

(Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) - Prob. sp.

Def Let $(\mathcal{H}_i)_{i \in I}$ be a family of π -systems $\mathcal{H}_i \subseteq \mathcal{F}$. To say that (\mathcal{H}_i) is independent means \forall finite $\emptyset \neq I_0 \subseteq I$,
 $\forall (H_i)_{i \in I_0} \in \prod_{i \in I_0} \mathcal{H}_i, \quad P(\bigcap_{i \in I_0} H_i) = \prod_{i \in I_0} P(H_i)$.

Lemma: Let $\mathcal{H}_1, \dots, \mathcal{H}_n$ be indep π -systems. Let $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.
 then $\mathcal{H}_1, \dots, \sigma(\mathcal{H}_k), \dots, \mathcal{H}_n$ is also indep.

pf let $I_0 \subseteq I$ be finite. let $(H_i)_{i \in I_0} \in \prod_{i \in I_0} \mathcal{H}'_i$ where $\mathcal{H}'_i = \mathcal{H}_i$ if $i \neq k$
 and $\mathcal{H}'_k = \sigma(\mathcal{H}_k)$. Suppose $k \in I_0$ & $\{k\} \neq I_0$.

Let $I_1 = I_0 \setminus \{k\}$. let $A = \bigcap_{i \in I_1} H_i$, so $A \cap H_k = \bigcap_{i \in I_1} H_i$.

Let $\mathcal{B} = \{B \in \mathcal{F} : P(AB) = P(A)P(B)\}$. Then \mathcal{B} is a λ -system on Ω .

Since $\mathcal{H}_1, \dots, \mathcal{H}_n$ are indep, $\mathcal{H}_k \subseteq \mathcal{B}$. Hence $\sigma(\mathcal{H}_k) \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ by the π - λ theorem. in particular, $H_k \in \mathcal{B}$ so $P(\bigcap_{i \in I_0} H_i) = P(A)P(H_k)$. \square

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$\sigma(\mathcal{H}_1), \dots, \sigma(\mathcal{H}_n)$ is independent.

Theorem: Let $(\mathcal{H}_i)_{i \in I}$ be indep π -systems. Then $(\sigma(\mathcal{H}_i))_{i \in I}$ are indep π -systems.

Defns

(a) let (X, \mathcal{A}) be a mble space, and let $X: \Omega \rightarrow X$ be a random variable (i.e. X is \mathcal{H}/\mathcal{A} mble).

Then $\sigma(X) = \{X^{-1}(A) : A \in \mathcal{A}\}$.

(b) let $((X_i, \mathcal{A}_i))_{i \in I}$ be a family of mble spaces, and $\forall i \in I$ let $X_i: \Omega \rightarrow X_i$ be a random variable.

To say that the family $(X_i)_{i \in I}$ is independent means that the family $(\sigma(X_i))_{i \in I}$ of σ -fields is independent.

Lemma: Let $(\mathcal{H}_i)_{i \in I}$ be a family of π -systems.

Let $\mathcal{H} = \{ \bigcap_{i \in I_0} \mathcal{H}_i : \emptyset \neq I_0 \text{ finite } \subseteq I \}$.

Let $\mathcal{G} = \bigcup_{i \in I} \mathcal{H}_i = \{ H : H \in \mathcal{H}_i \text{ for some } i \in I \}$.

Then $\mathcal{H} = \pi(\mathcal{G})$.

pf $\forall i, \mathcal{H}_i \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ because $\forall H \in \mathcal{H}_i, H = \bigcap_{i \in I_0} \mathcal{H}_i$ where $I_0 = \{i\}$ and $H_0 = H$.

hence $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$. By construction, each π -system containing \mathcal{G} contains \mathcal{H} .

it remains only to show that \mathcal{H} is a π -system.

let $A, B \in \mathcal{H}$. Then $A = \bigcap_{i \in J} A_i$ and $B = \bigcap_{i \in K} B_i$ for some

nonempty finite $J, K \subseteq I$ and some $(A_i) \in \prod_{i \in J} \mathcal{H}_i$ and $(B_i) \in \prod_{i \in K} \mathcal{H}_i$.

then $A \cap B = \bigcap_{i \in J \cup K} A_i \cap B_i$, let's say $B_i = \emptyset \forall i \notin K$ and $A_i = \emptyset \forall i \notin J$. \square

The General Grouping Theorem

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\mathcal{H}_i be an independent family of π -systems.

Let $(I_j)_{j \in J}$ be a disjoint family of nonempty subsets of I .

For each $j \in J$, let $\mathcal{E}_j = \sigma(\mathcal{H}_i : i \in I_j)$.

Then the family $(\mathcal{E}_j)_{j \in J}$ is independent.

pf Let $\mathcal{D}_j = \left\{ \bigcap_{i \in I^*} H_i : \emptyset \neq I^* \text{ finite} \subseteq I_j, H_i \in \mathcal{H}_i \forall i \in I^* \right\}$ for each $j \in J$.

Then $\forall j \in J, \forall i \in I_j, \mathcal{H}_i \subseteq \mathcal{D}_j \subseteq \mathcal{E}_j$. Hence, $\forall j \in J, \sigma(\mathcal{D}_j) = \mathcal{E}_j$.

But by the lemma, each \mathcal{D}_j is a π -system.

Hence, by an earlier theorem, to prove that the family $(\mathcal{E}_j)_{j \in J}$ of σ -fields is independent, it

suffices to show that $(\mathcal{D}_j)_{j \in J}$ is independent.

Let $\emptyset \neq J^* \text{ finite} \subseteq J$, and let $D_j \in \mathcal{D}_j$ for each $j \in J^*$.

We wish to show that $P\left(\bigcap_{j \in J^*} D_j\right) = \prod_{j \in J^*} P(D_j)$.

For each $j \in J^*$, $D_j = \bigcap_{i \in I_j^*} H_i$ for some finite $I_j^* \subseteq I_j$.

And $\forall i \in I_j^*, H_i \in \mathcal{H}_i$. (Remember the sets I_j are disjoint

So $(H_i)_{i \in \bigcup_{j \in J^*} I_j^*}$ is well-defined). Let $I^* = \bigcup_{j \in J^*} I_j^*$. Then $\emptyset \neq I^* \text{ finite} \subseteq I$.

$$S_b \quad P\left(\bigcap_{j \in J^*} D_j\right) = P\left(\bigcap_{i \in I^*} H_i\right) = \prod_{i \in I^*} P(H_i) = \prod_{j \in J^*} P(D_j).$$

eg Let X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5 be indep real RVs.

Let $Y_1 = f_1(X_1, X_5)$, $Y_2 = f_2(X_2, X_4)$, $Y_3 = f_3(X_3)$.

Where $f_1, f_2: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $f_3: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are borel fns.

Then Y_1, Y_2, Y_3 are independent RVs.