

Chapter 2 (Foundations of Probability) 06.12.23

Note: I skip most of the standard measure-theoretic definitions as they should be familiar anyway...

2.1

Probability Spaces and Random Elements

Definition (Random Variables and Elements): A random variable (random vector) on a measurable space (Ω, \mathcal{F}) is a $\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ -measurable function $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (respectively $\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^k)$ -measurable function $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$). A random element between measurable spaces (Ω, \mathcal{F}) and (Y, \mathcal{G}) is a \mathcal{F}/\mathcal{G} -measurable function $X: \Omega \rightarrow Y$.

2.2

σ -Algebras and Knowledge

Lemma (Factorization): Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}), (X, \mathcal{G}), (Y, \mathcal{H})$ be measurable spaces and let $X: \Omega \rightarrow X$ and $Y: \Omega \rightarrow Y$ be random elements. Suppose (Y, \mathcal{H}) is a Borel space. Then Y is $\sigma(X)$ -measurable (i.e., $\sigma(Y) \subseteq \sigma(X)$) if and only if there exists a \mathcal{G}/\mathcal{X} -measurable map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ such that $Y = g \circ X$.

Definition (Filtration, Adapted, Predictable): Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}) be a measurable space, then a filtration is a sequence $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t=0}^{\infty}$ of sub- σ -algebras of \mathcal{F} such that $\mathcal{F}_t \subseteq \mathcal{F}_{t+n}$ for all $t < n$. (Note that $n = \infty$ is allowed and $\mathcal{F}_{\infty} := \sigma(\bigcup_{t=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}_t)$.) A sequence of random variables $(X_t)_{t=0}^{\infty}$ is adapted to a filtration $\mathcal{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t=0}^{\infty}$ if X_t is \mathcal{F}_t -measurable. A sequence of random variables $(X_t)_{t=1}^{\infty}$ is \mathcal{F} -predictable if X_t is \mathcal{F}_{t-1} -measurable. A filtered probability space is a tuple $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}, \mathcal{F})$, where $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ is a probability space and \mathcal{F} is a filtration of \mathcal{F} .

2.3

Conditional Probabilities

Definition (Conditional Probability): Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space and let $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $\mathbb{P}(B) > 0$. Then the conditional probability $\mathbb{P}(A|B)$ is $\mathbb{P}(A|B) = \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) / \mathbb{P}(B)$.

Theorem (Bayes Rule): Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space and let $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $\mathbb{P}(A) > 0$ and $\mathbb{P}(B) > 0$. Then:

$$\mathbb{P}(A|B) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(B|A)\mathbb{P}(A)}{\mathbb{P}(B)}$$

2.4

Independence

Definition (Independence): Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space. A collection $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ is pairwise independent if for all $A, B \in \mathcal{S}$, A and B are independent. The events in \mathcal{S} are said to be mutually independent (or just independent) if for any finite set $A_1, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{F}$ of distinct events,

$$\mathbb{P}(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}(A_i).$$

Two collections of events, $\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{F}$, are independent if for all $A \in \mathcal{S}_1$ and all $B \in \mathcal{S}_2$, A and B are independent. Two random variables X and Y are independent if $\sigma(X)$ and $\sigma(Y)$ are independent. The notions of pairwise/mutual independence apply accordingly.

2.5

Integration and Expectation

Proposition (Independent Expectation): If X and Y are independent and either $\mathbb{E}[|X|], \mathbb{E}[|Y|] < \infty$ or $\mathbb{E}[|XY|] < \infty$, then $\mathbb{E}[XY] = \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]$.

Proposition (Tail Expectation): Let X be a nonnegative random variable. Then $\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}(X > x) dx$.

Definition ((Complementary) CDF): The (complementary) cumulative distribution function of a random variable X is $(x \mapsto \mathbb{P}(X > x))$. $F_X(x) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq x)$. Note that F_X is increasing, right-continuous, and $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F_X(x) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_X(x) = 1$. The CDF captures all aspects of the distribution of X .

Proposition (Law Of The Unconscious Statistician - LOTUS): Let $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ be a random variable and let P_X be its push-forward. Let $S: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be measurable, then

$$\mathbb{E}[S(X)] = \int S(x) dP_X(x),$$

provided that either side exists.

2.6

Conditional Expectation

Definition (Conditional Expectation): Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space, let $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a random variable, and let $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ be a sub- σ -algebra. The conditional expectation of X given \mathcal{G} is denoted by $\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}]$ and defined to be any \mathcal{G} -measurable random variable on Ω such that for all $H \in \mathcal{G}$, $\int_H \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}] d\mathbb{P} = \int_H X d\mathbb{P}$. Given a random variable Y , the conditional expectation of X given Y is $\mathbb{E}[X | \sigma(Y)]$.

Theorem: The conditional expectation always exists and for two $S_1: \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$, $S_2: \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$, $S_1 = S_2$ almost surely.

Theorem (Properties of Conditional Expectation): Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space, $\mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ be sub- σ -algebras and X, Y integrable random variables on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$. Then:

- (i) If $X \geq 0$, then $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] \geq 0$ a.s.
- (ii) $\mathbb{E}[\gamma|\mathcal{G}] = \gamma$ a.s.
- (iii) $\mathbb{E}[X+Y|\mathcal{G}] = \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] + \mathbb{E}[Y|\mathcal{G}]$ a.s.
- (iv) $\mathbb{E}[XY|\mathcal{G}] = Y \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}]$ a.s. if $\mathbb{E}[XY]$ exists and Y is \mathcal{G} -measurable.
- (v) If $\mathcal{G}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{G}_2$, then $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}_1] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}_2]|\mathcal{G}_1]$ a.s.
- (vi) If $\sigma(X)$ is independent of \mathcal{G}_2 given \mathcal{G}_1 , then $\mathbb{E}[X|\sigma(\mathcal{G}_1 \cup \mathcal{G}_2)] = \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}_1]$ a.s.
- (vii) If $\mathcal{G} = \{\emptyset, \Omega\}$, then $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] = \mathbb{E}[X]$ a.s.

Definition (Conditional Independence): Two event systems \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are independent given a σ -algebra \mathcal{F} if for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$ and all $B \in \mathcal{B}$, $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B | \mathcal{F}) = \mathbb{P}(A | \mathcal{F}) \mathbb{P}(B | \mathcal{F})$ a.s.

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Notes

Definition (Absolutely Continuous): let \mathbb{P} and \mathbb{Q} be measures over (Ω, \mathcal{F}) . Then \mathbb{P} is absolutely continuous w.r.t. \mathbb{Q} if for all $A \in \mathcal{F}$, $\mathbb{Q}(A) = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(A) = 0$. We also say \mathbb{Q} dominates \mathbb{P} or write $\mathbb{P} \ll \mathbb{Q}$.

Theorem (Radon-Nikodym Derivative): let \mathbb{P} and \mathbb{Q} be measures over (Ω, \mathcal{F}) and suppose \mathbb{Q} is σ -finite. Then the density, or Radon-Nikodym derivative, of \mathbb{P} w.r.t. \mathbb{Q} , denoted $d\mathbb{P}/d\mathbb{Q}$, exists if and only if $\mathbb{P} \ll \mathbb{Q}$. The Radon-Nikodym derivative is the function $d\mathbb{P}/d\mathbb{Q}: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = \int_A \frac{d\mathbb{P}}{d\mathbb{Q}} d\mathbb{Q} \quad \text{for all } A \in \mathcal{F}.$$

It is unique up to a \mathbb{Q} -null set.

Proposition (Change-Of-Measure): Let P and Q be measures over (Ω, \mathcal{F}) such that dP/dQ exists. Let X be a P -integrable random variable, then $\int X dP = \int X \frac{dP}{dQ} dQ$.

Proposition (Radon-Nikodym Chain Rule): Let P, Q, S be measures with $P \ll Q \ll S$. Then

$$\frac{dP}{dS} = \frac{dP}{dQ} \frac{dQ}{dS}.$$

Definition (Support): Let X be a topological space and let μ be a measure over $(X, \mathcal{B}(X))$, then the support of X is

$$\text{Supp}(x) := \{x \in X \mid \mu(U) > 0 \text{ for all neighborhoods } U \text{ of } x\}.$$

2.9

Exercises

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(1) Proof. Let $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}$ be σ -algebras and let f and g be \mathcal{F}/\mathcal{G} - and \mathcal{G}/\mathcal{H} -measurable, respectively. Consider $g \circ f$. Let $A \in \mathcal{H}$. Then $g^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{G}$ and $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(A)) \in \mathcal{F}$. Thus, as $(g \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$, $g \circ f$ is \mathcal{F}/\mathcal{H} -measurable. □

(2) Proof. Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}) be a measurable space and let $x_1, \dots, x_n: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be random variables. Define $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ by $X = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$. Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open rectangle, then there are open intervals $A_1, \dots, A_n \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ with $A = A_1 \times \dots \times A_n$. But then

$$X^{-1}(A) = \bigcap_{i=1}^n x_i^{-1}(A_i)$$

and as for each i , $x_i^{-1}(A_i) \in \mathcal{F}$, also $X^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{F}$. Hence, X is measurable as $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is generated by open rectangles. □

(3) Proof. Let \mathcal{U} be a set and let (V, Σ) be a measurable space. Let $X: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow V$ be a function. We show that $\mathcal{F} = \{X^{-1}(A) \mid A \in \Sigma\}$ is a σ -algebra over \mathcal{U} . First, as $X^{-1}(\mathcal{U}) = \mathcal{U}$ and $V \in \Sigma$, also $\mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{F}$. Now let $B \in \mathcal{F}$. Then there is an $A \in \Sigma$ with $X^{-1}(A) = B$. But then also $V \setminus A \in \Sigma$ and $X^{-1}(V \setminus A) = \mathcal{U} \setminus X^{-1}(A) = \mathcal{U} \setminus B \in \mathcal{F}$. Finally, let $(B_i) \subseteq \mathcal{F}$. Then for each i there is an $A_i \in \Sigma$ with $X(A_i) = B_i$. Moreover, $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in \Sigma$ and

$$X^{-1}\left(V \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = V \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} X^{-1}(A_i) = V \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Hence, \mathcal{F} is a σ -algebra over \mathcal{U} . □

(4) Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}) be a measurable space, let $A \in \Omega$, and define $\mathcal{F}|_A = \{A \cap B \mid B \in \mathcal{F}\}$.

(a) Proof. We show that $(A, \mathcal{F}|_A)$ is a measurable space. Clearly, $A \in \mathcal{F}|_A$ as $A \in \mathcal{F}$ and $A \cap A = A$. Now let $C \in \mathcal{F}|_A$ and $B \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $C = A \cap B$. Then also $C \in \mathcal{F}$ and

$$A \cap (\Omega \setminus B) = (A \cap \Omega) \setminus (A \cap B) = A \setminus C,$$

so $A \setminus C \in \mathcal{F}|_A$. Moreover, let $(C_i) \subseteq \mathcal{F}|_A$ and $(B_i) \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ such that $C_i = A \cap B_i$ for all i . But then also $\bigcup_i B_i \in \mathcal{F}$ and

$$A \cap \left(\bigcup_i B_i\right) = \bigcup_i (A \cap B_i) = \bigcup_i C_i,$$

so $\bigcup_i C_i \in \mathcal{F}|_A$. Hence, $(A, \mathcal{F}|_A)$ is a measurable space. □

- (4) (b) Proof. Suppose $A \in \mathcal{F}$. " \subseteq ": Let $C \in \mathcal{F}|_A$. Then there is a $B \in \mathcal{F}$ with $C = A \cap B$. Thus, as $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ also $C \in \mathcal{F}$, and $C \subseteq A$ is clear. Hence, $C \in \{\bar{B} \mid \bar{B} \in \mathcal{F}, \bar{B} \subseteq A\}$.
 " \supseteq ": Let $C \in \{\bar{B} \mid \bar{B} \in \mathcal{F}, \bar{B} \subseteq A\}$. Then $C = A \cap \bar{C}$ and thus, $C \in \mathcal{F}|_A$. Therefore, $\mathcal{F}|_A = \{\bar{B} \mid \bar{B} \in \mathcal{F}, \bar{B} \subseteq A\}$. □

- (5) Let $\mathcal{G} \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ be nonempty and let $\sigma(\mathcal{G})$ be the smallest σ -algebra such that $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{G})$.

(a) Proof. We show that

$$\sigma(\mathcal{G}) = \bigcap_{X \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}}} X,$$

where $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}$ is the set of all σ -algebras over Ω that contain \mathcal{G} . We first show that this is actually a σ -algebra, that it contains \mathcal{G} , and finally that it is the smallest. Clearly, $\Omega \in \sigma(\mathcal{G})$ as $\Omega \in X$ for all $X \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}}$. Let $A \in \sigma(\mathcal{G})$. Then $A \in X$ for all $X \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}}$ and thus $A^c \in X$ for all $X \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}}$. Hence, also $A^c \in \sigma(\mathcal{G})$. Finally, let $(A_i) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{G})$. Then $A_i \in X$ for all $X \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}}$ and all i and therefore also $\bigcup A_i \in X$ for all $X \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}}$. Thus, $\bigcup A_i \in \sigma(\mathcal{G})$ and $\sigma(\mathcal{G})$ is a σ -algebra. Moreover, as $\mathcal{G} \subseteq X$ for all $X \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}}$, also $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{G})$. Finally, let $\mathcal{F} \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ be any σ -algebra with $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$. Then $\mathcal{F} \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}}$ and thus $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{G})$. □

- (b) Proof. Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}) be a measurable space and let $X: \Omega' \rightarrow \Omega$ be \mathcal{F}/\mathcal{G} -measurable. Now let $A \in \mathcal{G}$. Then $X^{-1}(\Omega \cdot A) = \Omega' \setminus X^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{F}$ as $X^{-1}(A) \in \sigma(\mathcal{G})$. Now let $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{G}$. Then $X^{-1}(\bigcup A_i) = \bigcup X^{-1}(A_i) \in \mathcal{F}$ as $X^{-1}(A_i) \in \mathcal{F}$ for each i . And, as every $A \in \sigma(\mathcal{G})$ can be constructed from countable unions and complements of elements of \mathcal{G} , we have $X^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{F}$ for all $A \in \sigma(\mathcal{G})$ and thus X is $\mathcal{F}/\sigma(\mathcal{G})$ -measurable. □

(c) Proof. Let \mathcal{F} be a σ -algebra and let $\mathbb{1}_A$ be the indicator function for some $A \in \mathcal{F}$. Let B be some subset of the codomain of $\mathbb{1}_A$. Then:

$$\mathbb{1}_A^{-1}(B) = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } 0, 1 \notin B \\ A & \text{if } 0 \in B, 1 \notin B \\ A \setminus A & \text{if } 0 \notin B, 1 \notin B \\ \Omega & \text{if } 0, 1 \in B \end{cases}$$

In all cases, $\mathbb{1}_A^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{F}$ as $A \in \mathcal{F}$, so $\mathbb{1}_A$ is indeed measurable. In fact, it is measurable if and only if $A \in \mathcal{F}$. □

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(7) Proof. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space and let $B \in \mathcal{F}$, $\mathbb{P}(B) > 0$. Consider $\mathbb{Q}: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\mathbb{Q}(A) = \mathbb{P}(A|B)$, where $\mathbb{P}(A|B) = \mathbb{P}(A \cap B)/\mathbb{P}(B)$. We show that \mathbb{Q} is a probability measure over (Ω, \mathcal{F}) . First, clearly

$$\mathbb{Q}(\emptyset) = \mathbb{P}(\emptyset|B) = \mathbb{P}(\emptyset \cap B)/\mathbb{P}(B) = 0/\mathbb{P}(B) = 0.$$

Moreover,

$$\mathbb{Q}(\Omega) = \mathbb{P}(\Omega \cap B)/\mathbb{P}(B) = \mathbb{P}(B)/\mathbb{P}(B) = 1.$$

Now let $(A_i) \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ with $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$. Then also $(A_i \cap B) \cap (A_j \cap B) = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$ and thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Q}(\bigcup A_i) &= \mathbb{P}((\bigcup A_i) \cap B)/\mathbb{P}(B) = \mathbb{P}(\bigvee(A_i \cap B))/\mathbb{P}(B) \\ &= (\sum \mathbb{P}(A_i \cap B))/\mathbb{P}(B) = \sum \mathbb{Q}(A_i). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, \mathbb{Q} is a probability measure. (Nonnegativity is trivial.) □

(8) Proof. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space and let $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$, $\mathbb{P}(A), \mathbb{P}(B) > 0$. Then $\mathbb{P}(A|B) = \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) / \mathbb{P}(B)$ and $\mathbb{P}(B|A) = \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) / \mathbb{P}(A)$. Hence,

$$\mathbb{P}(A|B) \mathbb{P}(B) = \mathbb{P}(B|A) \mathbb{P}(A).$$

Dividing both sides by $\mathbb{P}(B)$ yields Bayes' rule:

$$\mathbb{P}(A|B) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(B|A) \mathbb{P}(A)}{\mathbb{P}(B)}$$

□

(9) (a) Let A and B denote the event sets for ' $X_1 < 2$ ' and ' X_2 is even', respectively. That is,

$$A = \{1\} \times \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\},$$

$$B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \times \{2, 4, 6\}.$$

We have $\mathbb{P}(A) = 6/6^2 = 1/6$ and $\mathbb{P}(B) = 9/6^2 = 1/2$. Moreover,

$$A \cap B = \{1\} \times \{2, 4, 6\},$$

and thus $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = 1/12 = 1/6 \cdot 1/2 = \mathbb{P}(A) \mathbb{P}(B)$. That is, A and B are independent.

(b) Let $A \in \sigma(X_1)$ and $B \in \sigma(X_2)$. We have that for any set $C \subseteq \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$, $X_1^{-1}(C) = C \times \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$, and similar for X_2 . Hence, there are $A', B' \subseteq \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ such that $A = A' \times \{1, \dots, 6\}$ and $B = \{1, \dots, 6\} \times B'$. Thus, $\mathbb{P}(A) = 6|A'|/6^2 = |A'|/6$ and $\mathbb{P}(B) = |B'|/6$. Moreover, $A \cap B = A' \times B'$ and $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = |A'| \cdot |B'|/6^2$. Thus, we have $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A) \mathbb{P}(B)$.

(10) (a) Proof. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space. If $\emptyset \cap \Omega = \emptyset$ and $\mathbb{P}(\emptyset) = 0$, we have

$$\mathbb{P}(\emptyset \cap \Omega) = \mathbb{P}(\emptyset) = 0 = \mathbb{P}(\emptyset)\mathbb{P}(\Omega),$$

so \emptyset and Ω are independent.

□

(b) Proof. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space and let $A \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $\mathbb{P}(A) \in \{0, 1\}$. Suppose $\mathbb{P}(A) = 0$. Let $B \in \mathcal{F}$. Then $\mathbb{P}(A)\mathbb{P}(B) = 0\mathbb{P}(B) = 0$. We thus need to show that $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = 0$. As $A \cap B \subseteq A$, we have

$$\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) \leq \mathbb{P}(A) = 0,$$

and thus, as \mathbb{P} is nonnegative, $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = 0$ and therefore A and B are independent. Now suppose $\mathbb{P}(A) = 1$. Let $B \in \mathcal{F}$. Then $\mathbb{P}(A)\mathbb{P}(B) = 1\mathbb{P}(B) = \mathbb{P}(B)$, so we need to show that $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(B)$. First, as $A \cap B \subseteq B$, we have $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) \leq \mathbb{P}(B)$. Suppose A and B are disjoint, i.e., $A \cap B = \emptyset$. Then

$$1 = \mathbb{P}(A \cup B) = \mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(B) = 1 + \mathbb{P}(B),$$

so $\mathbb{P}(B) = 0 = \mathbb{P}(\emptyset) = \mathbb{P}(A \cap B)$. Suppose $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$. Then we can write it as

$$A = (A \cap B) \cup (A \setminus B)$$

where $(A \cap B) \cap (A \setminus B) = \emptyset$, and therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(A) &= \mathbb{P}((A \cap B) \cup (A \setminus B)) = \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) + \mathbb{P}(A \setminus B) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) + \mathbb{P}(A) - \mathbb{P}(B). \quad (\text{As } \mathbb{P}(A) = 1 < \infty.) \end{aligned}$$

Subtracting and adding $\mathbb{P}(A)$ and $\mathbb{P}(B)$, respectively, yields $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(B)$.

□

- (c) Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) be a probability space and let $A \in \mathcal{F}$ be independent of its complement, $\Omega \setminus A$. Then A is trivial.

Proof. Suppose $P(A \cap (\Omega \setminus A)) = P(A)P(\Omega \setminus A)$. On the left hand side, we have

$$P(A \cap (\Omega \setminus A)) = P(\emptyset) = 0,$$

so $P(A)P(\Omega \setminus A) = 0$, too. Thus, either $P(A) = 0$ or $P(\Omega \setminus A) = 0$ and due to $P(\Omega \setminus A) = 1 - P(A)$, we have $P(A) \in \{0, 1\}$. □

- (d) We can conclude that A is trivial.

Proof. Let $A \in \mathcal{F}$ be independent of itself. Then $P(A) = (P(A))^2$, so $P(A) \in \{0, 1\}$. □

- (e) Let $\Omega = \{h, t\}^2$ and let $X_i : \Omega \rightarrow \{h, t\}$, $X_i(a) = a_i$, be the rows for $i \in \{1, 2\}$. Let $\mathcal{F} = 2^{\Omega}$ and $P : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $P(A) = |A|/4$ for all $A \in \mathcal{F}$. Then we have the following independent pairs:

A

$$\{h\} \times \{h, t\}$$

$$\{t\} \times \{h, t\}$$

B

B

$$\{h, t\} \times \{h\}$$

$$\{h, t\} \times \{t\}$$

B

any set

A

any set

any set

B

any set

A

(g) Let $X_i : \Omega \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$ be the random variables for $i \in \{1, 2\}$. Consider $A = \{X_1 \leq 2\}$ and $B = \{X_1 = X_2\}$. Then

$$A = \{1, 2\} \times \{1, 2, 3\},$$

$$B = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\},$$

and $P(A) = 2 \cdot 3 / 9 = 6/9 = 2/3$, $P(B) = 1/3$. Moreover, with $A \cap B = \{(1, 1), (2, 2)\}$, we have $P(A \cap B) = 2/9$. Hence, as $P(A)P(B) = 2/3 \cdot 1/3 = 2/9$, A and B are independent. □

(g) Proof. Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) be an n -element, finite, uniform probability space. That is, $P(A) = |A|/n$ where $A \in \mathcal{F} = 2^\Omega$. ⁽²⁴⁾ Let $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $n|A \cap B| = |A||B|$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cap B) &= \frac{1}{n}|A \cap B| = \frac{1}{n}n|A \cap B| \\ &= \frac{1}{n}|A| \cdot \frac{1}{n}|B| = P(A)P(B), \end{aligned}$$

so A and B are independent. ⁽²⁵⁾ Let $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$. That is,

$$\frac{1}{n}|A \cap B| = P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{n}|A| \cdot |B| = P(A)P(B).$$

Multiplying both sides by n yields the desired relation. □

(h) Proof. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be an n -element, uniform probability space. That is, $|\Omega| = n$, $\mathbb{P}(A) = |A|/n$, where $A \in \mathcal{F} = 2^\Omega$. Suppose n is prime. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ be independent. Then $n|A \cap B| = |A||B|$. Suppose, for contradiction, that both A and B are nontrivial. That is, $0 < |A|, |B| < n$. Thus, as $|A||B| = n|A \cap B|$ and $|A||B| > 0$, also $|A \cap B| > 0$. Let $k = |A|$, $l = |B|$, and $m = |A \cap B|$, all of which are natural numbers. We have $kl = nm$. Moreover, $m \leq k, l < n$. Let $\tilde{k} = k/\gcd(k, m)$ and $\tilde{m} = m/\gcd(k, m)$. Then \tilde{k} and \tilde{m} are coprime and $\tilde{k}\tilde{l} = n\tilde{m}$. However, this implies that $\tilde{k}|n$ as $\tilde{k} \neq \tilde{m}$. But n is prime. Hence, A and B cannot be independent if they are both nontrivial. \square

(i) TODO

(j) No. Let A, B be dependent events and let $C = \emptyset$. Then

$$\mathbb{P}(A \cap B \cap C) = \mathbb{P}(\emptyset) = 0 = \mathbb{P}(A)\mathbb{P}(B)\mathbb{P}(C).$$

(M) (a) Proof. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space and let X be a constant random variable. Then $\sigma(X) = \{\emptyset, \Omega\}$, and both \emptyset and Ω are independent of every event. \square

(b) Proof. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space and let X be constant a.s. Then for all $A \in \sigma(X)$, we have $\mathbb{P}(A) \in \{0, 1\}$ and thus every A is trivial. Hence, independent of every event. \square

(c) Proof. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space and let $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ be events. Let $X = \mathbb{1}_A$ and $Y = \mathbb{1}_B$. 'If' Suppose now X and Y are independent. Then $\sigma(X)$ and $\sigma(Y)$ are independent. As $A \in \sigma(X)$ and $B \in \sigma(Y)$, A and B are independent. 'Only if.' Suppose A and B are independent. We have

$$\sigma(X) = \{\emptyset, \Omega, A, \Omega \setminus A\},$$

$$\sigma(Y) = \{\emptyset, \Omega, B, \Omega \setminus B\}.$$

Let $\bar{A} \in \sigma(X)$ and $\bar{B} \in \sigma(Y)$. If $\bar{A} \in \{\emptyset, \Omega\}$ or $\bar{B} \in \{\emptyset, \Omega\}$, things are trivial. If $\bar{A} = A$ and $\bar{B} = B$, \bar{A} and \bar{B} are independent by assumption. If $\bar{A} = \Omega \setminus A$ and $\bar{B} = B$, we have

$$\mathbb{P}(\bar{A}) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(A) \quad \mathbb{P}(\bar{B}) = \mathbb{P}(B)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}) = \mathbb{P}((\Omega \setminus A) \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(B \setminus (A \cap B))$$

$$= \mathbb{P}(B) - \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(B) - \mathbb{P}(A)\mathbb{P}(B)$$

$$= (1 - \mathbb{P}(A))\mathbb{P}(B) = \mathbb{P}(\bar{A})\mathbb{P}(\bar{B}),$$

so \bar{A} and \bar{B} are independent. If $\bar{A} = \Omega \setminus A$ and $\bar{B} = \Omega \setminus B$, the argument is analogous. If $\bar{A} = \Omega \setminus A$ and $\bar{B} = \Omega \setminus B$, we have $\mathbb{P}(\bar{A}) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(A)$ and $\mathbb{P}(\bar{B}) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(B)$, and

$$\mathbb{P}(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}) = \mathbb{P}((\Omega \setminus A) \cap (\Omega \setminus B))$$

$$= \mathbb{P}(((\Omega \setminus (\Omega \setminus B)) \setminus (A \cap (\Omega \setminus B))))$$

$$= \mathbb{P}((\Omega \setminus B) \setminus (A \cap (\Omega \setminus B)))$$

$$= 1 - \mathbb{P}(B) - (\mathbb{P}(A) - \mathbb{P}(A \cap B))$$

$$= 1 - \mathbb{P}(B) - \mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(A)\mathbb{P}(B)$$

$$= (1 - \mathbb{P}(A))(1 - \mathbb{P}(B)) = \mathbb{P}(\bar{A})\mathbb{P}(\bar{B})$$

□

(d) Let $(A_i)_{i=1}^n$ be n events and let $X_i = \mathbb{1}_{A_i}$ be indicators for all $i = 1, \dots, n$. Then (A_i) are pairwise/mutually independent if and only if (X_i) are pairwise/mutually independent.

The proof is straightforward but tedious.

(12) Proof. Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) be a probability space, let $X, Y: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be random variables such that $X \leq Y$, let X^+, X^-, Y^+, Y^- be the nonnegative and nonpositive parts of X and Y . Then $0 \leq X^+ \leq Y^-$ and $X^- \geq Y^- \geq 0$. Hence,

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[X^+] - \mathbb{E}[X^-] \leq \mathbb{E}[Y^+] - \mathbb{E}[Y^-] = \mathbb{E}[Y].$$
□

(13) (a) Proof. Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous. Let $O \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be open and recall that the Borel algebra is generated by the open sets. As f is continuous, $f^{-1}(O)$ is also open and thus measurable. Hence, f is measurable.

□

(b) Proof. Let $X: (\Omega, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$ be a random variable and consider $|\cdot|: (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$. As $|\cdot|$ is continuous, it is measurable, as $|X| = |\cdot| \circ X$, $|X|$ is also measurable.

□

(c) Proof. Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) be a probability space and let X be a random variable. 'If' Suppose that $|X|$ is integrable. Then $\mathbb{E}[X^+] \leq \mathbb{E}[|X|] < \infty$ and $\mathbb{E}[X^-] \leq \mathbb{E}[|X|] < \infty$, so X is integrable. 'Only if' Suppose that X is integrable. Then

$$\mathbb{E}[|X|] = \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[X^+]}_{<\infty} + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[X^-]}_{<\infty} < \infty,$$

so $|X|$ is integrable.

□

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(15) Proof. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space and let (X_i) be a (possibly infinite) sequence on that space. Assume that $\mathbb{E}[X_i] < \infty$ for all i and $\mathbb{E}[\sum_i |X_i|] < \infty$. Let $X = \sum_i X_i$ and $\bar{X} = \sum_i |X_i|$. Let $X_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. Then

$$|X_n| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |X_i| \leq \sum_i |X_i| = \bar{X},$$

so (X_n) is dominated by the integrable function \bar{X} . Hence, by the dominated convergence theorem,

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[\sum_i X_i] = \sum_i \mathbb{E}[X_i].$$

□

(16) Proof. Let X be an integrable random variable and let $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Suppose X is simple. Then $\mathbb{E}[cX] = c \mathbb{E}[X]$ is trivial. Suppose X is nonnegative. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[cX] &= \int_{\Omega} cX d\mathbb{P} \\ &= \sup \left\{ \int_{\Omega} ch d\mathbb{P} \mid h \text{ is simple and } 0 \leq h \leq X \right\} \\ &= \sup \left\{ c \int_{\Omega} h d\mathbb{P} \mid \dots \right\} \\ &= c \sup \left\{ \int_{\Omega} h d\mathbb{P} \mid \dots \right\} \\ &= c \mathbb{E}[X].\end{aligned}$$

Now let X be any integrable random variable. Then $\mathbb{E}[cX] = \mathbb{E}[cX^+] - \mathbb{E}[cX^-] = c(\mathbb{E}[X^+] - \mathbb{E}[X^-]) = c \mathbb{E}[X]$.

□

(17) Proof. Let $X = \mathbb{1}_A$ and $Y = \mathbb{1}_B$ be indicator functions and suppose they are independent. Then A and B are independent and we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[X|Y] &= \int \mathbb{1}_A \mathbb{1}_B d\mathbb{P} = \int \mathbb{1}_{A \cap B} d\mathbb{P} \\ &= \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A)\mathbb{P}(B) = \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y].\end{aligned}$$

Now let $X = \sum_i \alpha_i \mathbb{1}_{A_i}$ and $Y = \sum_j \beta_j \mathbb{1}_{B_j}$ be simple functions such that they are independent. Suppose, w.l.o.g. that $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$ and $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$. Moreover, we have that all A_i and B_j are independent. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[X|Y] &= \int (\sum_i \alpha_i \mathbb{1}_{A_i})(\sum_j \beta_j \mathbb{1}_{B_j}) d\mathbb{P} \\ &= \int \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \beta_j \mathbb{1}_{A_i \cap B_j} d\mathbb{P} \\ &= \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \beta_j \mathbb{P}(A_i \cap B_j) \\ &= \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \beta_j (\mathbb{P}(A_i)\mathbb{P}(B_j)) \\ &= (\sum_i \alpha_i \mathbb{P}(A_i))(\sum_j \beta_j \mathbb{P}(B_j)) \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y].\end{aligned}$$

We still need to show that all A_i, B_j are independent. Let A_i and B_j be arbitrary sets from X and Y , respectively. Then $A_i \in \sigma(X)$ and $B_j \in \sigma(Y)$ as $A_i = X^{-1}(\{\alpha_i\})$ and $B_j = Y^{-1}(\{\beta_j\})$. Thus, as X and Y are independent, A_i and B_j are.

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(18) Proof. Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) be a probability space and let $\mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ be sub- σ -algebras of \mathcal{F} . Let X be a random variable. We show that

$$\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}_2] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}_1]|\mathcal{G}_2] \text{ a.s.}$$

Let $f_2 = \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}_2]$, $f_1 = \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}_1]$, and $f_{12} = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}_1]|\mathcal{G}_2]$ be \mathcal{G}_2 , \mathcal{G}_1 , and \mathcal{G}_2 -measurable functions representing the conditional expectations. Note that they are unique a.s.

$$\int_{G_2} f_2 dP = \int_{G_2} X dP \quad \int_{G_1} f_1 dP = \int_{G_1} X dP$$

$$\int_{G_2} f_{12} dP = \int_{G_2} f_1 dP$$

for all $G_1 \in \mathcal{G}_1$ and all $G_2 \in \mathcal{G}_2$. As $\mathcal{G}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{G}_2$, we also have

$$\int_{G_1} f_2 dP = \int_{G_1} X dP$$

for all $G_1 \in \mathcal{G}_1$ and therefore, $f_2 = f_1$ a.s. over \mathcal{G}_1 .

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- (19) Consider $\Omega = \{-1, 1\}$, $\mathcal{F} = 2^\Omega$, and $\mathbb{P}(A) = |A|/2$ for $A \in \mathcal{F}$. Let $X, Y : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be given by $X(\omega) = \omega$ and $Y(\omega) = -\omega$. Then $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[Y] = 0$, but $\mathbb{E}[XY] = 1$.

- (20) Let $X \geq 0$ be a nonnegative random variable. Then

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_{[0, \infty)} \mathbb{P}(X > x) \lambda(dx)$$

Proof. First, note that we can write

$$X(\omega) = \int_{[0, \infty)} \mathbb{I}_{[0, X(\omega))}(x) \lambda(dx)$$

as

$$\int_{[0, \infty)} \mathbb{I}_{[0, X(\omega))}(x) \lambda(dx) = \int_{[0, X(\omega))} d\lambda = \lambda([0, X(\omega))] = X(\omega).$$

Plugging this into $\mathbb{E}[X]$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X] &= \int_{\Omega} X d\mathbb{P} = \int_{\Omega} \left(\int_{[0, \infty)} \mathbb{I}_{[0, X(\omega))}(x) \lambda(dx) \right) \mathbb{P}(d\omega) \\ &= \int_{\{\omega\}} \left(\int_{\Omega} \mathbb{I}_{[0, X(\omega))}(x) \mathbb{P}(d\omega) \right) \lambda(dx) \\ &= \int_{[0, \infty)} \left(\int_{\Omega} \mathbb{I}_{\{\omega \mid X(\omega) > x\}}(\omega) \mathbb{P}(d\omega) \right) \lambda(dx) \\ &= \int_{[0, \infty)} \mathbb{P}(X > x) \lambda(dx) \end{aligned}$$

where we used $\mathbb{I}_{[0, X(\omega))}(x) = \mathbb{I}_{\{\omega \mid X(\omega) > x\}}(x)$ as x is in the interval $[0, X(\omega))$ iff $X(\omega) > x$. We can swap the integrals due to Fubini-Tonelli. □

(27) Proof. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space, let $\mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2, \mathcal{G}_3 \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ be sub- σ -algebras of \mathcal{F} , let X and Y be integrable random variables.

(i) Let $X \geq 0$. Suppose that $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] < 0) > 0$. Then there is an $\epsilon < 0$ and a measurable $A \in \mathcal{G}$ such that $\mathbb{E}[X|A] \leq \epsilon$ on A . But then

$$\int_A \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] d\mathbb{P} \leq \int_A \epsilon d\mathbb{P} = \epsilon \mathbb{P}(A) < 0$$

while

$$\int_A \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] d\mathbb{P} = \int_A X d\mathbb{P} \geq 0. \downarrow$$

Hence, $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] \geq 0$ a.s.

(ii) Let $G \in \mathcal{G}$. Clearly, 1 is \mathcal{G} -measurable. We have

$$\int_G \mathbb{E}[1|\mathcal{G}] d\mathbb{P} = \int_G 1 d\mathbb{P}$$

by definition and also, clearly $\int_G 1 d\mathbb{P} = \int_G 1 d\mathbb{P}$. Hence, by Theorem 2.71, $\mathbb{E}[1|\mathcal{G}] = 1$ a.s.

(iii) Let $G \in \mathcal{G}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_G \mathbb{E}[X+Y|\mathcal{G}] d\mathbb{P} &\stackrel{(G)}{=} \int_G (X+Y) d\mathbb{P} \\ &\stackrel{(+)}{=} \int_G X d\mathbb{P} + \int_G Y d\mathbb{P} \\ &\stackrel{(*)}{=} \int_G \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] d\mathbb{P} + \int_G \mathbb{E}[Y|\mathcal{G}] d\mathbb{P} \\ &\stackrel{(+)}{=} \int_G (\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] + \mathbb{E}[Y|\mathcal{G}]) d\mathbb{P}, \end{aligned}$$

where $(*)$ is by definition and $(+)$ is due to linearity. Hence, by Theorem 2.71, we have $\mathbb{E}[X+Y|\mathcal{G}] = \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] + \mathbb{E}[Y|\mathcal{G}]$ a.s. as both $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}]$ and $\mathbb{E}[Y|\mathcal{G}]$ are \mathcal{G} -measurable.



- (iv) Let Y be G -measurable and suppose $\mathbb{E}[XY]$ exists.
 Then $Y\mathbb{E}[X|G]$ is also G -measurable. Let $G \in \mathcal{G}$.

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- (v) Let $G_1 \subseteq G_2$. Consider $\mathbb{E}[X|G_1]$ and $\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|G_2]|G_1]$,
 then

$$\int_G \mathbb{E}[X|G_2] dP = \int_G X dP \quad \text{and}$$

$$\int_G \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|G_2]]^{(G_1)} dP = \int_G \mathbb{E}[X|G_2] dP = \int_G X dP$$

for all $G \in G_1$, where (4) is due to $G_1 \subseteq G_2$. Hence,
 by Theorem 2.77, $\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|G_2]|G_1] = \mathbb{E}[X|G_2]$ a.s.

- (vi) Let $\mathcal{G} = \{\emptyset, \Omega\}$. We have

$$\int_{\emptyset} \mathbb{E}[X] dP = 0 = \int_{\emptyset} X dP,$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbb{E}[X] dP = \mathbb{E}[X] = \int_{\Omega} X dP,$$

and thus $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}] = \mathbb{E}[X]$ a.s.

- (vii) Suppose $\sigma(X)$ is independent of G_2 given G_1 , i.e.,
 for all $A \in \sigma(X)$ and all $B \in G_2$,

$$P(A \cap B|G_1) = P(A|G_1) P(B|G_1),$$

where $P(A \cap B|G_1) = \mathbb{E}[1_A 1_B | G_1]$, $P(A|G_1) = \mathbb{E}[1_A | G_1]$,
 and $P(B|G_1) = \mathbb{E}[1_B | G_1]$. We need to show that

$$\int_G \mathbb{E}[X|G_1] dP = \int_G X dP$$

holds for all $G \in \sigma(G_1 \cup G_2)$.

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- (14) Yes, the definition of the Lebesgue integral can be extended to allow infinite values (for nonnegative random variables).

Definition (Lebesgue-integral for arbitrary nonnegative random variables): Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a measure space and let $X: \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be a nonnegative measurable function. We define the integral over X as follows:

$$\int_{\Omega} X d\mathbb{P} = \sup \left\{ \int_{\Omega} h d\mathbb{P} \mid h \text{ simple and } 0 \leq h \leq X \right\}$$

If the supremum is not defined, set $\int_{\Omega} X d\mathbb{P} = \infty$.

Clearly, still $\int_{\Omega} 1_A d\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}(A)$ for measurable A as $\mathbb{P}(A) < \infty$. For linearity, let X_1, X_2 be nonnegative measurable functions and let $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$. If $\int_{\Omega} X_1 d\mathbb{P} < \infty$ and $\int_{\Omega} X_2 d\mathbb{P} < \infty$, we have linearity as usual. Suppose $\int_{\Omega} X_1 d\mathbb{P} = \infty$. Then

$$a_1 \int_{\Omega} X_1 d\mathbb{P} + a_2 \int_{\Omega} X_2 d\mathbb{P} = \infty + a_2 \int_{\Omega} X_2 d\mathbb{P} = \infty$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} (a_1 X_1 + a_2 X_2) d\mathbb{P} \\ &= \sup \left\{ \int_{\Omega} h d\mathbb{P} \mid h \text{ simple and } 0 \leq h \leq a_1 X_1 + a_2 X_2 \right\} \\ &\geq \sup \left\{ \int_{\Omega} h d\mathbb{P} \mid h \text{ simple and } 0 \leq h \leq X_1 \right\} \\ &= \int_{\Omega} X_1 d\mathbb{P} = \infty, \end{aligned}$$

and therefore $\int_{\Omega} (a_1 X_1 + a_2 X_2) d\mathbb{P} = \infty$ and we have linearity. (The case for $\int_{\Omega} X_2 d\mathbb{P} = \infty$ is analogous.)

Thus, the definition can be extended consistently (for nonnegative random variables).