Recitation 2: Probability Space

Lecturer: Chenlin Gu

Exercise 1. Let $(\Omega_i, \mathcal{F}_i, \mathbb{P}_i)$ be a sequence of probability space. Verify that

 $\mathcal{G} = \{ E_1 \times E_2 \times E_3 \cdots E_n : E_1 \in \mathcal{F}_1, E_2 \in \mathcal{F}_2 \cdots E_n \in \mathcal{F}_n \},\$

is a π -system.

Exercise 2. (Monty Hall problem) Suppose you're on a game show, and you're given the choice of three doors: Behind one door is a car; behind the others, goats. You pick a door, say No. 1, and the host, who knows what's behind the doors, opens another door, say No. 3, which has a goat. He then says to you, "Do you want to pick door No. 2?" Is it to your advantage to switch your choice? (Suppose that you prefer a car than a goat.)

Exercise 3. Let $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, \mathcal{F} be the power set of Ω and \mathbb{P} the probability measure such that

$$\mathbb{P}[\{1\}] = \mathbb{P}[\{2\}] = \mathbb{P}[\{3\}] = \mathbb{P}[\{4\}].$$

1. Show that the following two classes of events

$$C_1 = \{\{1,2\}\}, \quad C_2 = \{\{2,3\},\{2,4\}\},\$$

are independent but $\sigma(C_1)$ and $\sigma(C_2)$ are not.

2. We learned a theorem that establishes an extra condition in which we can conclude $\sigma(C_1)$ and $\sigma(C_2)$ are independent. Identify the condition that is missing in this example C_1 and C_2 .

Exercise 4. Let Ω be the set of outcome space and $(X_n)_{n \ge 1}$ a sequence of real-valued random variables defined on Ω .

1. Describe the following expressions without using the words "for all/any" nor "there exists"

$$A = \bigcup_{a \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup_{b \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcap_{n \ge 1} \{ \omega \in \Omega, a \leqslant X_n(\omega) \leqslant b \};$$

$$B = \bigcup_{N \ge 1} \bigcap_{n \ge N} \bigcap_{m \ge n} \{ \omega \in \Omega, X_n(\omega) - X_m(\omega) \ge 0 \};$$

$$C = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcap_{N \ge 1} \bigcup_{n \ge N} \bigcup_{m \ge N} \left\{ \omega \in \Omega, |X_n(\omega) - X_m(\omega)| > \frac{1}{k} \right\}$$

2. Do the reverse operation to translate the following events in Ω

$$\begin{array}{l} set \ of \ \omega \in \Omega \ such \ that \ the \ sequence \ (X_n(\omega))_{n \geqslant 1} \dots \\ D \ \dots \ is \ not \ bounded \ from \ above, \\ E \ \dots \ goes \ to \ +\infty \ . \end{array}$$

Exercise 5. Prove the strong law of large number under the condition of L^4 moment.