

Cor (Product of ∞ many measures)

\forall probability measures μ_1, μ_2, \dots on $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$

\exists unique prob. measure ν on $(\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}))$ such that

$$\nu(B_1 \times B_2 \times \dots \times B_n \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \dots) = \mu_1(B_1) \dots \mu_n(B_n) \quad \forall B_i \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \quad (*)$$

This ν is called the product of μ_i 's, denoted

$$\nu := \mu_1 \times \mu_2 \times \dots$$

Proof $\nu_n := \mu_1 \times \dots \times \mu_n$ are consistent

K.E.T. $\Rightarrow \exists$ extension ν for which LHS (*) = $\nu_n(B_1 \times \dots \times B_n)$ = RHS (*) \square

Def (∞ many indep. r.v.'s) R.v.'s X_1, X_2, \dots are independent if

\forall finite subset of them is independent.

Thm (Existence) \forall prob. measures μ_1, μ_2, \dots on $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$

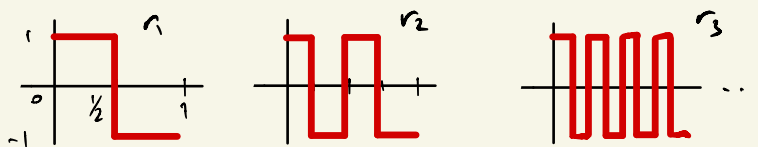
\exists independent r.v.'s X_1, X_2, \dots with marginal distributions μ_1, μ_2, \dots

Proof Define $X(\omega) = \omega$ on $(\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}), \mu_1 \times \mu_2 \times \dots)$

$$P\{X_1 \in B_1, \dots, X_n \in B_n\} = \underbrace{P\{\omega_1 \in B_1, \dots, \omega_n \in B_n\}}_{\mu_1 \times \dots \times \mu_n} = \mu_1(B_1) \dots \mu_n(B_n) = P\{X_1 \in B_1, \dots, X_n \in B_n\} \quad \square$$

Ex (a) An explicit construction of independent random variables on $([0,1], \mathcal{B}([0,1]), \text{Lebesgue})$

Rademacher functions:



They define independent Rademacher random variables that take values ± 1 with prob = $\frac{1}{2}$ each.

(b) Digits of a random $X \sim \text{Unif}[0,1]$

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← HW ↑

Remark (Uncountable K.E.T.): $\mathbb{N} \mapsto T$, an arbitrary set.

• \mathbb{R}^T consists of $\omega = (\omega_t)_{t \in T}$; equivalently, functions $\omega: T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

• Cylinder σ -algebra $\sigma(\mathbb{R}^T) = \sigma(\text{cylinders})$, where a cylinder is a set of the form

$$A = \prod_{t \in T} I_t, \text{ and each } I_t \text{ is either an interval } (a_t, b_t) \text{ or } \mathbb{R}$$

where all $I_t = \mathbb{R}$ for all but a finite number of the factors.

• For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $t_1, \dots, t_n \in T$, consider a measure ν_{t_1, \dots, t_n} on $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n))$.

• These measures are consistent if

$$(a) \nu_{t_1, \dots, t_n} (I_1 \times \dots \times I_n) = \nu_{t_1, \dots, t_n, t_{n+1}} (I_1 \times \dots \times I_n \times \mathbb{R})$$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ and \forall intervals I_i

$$(b) \nu_{t_{\pi(1)}, \dots, t_{\pi(n)}} (I_{\pi(1)} \times \dots \times I_{\pi(n)})$$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \pi \in S(n), \text{ intervals } I_i$

this extra assumption is needed because T may not be totally ordered (unlike \mathbb{N})
 ← If it is, insist on $t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n$ and drop it.

THM (Kolmogorov's Extension Thm - general form)

\forall consistent sequence of probability measures can be uniquely extended to a probability measure ν on $(\mathbb{R}^T, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^T))$.

• $\Rightarrow \exists$ uncountably many independent r.v.'s, e.g.

$$(Z_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \text{ where all } Z_i \text{ are iid } N(0,1)$$

"White noise"

However, cylinder σ -algebra is coarse (access to finite # of Z_i 's)
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 countable

• \rightarrow stochastic processes.

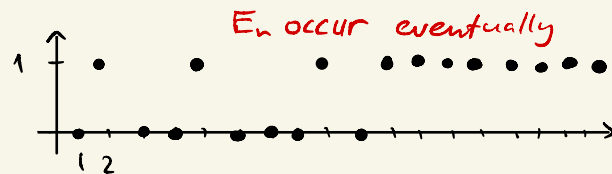
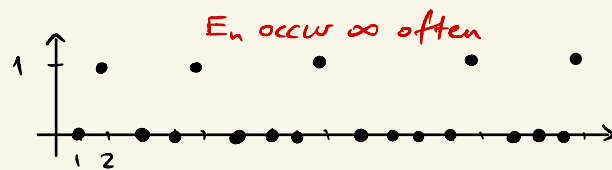
BOREL-CANTELLI LEMMA

• Consider \forall events E_1, E_2, \dots

$\limsup \mathbb{1}_{E_n} = 1 \iff E_n$ occur infinitely often

$\iff \forall m \in \mathbb{N} \exists n \geq m: E_n$ occurs

$\iff \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=m}^{\infty} E_n$ occurs.



$\liminf \mathbb{1}_{E_n} = 1 \iff E_n$ occur eventually

$\iff \exists m \in \mathbb{N} \forall n \geq m: E_n$ occurs

$\iff \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n=m}^{\infty} E_n$ occurs. \Downarrow

Def • $\limsup E_n := \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=m}^{\infty} E_n :=$ "E_n occur infinitely often"

• $\liminf E_n := \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n=m}^{\infty} E_n :=$ "E_n occur eventually"

$$\mathbb{1}_{\limsup E_n} = \limsup \mathbb{1}_{E_n} ; \quad \mathbb{1}_{\liminf E_n} = \liminf \mathbb{1}_{E_n}.$$

Ex: Fatou lemma : $E \mathbb{1}_{\limsup E_n} \geq \limsup E \mathbb{1}_{E_n}$

$$P(\limsup E_n) \geq \limsup P(E_n)$$

Let's upgrade RHS to 1 if E_n are independent:

Borel-Cantelli lemma Let E_1, E_2, \dots be events.

① If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(E_n) < \infty$ then $P\{E_n \text{ occur } \infty \text{ often}\} = 0$

② If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(E_n) = \infty$ and E_n are independent then $P\{E_n \text{ occur } \infty \text{ often}\} = 1.$

Proof ① By def, $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}$: $P(\limsup E_n) \leq P(\bigcup_{n=m}^{\infty} E_n) \stackrel{\text{union bound}}{\leq} \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} P(E_n) \rightarrow 0$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$.
 $\Rightarrow = 0$.

② $(\limsup E_n)^c \stackrel{\text{de Morgan}}{=} \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n=m}^{\infty} E_n^c \leq \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} P(\bigcap_{n=m}^{\infty} E_n^c)$
 Enough to show that $0 \forall m$ (*)

$\forall M \geq m$: $P(\bigcap_{n=m}^M E_n^c) \stackrel{\text{independence}}{=} \prod_{n=m}^M P(E_n^c) \stackrel{1-P(E_n) \leq e^{-P(E_n)}}{\leq} \prod_{n=m}^M e^{-P(E_n)} \stackrel{(1-x \leq e^{-x})}{\leq} \exp(-\sum_{n=m}^M P(E_n)) \rightarrow 0$ as $M \rightarrow \infty$
 ∞ as $M \rightarrow \infty$

\Rightarrow (*) follows by continuity of probability □

Remarks (a) BC2 may fail for dependent events, e.g. for $E_n = E$.

(b) For independent events, BC implies that

$$P\{E_n \text{ occur } \infty \text{ often}\} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \text{"zero-one law"}$$

More 0/1 laws later.

Cor (Infinite monkey theorem)

A monkey that is hitting keys at random will eventually type the complete works of W. Shakespeare with prob. 1.

(and will retype it ∞ many times)

Proof $E_1 = \{\text{first } N \text{ letters} = \text{works of WS}\}$
 $E_2 = \{\text{next } N \text{ letters} = \text{works of WS}\}$
 \dots } independent

$$P(E_n) = p > 0 \quad \forall n \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sum_n P(E_n) = \infty \stackrel{\text{BC2}}{\Rightarrow} P(E_n \text{ occur } \infty \text{ often}) = 1. \quad \square$$