

For finite n at least, a separate theory is not needed because results can be obtained by recursion. If (Ψ, \mathcal{H}) is a third measurable space, then trivially,

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega \times \Xi \times \Psi &= \{(\omega, \xi, \psi): \omega \in \Omega, \xi \in \Xi, \psi \in \Psi\} \\ &= \{((\omega, \xi), \psi): (\omega, \xi) \in \Omega \times \Xi, \psi \in \Psi\} \\ &= (\Omega \times \Xi) \times \Psi.\end{aligned}\tag{3.49}$$

Either or both of (Ω, \mathcal{F}) and (Ξ, \mathcal{G}) can be product spaces, and the last two theorems extend to product spaces of any finite dimension.

3.5 Measurable Transformations

Consider measurable spaces (Ω, \mathcal{F}) and (Ξ, \mathcal{G}) in a different context, as domain and codomain of a mapping

$$T: \Omega \mapsto \Xi.$$

T is said to be \mathcal{F}/\mathcal{G} -measurable if $T^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{F}$ for all $B \in \mathcal{G}$. The idea is that a measure μ defined on (Ω, \mathcal{F}) can be mapped into (Ξ, \mathcal{G}) , every set $B \in \mathcal{G}$ being assigned a measure $\nu(B) = \mu(T^{-1}(B))$. We have just encountered one example, the projection mapping, whose inverse defined in (3.44) takes each \mathcal{F} -set A into a measurable rectangle.

Corresponding to a measurable transformation there is always a transformed measure, in the following sense.

3.21 Theorem Let μ be a measure on (Ω, \mathcal{F}) and $T: \Omega \mapsto \Xi$ a measurable transformation. Then μT^{-1} is a measure on (Ξ, \mathcal{G}) , where

$$\mu T^{-1}(B) = \mu(T^{-1}(B)), \text{ each } B \in \mathcal{G}.\tag{3.50}$$

Proof We check conditions 3.1(a)-(c). Clearly $\mu T^{-1}(A) \geq 0$, all $A \in \mathcal{B}_T$. Since $T^{-1}(\Xi) = \Omega$ holds by definition, $T^{-1}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ by 1.2(iii) and so $\mu T^{-1}(\emptyset) = \mu(T^{-1}(\emptyset)) = \mu(\emptyset) = 0$. For countable additivity we must show

$$\mu T^{-1}\left(\bigcup_j B_j\right) = \sum_j \mu T^{-1}(B_j)\tag{3.51}$$

for a disjoint collection $B_1, B_2, \dots \in \mathcal{G}$. Letting $B'_j = T^{-1}(B_j)$, 1.2 shows both that the B'_j are disjoint and that $T^{-1}(\bigcup_j B_j) = \bigcup_j B'_j$. Equation (3.51) therefore becomes

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_j B'_j\right) = \sum_j \mu(B'_j)\tag{3.52}$$

for disjoint sets B'_j , which holds because μ is a measure. ■

The main result on general transformations is the following.

3.22 Theorem Suppose $T^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{F}$ for each $B \in \mathcal{D}$, where \mathcal{D} is an arbitrary class of sets, and $\mathcal{G} = \sigma(\mathcal{D})$. Then the transformation T is \mathcal{F}/\mathcal{G} -measurable.