

## Sheet 7

For the exercise class 24.10.2019; please hand in your solutions before 18.10.2019.

We denote by  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  the Borel sigma-algebra on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  (see *Beispiel 3.13*).

**Exercise 1.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a collection of subsets of the space  $\Omega$  show that the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Dynkin-system;
- (ii)  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfies the following properties:
  - $\Omega \in \mathcal{A}$ ;
  - if  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $A \subset B$ , then  $B \setminus A \in \mathcal{A}$ ;
  - For an increasing sequence  $(A_n \in \mathcal{A}, n \geq 1)$  with  $A_n \subset A_{n+1}$  for every  $n \geq 1$ , we have  $\bigcup_{n \geq 1} A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ .

**Exercise 2.** Give an example of a Dynkin-system, that is not a sigma-algebra.

**Exercise 3.** Give an example of two probability measures  $\mu \neq \nu$  on  $\mathcal{F} := \{ \text{all subsets of } \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \}$ , such that for a certain collection of sets  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{F}$  with  $\sigma(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{F}$  (i.e. the sigma-algebra generated by  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ ), there is the identity  $\mu(A) = \nu(A)$  for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ .

**Exercise 4.** Prove that, the the Borel sigma-algebra on  $\mathbb{R}^1$  is the sigma-algebra generated by any of the following collection (in the sense of *Definition 3.12*):

- (i) all closed subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^1$
- (ii) all compact subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^1$
- (iii) all  $(a, b)$  with  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^1$
- (iv) all  $[a, b]$  with  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^1$
- (v) all  $(a, b]$  with  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^1$
- (vi) all  $(-\infty, a]$  with  $a \in \mathbb{R}^1$
- (vii) all  $(-\infty, a)$  with  $a \in \mathbb{R}^1$

**Exercise 5** (Regularity of a Borel measure). let  $\mu$  be any measure on  $(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d))$  and suppose that for every ball with finite radius, say  $B(x, r)$  with  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $r \in [0, \infty)$ , we have  $\mu(B(x, r)) < \infty$ . The purpose of this exercise is to prove the following property in a few steps:

For any Borel set  $E \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $F \subset E \subset O$ , with  $F$  closed and  $O$  open, such that

$$\mu(O \setminus E) < \epsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \mu(E \setminus F) < \epsilon.$$

- (i) Let  $F_k \subset \mathbb{R}^d, k \geq 1$  be a sequence of closed sets and write  $F^* := \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k$  (note that  $F^*$  is not necessarily closed). Then show that, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a closed set  $F \subset F^*$ , such that  $\mu(F^* \setminus F) < \epsilon$ .
- (ii) Define  $\mathcal{A}$  to be the collection of all sets  $E \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  that satisfies the stated property. Prove that,  $\mathcal{A}$  is a sigma-algebra.
- (iii) Conclude that  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

**Exercise 6.** Let  $\mu, \nu$  be two (positive) measures on the measurable space  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$ .

- (i) Suppose that for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$ , the following inequality holds:

$$\mu((a, b)) \leq \nu((a, b)).$$

Prove that  $\mu(A) \leq \nu(A)$  for every  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Hint:** first consider an open set  $A$  and then use the regularity in Exercise 1.

- (ii) Suppose that, for every  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , the following inequality holds:

$$\mu((-\infty, a)) \leq \nu((-\infty, a)).$$

Can we deduce the same conclusion as in (i)?