

Solutions to Exercises - Lectures 10 and 11

(I.6.1) Since $p \in (0, 1)$ then $p(i) = (1-p)^{i-1} p \geq 0$ for every $i \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$. Further $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p(i) = p \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (1-p)^{i-1} = p \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (1-p)^i$ which because it is a geometric series $= p \frac{1}{1-(1-p)} = p/p = 1$. Therefore p_i is a valid probability function and so defines a probability distribution.

(II.7.1) Since $X^{-1}\phi = \phi$ we have $\phi \in \mathcal{A}_X$. If $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{A}_X$ then $\exists B_1, B_2, \dots \in \mathcal{B}'$ s.t. $A_i = X^{-1}B_i$ which implies $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} X^{-1}B_i = X^{-1} \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i$ and since $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i \in \mathcal{B}'$ this implies $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in \mathcal{A}_X$. If $A \in \mathcal{A}_X$ then $\exists B \in \mathcal{B}'$ s.t. $A = X^{-1}B$ which implies $A^c = (X^{-1}B)^c = X^{-1}B^c$ which implies $A^c \in \mathcal{A}_X$ since $B^c \in \mathcal{B}'$. Therefore \mathcal{A}_X is a σ -algebra. Since $\mathcal{A}_X \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ it is a sub σ -algebra of \mathcal{A} .

(II.7.2) (i) Suppose $\{X_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ are mut. stat. ind. Then by Prop. II.7.1 for any $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ $F_{(X_1, \dots, X_n)}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n F_{X_i}(a_i)$ which implies that

the cdf of X_{n_i} is $F_{X_{n_i}}$ and since X_{n_i} has a discrete distribution it has prob. fn $P_{X_{n_i}}(a_i) = F_{X_{n_i}}(a_i) - \lim_{s_i \rightarrow 0} F_{X_{n_i}}(a_i - s_i)$.

Then $(X_{n_1}, \dots, X_{n_n})$ has prob. fn given by $P_{(X_{n_1}, \dots, X_{n_n})}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \lim_{s_1 \rightarrow 0} \dots \lim_{s_n \rightarrow 0} P(\bigcap_{i=1}^n (X_i - s_i, X_i])$

$$= \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \lim_{\delta_i \rightarrow 0} \prod_{i=1}^n (F_{x_i}(x_i) - F_{x_i}(x_{i-1}))$$

(recall $P_{(x_1, x_2)}((a_1, b_1] \times (a_2, b_2]) = F_{(x_1, x_2)}(b_1, b_2) - F_{(x_1, x_2)}(a_1, b_2) - F_{(x_1, x_2)}(b_1, a_2) + F_{(x_1, x_2)}(a_1, a_2)$)

$$= F_{x_1}(b_1)F_{x_2}(b_2) - F_{x_1}(a_1)F_{x_2}(b_2) - F_{x_1}(b_1)F_{x_2}(a_2) + F_{x_1}(a_1)F_{x_2}(a_2)$$

$$= (F_{x_1}(b_1) - F_{x_1}(a_1))(F_{x_2}(b_2) - F_{x_2}(a_2))$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n \lim_{\delta_i \rightarrow 0} (F_{x_i}(x_i) - F_{x_i}(x_{i-1})) = \prod_{i=1}^n P_{x_i}(x_i)$$

Conversely if $P_{(x_1, \dots, x_n)}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P_{x_i}(a_i)$ then

$$F_{(x_1, \dots, x_n)}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \sum_{z_1, \dots, z_n} P_{(x_1, \dots, x_n)}(z_1, \dots, z_n)$$

$$= \sum_{z_1, \dots, z_n} P_{x_1}(z_1) \dots P_{x_n}(z_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{z_i} P_{x_i}(z_i)$$

$= \prod_{i=1}^n F_{x_i}(a_i)$. So by Prop. II.7.1 this implies mult. stat. ind.

(ii) The a.c. case is easier!

IF $F_{(x_1, \dots, x_n)}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n F_{x_i}(a_i)$ then

$$F_{(x_1, \dots, x_n)}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \frac{\partial^n F_{(x_1, \dots, x_n)}(a_1, \dots, a_n)}{\partial a_1 \dots \partial a_n}$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^n F_{x_i}(a_i)}{\partial a_i} = \prod_{i=1}^n f_{x_i}(a_i)$$

If $f_{(X_1, \dots, X_n)} = \prod_{i=1}^n f_{X_i}$ then

$$F_{(X_1, \dots, X_n)} = \prod_{i=1}^n \int_{-\infty}^{x_i} f_{X_i}(z_i) dz_i$$
$$= \prod_{i=1}^n F_{X_i}$$

and the X_i 's are mut. stat. ind. by Prop. 1.2.1.