

# Measure Theory and Integration

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## Story for next 2 weeks

- Definition
- Properties
- Examples (Lebesgue measure)

## Definition

$X$  a space,  $\mathcal{A}$  a  $\sigma$ -algebra

$(X, \mathcal{A})$  measure space

A measure on  $\mathcal{A}$  is a map,  $\mu : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  which satisfies

- 1  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$
- 2 If  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots \in \mathcal{A}$  pairwise disjoint, then  
 $\mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i)$  (countable additivity from last week)

The triple  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  is called a **measure space**.

## Examples of measures

- ① Dirac measure  $\delta_x$ ,  $x \in X$ ,  $\delta_x(A) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in A \\ 0 & x \notin A \end{cases}$

Also called 'point mass at  $x$ '

- ②  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{A}, \gamma)$  with  $\mathcal{A} = \{A \mid A \text{ or } A^c \text{ countable}\}$

$$\gamma(A) = \begin{cases} 1 & A^c \text{ countable} \\ 0 & A \text{ countable} \end{cases}$$

- ③  $(X, \mathcal{A})$ ,  $|A|$  = the number of elements in  $A$ . 'Counting measure'

- ④  $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ . Let  $P_k$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .  
 $P_k \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_k = 1$ .  $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ :  $P(A) = \sum_{k \in A} P_k$ .  
'Probability'

## Hope

$(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{B})$  with  $\mathbb{B}$  the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra.

$\lambda : \mathbb{B} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  such that  $\lambda([a, b]) = b - a$  for  $b \geq a$ .

- Existence?
- Uniqueness?

## Countable additivity

If  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots \in \mathcal{A}$  pairwise disjoint, then

$\mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i)$ . Countable or finite. Why not uncountable? Using  $\lambda$ , a single point has measure 0, but the uncountable union has measure 1. That does not work

## Properties of a measure

$(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  measure space.

- ①  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow \mu(A) \leq \mu(B)$ , because  $B = A \cup (B \setminus A)$  with  $\cup$  is the disjoint union.

$$\mu(B) = \mu(A) + \mu(B \setminus A) \geq \mu(A)$$

- ②  $A \subseteq B$ ,  $\mu(A) < \infty$ , then  $\mu(B \setminus A) = \mu(B) - \mu(A)$

- ③  $\mu(A \cup B) + \mu(A \cap B) = \mu(A) + \mu(B)$   
( $\mu(A \cup B) = \mu(A) + \mu(B) - \mu(A \cap B)$ )

Proof:  $A \cup B = (A \cap B) \cup (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$

$$\mu(A \cup B) + \mu(A \cap B) = \mu(A \cap B) + \mu(A \setminus B) + \mu(B \setminus A) + \mu(A \cap B)$$

$$\mu(B \setminus A) + \mu(A \cap B) = \mu(B)$$

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- ④  $\mu(A \cup B) \leq \mu(A) + \mu(B)$  (sub additivity)

Extend to  $\mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i)$

## Theorem

$(X, \mathcal{A})$  measurable space.  $\mu : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a measure if and only if:

- ①  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$
- ②  $\mu(A \cup B) = \mu(A) + \mu(B)$
- ③ If  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq A_3 \subseteq \dots$  and  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = A$ , then  $\mu(A) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_i)$ . 'Continuity from below'. Notation  $A_i \uparrow A$ .  $A = \lim A_i$ .  
(We can change the limit from inside to outside the measure)

Hence, countable additivity can be replaced with continuity from below.

## Why not continuity from above?

$$A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq A_3 \supseteq \dots$$

$$A = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$$

$$\mu(A) \neq \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_i)$$

## Counter example

$\mathbb{N}$  counting measure

$$A_i = \{i, i+1, \dots\}, |A_i| = \infty$$

$$A_i \downarrow \emptyset, \text{ so } |\emptyset| = 0.$$

## Proof of theorem

Assume  $\mu$  is a measure.

- ① Trivial
- ② Trivial
- ③ Take  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq A_3 \subseteq \dots \uparrow A$

Let  $B_1 = A_1$ ,  $B_2 = A_2 \setminus A_1$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $B_k = A_k \setminus A_{k-1}$

$B_i$  pairwise disjoint

$$A_k = \bigcup_{j=1}^k B_j \text{ so } \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} B_j$$

$$\text{So } \mu(A) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} B_j\right) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(B_j) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^k \mu(B_j)$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^k \mu(B_j) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_k) =$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_k)$$



## Proof (continued)

Converse: Suppose 1, 2 and 3 are true.

We need to show that  $\mu$  is countably additive.

So let  $B_1, B_2, \dots$  be pairwise disjoint.

Let  $A_k = B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_k$ .

$$A_k \uparrow A = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} B_j$$

$$\mu(A) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_k) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^k \mu(B_j) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(B_j)$$

$A$  is countable additive.

## Alternatives for statement 3

- ③  $\mu$  is continuous from above  $A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq A_3 \supseteq \dots$ ,  $A = \bigcap A_i$ .  
 $\mu(A) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_i)$
- ③ Implied by last item. If  $A_k \downarrow \emptyset$ , then  $\mu(A_k) \rightarrow 0$

## Addendum

If  $\mu(A) < \infty \forall A \in \mathcal{A}$ , then all 3 statements can be interchanged.

## Proof sketch of addendum

We have:

Finite measure  $\mu \leftrightarrow 1, 2, 3$  (shown)

$3' \rightarrow 3''$  (trivial)

Finite measure  $\rightarrow 3'$

To show:  $3'' \rightarrow 3$  **(1)**

Finite measure  $\mu \leftrightarrow 3'$  **(2)**

- ① Suppose  $A_k \uparrow A$  then  $A \setminus A_k \downarrow \emptyset$   
Then  $\mu(A \setminus A_k) = \mu(A) - \mu(A_k) \rightarrow 0$  because  $\mu$  is finite.  
So  $\mu(A) = \mu(A_k)$
- ② Suppose  $A_k \downarrow A$  then  $A_1 \setminus A_k \uparrow A_1 \setminus A$   
So  $\mu(A_1 \setminus A_k) \rightarrow \mu(A_1 \setminus A)$   
 $\mu(A_1) - \mu(A_k) \rightarrow \mu(A_1) - \mu(A)$   
So  $\mu(A_k) \rightarrow \mu(A)$

## Theorem

$\mu$  a measure

$$\mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i) \text{ (sub additivity)}$$

## Proof

$$B_k = A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_k$$

$$B_k \uparrow \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = A$$

So

$$\mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(B_k) \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^k \mu(A_i) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i)$$