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# ADVANCED PROBABILITY OVERVIEW

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## ASYNCHRONOUS LECTURE

### RIEMANN VS LEBESGUE INTEGRAL

LEBESGUE INTEGRATION IS MORE GENERAL

1) IT ALLOWS FOR UNBOUNDED FUNCTIONS

2) IT ALLOWS FOR GENERAL FUNCTIONS

3) HAS GOOD LIMIT THEORY

RESULT : • IF  $f$  IS CONTINUOUS ON  $[a, b]$   $-\infty < a < b < +\infty$   
THEN RIEMANN INTEGRAL OF  $f$  IS EQUAL TO THE LEBESGUE INTEGRAL OF  $f$ .

• IF  $f$  IS BOUNDED, IT IS RIEMANN INTEGRABLE IFF ITS POINTS OF DISCONTINUITY HAS LEBESGUE MEASURE ZERO

RESULT IF  $f : I = [a, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  IS LEBESGUE INTEGRABLE  
ON  $[a, b]$   $\forall b \geq a$  AND  $\int_a^b |f| d\lambda \leq M$

FOR ALL  $b \geq a$  AND SOME  $M > 0$  THEN  $f$  IS LEB.

INTEGRABLE ON  $I$  AND ITS INTEGRAL IS

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f \, d\lambda$$

- IT IS POSSIBLE THAT INTEGRABILITY FAILS BUT THE ABOVE LIMIT EXISTS AS AN IMPROPER RIEMANN INTEGRAL

EXAMPLE 1)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$   $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . THEN

$$\int_a^b f(x) \, d\lambda(x) = \arctan b - \arctan a \leq \pi$$

AND

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) \, dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \int_a^0 f(x) \, dx + \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b f(x) \, dx$$

↓

$$= \pi/2 + \pi/2 = \pi$$

$f$  IS LEBESGUE INTEGRABLE OVER  $\mathbb{R}$

$$2) \quad f(x) = \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \quad \text{FOR } n-1 \leq x < n \quad x \geq 0.$$

FIX  $b > 0$  AND LET  $M = \lfloor b \rfloor$ . THEN

$$\int_0^b f(x) \, dx = \int_0^M f(x) \, dx + \int_M^b f(x) \, dx$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^M \frac{(-1)^n}{n} + \frac{(b-M)(-1)^{M+1}}{M+1}$$

AS  $b \rightarrow \infty$  THE SECOND TERM VANISHES AND THE

FIRST TERM CONVERGES TO  $-\log 2$

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$$\int_0^{\infty} f(x) dx = -\log 2 \quad \text{NOT QUITE...}$$

↳ IMPROPER RIEMANN INTEGRAL

BUT  $f$  IS NOT LEBESGUE INTEGRABLE ON  $[0, \infty)$

BECAUSE

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b |f| dx = \infty$$

SIMILARLY,

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b \frac{\sin x}{x} dx = \pi/2 \quad \text{IMPROPER RIEMANN INTEGRAL}$$

$$\text{BUT } \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b \left| \frac{\sin x}{x} \right| dx = +\infty \quad \text{NOT LEB. INTEGRABLE}$$

3) LET  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad f(x) = 1_{\mathbb{Q}}(x)$   
↳ RATIONAL

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx = 0 \quad \text{AS A LEBESGUE INTEGRAL}$$

BECAUSE  $\lambda(\mathbb{Q}) = 0$  SO

$$f = 0 \quad \text{a.e. } [1]$$

BUT  $f$  IS NOT RIEMANN INTEGRABLE

## ABSOLUTE CONTINUITY AND RADON-NIKODIM DERIVATIVE

Def LET  $\nu$  AND  $\mu$  BE TWO MEASURES ON  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ . WE SAY THAT  $\nu$  IS ABSOLUTELY CONTINUOUS WRT  $\mu$ ,  $\nu \ll \mu$ , WHEN  $\mu(A) = 0$  IMPLIES  $\nu(A) = 0$ ,  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ .

EXAMPLE  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  LET  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  AND DEFINE  $\nu(A) = \int_A f d\mu$ . THEN  $\nu \ll \mu$ .  
 $\rightarrow$  MEAS.

Def (MUTUALLY SINGULAR MEASURES)  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  TWO MEASURES  $\mu$  AND  $\nu$  ARE MUTUALLY SINGULAR,  $\mu \perp \nu$ , WHEN THERE EXIST DISJOINT MEAS. SETS  $S_\mu$  AND  $S_\nu$  S.T.  $\mu(S_\nu^c) = 0 = \nu(S_\mu^c)$ .

Thm (RADON-NIKODIM) LET  $\mu$  AND  $\nu$  BE  $\sigma$ -FINITE MEASURES ON  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ . THEN  $\nu \ll \mu$  IFF  $\exists$  NON-NEGATIVE AND MEASURABLE FUNCTION  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  S.T.  $\nu(A) = \int_A f(\omega) d\mu(\omega)$  FOR ALL  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ .  $f$  IS UNIQUE  $\mu$ -a.e.  $[\mu]$ .

Def (RN-DERIVATIVE) THE FUNCTION  $f$  IS CALLED THE RADON-NIKODIM DERIVATIVE OF  $\nu$  WRT  $\mu$ . IT IS DENOTED WITH  $\frac{d\nu}{d\mu}$ . IF  $f = \frac{d\nu}{d\mu}$   $\mu$ -a.e.  $[\mu]$  THEN  $f$  IS CALLED A VERSION OF  $\frac{d\nu}{d\mu}$ .

- A CONTINUOUS RANDOM VARIABLE <sup>X</sup> IS A RANDOM VARIABLE  
WHOSE PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION  $\mu_X$  [i.e.  $\mu_X(B) = P(X \in B)$ ]  
IS ABSOLUTELY CONTINUOUS WRT LEBESGUE MEASURE.  $B \text{ BOREL SET}$

↳ cdf of  $X$  IS ALSO CONTINUOUS

↳ THE p.d.f. (PROB. DENSITY FUNCTION) IS JUST THE RN-DERIV.  
OF  $\mu_X$  WRT  $\lambda$  LEBESGUE MEASURE

- A DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLE IS ONE WHOSE PROB. DISTR. IS  
ABSOLUTELY CONTINUOUS WRT THE COUNTING MEASURE OVER  
A COUNTABLE SUBSET OF  $\mathbb{R}$ . THEN ITS RN-DER.  
IS JUST THE p.m.f (PROBABILITY MASS FUNCTION).

- THE SUPPORT OF  $\mu_X$  IS EQUAL TO  $\overline{\{x, \frac{d\mu_X(x)}{d\lambda} > 0\}}$   
CLOSURE

## • STATISTICAL MODEL

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THEORY OF  
STATISTICS

LET  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{B})$  BE A SAMPLE SPACE (TYPICALLY  $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^s$ )  
LET  $\Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  BE AN OPEN SET  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}^s$

↳ PARAMETER SPACE

A STATISTICAL MODEL IS A COLLECTION OF PROBABILITY  
DISTRIBUTIONS ON  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{B})$  INDEXED BY  $\Theta$ .

$$\mathcal{P} = \{P_\theta, \theta \in \Theta\}$$

↓  
PROB. DISTR.

$$\text{EXAMPLE } \mathcal{P} = \{N(\mu, 1), \mu \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

WHERE  $P_\theta \ll \mu$  FOR ALL  $\theta$  AND SOME  $\sigma$ -FINITE MEASURE  $\mu$   
ON  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{B})$

THE DENSITY OF  $P_\theta$  IS  $\frac{dP_\theta}{d\mu}$  ↓ WELL-BEHAVE FUNCTIONS  
OF  $\theta$

- KULLBACK-LEIBER DIVERGENCE BETWEEN PROB. DISTRIBUTIONS.

$(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$   $P$  AND  $Q$  ARE PROB. MEASURES  $[ \mu = P + Q ]$

THE KL DIVERGENCE OF  $P$  FROM  $Q$  IS

$$KL(P, Q) = \begin{cases} \int \log\left(\frac{dP}{dQ}\right) dP & \text{IF } P \ll Q \\ \infty & \text{OTHERWISE} \end{cases}$$

$$KL(P, Q) \geq 0 \quad \text{AND} \quad KL(P, Q) = 0 \quad \text{IF } P = Q$$

NOT A METRIC. IF  $P \sim N_d(\mu_1, \Sigma)$   $Q \sim N_d(\mu_2, \Sigma)$

$$\text{THEN} \quad KL(P, Q) = (\mu_1 - \mu_2)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mu_1 - \mu_2)$$

IF  $P \ll \lambda$  AND  $Q \ll \lambda$  THEN  $KL(P, Q) = \int \log\left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right) p(x) dx$

$$\text{WHERE} \quad p = \frac{dP}{d\lambda} \quad q = \frac{dQ}{d\lambda}$$