 2\Omega$  be a  $\lambda$ -system. Then  $D$  is a  $\pi$ -system  $\Leftrightarrow D$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

**Theorem 1.4 (Dynkin's  $\pi$ - $\lambda$  theorem):** If  $E \subset 2\Omega$  is a  $\pi$ -system, then  $\sigma(E) = \delta(E)$ .

**Definition 1.7 (Topology):** Let  $\Omega \neq \emptyset$  be an arbitrary set. A class of sets  $\tau \subset \Omega$  is called a topology on  $\Omega$  if it has the following three properties: (i)  $\emptyset, \Omega \in \tau$ . (ii)  $A \cap B \in \tau$  for any  $A, B \in \tau$ . (iii)  $(\cup_{A \in F} A) \in \tau$  for any  $F \subset \tau$ . The pair  $(\Omega, \tau)$  is called a **topological space**. The sets  $A \in \tau$  are called open, and the sets  $A \subset \Omega$  with  $A^c \in \tau$  are called closed.

**Definition 1.8 (Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra):** Let  $(\Omega, \tau)$  be a topological space. The  $\sigma$ -algebra  $B(\Omega) := B(\Omega, \tau) := \sigma(\tau)$  that is generated by the open sets is called the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $\Omega$ . The elements  $A \in B(\Omega, \tau)$  are called Borel sets or Borel measurable sets.

**Definition 1.8 (Trace of a class of sets):** Let  $A \subset 2\Omega$  be an arbitrary class of subsets of  $\Omega$  and let  $A \in 2\Omega \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ . The class  $A|_A := \{A \cap B : B \in A\} \subset 2A$  is called the trace of  $A$  on  $A$  or the restriction of  $A$  to  $A$ .

### Set Functions

### Set Functions (cont)

$\sigma$ -finite if there exists a sequence of sets  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \dots \in A$  such that  $\Omega = \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} \Omega_n$  and such that  $\mu(\Omega_n) < \infty$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

#### Examples

**Dirac measure** Let  $\omega \in \Omega$  and  $\delta_\omega(A) = 1_A(\omega)$ . Then  $\delta_\omega$  is a probability measure on any  $\sigma$ -algebra  $A \subset 2\Omega$ .  $\delta_\omega$  is called the

**uniform distribution** Let  $\Omega$  be a finite nonempty set. By  $\mu(A) := \#A / \#\Omega$  for  $A \subset \Omega$ , we define a probability measure on  $A = 2\Omega$

Let  $A \subset 2\Omega$  and let  $\mu : A \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  be a set function. We say that  $\mu$  is

monoton       $\mu(A) \leq \mu(B)$  for any two sets  $A, B \in A$  with  $A \subset B$ ,

additiv      if  $\mu(\cup_{i=1}^n A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(A_i)$  for any choice of finitely many mutually disjoint sets  $A_1, \dots, A_n \in A$  with  $\cup_{i=1}^n A_i \in A$ ,

$\sigma$ -additive      if  $\mu(\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i)$  for any choice of countably many mutually disjoint sets  $A_1, A_2, \dots \in A$  with  $\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in A$ ,

subadditive      if for any choice of finitely many sets  $A, A_1, \dots, A_n \in A$  with  $A \subset \cup_{i=1}^n A_i$ , we have  $\mu(A) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(A_i)$ , and

$\sigma$ -subadditive      if for any choice of countably many sets  $A, A_1, A_2, \dots \in A$  with  $A \subset \cup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ , we have  $\mu(A) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i)$

Let  $A$  be a semiring and let  $\mu : A \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  be a set function with  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ .  $\mu$  is called a

content      if  $\mu$  is additive,

premeasure      if  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -additive,

measure      if  $\mu$  is a premeasure and  $A$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra

probability measure      if  $\mu$  is a measure and  $\mu(\Omega) = 1$

Let  $A$  be a semiring. A content  $\mu$  on  $A$  is called

finite      if  $\mu(A) < \infty$  for every  $A \in A$



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