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$$\mu(A) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} n & \text{if A has exactly n elements} \\ \infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{array} \right.$$

for all $A \in \mathfrak{B}$ is called the *counting measure* on X. Usually this is applied when X is countable, e.g. \mathbb{N} or \mathbb{Z} .