

Chapter3 Measure Theory

Measure Space

why σ -algebra?

We construct a σ -algebra from Ω 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 Ω is that Ω is too large there are some redundant elements we are not care about.

Th. σ -algebras(respectively, algebras) are closed under countable(respectively, finite) intersections.

just check the definition of σ -algebra.

this theorem suggests that for any set $\mathcal{A} \subset \Omega$, we can generate a smallest σ -algebra that contains \mathcal{A} by taking intersection of all the σ -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 $\mu(A_n) \downarrow \mu(\bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

these are results follow from Lebesgue Measure theory.

Lebesgue Measure

The Carathéodory Extension Theorem

Suppose Ω is a set, and \mathcal{A} denotes an *algebra* of subsets of Ω . Given a *countably additive* set function μ 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 μ is *unique* and $\bar{\mu}$ is a σ -finite measure with $\mu(\Omega) = \bar{\mu}(\Omega)$.

This inspires us that, once we can define a countably additive set function μ 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 μ)

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 μ extends uniquely to a probability measure on $(R^d, \mathcal{B}(R^d))$, and f is called the density function of μ .

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 σ -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 σ -algebra $\mathcal{F}' \supseteq \mathcal{F}$ and a

measure μ' on (Ω, \mathcal{F}') such that μ and μ' 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 σ -algebra.

Define measure μ' :

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 μ' is a measure on (Ω, \mathcal{F}') .

Proof of Carathéodory's Theorem

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

Definition (monotone class)

A collection of subsets of Ω 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 σ -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 Ω which may be too big a σ -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 μ

It suffices to prove that $\bar{\mu}$ and μ 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 μ 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 suffices to prove that $\bar{\mu}(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) \geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{\mu}(A_n)$, 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 ν , 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,

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