

Borel-Cantelli Lemma¹

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Summary. This article is about the Borel-Cantelli Lemma in probability theory. Necessary definitions and theorems are given in [10] and [7].

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The notation and terminology used here have been introduced in the following papers: [17], [3], [4], [8], [13], [1], [2], [5], [15], [14], [21], [9], [12], [11], [16], [6], [20], [19], and [18].

For simplicity, we adopt the following rules: O_1 is a non empty set, S_1 is a σ -field of subsets of O_1 , P_1 is a probability on S_1 , A is a sequence of subsets of S_1 , and n is an element of \mathbb{N} .

Let D be a set, let x, y be extended real numbers, and let a, b be elements of D . Then $(x > y \rightarrow a, b)$ is an element of D .

We now state two propositions:

- (1) For every element k of \mathbb{N} and for every element x of \mathbb{R} such that k is odd and $x > 0$ and $x \leq 1$ holds $(-x \text{ExpSeq}_{\mathbb{R}})(k+1) + (-x \text{ExpSeq}_{\mathbb{R}})(k+2) \geq 0$.
- (2) For every element x of \mathbb{R} holds $1 + x \leq (\text{the function exp})(x)$.

Let s be a sequence of real numbers. The functor $\text{ExpFuncWithElementOf } s$ yielding a sequence of real numbers is defined as follows:

(Def. 1) For every natural number d holds $(\text{ExpFuncWithElementOf } s)(d) = \sum -s(d) \text{ExpSeq}_{\mathbb{R}}$.

Next we state two propositions:

- (3) $(\text{The partial product of ExpFuncWithElementOf}(P_1 \cdot A))(n) = (\text{the function exp})(-\sum_{\alpha=0}^{\kappa} (P_1 \cdot A)(\alpha))_{\kappa \in \mathbb{N}}(n)$.

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(4) (The partial product of $P_1 \cdot A^c$)(n) \leq (the partial product of $\text{ExpFuncWithElementOf}(P_1 \cdot A)$)(n).

Let n_1, n_2 be elements of \mathbb{N} . The functor $\text{SeqOfIFGT1}(n_1, n_2)$ yielding a sequence of \mathbb{N} is defined by:

(Def. 2) For every element n of \mathbb{N} holds $(\text{SeqOfIFGT1}(n_1, n_2))(n) = (n > n_1 \rightarrow n + n_2, n)$.

Let k be an element of \mathbb{N} . The $\text{SeqOfIFGT2 } k$ yields a sequence of \mathbb{N} and is defined by:

(Def. 3) For every element n of \mathbb{N} holds (the $\text{SeqOfIFGT2 } k$)(n) = $n + k$.

Let k be an element of \mathbb{N} . The $\text{SeqOfIFGT3 } k$ yields a sequence of \mathbb{N} and is defined as follows:

(Def. 4) For every element n of \mathbb{N} holds (the $\text{SeqOfIFGT3 } k$)(n) = $(n > k \rightarrow 0, 1)$.

Let n_1, n_2 be elements of \mathbb{N} . The functor $\text{SeqOfIFGT4}(n_1, n_2)$ yielding a sequence of \mathbb{N} is defined as follows:

(Def. 5) For every element n of \mathbb{N} holds $(\text{SeqOfIFGT4}(n_1, n_2))(n) = (n > n_1 + 1 \rightarrow n + n_2, n)$.

Let n_1, n_2 be elements of \mathbb{N} . One can verify that $\text{SeqOfIFGT1}(n_1, n_2)$ is one-to-one and $\text{SeqOfIFGT4}(n_1, n_2)$ is one-to-one.

Let n be an element of \mathbb{N} . Observe that the $\text{SeqOfIFGT2 } n$ is one-to-one.

Let X be a set, let s be an element of \mathbb{N} , and let A be a sequence of subsets of X . The functor $\text{ShiftSeq}(A, s)$ yielding a sequence of subsets of X is defined by:

(Def. 6) $\text{ShiftSeq}(A, s) = A \uparrow s$.

Let O_1 be a non empty set, let S_1 be a σ -field of subsets of O_1 , let s be an element of \mathbb{N} , and let A be a sequence of subsets of S_1 . The functor $@\text{ShiftSeq}(A, s)$ yields a sequence of subsets of S_1 and is defined by:

(Def. 7) $@\text{ShiftSeq}(A, s) = \text{ShiftSeq}(A, s)$.

Next we state the proposition

- (5)(i) For all sequences A, B of subsets of S_1 such that $n > n_1$ and $B = A \cdot \text{SeqOfIFGT1}(n_1, n_2)$ holds (the partial product of $P_1 \cdot B$)(n) = (the partial product of $P_1 \cdot A$)(n_1) \cdot (the partial product of $P_1 \cdot @\text{ShiftSeq}(A, n_1 + n_2 + 1)$)($n - n_1 - 1$), and
- (ii) for all sequences A, B, C of subsets of S_1 and for every sequence e of \mathbb{N} such that $n > n_1$ and $C = A \cdot e$ and $B = C \cdot \text{SeqOfIFGT1}(n_1, n_2)$ holds (the partial Intersection of B)(n) = (the partial Intersection of C)(n_1) \cap (the partial Intersection of $@\text{ShiftSeq}(C, n_1 + n_2 + 1)$)($n - n_1 - 1$).

Let O_1 be a non empty set, let S_1 be a σ -field of subsets of O_1 , let P_1 be a probability on S_1 , and let A be a sequence of subsets of S_1 . We say that A is all independent w.r.t. P_1 if and only if the condition (Def. 8) is satisfied.

(Def. 8) Let B be a sequence of subsets of S_1 . Given a sequence e of \mathbb{N} such that e is one-to-one and for every element n of \mathbb{N} holds $A(e(n)) = B(n)$. Let n be an element of \mathbb{N} . Then (the partial product of $P_1 \cdot B$)(n) = P_1 ((the partial Intersection of B)(n)).

The following propositions are true:

(6) Suppose $n > n_1$ and A is all independent w.r.t. P_1 . Then P_1 ((the partial Intersection of A^c)(n_1) \cap (the partial Intersection of @ShiftSeq($A, n_1 + n_2 + 1$))($n - n_1 - 1$)) = (the partial product of $P_1 \cdot A^c$)(n_1) \cdot (the partial product of $P_1 \cdot$ @ShiftSeq($A, n_1 + n_2 + 1$))($n - n_1 - 1$)).

(7) (The partial Intersection of A^c)(n) = (the partial Union of A)(n)^c.

(8) P_1 ((the partial Intersection of A^c)(n)) = $1 - P_1$ ((the partial Union of A)(n)).

Let X be a set and let A be a sequence of subsets of X . The UnionShiftSeq A yielding a sequence of subsets of X is defined as follows:

(Def. 9) For every element n of \mathbb{N} holds (the UnionShiftSeq A)(n) = \bigcup ShiftSeq(A, n).

Let O_1 be a non empty set, let S_1 be a σ -field of subsets of O_1 , and let A be a sequence of subsets of S_1 . The @UnionShiftSeq A yields a sequence of subsets of S_1 and is defined as follows:

(Def. 10) The @UnionShiftSeq A = the UnionShiftSeq A .

Let O_1 be a non empty set, let S_1 be a σ -field of subsets of O_1 , and let A be a sequence of subsets of S_1 . The @lim sup A yielding an event of S_1 is defined as follows:

(Def. 11) The @lim sup A = \bigcap (the @UnionShiftSeq A).

Let X be a set and let A be a sequence of subsets of X . The IntersectShiftSeq A yields a sequence of subsets of X and is defined as follows:

(Def. 12) For every element n of \mathbb{N} holds (the IntersectShiftSeq A)(n) = Intersection ShiftSeq(A, n).

Let O_1 be a non empty set, let S_1 be a σ -field of subsets of O_1 , and let A be a sequence of subsets of S_1 . The @IntersectShiftSeq A yielding a sequence of subsets of S_1 is defined as follows:

(Def. 13) The @IntersectShiftSeq A = the IntersectShiftSeq A .

Let O_1 be a non empty set, let S_1 be a σ -field of subsets of O_1 , and let A be a sequence of subsets of S_1 . The @lim inf A yielding an event of S_1 is defined by:

(Def. 14) The @lim inf A = \bigcup (the @IntersectShiftSeq A).

The following propositions are true:

(9) (The @IntersectShiftSeq A^c)(n) = (the @UnionShiftSeq A)(n)^c.

- (10) Suppose A is all independent w.r.t. P_1 . Then $P_1((\text{the partial Intersection of } A^c)(n)) = (\text{the partial product of } P_1 \cdot A^c)(n)$.
- (11) Let X be a set and A be a sequence of subsets of X . Then
- (i) the superior setsequence $A = \text{the UnionShiftSeq } A$, and
 - (ii) the inferior setsequence $A = \text{the IntersectShiftSeq } A$.
- (12)(i) The superior setsequence $A = \text{the @UnionShiftSeq } A$, and
- (ii) the inferior setsequence $A = \text{the @IntersectShiftSeq } A$.

Let O_1 be a non empty set, let S_1 be a σ -field of subsets of O_1 , let P_1 be a probability on S_1 , and let A be a sequence of subsets of S_1 . The functor $\text{SumShiftSeq}(P_1, A)$ yields a sequence of real numbers and is defined by:

(Def. 15) For every element n of \mathbb{N} holds $(\text{SumShiftSeq}(P_1, A))(n) = \sum(P_1 \cdot @\text{ShiftSeq}(A, n))$.

We now state several propositions:

- (13) If $(\sum_{\alpha=0}^{\kappa}(P_1 \cdot A)(\alpha))_{\kappa \in \mathbb{N}}$ is convergent, then $P_1(\text{the @lim sup } A) = 0$ and $\text{lim SumShiftSeq}(P_1, A) = 0$ and $\text{SumShiftSeq}(P_1, A)$ is convergent.
- (14)(i) For every set X and for every sequence A of subsets of X and for every element n of \mathbb{N} and for every set x holds there exists an element k of \mathbb{N} such that $x \in (\text{ShiftSeq}(A, n))(k)$ iff there exists an element k of \mathbb{N} such that $k \geq n$ and $x \in A(k)$,
- (ii) for every set X and for every sequence A of subsets of X and for every set x holds $x \in \text{Intersection}(\text{the UnionShiftSeq } A)$ iff for every element m of \mathbb{N} there exists an element n of \mathbb{N} such that $n \geq m$ and $x \in A(n)$,
 - (iii) for every sequence A of subsets of S_1 and for every set x holds $x \in \cap(\text{the @UnionShiftSeq } A)$ iff for every element m of \mathbb{N} there exists an element n of \mathbb{N} such that $n \geq m$ and $x \in A(n)$,
 - (iv) for every set X and for every sequence A of subsets of X and for every set x holds $x \in \cup(\text{the IntersectShiftSeq } A)$ iff there exists an element n of \mathbb{N} such that for every element k of \mathbb{N} such that $k \geq n$ holds $x \in A(k)$,
 - (v) for every sequence A of subsets of S_1 and for every set x holds $x \in \cup(\text{the @IntersectShiftSeq } A)$ iff there exists an element n of \mathbb{N} such that for every element k of \mathbb{N} such that $k \geq n$ holds $x \in A(k)$, and
 - (vi) for every sequence A of subsets of S_1 and for every element x of O_1 holds $x \in \cup(\text{the @IntersectShiftSeq } A^c)$ iff there exists an element n of \mathbb{N} such that for every element k of \mathbb{N} such that $k \geq n$ holds $x \notin A(k)$.
- (15)(i) $\text{lim sup } A = \text{the @lim sup } A$,
- (ii) $\text{lim inf } A = \text{the @lim inf } A$,
 - (iii) $\text{the @lim inf } A^c = (\text{the @lim sup } A)^c$,
 - (iv) $P_1(\text{the @lim inf } A^c) + P_1(\text{the @lim sup } A) = 1$, and
 - (v) $P_1(\text{lim inf}(A^c)) + P_1(\text{lim sup } A) = 1$.

- (16)(i) If $(\sum_{\alpha=0}^{\kappa}(P_1 \cdot A)(\alpha))_{\kappa \in \mathbb{N}}$ is convergent, then $P_1(\limsup A) = 0$ and $P_1(\liminf(A^c)) = 1$, and
- (ii) if A is all independent w.r.t. P_1 and $(\sum_{\alpha=0}^{\kappa}(P_1 \cdot A)(\alpha))_{\kappa \in \mathbb{N}}$ is divergent to $+\infty$, then $P_1(\liminf(A^c)) = 0$ and $P_1(\limsup A) = 1$.
- (17) If $(\sum_{\alpha=0}^{\kappa}(P_1 \cdot A)(\alpha))_{\kappa \in \mathbb{N}}$ is not convergent and A is all independent w.r.t. P_1 , then $P_1(\liminf(A^c)) = 0$ and $P_1(\limsup A) = 1$.
- (18) If A is all independent w.r.t. P_1 , then $P_1(\liminf(A^c)) = 0$ or $P_1(\liminf(A^c)) = 1$ but $P_1(\limsup A) = 0$ or $P_1(\limsup A) = 1$.
- (19) $(\sum_{\alpha=0}^{\kappa}(P_1 \cdot @ShiftSeq(A, n_1 + 1))(\alpha))_{\kappa \in \mathbb{N}}(n) \leq (\sum_{\alpha=0}^{\kappa}(P_1 \cdot A)(\alpha))_{\kappa \in \mathbb{N}}(n_1 + 1 + n) - (\sum_{\alpha=0}^{\kappa}(P_1 \cdot A)(\alpha))_{\kappa \in \mathbb{N}}(n_1)$.
- (20) $P_1((\text{the } @IntersectShiftSeq A^c)(n)) = 1 - P_1((\text{the } @UnionShiftSeq A)(n))$.
- (21)(i) If A^c is all independent w.r.t. P_1 , then $P_1((\text{the partial Intersection of } A)(n)) = (\text{the partial product of } P_1 \cdot A)(n)$, and
- (ii) if A is all independent w.r.t. P_1 , then $1 - P_1((\text{the partial Union of } A)(n)) = (\text{the partial product of } P_1 \cdot A^c)(n)$.

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