

**Theorem 3.11** If there is no constraint on  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ , then  $\mu^*$  can take any set of non-negative values on the nonempty atoms of  $\mathcal{F}_n$ .

**Proof**

1. Let  $Y_A, A \in \mathcal{A}$  be mutually independent random variables. Note that these r.v.'s are labeled by the nonempty atoms of  $\mathcal{F}_n$ .

2. Define the random variables  $X_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  by

$$X_i = (Y_A : A \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } A \subset \tilde{X}_i).$$

We will determine the  $I$ -Measure  $\mu^*$  for  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  so defined.

3. Since  $Y_A$  are mutually independent, for any nonempty subsets  $G$  of  $\mathcal{N}_n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} H(X_G) &= H(X_i, i \in G) \\ &= H((Y_A : A \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } A \subset \tilde{X}_i), i \in G) \\ &= H(Y_A : A \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } A \subset \tilde{X}_G) \\ &= \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}: A \subset \tilde{X}_G} H(Y_A). \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

4. On the other hand, by set-additivity, we have

$$H(X_G) = \mu^*(\tilde{X}_G) = \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}: A \subset \tilde{X}_G} \mu^*(A). \quad (2)$$

Equating the right hand sides of (1) and (2), we have

$$\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}: A \subset \tilde{X}_G} H(Y_A) = \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}: A \subset \tilde{X}_G} \mu^*(A).$$

5. Here  $\mu^*(A)$  are the unknowns. Evidently, we can make the above equality hold for all nonempty subsets  $G$  of  $\mathcal{N}_n$  by taking

$$\mu^*(A) = H(Y_A)$$

for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . By the uniqueness of  $\mu^*$  (Theorem 3.9), this is also the only possibility for  $\mu^*$ .

6. Since  $H(Y_A)$  can take any nonnegative value by Corollary 2.44,  $\mu^*$  can take any set of nonnegative values on the nonempty atoms of  $\mathcal{F}_n$ . The theorem is proved.