PROBABILITY THEORY I

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Exercise 1. Let \mathcal{F} be a field and μ be a finitely additive probability measure on \mathcal{F} . Prove that μ is countably additive if and only if $\mu(E_n) \downarrow 0$ for any $E_n \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $E_n \downarrow \emptyset$.

Exercise 2. Suppose a distribution function F is given by

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{4}\mathbb{1}_{[0,\infty)}(x) + \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{1}_{[1,\infty)}(x) + \frac{1}{4}\mathbb{1}_{[2,\infty)}(x)$$

What is the probability of the following events, (-1/2, 1/2), (-1/2, 3/2), (2/3, 5/2), $(3, \infty)$?

Exercise 3. By extending the construction of the Lebesgue measure on [0, 1] done in class or otherwise, define the Lebesgue measure μ on \mathbb{R} as the unique measure on $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ that is translation invariant, i.e., $\mu(x + A) = \mu(A)$ for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and any $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$.

Then build a sequence of functions $(f_n)_{n\geq 0}$, $0 \leq f_n \leq 1$, such that $\int f_n d\mu \to 0$ but for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $(f_n(x))_{n\geq 0}$ does not converge.

Exercise 4. Let X be a random variable in $L^1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$, i.e., $\mathbb{E}(|X|) < \infty$. Let $(A_n)_{n \ge 0}$ be a sequence of events in \mathcal{A} such that $\mathbb{P}(A_N) \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{} 0$. Prove that $\mathbb{E}(X \mathbb{1}_{A_n}) \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{} 0$.

Exercise 5. Let $(d_n)_{n\geq 0}$ be a sequence in (0, 1), and $K_0 = [0, 1]$. We define iteratively $(K_n)_{n\geq 0}$ in the following way. From K_n , which is the union of closed disjoint intervals, we define K_{n+1} by removing from each interval of K_n an open interval, centered at the middle of the previous one, with length d_n times the length of the previous one. Let $K = \bigcap_{n\geq 0} K_n$ (K is called a Cantor set).

(a) Prove that K is an uncountable compact set, with empty interior, and whose points are all accumulation points

(b) What is the Lebesgue measure of K?

Exercise 6. Let X be a nonnegative random variable. Prove that $\mathbb{E}(X) < +\infty$ if and only if $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{P}(X \ge n) < \infty$.

Exercise 7. Convergence in measure. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ be a probability space. and $(f_n)_{n\geq 1}, f : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$ measurable (for the Borel σ -field on \mathbb{R}). We say that $(f_n)_{n\geq 1}$ converges in measure to f if for any $\varepsilon > 0$ we have

$$\mu(|f_n - f| > \varepsilon) \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{} 0.$$

- (i) Show that $\int |f f_n| d\mu \to 0$ implies that f_n converges to f in measure. Is the converse statement true?
- (ii) Show that if $f_n \to f \mu$ -almost surely, then $f_n \to f$ in measure. Is the converse statement true?
- (iii) Show that if $f_n \to f$ in measure, there exists a subsequence of $(f_n)_{n\geq 1}$ which converges μ -almost surely.

Exercise 8. Consider a probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ and $(A_n)_n$ a sequence in \mathcal{A} . Let $f : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$ be measurable (for the Borel σ -field on \mathbb{R}) such that $\int_{\Omega} |\mathbb{1}_{A_n} - f| d\mu \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$. Prove

that there exists $A \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $f = \mathbb{1}_A \mu$ -a.s., i.e. $\mu(f = \mathbb{1}_A) = 1$.

Exercise 9. Consider a probability space (E, \mathcal{A}, μ) and $f_n : E \to \mathbb{R}$ measurable, $n \geq 1$. Assume $f_n \to f$ μ -almost surely. Prove that for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a set $A \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $\mu(A) < \varepsilon$ and the convergence $f_n \to f$ is uniform on A^c .