

Measure Theory

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Introduction

These lectures are mainly based on the books Introduction to measure and integration by S. J. Taylor published by Cambridge University Press.

There are many other very good books on the subject. Here is a partial list:

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Lecture 1

Introduction: a Non-measurable Set

λ satisfies the flowing:

0. $\lambda : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{+\infty\}$
1. $\lambda((a, b]) = b - a$
2. $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}, A + x = \{x + y : y \in A\}, \forall A, A \subseteq \mathbb{R}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} :$

$$\lambda(A + x) = \lambda(A) \quad (1.1)$$

3. $A = \bigcup_{j \geq 1} A_j, A_j \cap A_k = \emptyset :$

$$\lambda(A) = \sum_k \lambda(A_k) \quad (1.2)$$

Definition 1.1. $x \sim y, x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ if $y - x \in \mathbb{Q}$. $[x] = \{y \in \mathbb{R}, y - x \in \mathbb{Q}\}$.

$\Lambda = \mathbb{R}/\sim$, only one point represents the equivalence class of Ω , like α, β .

Ω is a class of equivalence class, if $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}, \Omega \subseteq (0, 1)$

Claim 1.1. $\begin{cases} \Omega + q = \Omega + q \\ \Omega + q \cap \Omega + q = \emptyset \end{cases} \quad q, p \in \mathbb{Q}$

Proof. Assume that $\Omega + q \cap \Omega + q \neq \emptyset$ then, $x = \alpha + p = \beta + q, \alpha, \beta \in \Omega \Rightarrow \alpha - \beta = q - p \in \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow \alpha = \beta \Rightarrow [q \neq p, p, q \in \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow (\Omega + q) \cap (\Omega + p) = \emptyset]$. \square

Claim 1.2. $\Omega + q \subseteq (-1, 2)$, if $-1 < q < 1$.

then we can get

$$\sum_{\substack{q \in \mathbb{Q} \\ -1 < q < 1}} (\Omega + q) \subseteq (-1, 2) \quad (1.3)$$

Claim 1.3. $E \subseteq F \Rightarrow \lambda(E) \leq \lambda(F)$

Proof. $\because E \subseteq F \therefore F = E \cup (F \setminus E), E \cap (F \setminus E) = \emptyset$, then $\lambda(F) = \lambda(E) + \lambda((F \setminus E)) \Rightarrow \lambda(F) \geq \lambda(E)$. \square

Then,

$$\lambda \left(\sum_{\substack{q \in \mathbb{Q} \\ -1 < q < 1}} (\Omega + q) \right) \leq \lambda((-1, 2)) = 3 \quad (1.4)$$

On the other hand,

$$\lambda((\Omega + q)) = \lambda(\Omega) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda \left(\sum_{\substack{q \in \mathbb{Q} \\ -1 < q < 1}} (\Omega + q) \right) = 0 \quad (1.5)$$

Claim 1.4. $(0, 1) \subseteq \sum_{\substack{q \in \mathbb{Q} \\ -1 < q < 1}} (\Omega + q)$

Proof. \forall fixed $x \in (0, 1)$, $\exists \alpha \in [x] \cap \Omega$, $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, and we know that $\alpha - x = q \in \mathbb{Q}$, $- < q < 1 \Rightarrow x = \alpha + q$, $x \in \Omega + q$ \square

But, we get that:

$$1 = \lambda((0, 1)) \leq \lambda \left(\sum_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} \Omega + q \right) = 0 \quad (1.6)$$

it is impossible.

Lecture 2

Classes of Subsets (Semi-algebras, Algebras and Sigma-algebras) and Set Functions

Definition 2.1. $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$, \mathcal{S} is semi-algebra if:

1. $\Omega \in \mathcal{S}$
2. $A, B \in \mathcal{S} \Rightarrow A \cap B \in \mathcal{S}$
3. $\forall A \in \mathcal{S} \Rightarrow A^c = \sum_{i=1}^n E_j, \exists E_1, \dots, E_n \in \mathcal{S}, E_i, E_j (i \neq j)$ disjoint sets, n is finite number

Example 2.1. $\Omega = \mathbb{R}, \mathcal{S} = \{\mathbb{R}, \{(a, b), a < b, a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}, \{(-\infty, b], b \in \mathbb{R}\}, \{(a, \infty), a \in \mathbb{R}\}, \emptyset\}, (a, b]^c = (-\infty, a] \cup [b, +\infty)$

Example 2.2. $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^2$

$\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbb{R}^2, \{(a_1, b_1) \times (a_2, b_2), a_i < b_i, a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{R}, \{(-\infty, b_1] \times (-\infty, b_2], b_i \in \mathbb{R}\}, \{(a_1, \infty) \times (a_2, \infty), a_i \in \mathbb{R}\}, \emptyset\}$

Definition 2.2. $\mathcal{a} = \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ is an algebra:

1. $\Omega \in \mathcal{a}$
2. $A, B \in \mathcal{a} \Rightarrow A \cap B \in \mathcal{a}$
3. $A \in \mathcal{a} \Rightarrow A^c \in \mathcal{a}$

Remark 2.1. \mathcal{a} algebra $\Rightarrow \mathcal{a}$ semi-algebra

Definition 2.3. σ -algebra $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$:

1. $\Omega \in \mathcal{S}$
2. $A_j \in \mathcal{S}, j \leq 1 \Rightarrow \bigcap_{j \geq 1} A_j \in \mathcal{S}$
3. $A \in \mathcal{S} \Rightarrow A^c \in \mathcal{S}$

Remark 2.2. $\Omega, \mathcal{a}_\alpha \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega), \mathcal{a}_\alpha$ algebra, $\alpha \in I \Rightarrow \mathcal{a} = \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} \mathcal{a}_\alpha$ is an algebra.

Proof. check the followings

1. $\Omega \in \mathcal{a}$
2. $A, B \in \mathcal{a} \Rightarrow A \cap B \in \mathcal{a}$
3. $A \in \mathcal{a} \Rightarrow A^c \in \mathcal{a}$

□

Remark 2.3. $\Omega, \mathcal{a}_\alpha \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega), \alpha \in I, \mathcal{a}_\alpha, \sigma$ -algebra $\Rightarrow \mathcal{a} = \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} \mathcal{a}_\alpha$ is a σ -algebra

Proof. check the followings

1. $\Omega \in \mathcal{a}$
2. $A_j, j \geq 1 \in \mathcal{a} \Rightarrow \bigcap_{j \geq 1} A_j \in \mathcal{a}$

$$3. A \in a \Rightarrow A^c \in a$$

□

Definition 2.4 (minimal algebra generated by c). $\Omega, c \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$, $a(c)$ is an algebra generated by c , and $a = a(c)$:

$$1. c \subseteq a$$

$$2. \forall \mathcal{B} \text{ is algebra, } \mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega):$$

$$c \subseteq \mathcal{B} \Rightarrow a \subseteq \mathcal{B} \quad (2.1)$$

Remark 2.4. $a(c)$ exists, and $a = a(c) = \bigcap_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}$, $\forall \alpha$, $c \subseteq a_{\alpha}$, a_{α} is an algebra.

Definition 2.5 (minimal σ -algebra generated by c). $\Omega, c \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$, $a(c)$ is a σ -algebra generated by c , and $a = a(c)$:

$$1. c \subseteq a$$

$$2. \forall \mathcal{B} \text{ is } \sigma\text{-algebra, } \mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega):$$

$$c \subseteq \mathcal{B} \Rightarrow a \subseteq \mathcal{B} \quad (2.2)$$

Remark 2.5. $a(c)$ exists, and $a = a(c) = \bigcap_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}$, $\forall \alpha$, $c \subseteq a_{\alpha}$, a_{α} is an σ -algebra.

Lemma 2.1. Ω, f semi-algebra $f \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$, $a(f)$ algebra generated by f then

$$A \in a(f) \Leftrightarrow \exists E_j \in f, 1 \leq j \leq n, A = \sum_{j=1}^n E_j \quad (2.3)$$

Proof.

$$1. \Leftarrow$$

$$A = \sum_{j=1}^n E_j, E_j \in f \in a(f)$$

By definition 2.1 and remark 2.6 $\Rightarrow A \in a(f)$

$$2. \Rightarrow$$

$$A \in a(f) \Rightarrow A = \sum_{j=1}^n E_j, E_j \in f$$

Then by remark 2.7, it will be proved easily.

□

Remark 2.6. $E, J \in a, E \cup F \in a, E \cup F = (E^c \cap F^c)^c$

Remark 2.7. $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n F_j, F_j \in f \right\}$, $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ then

$$1. \mathcal{B} \text{ algebra}$$

$$2. \mathcal{B} \supseteq f$$

at last $\mathcal{B} \supseteq a(f)$

Proof. We only prove that \mathcal{B} algebra, then check the following

1. $\Omega \in \mathcal{B}$

2. $A, B \in \mathcal{B} \Rightarrow A \cap B \in \mathcal{B}$

$$\because A, B \in \mathcal{B}, \therefore A = \sum_{j=1}^n E_j, E_j \in f, B = \sum_{k=1}^m F_k, F_k \in f, \text{ then}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap B &= \left(\sum_{j=1}^n E_j \right) \cap \left(\sum_{k=1}^m F_k \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^m \underbrace{(E_j \cap F_k)}_{\in f} \\ &\in \mathcal{B} \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

3. $A \in \mathcal{B} \Rightarrow A^c \in \mathcal{B}$

$$A = \sum_{j=1}^n E_j, E_j \in f$$

By definition 2.1:

$$\begin{aligned} E_1^c &= \sum_{k_1=1}^{l_1} F_{1,k_1}, F_{1,j} \in f \\ \dots &= \dots \\ E_i^c &= \sum_{k_i=1}^{l_i} F_{i,k_i}, F_{i,j} \in f \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

Then, we get that

$$\begin{aligned} A^c &= \left(\sum_{k_1=1}^{l_1} F_{1,k_1} \right) \cap \left(\sum_{k_2=1}^{l_2} F_{2,k_2} \right) \cap \dots \cap \left(\sum_{k_n=1}^{l_n} F_{n,k_n} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k_1=1}^{l_1} \sum_{k_2=1}^{l_2} \dots \sum_{k_n=1}^{l_n} (F_{1,k_1} \cap F_{2,k_2} \cap \dots \cap F_{n,k_n}) \\ &\in \mathcal{B} \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

□

Definition 2.6. $c \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega), \emptyset \in c, \mu : c \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{+\infty\}$. μ is additive if

1. $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$

2. $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n \in c, E = \sum_{j=1}^n E_j \in c \Rightarrow \mu(E) = \sum_{j=1}^n \mu(E_j)$

Remark 2.8.

$$\exists A \in c, \mu(A) < \infty, A = A \cup \emptyset, \mu(A) = \mu(A) + \mu(\emptyset) \Rightarrow \mu(\emptyset) = 0 \quad (2.7)$$

Remark 2.9. $c, \mu : c \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup +\infty, E \subseteq F, F \setminus E \in c, E, F \in c$

$$F = E \cup (F \setminus E), \mu(F) = \mu(E) + \mu(F \setminus E) \quad (2.8)$$

1. $\mu(E) = +\infty, \mu(F) = +\infty$
2. $\mu(E) < +\infty, \mu(F \setminus E) = \mu(F) - \mu(E)$

so,

$$\mu(E) \leq \mu(F) \quad (2.9)$$

Example 2.3. Discrete measure: $\Omega, c \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega), \{x_j, j \geq 1\}, x_j \in \Omega, \{p_j, j \geq 1\}, p_j \geq 0, A \in c$, define that

$$\mu(A) = \sum_{j \geq 1} p_j 1\{x_j \in A\} \quad (2.10)$$

then μ is additive

Definition 2.7. $c \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega), \emptyset \in c, \mu : c \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup +\infty, \mu$ is σ -additive if

1. $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$
2. $E_j \in c, j \neq k, E_j \cap E_k = \emptyset, E = \sum_{j \geq 1} E_j \in c \Rightarrow \mu(E) = \sum_{j \geq 1} \mu(E_j)$

Example 2.4. $\Omega = (0, 1), c = \{(a, b], 0 \leq a < b < 1\}, \mu : c \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{+\infty\}$, define that

$$\mu(a, b] = \begin{cases} +\infty & a = 0 \\ b - a & a > 0 \end{cases} \quad (2.11)$$

$(a, b] = \sum_{j=1}^n (a_j, b_j)$, we can get that μ is NOT σ -additive.

If $x_1 = \frac{1}{2}, x_j > x_{j+1}, x_j \downarrow \rightarrow 0$, then

$$\frac{1}{2} = \left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right] = \sum_{j \geq 1} (x_{j+1}, x_j] = +\infty \quad (2.12)$$

it is impossible.