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REMARKS ON THE ZERO-ONE LAW

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1. Introduction

The beautiful theorem of Kolmogorov, often called the zero-one law ([1], pg. 247), states the following:

Theorem. *If $(X_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence of independent random variables defined on a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) , and if*

$$A \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma(X_n, X_{n+1}, \dots),$$

then either

$$P(A)=0 \quad \text{or} \quad P(A)=1.$$

Here $\sigma(X_n, X_{n+1}, \dots)$ is the smallest σ -algebra of subsets of Ω containing all sets of the form $X_i^{-1}((a, \infty))$, where a is any real number and $i \in \{n, n+1, \dots\}$.

The following corollary of Kolmogorov's Theorem can be obtained by considering characteristic functions of independent events.

Corollary. *If $(A_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is an independent sequence of events (in a probability space, say (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P)), then for each event A in the tail σ -field $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma(A_n, A_{n+1}, \dots)$, $P(A)$ is either 0 or 1.*

Here $\sigma(A_n, A_{n+1}, \dots)$ is the smallest σ -algebra containing the sets $A_i, i \geq n$.

It is not difficult to show that the last mentioned result implies the following:

Theorem A. *If $A \subset [0, 1)$ is a Lebesgue measurable „tail set“, then the Lebesgue measure of A is either 0 or 1.*

Definition. $A \subset [0, 1)$ is called a „tail set“ if and only if $x \in A$ and $x \sim_{\tau} y$ implies $y \in A$.

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Here $x \sim_T y$ ($x, y \in [0, 1)$) means that there exists a positive integer N such that $x_i(x) = x_i(y)$ for every $i \geq N$, where for each $a \in [0, 1)$

$$a = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i(a) 2^{-i}$$

is the unique binary expansion of a (i.e. $x_i(a) \in \{0, 1\}$ for each i)

with $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i(a) < \infty$ in case a is of the form $\frac{m}{2^n}$.

Theorem A can be shown to follow from the zero-one law of Kolmogorov with X_n taken to be the function x_n (i.e. the n^{th} binary digit function) for each n . Also Theorem A can be obtained from the Corollary given above with A_n given by $A_n = \{x \in [0, 1) : x_n(x) = 1\}$ for each n .

The following Baire set analogue of Theorem A holds ([4], pg. 85):

Theorem B. *If $A \subset [0, 1)$ is a „tail set“ possessing the property of Baire, then either A or $(0, 1) \setminus A$ is a set of the first Baire category.*

Definition. *A subset A of a topological space X is said to possess the Baire property, or be a Baire set, if A can be written in the form:*

$A = (G \setminus P) \cup Q$, where G is an open set and P and Q are sets of the first Baire category.

The relationship between measurable sets and Baire sets is carefully studied in Oxtoby's book „Measure and Category“ [4].

For completeness we shall offer the proofs of Theorems A and B in outlines.

Proof of Theorem A. If A is a „tail set“ ($A \subset [0, 1)$), then for each n the sets

$$\left\{ A \cap \left[\frac{k-1}{2^n}, \frac{k}{2^n} \right) \right\}_{k=1}^{2^n}$$

are congruent and therefore if A is Lebesgue measurable, each of these sets has the same Lebesgue measure, namely $\frac{m(A)}{2^n}$, where m denotes the Lebesgue

measure. Therefore A and each set $\left[\frac{k-1}{2^n}, \frac{k}{2^n} \right)$ are independent (two Lebesgue measurable subsets B and C of $[0, 1)$ are said to be independent if $m(B \cap C) = m(B)m(C)$) since

$$m\left(A \cap \left[\frac{k-1}{2^n}, \frac{k}{2^n} \right)\right) = m(A) \cdot m\left(\left[\frac{k-1}{2^n}, \frac{k}{2^n} \right)\right)$$

for each positive integer n and each k , $1 \leq k \leq 2^n$. From this it follows that A and any set that is the union of sets of the form

$$\left[\frac{k-1}{2^n}, \frac{k}{2^n} \right)$$

are independent. Since any measurable set can be approximated by sets of this form

it can be shown that A and any Lebesgue measurable subset B of $[0, 1)$ are independent and therefore

$$P(A) = P(A \cap A) = P(A)P(A),$$

completing the proof.

Proof of Theorem B. Suppose $A \subset [0, 1)$ is a "tail set" possessing the Baire property. If A is not a set of the first category, then A can be written in the form $A = (G \setminus P) \cup Q$, where G is a non-empty open set and P and Q are sets of the first Baire category. Since $G \neq \emptyset$ and an open A contains some set of the form

$$\left[\frac{k_0 - 1}{2^n}, \frac{k_0}{2^n} \right) \setminus P_{k_0},$$

where P_{k_0} is of the first Baire category and

$$P_{k_0} \subset \left[\frac{k_0 - 1}{2^n}, \frac{k_0}{2^n} \right).$$

Therefore, as A is a "tail set", each of the sets

$$\left\{ \left[\frac{k - 1}{2^n}, \frac{k}{2^n} \right) \cap A \right\}_{k=1}^{2^n}$$

is congruent and therefore

$$A \supset \bigcup_{k=1}^{2^n} \left[\frac{k - 1}{2^n}, \frac{k}{2^n} \right) \setminus P_k,$$

where P_k is congruent to P_{k_0} for each k .

Therefore $[0, 1) \setminus A \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^{2^n} P_k$ is a set of the first Baire category.

In this paper we show that the hypotheses that A is measurable in theorem A and that A is a Baire set in Theorem B are not redundant. We give two proofs, one using a standard analysis and the other using a non-standard analysis, of the fact that if $A \subset [0, 1)$ is a "tail set", then A need not be Lebesgue measurable, nor a Baire set. In addition questions about general equivalence relations on $[0, 1)$, having countable equivalence classes rather than only the equivalence relation \sim_T considered in our introduction in connection with Theorems A and B, are considered.

2. Results

Theorem 1. *There exists a "tail set" A , $A \subset [0, 1)$, that is non-measurable and lacks the property of Baire.*

First (standard) proof. Our proof imitates the proof of Theorem 5.3 (due to F. Bernstein) on page 23 in [4]. Let c denote the cardinal number of the continuum

(i.e. the real line). By the well-ordering principle and the fact that the class \mathfrak{A} of uncountable closed subsets of $[0, 1)$ has cardinality c , \mathfrak{A} can be indexed by the ordinal numbers less than ω_c , where ω_c is the first ordinal having c predecessors, that is can be written as

$$\mathfrak{A} = \{U_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_c\}.$$

Assume further that $[0, 1)$, and therefore each member of \mathfrak{A} has been well ordered.

Let $O_1 = \{p \in [0, 1) : p \sim p_1\}$, where p_1 is the first element in U_1 (the first set in \mathfrak{A}) and \sim_T is the equivalence relation on $[0, 1)$ given in the introduction. Let q_1 denote the first element in $U_1 \setminus P_1$ (which is nonempty since the cardinality of U_1 is c (Lemma 5.1, p.g. 23., [4])) and P_1 is countable. Let $Q = \{q \in [0, 1) : q \sim_T q_1\}$. Let p_2 be the first member of $U_2 \setminus (P_1 \cup Q_1)$, again this set is non-empty by the above remarks.

Set $P_2 = \{p \in [0, 1) : p \sim_T p_2\}$. Let q_2 denote the first element in $U_2 \setminus (P_1 \cup P_2 \cup Q_1)$ and let $Q_2 = \{q \in [0, 1) : q \sim_T q_2\}$. Suppose that $1 < \alpha < \omega_c$, and that the equivalence classes (of \sim_T) P_β and Q_β have been defined for all $\beta < \alpha$ in such a way that:

- a) $P_\beta \cap U_\beta \neq \emptyset$ and $Q_\beta \cap U_\beta \neq \emptyset$ for all $\beta, \beta < \alpha$.
- b) $P_{\beta_1} \cap P_{\beta_2} = \emptyset$, $Q_{\beta_1} \cap Q_{\beta_2} = \emptyset$, and $P_{\beta_1} \cap Q_{\beta_2} = \emptyset$ for all $\beta_1, \beta_2 < \alpha$, $\beta_1 \neq \beta_2$.

Let p_α be the first element of $U_\alpha \setminus \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} (P_\beta \cup Q_\beta)$, which is a non-empty set since the

cardinality of U_α is c and $\bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} P_\beta \cup Q_\beta$ is the union of less than c -many countable sets and so has the cardinality less than c .

Let $P_\alpha = \{p \in [0, 1) : p \sim_T p_\alpha\}$. Let q_α be the first element in

$$U_\alpha \setminus \left\{ \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} (P_\beta \cup Q_\beta) \cup P_\alpha \right\} \quad \text{and let}$$

$$Q_\alpha = \{q \in [0, 1) : q \sim_T q_\alpha\}.$$

Then clearly the collections of sets $\{P_\beta\}_{\beta < \alpha}$ and $\{Q_\beta\}_{\beta \leq \alpha}$ satisfy conditions a) and b) with $<$ replaced by \leq everywhere. Therefore by transfinite induction it follows that there exist two collections of equivalence classes (of \sim_T), $\{P_\alpha\}_{\alpha < \omega_c}$, $\{Q_\alpha\}_{\alpha < \omega_c}$ satisfying a) and b).

Put

$$A = \bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_c} P_\alpha.$$

Since $p_\alpha \in A \cap U_\alpha$ and $q_\alpha \in ([0, 1) \setminus A) \cap U_\alpha$ for each $\alpha < \omega_c$, the set A , which is clearly a "tail set", has the property that both it and its relative complement $([0, 1) \setminus A)$ meet every uncountable closed subset of $[0, 1)$. From this it follows,

exactly as in the proof of Theorem 5.4 on pg. 24 in [4] that A is non-measurable and lacks the property of Baire.

We now will give a non-standard proof of Theorem 1. The notations used here, the usual ones of non-standard analysis, can be found in [2] or [3].

Second (non-standard proof). Let U denote the standard universe with the individuals set R of real numbers. N denotes the set of natural numbers, Z the set of integers and $P[0, 1)$ the collection of all subsets of $[0, 1)$. Then we have

$$U := (\forall n \in N)(\exists A_n \in P[0, 1))(\exists B_n \in P[0, 1))(F_1 \wedge F_2 \wedge F_3 \wedge F_4)$$

where:

$$F_1 = (\forall x \in A_n)(\forall m \in Z) \left(x + \frac{m}{2^n} \in [0, 1) \Rightarrow x + \frac{m}{2^n} \in A_n \right)$$

$$F_2 = (\forall x \in [0, 1))(x \in A_n \Leftrightarrow 1 - x \in B_n)$$

$$F_3 = (A_n \cup B_n = [0, 1) \setminus I_n)$$

$$F_4 = (A_n \cap B_n = \emptyset)$$

and

$$I_n = \left\{ \frac{m}{2^{n+1}} : 0 \leq m < 2^{n+1} \right\}.$$

To see that sets $(A_n)_{n \in N}$ and $(B_n)_{n \in N}$ exist one need only consider the following elementary examples:

$$A_n = \bigcup_{k=0}^{2^n-1} \left(\frac{2k}{2^{n+1}}, \frac{2k+1}{2^{n+1}} \right), \quad B_n = \bigcup_{k=0}^{2^n-1} \left(\frac{2k+1}{2^{n+1}}, \frac{2k+2}{2^{n+1}} \right).$$

Clearly F_1 and F_2 imply that

$$U := F_1$$

$$F_1 = (\forall x \in B_n)(\forall m \in Z) \left(x + \frac{m}{2^n} \in [0, 1) \Rightarrow x + \frac{m}{2^n} \in B_n \right).$$

Transforming the above expression by the $*$ — transformation we have:

$$*U := (\forall n \in *N)(\exists A_n \in *P[0, 1))(\exists B_n \in *P[0, 1))[*F_1 \wedge *F_2 \wedge *F_3 \wedge *F_4]$$

where:

$$*F_1 = (\forall x \in A_n)(\forall m \in *Z) \left(x + \frac{m}{2^n} \in *[0, 1) \Rightarrow x + \frac{m}{2^n} \in A_n \right)$$

$$*F_2 = (\forall x \in *[0, 1))(x \in A_n \Leftrightarrow 1 - x \in B_n)$$

$$*F_3 = (\forall A_n \cup B_n = *[0, 1] \setminus *I_n)$$

$$*F_4 = F_4$$

and

$$*U := *F_1$$

$$*F_1 = (\forall x \in B_n)(\forall m \in *Z) \left(x + \frac{m}{2^n} \in *[0, 1] \Rightarrow x + \frac{m}{2^n} \in B_n \right).$$

Let $v \in *N \setminus N$ and set $A'_v = A_v \cap [0, 1)$. We now proceed to show that A'_v is a “tail set” that is nonmeasurable and lacks the Baire property.

First A'_v is a “tail set”. This is true because

$$x \in A'_v \quad \text{and} \quad x + \frac{m}{2^n} \in [0, 1) \quad (n \in N, 0 \leq m \leq 2^n)$$

implies $x \in A_v$ and $x + \frac{2^{v-n}m}{2^v} \in [0, 1)$ and therefore by $*F_1$ $x + \frac{2^{v-n}m}{2^v} \in A_v$. However, it is clear that $x + \frac{m}{2^n}$ is a standard element and therefore

$$x + \frac{m}{2^n} \in A'_v.$$

In an analogous way, using $*F_1$, we conclude that

$$B'_v = B_v \cap [0, 1) \quad \text{is a “tail set”}.$$

Because of $*F_3$ we have

$$A'_v \cup B'_v = [0, 1) \setminus D, \quad \text{where } D = \left\{ \frac{m}{2^n} : m, n \in N \right\},$$

since $*I_v \cap [0, 1) = D$. Furthermore from F_4 we conclude that $A'_v \cap B'_v = \emptyset$. Condition $*F_2$ implies that A'_v and B'_v are congruent and therefore $m(A'_v) = m(B'_v)$ if A'_v is measurable. In addition, the Baire categories of A'_v and B'_v are the same.

If A'_v is measurable, then because of Theorem A we have: either the measure of A'_v is zero or one. If $m(A'_v) = 0$, then $m(B'_v) = 0$ and therefore $1 = m([0, 1)) = m(A'_v \cup B'_v \cup D) = 0$, if $m(A'_v) = 1$, then $m([0, 1)) = m(A'_v \cup B'_v \cup D) = 2$.

If A'_v is a Baire set, then Theorem B implies that either $[0, 1) \setminus A'_v = B'_v \cup D$ or A'_v is a set of the first Baire category. But since these two sets have the same Baire category this would imply that $[0, 1)$ is of the first Baire category. Therefore A'_v is not a Baire set.

Remark 1. Suppose that a non-standard extension $*U$ of the superstructure U has been given by the non-principle ultrafilter D over the set of natural numbers

and that v denotes the equivalence class of sequences determined by the identity sequence i (i.e. $i: N \rightarrow N$ and $i(k) = k$ for each k).

Then

$$A_v = \left(\prod_{i \in N} A_i \right) / D, \text{ that is } A_v$$

consists of all classes (mod D) of sequences $a: N \rightarrow [0, 1)$ such that $a(n) \in A_n$ for each n .

In this case A'_v consists of classes of sequences a

$a: N \rightarrow [0, 1)$, which are D equivalent with some sequence $\hat{x}: N \rightarrow [0, 1)$, $\hat{x}(n) = x$ for every $n \in N$ and $x \in [0, 1)$.

A'_v can be written in standard form as follows

$$A'_v = \bigcup_{I \in D} \bigcap_{k \in I} A_k.$$

When we consider all non-principle ultra-filters on the set of natural numbers and a fixed infinite natural number v as above, then we obtain different sets A'_v . In fact in this case the intersection of all these sets A'_v is $\bigcap_{n \in N} A_n$, that is all points in $[0, 1)$, excluding those of the form $\frac{m}{2^n}$ ($m, n \in N$), whose base 4 representation contains only zeroes and twos. This set is a nowhere dense set of measure zero.

Definition. If $A \subset [0, 1)$, $T(A)$ will denote the smallest "tail set" containing A , i.e.

$$T(A) = \bigcap \{ B : B \subset [0, 1), A \subset B, B \text{ a "tail set"} \}.$$

Then it is very easy to see that the following two propositions hold.

Proposition 1. If $A \subset [0, 1)$ is a measurable, then $T(A)$ is measurable and therefore by Theorem A, $m(T(A)) = 0$ or 1. If $A \subset [0, 1)$ is a Baire set, then $T(A)$ is also a Baire set and therefore by Theorem B, either $T(A)$ or $[0, 1) \setminus T(A)$ is a set of the first Baire category.

Proof. Set $Q = \left\{ \frac{m}{2^n} : m \in Z, n \in N \right\}$, then

$$T(A) = \bigcup \{ q \oplus A : q \in Q \}, \text{ where } q \oplus A = (q + A) \cap [0, 1),$$

and

$$q + A = \{ q + a : a \in A \}.$$

Clearly $q \oplus A$ is measurable if A is measurable as Q is countable. Therefore it follows that $T(A)$ is measurable. The same proof shows that $T(A)$ is a Baire set whenever A is a Baire set.

Proposition 2. *If $A \subset [0, 1)$ is a measurable, then*

- a) $m(A) = 0$ implies that $m(T(A)) = 0$ and
- b) $m(A) > 0$ implies that $m(T(A)) = 1$.

If $A \subset [0, 1)$ is a Baire set, then

- a') *A being a set of the first Baire category implies that $T(A)$ is a set of the first Baire category and*
- b') *A being a set of the second Baire category implies that $[0, 1) \setminus T(A)$ is a set of the first Baire category.*

Proof. These results are immediate by Theorems A and B and the fact that A can be written in the form $T(A) = \bigcup [q \oplus A : q \in Q]$.

In this paper we have considered the equivalence relation \sim_T on $[0, 1)$, where $x \sim_T y$ if and only if $x_i(x) = x_i(y)$ for all but finitely many i 's. Notice that each equivalence class of \sim_T has countably many elements and is dense in $[0, 1)$. The zero-one law (Theorem A) says that any measurable set obtained as the union of equivalence classes of \sim_T must have measure either zero or one. It is natural to ask the following question.

Question: Does there exist an equivalence relation \sim on $[0, 1)$ such that the equivalence classes of \sim are each countable and dense in $[0, 1)$ and such that for each x ($0 \leq x \leq 1$), there exists a subcollection of the equivalence classes of \sim whose union, denoted A_x , is measurable and $m(A_x) = x$?

We now show that it is possible to construct an equivalence relation with the above mentioned properties.

Theorem 2. *There exists an equivalence relation \sim with the properties mentioned in the question above.*

Proof. Let $H \subset [0, 1)$ be a Hamel basis for the real numbers containing a rational number and having measure zero.

$k(H)$, the cardinality of H , is c . Therefore H can be written in the form

$$H = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n, \text{ where } k(H_n) = c \text{ for}$$

each n and the sets

$$\{H_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \text{ are pairwise disjoint.}$$

For each $h \in H$ let $C_h = \{h + r : r \in Q\} \cap [0, 1)$, where Q is the set of all rational numbers. Notice that the sets $\{C_h\}_{h \in H}$ are pairwise disjoint since H is a Hamel basis containing a rational number. The interval $[0, 1)$ can be written in the form $[0, 1) = \{x_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_c\}$.

Furthermore,

$$\bigcup_{h \in H} C_h = \bigcup_{r \in Q} (r + H) \cap [0, 1), \text{ where}$$

$r + H = \{r + h : h \in H\}$, and therefore $C = \bigcup_{h \in H} C_h$ has measure zero (since $m(H) = 0$). For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ let

$$I_n = \left[\frac{2^{n-1} - 1}{2^{n-1}}, \frac{2^n - 1}{2^n} \right).$$

Since $k(H_n) = c$, each H_n can be written in the form

$$H_n = \{h_\alpha^n : \alpha < \omega_c\}.$$

We now proceed to decompose $[0, 1)$ into countable, dense and disjoint subsets that will be the equivalence classes of our equivalence relation.

Let $C_1^1 = C_{h_1^1} \cup \{x_1^1\}$ where x_1^1 is the first element (relative to the well-ordering of $[0, 1)$ given above) in I_1 that is not in C .

Let $C_2^1 = C_{h_2^1} \cup \{x_2^1\}$ where x_2^1 is the first element in $I_1 \setminus (C \cup \{x_1^1\})$.

We can continue this process, so that C_α^1 is defined by transfinite induction for each

$\alpha < \omega_c$, since C has measure zero and $\bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \{x_\beta^1\}$ has cardinality less than c as ω_c is the first ordinal having cardinality c . Clearly C_α^1 is dense in $[0, 1)$ for each $\alpha < \omega_c$. In addition

$$\bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_c} C_\alpha^1 \supset I_1 \setminus C \quad \text{and} \quad I_1 \cup C \supset \bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_c} C_\alpha^1$$

and therefore

$$m\left(\bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_c} C_\alpha^1\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

since C has measure zero. Furthermore the sets $\{C_\alpha^1\}_{\alpha < \omega_c}$ are pairwise disjoint.

Proceeding to I_2 , let $C_1^2 = C_{h_1^2} \cup \{x_1^2\}$, where x_1^2 is the first element (relative to the well ordering of $[0, 1)$ given above) in $I_2 \setminus C$.

Let $C_2^2 = C_{h_2^2} \cup \{x_2^2\}$ where x_2^2 is the first element in $I_2 = C \cup \{x_1^2\}$. We continue by transfinite induction as in the $n = 1$ case.

By ordinary induction this process can be continued for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and so we obtain a collection of sets

$$\{C_\alpha^n : n \in \mathbb{N}, \alpha < \omega_c\} \quad \text{such that:}$$

- a) Each set is countable and dense in $[0, 1)$,
- b) The sets in our collection are pairwise disjoint.
- c) $m\left(\bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_c} C_\alpha^n\right) = \frac{1}{2^n}$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
- d) The union of all the sets in our collection is exactly equal to $[0, 1)$.

If $0 \leq x \leq 1$, then x can be written in the form

$$x = \frac{e_1}{2} + \frac{e_2}{2^2} + \dots, \text{ where } e_n \in \{0, 1\} \text{ for each } n.$$

Take

$$A_x = \bigcup \left[\bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_c} C_\alpha^n : e_n = 1 \right].$$

Then

$$m(A_x) = x.$$

Remark 2. It would be interesting to characterize those equivalence relations \sim on $[0, 1)$ for which the zero-one law holds; that is, to find necessary and sufficient conditions that $m(A)$ is always either 0 or 1 whenever A is a measurable subset of $[0, 1)$ formed by unions of equivalence classes of \sim .

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ЗАМЕЧАНИЯ О НУЛЬ — ЕДИНИЦЕ ЗАКОНЕ

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Резюме

В этой работе даны два доказательства, стандартное и неархимедого, существования остаточного множества (т.е. содержащего все суммы его элементов с бинарными рациональными числами), которые ни не измеримо по Лебегу, ни не является множеством Бэра. Кроме того рассматриваются вопросы о некотором обобщении отношений эквивалентности.