

Theorem (Limits of measures are measures). Let $(P_n)_{n \geq 1}$ be a sequence of measures on (Ω, \mathcal{A}) . Suppose that the limit

$$m(A) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_n(A) < \infty$$

exists for each $A \in \mathcal{A}$. Then m is a measure.

(Of course, if each P_n is a probability measure, then so is m .)

Outline of the proof.

1. m is finitely additive.

2. m is σ -super-additive.

Given any sequence of disjoint events $(A_i)_{i \geq 1}$, consider the difference

$$L := m\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} m(A_i).$$

Show that $L = \lim m(B_k) \geq 0$, where $B_k = \bigcup_{i=k}^{\infty} A_i$.

It remains to prove that $L = 0$.

3. Pass to rapidly converging subsequences.

Recursively find subsequences $\tilde{B}_1, \tilde{P}_1, \tilde{B}_2, \tilde{P}_2, \dots$ such that

$$|\tilde{P}_n(\tilde{B}_k)| \leq \frac{1}{n} \text{ for } k > n, \quad |\tilde{P}_n(\tilde{B}_k) - m(\tilde{B}_k)| \leq \frac{1}{n \cdot 2^k} \text{ for } n \geq k. \quad (1)$$

4. The key estimate.

Set $C = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \tilde{B}_{2k} \setminus \tilde{B}_{2k+1}$. Then

$$|\tilde{P}_{2n}(C) - \tilde{P}_{2n-1}(C)| \geq m(\tilde{B}_{2n}) - \frac{4}{n}.$$

Take $n \rightarrow \infty$ to see that $L = 0$.