

ST5215 Advanced Statistical Theory, Lecture 2

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Properties of measures

Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \nu)$ be a measure space. Assume all sets below are \mathcal{F} -measurable

- (Monotonicity) If $A \subset B$, then $\nu(A) \leq \nu(B)$.
- (Subadditivity) For any sequence of sets A_n 's,
 $\nu(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu(A_n)$.
- (Continuity) If A_n 's is an increasing sequence of sets, and
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n := \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$, then $\nu(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu(A_n)$.
- If A_n 's is a decreasing sequence of sets and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n := \cap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$,
and if $\nu(A_1) < \infty$, then $\nu(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu(A_n)$.

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- Let $f_n(x) = 1/(1 + nx^2)$. Then $f_n \rightarrow 0$ m -a.e. : $f_n(x) \not\rightarrow 0$ iff $x = 0$
- If $f = 0$ ν -a.e. then $\int f \, d\nu = 0$: For any simple function g such that $0 \leq g \leq f_+$, easy to see $\int g \, d\nu = 0$.

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Suppose g is a Borel function on (Λ, \mathcal{G}) . The integral of Borel function $g \circ f$ is computed via

$$\int_{\Omega} g \circ f \, d\nu = \int_{\Lambda} g \, d(\nu \circ f^{-1}). \quad (5)$$

If either integral exists, then so does the other, and the two are the same.

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$$\sum_{ij} a_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_{ij}. \quad (7)$$

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- $\mathcal{O}^2 \subset \mathcal{G}$. We need a theorem: Every open subset of \mathcal{R}^d can be written as a countable union of closed cubes. (see p7 of *Real Analysis*)

