

# Chapter3 Measure Theory

## Measure Space

why  $\sigma$ -algebra?

We construct a  $\sigma$ -algebra from  $\Omega$  to make sure this set is closed under sets operations (intersection, complementation,..). Thus the measure defined on it can be well-defined. The reason we don't just define the measure on the  $\Omega$  is that  $\Omega$  is too large there are some redundant elements we are not care about.

Th.  $\sigma$ -algebras(respectively, algebras) are closed under countable( respectively, finite) intersections.

just check the definition of  $\sigma$ -algebra.

*this theorem suggests that for any set  $\mathcal{A} \subset \Omega$ , we can generate a smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra that contains  $\mathcal{A}$  by taking intersection of all the  $\sigma$ -algebras containing  $\mathcal{A}$*

Lemma Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  denote a measure space.

(1) (Continuity from below) if  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq \dots$  are all measurable then  $\mu(A_n) \uparrow \mu(\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

(1) (Continuity from above) if  $A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq \dots$  are all measurable and  $\mu(A_n) < \infty$  for some  $n$ , then  $\mu(A_n) \downarrow \mu(\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

these are results follow from Lebesgue Measure theory.

## Lebesgue Measure

### The Carathéodory Extension Theorem

Suppose  $\Omega$  is a set, and  $\mathcal{A}$  denotes an *algebra* of subsets of  $\Omega$ . Given a *countably additive* set function  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ , there exists a measure  $\bar{\mu}$  on  $(\Omega, \sigma(\mathcal{A}))$ , such that  $\mu(E) = \bar{\mu}(E)$  for all  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Suppose, in addition, that there exist  $\Omega_1 \subseteq \Omega_2 \subseteq \dots$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \Omega_m = \Omega$  and  $\mu(\Omega_i) < \infty$  for all  $i \geq 1$ . Then the extension  $\bar{\mu}$  of  $\mu$  is *unique* and  $\bar{\mu}$  is a  $\sigma - \text{finite}$  measure with  $\mu(\Omega) = \bar{\mu}(\Omega)$ .

This inspires us that, once we can define a countably additive set function  $\mu$  on an algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , we can extend it to become a measure on  $(\Omega, \sigma(\mathcal{A}))$

the way we construct Lebesgue's measure on  $(0, 1]^d$  for  $d \geq 2$  is just follow the theorem.  
we define measure of hypercube as

$$m \{x \in (0, 1]^d : a_j < x_j < b_j\} = \prod_{j=1}^d (b_j - a_j)$$

since the collection of all finite unions of hypercubes is an algebra that generates  $\mathcal{B}((0, 1]^d)$   
thus the definition can be extended to  $\mathcal{B}((0, 1]^d)$ .

Th.(the definition of density function of  $\mu$ )

Suppose  $f : R^d \rightarrow R_+$  is a *continuous function such that the Riemann integral*  $\int_{R^d} f(x)dx = 1$ . Given  $a, b \in R^d$  with  $a_j \leq b_j$  for all  $j \leq d$ , consider the hypercube  $C := (a_1, b_1] \times \cdots \times (a_d, b_d]$ , and define  $\mu(C) = \int_C f(x)dx$ . Then  $\mu$  extends uniquely to a probability measure on  $(R^d, \mathcal{B}(R^d))$ , and  $f$  is called the density function of  $\mu$ .

mark: the collection of all finite unions of disjoint hypercubes of the type mentioned is an algebra of subsets of  $R^d$ . We can do as we did when we constructed the Lebesgue measure.

## Completion

Thinking:

Consider the  $([0, 1], \mathcal{B}[0, 1], m)$ , where  $m$  is the Lebesgue's measure. We can prove that the Cantor Set  $\mathcal{C}$  satisfies:

1.  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{B}[0, 1]$
2.  $m(\mathcal{C}) = 0$
3. the cardinality of  $\mathcal{C} >$  the cardinality of  $[0, 1]$

these suggests that there exist many subsets of  $\mathcal{C}$  which are not borel sets! For these subsets, they are not measurable. But logically their measure are 0.

There inspires us to attach a strong limitation to prevent these happening.

### Completion Definition

Given a measure space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ , a measurable set  $E$  is *null* if  $\mu(E) = 0$ . The  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{F}$  is said to be *complete* if *all subsets of null sets are themselves measurable and null*. When  $\mathcal{F}$  is complete, we say also that  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  is complete.

We can always ensure completeness.

Th. Given a measure space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ , there exists a complete  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{F}' \supseteq \mathcal{F}$  and a

measure  $\mu'$  on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}')$  such that  $\mu$  and  $\mu'$  agree on  $\mathcal{F}$ .

The measure space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}', \mu')$  is called the completion of  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ .

How to construct?

For any two sets  $A$  and  $B$  define:

$$\mathcal{F}' = \{A \subseteq \Omega : \exists B, N \subseteq \mathcal{F} \text{ such that } \mu(N) = 0 \text{ and } A \Delta B \subseteq N\}$$

such  $\mathcal{F}'$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

Define measure  $\mu'$ :

For any  $A \in \mathcal{F}'$  define  $\mu'(A) := \mu(B)$ , where  $B \in \mathcal{F}$  is a set such that for a null set  $N \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $A \Delta B \subseteq N$ .

We can prove that  $\mu'$  is a measure on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}')$ .

## Proof of Carathéodory's Theorem

Throughout,  $\Omega$  is a set and  $\mathcal{A}$  is an algebra of subsets of  $\Omega$ .

Definition (monotone class)

A collection of subsets of  $\Omega$  is a *monotone class*

if it is closed under increasing countable unions and decreasing countable intersections.

Prop. An arbitrary intersection of monotone classes is a monotone class. In particular, there exists a smallest monotone class containing  $\mathcal{A}$ .

the smallest monotone class containing  $\mathcal{A}$  is written as  $mc(\mathcal{A})$ , and is called the monotone class generated by  $\mathcal{A}$ .

## The Monotone Class Theorem

Any monotone class that contains  $\mathcal{A}$  also contains  $\sigma(\mathcal{A})$ . In other words,  $mc(\mathcal{A}) = \sigma(\mathcal{A})$ .

proof:

since  $\sigma(\mathcal{A})$  is a monotone class, then  $\sigma(\mathcal{A}) \supseteq mc(\mathcal{A})$ .

It suffices to prove that  $\sigma(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq mc(\mathcal{A})$ .

Consider the following monotone classes:

$$\mathcal{C}_1 := \{E \in \sigma(\mathcal{A}) : E^c \in mc(\mathcal{A})\}$$

$$\mathcal{C}_2 := \{E \in \sigma(\mathcal{A}) : \forall F \in mc(\mathcal{A}), E \cup F \in mc(\mathcal{A})\}$$

$$\mathcal{C}_3 := \{E \in \sigma(\mathcal{A}) : \forall F \in \mathcal{A}, E \cup F \in mc(\mathcal{A})\}$$

$\mathcal{C}_1$  is a monotone class contains  $\mathcal{A}$ , thus  $\mathcal{C}_1 \supseteq mc(\mathcal{A})$

This means that  $mc(\mathcal{A})$  is closed under complementation.

$\mathcal{C}_3$  is a monotone class contains  $\mathcal{A}$ , thus  $\mathcal{C}_3 \supseteq mc(\mathcal{A})$

By reversing the roles of  $E$  and  $F$  in the definition of  $\mathcal{C}_3$  we can see that  $\mathcal{C}_2 \supseteq mc(\mathcal{A})$ .

Thus  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under finite unions and is therefore a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

Consequently, we have  $\sigma(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq mc(\mathcal{A})$ .

Proof of Carathéodory's Theorem(Existence):

We first define  $\bar{\mu}(E)$  for all  $E \subseteq \Omega$ . This defines a set function  $\bar{\mu}$  on the Power set  $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  of  $\Omega$  which may be too big a  $\sigma$ -algebra in the sense that  $\bar{\mu}$  may fail to be countably additive on  $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ . However it will be additive on  $\sigma(\mathcal{A})$ .

For all  $E \subseteq \Omega$ , define:

$$\bar{\mu}(E) := \inf \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n) : \forall j \geq 1, E_j \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } E \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \right\}$$

### Step 1. Countable Subadditivity of $\bar{\mu}$

It suffices to prove that  $\bar{\mu}(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{\mu}(A_n)$  for all  $A_1, A_2, \dots \subseteq \Omega$ .

Consider any collection  $\{A_{j,n}\}$  of elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $A_n \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} A_{j,n}$ , by the definition of  $\bar{\mu}$ ,

$$\bar{\mu} \left( \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \right) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_{j,n})$$

also by the definition of inf, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , we can choose  $A_{j,n}$  such that,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_{j,n}) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2^n} + \bar{\mu}(A_n)$$

whence,

$$\bar{\mu} \left( \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \right) \leq \epsilon + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{\mu}(A_n)$$

since  $\epsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, this yields the countable subadditivity of  $\bar{\mu}$ .

### Step 2. $\bar{\mu}$ extends $\mu$

It suffices to prove that  $\bar{\mu}$  and  $\mu$  agree on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

$\bar{\mu}(E) \leq \mu(E)$  for all  $E \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ .

we seek to prove the converse inequality.

Consider a collection of  $E_1, E_2, \dots$  of elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  that cover  $E$ .

For any  $\epsilon > 0$ , we can choose  $E_n$  such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n) \leq \bar{\mu}(E) + \epsilon$ .

Since  $\mu$  is countably additive on  $\mathcal{A}$ ,

$$\mu(E) \leq \mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n) \leq \bar{\mu}(E) + \epsilon.$$

since  $\epsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, Step2 is completed.

### *Step 3. Countable Additivity*

we now complete our proof by showing that the restriction of  $\bar{\mu}$  to  $\sigma(\mathcal{A})$  is countable additivity.

thanks to step1, it is suffices to prove that  $\bar{\mu}\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) \geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{\mu}(A_n)$ , for all disjoint  $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \sigma(\mathcal{A})$ .

Consider,

$$\mathcal{M} = \{E \in \Omega : \forall F \in \mathcal{A}, \bar{\mu}(E) = \bar{\mu}(E \cap F) + \bar{\mu}(E \cap F^c)\}$$

According to step2,  $\mathcal{M}$  contains  $\mathcal{A}$ .

By the Countable Subadditivity of  $\bar{\mu}$ ,

$$\mathcal{N} := \{E \in \Omega : \forall F \in \mathcal{A}, \bar{\mu}(E) \geq \bar{\mu}(E \cap F) + \bar{\mu}(E \cap F^c)\} = \mathcal{M}$$

We can prove that  $\mathcal{N}$  is a monotone class containing  $\mathcal{A}$ .

thanks to the Monotone Class Theorem,  $mc(\mathcal{A}) = \sigma(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{N}$

this suggests that  $\bar{\mu}$  is finitely additive on  $\sigma(\mathcal{A})$ , since  $A_n$  is disjoint, it follows that,

$$\bar{\mu}\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) \geq \bar{\mu}\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^N A_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^N \bar{\mu}(A_n)$$

for every  $N \geq 1$ .

whence the Carathéodory's Theorem(Existence) follows from letting  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

Proof of Carathéodory's Theorem(Uniqueness):

If  $\mu(\Omega) < \infty$ ,

Suppose there were two extensions  $\bar{\mu}$  and  $\nu$ , and define

$$\mathcal{C} := \{E \in \sigma(\mathcal{A}) : \bar{\mu}(E) = \nu(E)\}$$

we can check that  $\mathcal{C}$  is a monotone class that contains  $\mathcal{A}$

thus  $mc(\mathcal{A}) = \sigma(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{C}$

that is  $\bar{\mu}(E) = \nu(E)$  for all  $E \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{A})$

If  $\mu(\Omega) = \infty$  and  $\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \Omega_m = \Omega$ ,  $\mu(\Omega_i) < \infty$  for all  $i \geq 1$ .

for every  $n > 0$ ,  $E \in \sigma(\mathcal{A})$ , as we proved before

$$\bar{\mu}(E \cap \Omega_n) = \nu(E \cap \Omega_n)$$

let  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , since  $E \cap \Omega_n \rightarrow E$ , using the Continuity from below of measure,

$$\bar{\mu}(E) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{\mu}(E \cap \Omega_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu(E \cap \Omega_n) = \nu(E)$$