

**Profinite and pseudofinite groups**  
**Sheet 11**

**Exercise 1.** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be sets,  $\mathcal{A}$  a collection of subsets of  $G$ , and  $\mathcal{B}$  a collection of subsets of  $H$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}'$  be the  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $G$  generated by  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}'$  the  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $H$  generated by  $\mathcal{B}$ , and  $\mathcal{C}$  a  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $G \times H$ . Suppose  $A \times H$  and  $G \times B$  are in  $\mathcal{C}$  for all  $(A, B) \in \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B}$ . Use  $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}$  to denote the  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $G \times H$  generated by all of the sets  $A \times B$  with  $(A, B) \in \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B}$ . Show  $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ .

The direct product  $G \times H$  of profinite groups  $G$  and  $H$  is a profinite group. Recall that  $G \times H$  has a unique Haar measure  $\mu_{G \times H}$ . Consider also the product measure  $\mu_G \times \mu_H$  of  $G \times H$ . It is first defined on sets ('rectangles') of the form  $A \times B$  with  $A$  a  $\mu_G$ -measurable set and  $B$  a  $\mu_H$ -measurable set by the rule  $(\mu_G \times \mu_H)(A \times B) = \mu_G(A)\mu_H(B)$ . Then  $\mu_G \times \mu_H$  extends to a  $\sigma$ -additive measure on the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by these rectangles. Finally, one completes  $\mu_G \times \mu_H$  by adding all zero sets.

The aim of this sheet is to prove that  $\mu_{G \times H}$  coincides with  $\mu_G \times \mu_H$ .

**Exercise 2.** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be profinite groups. Let  $\mathcal{B}_0(G)$  be the Boolean algebra of all open-closed subsets of  $G$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_1(G)$  the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $\mathcal{B}_0(G)$ ,  $\mathcal{B}(G)$  the Borel field of  $G$ , and  $\hat{\mathcal{B}}(G)$  the family of all measurable subsets of  $G$  (corresponding notation for  $H$  and for  $G \times H$ ). In addition let  $\mathcal{R}_0$  be the Boolean algebra of  $G \times H$  generated by all of the sets  $A \times B$  with  $(A, B) \in \mathcal{B}_0(G) \times \mathcal{B}_0(H)$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_1 = \mathcal{B}_0(G) \otimes \mathcal{B}_0(H)$ ,  $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{B}(G) \otimes \mathcal{B}(H)$ , and  $\hat{\mathcal{R}}$  be the completion of  $\mathcal{R}$  with respect to  $\mu_G \times \mu_H$ .

- a) Show that we have  $\mathcal{R}_0 = \mathcal{B}_0(G \times H)$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_1 = \mathcal{B}_1(G \times H)$ , and  $\mathcal{B}_1(G) \otimes \mathcal{B}_1(H) \subseteq \mathcal{R}_1$ .
- b) Show that  $\mu_{G \times H}$  and  $\mu_G \times \mu_H$  coincide on  $\mathcal{R}_1$ .
- c) Define  $\mathcal{S} = \{C \in \hat{\mathcal{R}} \cap \hat{\mathcal{B}}(G \times H) \mid (\mu_G \times \mu_H)(C) = \mu_{G \times H}(C)\}$ . Observe that  $\mathcal{S}$  is closed under countable unions and taking complements and thus  $\mathcal{R}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{S}$ . If  $E_0 \subseteq E_1$ ,  $E_1 \in \mathcal{S}$ , and  $(\mu_G \times \mu_H)(E_1) = 0$ , then  $E_0 \in \mathcal{S}$ . Show that  $\mathcal{S}$  contains  $\mathcal{R}$ .
- d) Conclude that  $\hat{\mathcal{R}} = \mathcal{S} = \hat{\mathcal{B}}(G \times H)$ .

*Hand-in by Monday, 11.7., 09:00 am*

*The exercise sheets should be solved and handed in in groups of two.*

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