

## Borel sets And Lebesgue Measure

we are dealing with the Problem, trying to define uniform measure on  $[0,1]$  interval.

\*  $[0,1]$  is an uncountable sample space

### Generate a $\sigma$ -algebra

Let  $C$  be an arbitrary subsets of  $\Omega$ , where  $C$  is our interesting subsets, subset's we want to keep in our smaller  $\sigma$ -algebra.

\* in our  $\Omega = [0,1]$  case we are interested in sub intervals of  $[0,1]$  such as  $(a,b)$ .

\* we want to generate  $\sigma$ -algebra that contain's all the element's of  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  is not  $\sigma$ -algebra, its just collection of subsets, But we want to make a  $\sigma$ -algebra from it. we want to generate smallest (simplest)  $\sigma$ -algebra that contain's all the elements of  $\mathcal{C}$

Theorem: There exists a unique  $\sigma$ -algebra, say  $\sigma(\mathcal{C})$  which is the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing all the elements of  $\mathcal{C}$

$\Rightarrow$  Mean's, if  $\mathcal{H}$  is any  $\sigma$ -algebra that contain's  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ , then  $\sigma(\mathcal{C}) \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ .

$\sigma(\mathcal{C})$  is called  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Proof:

let's go and find all the  $\sigma$ -algebras that contain  $\mathcal{C}$ .

\* let  $\{F_i, i \in I\}$  collection of all  $\sigma$ -algebras that contain  $\mathcal{C}$ . This collection is definitely non-empty because  $2^\Omega$  is one such element of  $F$ .

$$\sigma(\mathcal{C}) = \bigcap_{i \in I} F_i$$

Intersection of  $\sigma$ -algebras is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

### Definition:

(a) Consider  $\Omega = (0, 1]$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}_0$  be the collection of all open subintervals of  $\Omega = (0, 1]$ . The  $\sigma(\mathcal{C}_0)$ , the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $\mathcal{C}_0$ , is called the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra. It is denoted by  $\mathcal{B}((0, 1])$ .

(b) An element of  $\mathcal{B}((0, 1])$  is called a Borel-measurable set, or simply Borel-set.

→ This Borel sigma algebra  $\mathcal{B}((0, 1])$  turns out, it is much smaller sigma algebra than  $2^\Omega$

$$|\mathcal{B}((0, 1])| \ll |2^{(0, 1]}|$$

Lemma: Every singleton set  $\{b\}$ ,  $0 \leq b \leq 1$  is a Borel-set - i.e.  $\{b\} \in \mathcal{B}([0,1])$

Proof: How do we prove that some set is Borel-set, or an element in  $\sigma$ -algebra?

$\Rightarrow$  It should be expressed as either complement's or countable union's or intersection's of the generating class (open intervals)

$$\{b\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ (b - 1/n, b + 1/n) \cap \Omega \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \{b\} &= \left[ (b-1, b+1) \cap (0,1] \right] \cap \left[ (b-\frac{1}{2}, b+\frac{1}{2}) \cap (0,1] \right] \\ &\cap \left[ (b-\frac{1}{3}, b+\frac{1}{3}) \cap (0,1] \right] \cap \left[ (b-\frac{1}{4}, b+\frac{1}{4}) \cap (0,1] \right] \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

therefore, we can write

$(a, b]$ ,  $(a, b)$ ,  $[a, b]$ ,  $[a, b)$  are  
Borel sets as all singletons,  $\{a\}$ ,  $\{b\} \in \mathcal{B}$

$$\text{Ex: } (a, b] = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (a, b + \frac{1}{n}) \cap \Omega$$

$$\Omega = (0, 1]$$

$$\text{measurable space} = (\Omega, \mathcal{B})$$

Question is how to assign uniform  
Probability measure on Borel sets?

\* intuitively we know what measure we want  
for an open set  $(a, b)$  is  $b - a$ ,  
the length of it, and it should be translation-  
ally invariant.

Let's start with simple collection of subsets.

$$\Omega = (0, 1]$$

$\mathcal{I}_0$  = collection of subsets of  $\Omega$  which are finite union of disjoint intervals of the form  $[a, b]$  plus the null set.

Ex:  $(a_1, b_1] \cup (a_2, b_2] \cup \dots \cup (a_n, b_n]$   
 $0 \leq a_1 < b_1 \leq a_2 < b_2 \leq a_3 \dots < b_n$

Lemma: (i)  $\mathcal{I}_0$  is an algebra

Explanation: because  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{I}_0$

$$(0, 1] \in \mathcal{I}_0$$

↓  
(open, closed] interval

if  $(a_1, b_1] \in \mathcal{I}_0$  then

$$(0, a_1] \cup (b_1, 1] \in \mathcal{I}_0. \text{ Both}$$

are (open, closed] set's

Lemma 2:  $\mathcal{I}_0$  is not a sigma-algebra

$\mathcal{I}_0$  is an algebra, but not  $\sigma$ -algebra, only difference is countable union's are not there.  
(infinite)

Ex:  $A_n = (0, \frac{n}{n+1}] \quad n=1, 2, \dots$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 = (0, \frac{1}{2}]$$

$$A_2 = (0, \frac{2}{3}]$$

$\vdots$

All these  $A_n \in \mathcal{I}_0$ , for  $n=1, 2, \dots$

Because they are of (open, closed] form.

\* But if we take countable union

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (0, \frac{n}{n+1}]$$

$$= (0, 1) \notin \mathcal{I}_0$$



Lemma 3:

$$\sigma(\mathcal{G}_0) = \underset{\text{Borel sets}}{\mathcal{B}}(0,1]$$

\* the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra is initially defined as  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by open interval's.

\* we are saying, even if we generate  $\sigma$ -algebra by (open, closed] interval's it will still be the same Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra.

Proof:

$$\sigma(\mathcal{G}_0) \subseteq \mathcal{B} \quad \text{, it is enough to}$$

$$\text{show } \mathcal{G}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{B}$$

$$\{\emptyset, \Omega, (\text{open, closed}]\} = \mathcal{G}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{B}$$

$$\underline{\underline{2^{nd}}} \quad \mathcal{B} \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{G}_0)$$

we can write

$$(a,b) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \left( a, b - \frac{1}{n} \right] \cap \Omega \right]$$

$$(a, b - \frac{1}{n}] \in \mathcal{F}_0$$

$(a, b)$  is countably infinite union of sets in  $\mathcal{F}_0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{open interval } C_0 \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{F}_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma(C_0) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{F}_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{B} \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{F}_0)$$

so for every set  $F \in \mathcal{F}_0$  of the form

$$F = (a_1, b_1] \cup (a_2, b_2] \cup (a_3, b_3] \\ \dots \cup (a_m, b_m]$$

we define a function

$$P_0 : \mathcal{F}_0 \longrightarrow [0,1] \text{ s.t.}$$

$$P_0(\emptyset) = 0, \quad P_0(F) = \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i)$$

from this we can write

$$IP_0(\Omega) = IP_0([0, 1]) = 1$$

$$\text{if } [a_1, b_1] \cup [a_2, b_2] \cup [a_3, b_3] \\ \dots \cup [a_n, b_n]$$

are disjoint sets then

$$IP_0(F) = \sum_{i=1}^n IP_0([a_i, b_i])$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i)$$

(finite additivity)

## Theorem: Caratheodory's Extension theorem

Let  $\mathcal{F}_0$  be an algebra of subsets of  $\Omega$ , and let  $\mathcal{F} = \sigma(\mathcal{F}_0)$  be the  $\sigma$ -algebra that it generates. Suppose  $P_0: \mathcal{F}_0 \rightarrow [0,1]$  that satisfies  $P_0(\Omega) = 1$ , as well as countable additivity on  $\mathcal{F}_0$ .

Then  $P_0$  can be extended uniquely to a probability measure on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$

that is, there exists a unique probability measure on  $\mathcal{P}$  on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  s.t

$$P(A) = P_0(A) \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{F}_0$$

This  $P$  is called the Lebesgue measure on  $([0,1], \mathcal{B})$

Proof: Lebesgue measure on singleton.

$$IP(\{b\}) = IP\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (b - \frac{1}{n}, b] \cap \Omega\right)$$

$$\text{for } A_n = (b - \frac{1}{n}, b]$$

$$IP(A_n) = \frac{1}{n}$$

Since  $A_n$  is a decreasing seq<sup>n</sup> nested set's

$$IP(\{b\}) = IP\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} IP(A_n)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

$$= 0$$

The Lebesgue measure on singleton is zero.

from this we can show

$$\begin{aligned} IP([a, b]) &= IP((a, b)) = IP([a, b]) \\ &= IP([a, b]) \end{aligned}$$

Lebesgue measure or Probability of all rational numbers in  $(0, 1]$ ?

$IP(\mathbb{Q} \cap (0, 1]) = 0$ , because this is a countable union of singletons.

### Borel sets on $\mathbb{R}$

(a) Let  $C$  is a collection of open intervals on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) = \sigma(C)$  is the Borel set on  $\mathbb{R}$

(b) Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a collection of semi-infinite intervals  $\{(-\infty, x] : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , then  $\sigma(\mathcal{D}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$

## Lebesgue measure on $\mathbb{R}$

$(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}), \lambda)$  is an infinite  
measure space,  $\lambda \rightarrow$  Lebesgue measure.

with ①  $\lambda(\mathbb{R}) = \infty$

②  $\lambda(\emptyset) = 0$

③ The countable additivity property