

Definition 0.1. The distribution function of a random variable X defined on a probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ is the function $F_X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ given by

$$F_X(x) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq x).$$

Proposition 0.2. The distribution function of a random variable has the following properties:

- (1) $F_X(\cdot)$ is non-decreasing and hence has only jump discontinuities.
- (2) $\lim_{x \uparrow \infty} F_X(x) = 1, \lim_{x \downarrow -\infty} F_X(x) = 0.$
- (3) $\lim_{h \downarrow 0} F_X(x + h) = F_X(x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$, thus CDF is right continuous.
- (4) $\lim_{h \downarrow 0} F_X(x - h) = F_X(x) - P(X = x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$

Theorem 0.3. Let F be a function from \mathbb{R} to $[0, 1]$ satisfying the properties of the above proposition, then there exists a probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ and a random variable X defined on it whose distribution function is F .

Two Special Cases

- There exists a non-negative function f on \mathbb{R} such that

$$\mu_X[a, b] = \mathbb{P}(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx.$$

Thus

$$1 = \mathbb{P}(X \in \mathbb{R}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(-n \leq X \leq n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-n}^n f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx.$$

- X takes only countably many values x_i . Define $p_i = \mathbb{P}(X = x_i)$. Then

$$\mu_X(B) = \sum_{\{i: x_i \in B\}} p_i.$$

In the first case X is said to have an absolutely continuous distribution with probability density function f and in the second case X is said to have a discrete distribution with probability mass function $\{p_i\}$.

Example: Consider the functions:

$$\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}, N(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy.$$

Let X be uniformly distributed on $[0, 1]$. Notice that N is a strictly increasing function. So it has an inverse N^{-1} . Define the random variable $Z = N^{-1}(X)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_Z[a, b] &= \mathbb{P}(\omega \in \Omega : a \leq Z(\omega) \leq b) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(\omega \in \Omega : a \leq N^{-1}(X)(\omega) \leq b) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(\omega \in \Omega : N(a) \leq N(N^{-1}(X)(\omega)) \leq N(b)) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(\omega \in \Omega : N(a) \leq X(\omega) \leq N(b)) \\ &= N(b) - N(a) = \int_a^b \varphi(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

The measure μ_Z on \mathbb{R} given by this formula is called the standard normal distribution. Any random variable that has this distribution, regardless of the probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ on which it is defined, is called a standard normal random variable.

0.1 Expectation

Let X be a random variable on a probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$. We want to compute an “average value” of X , where we take the probabilities into account while computing the average.

If Ω is countable then we can simply define

$$\text{“average value” of } X := \mathbb{E}(X) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} X(w_k) \mathbb{P}(X = w_k),$$

where $\Omega = \{w_1, w_2, \dots\}$

But if Ω is uncountable then we must think in terms of integrals.

1 Riemann integration

Partition: Let $[a, b]$ be a closed and bounded interval. A partition of $[a, b]$ is a finite sequence $P = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ of points of $[a, b]$ such that $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$. The family of all partitions of $[a, b]$ is denoted by $\mathcal{P}[a, b]$ and the partition $P = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is a member of $\mathcal{P}[a, b]$.

For example, $P = (0, 1/4, 1/3, 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 1)$ is a partition of $[0, 1]$, $Q = (0, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 3/4, 7/8, 1)$ is another partition of $[0, 1]$.

Riemann sums:- Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded function on $[a, b]$. Let $P \in \mathcal{P}[a, b]$ (i.e., $P = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$, where $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$). Since f is bounded on $[a, b]$, f is bounded on $[x_{r-1}, x_r]$, for $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Let $M = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} f(x)$, $m = \inf_{x \in [a, b]} f(x)$; $M_r = \sup_{x \in [x_{r-1}, x_r]} f(x)$, $m_r = \inf_{x \in [x_{r-1}, x_r]} f(x)$; for $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then $m \leq m_r \leq M_r \leq M$, for $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$. The sum $U(P, f) := \sum_{i=1}^n M_r (x_r - x_{r-1})$ is said to be the upper Riemann sum and the sum $L(P, f) := \sum_{i=1}^n m_r (x_r - x_{r-1})$ is said to be lower Riemann sum.

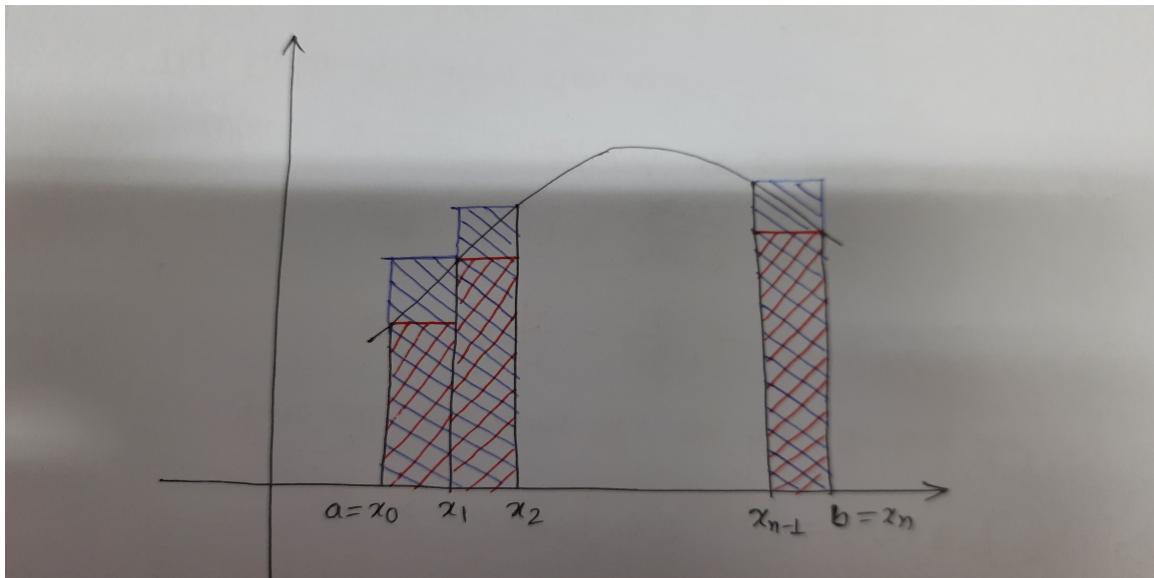


Figure 1:

Here $U(P, f)$ is the blue shaded area (region) and $L(P, f)$ is the red shaded area (region) of Figure 1. Note that $m(x_r - x_{r-1}) \leq m_r(x_r - x_{r-1}) \leq M_r(x_r - x_{r-1}) \leq M(x_r - x_{r-1})$, for $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Therefore,

$$m \sum_{r=1}^n (x_r - x_{r-1}) \leq \sum_{r=1}^n m_r(x_r - x_{r-1}) \leq \sum_{r=1}^n M_r(x_r - x_{r-1}) \leq M \sum_{r=1}^n (x_r - x_{r-1}),$$

or, $m(b-a) \leq L(P, f) \leq U(P, f) \leq M(b-a)$. We have two sets of real numbers $\{U(P, f) : P \in \mathcal{P}[a, b]\}$ and $\{L(P, f) : P \in \mathcal{P}[a, b]\}$ both sets are bounded. The supremum of the set $\{L(P, f) : P \in \mathcal{P}[a, b]\}$ exists and it is called the lower integral of f on $[a, b]$ and is denoted by $\underline{\int}_a^b f(x) dx$. The infimum of the set $\{U(P, f) : P \in \mathcal{P}[a, b]\}$ exists and it is called the upper integral of f on $[a, b]$ and is denoted by $\overline{\int}_a^b f(x) dx$. f is said to be Riemann integral on $[a, b]$ if

$$\underline{\int}_a^b f(x) dx = \overline{\int}_a^b f(x) dx.$$

The common value is called the Riemann integral of f on $[a, b]$ and it is denoted by $\int_a^b f(x) dx$.

Exercise:-

(1) Let $f(x) = c, x \in [a, b]$. Prove that f is Riemann integral on $[a, b]$.

(2) A function f is defined on $[0, 1]$ by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is rational} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational.} \end{cases}$$

Show that f is not Riemann integral on $[0, 1]$.

(3) Prove that the function f is defined on $[a, b]$ by $f(x) = x, x \in [a, b]$ is Riemann integral on $[a, b]$. Evaluate $\int_a^b f(x) dx$.

(4) $f(x) = x^2$.

(5) $f(x) = e^x$.

Refinement of a partition:- Let $P = (x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ be a partition of $[a, b]$. A partition Q of $[a, b]$ is said to be a refinement of P if P is a proper subset of Q . That is Q is obtained by adjoining a finite number of additional points to P .

For example, let $P = (0, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 1)$ be a parttion of $[0, 1]$ and $Q = (0, 1/8, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 7/8, 1)$, then Q is a refinement of P . If $R = (0, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 3/4, 1)$, then R is a refinement of P but not a refinement of Q .

Lemma 1.1. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded function and P be a partition of $[a, b]$. If Q is a refinement of P , then $U(P, f) \geq U(Q, f)$ and $L(P, f) \leq L(Q, f)$.

Norm of partition:- Let $P = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be a partition of $[a, b]$. Then norm of a partition denoted by $\|P\|$, is defined by

$$\|P\| = \max_{r \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}} |x_r - x_{r-1}|.$$

If Q is a refinement of P , then $\|Q\| \leq \|P\|$.

Lemma 1.2. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be bounded. If $\{P_n\}$ is a sequence of partition of $[a, b]$ such that $\|P_n\| \rightarrow 0$, then

$$(i) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U(P_n, f) = \underline{\int_a^b} f$$

$$(ii) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L(P_n, f) = \underline{\int_a^b} f.$$

Condition for integrability:- Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded function. Then f is integrable on $[a, b]$ if and only if for each $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a partition P of $[a, b]$ such that

$$U(P, f) - L(P, f) < \varepsilon.$$

Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded function. Then f is integrable on $[a, b]$ iff for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a positive δ such that

$$U(P, f) - L(P, f) < \varepsilon$$

for every partition P of $[a, b]$ satisfying $\|P\| \leq \delta$.

Properties:-

- (1) Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be both Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$. Then $f + g$ is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$ and $\underline{\int_a^b} (f + g) = \underline{\int_a^b} f + \underline{\int_a^b} g$.
- (2) Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Then cf is integrable on $[a, b]$ and $\underline{\int_a^b} cf = c \underline{\int_a^b} f$.
- (3) $|f|$, f^2 , $f \cdot g$ are Riemann integrable. If $g \geq k > 0$ then $1/g$ is also Riemann integrable.

Ex. A function f is defined by $f(x) = x^2$, $x \in [a, b]$, where $a > 0$. Find $\overline{\int_a^b} f$ and $\underline{\int_a^b} f$. Deduce that f is integrable on $[a, b]$.

Ans:- f is bounded on $[a, b]$. Let $P_n = (a, a + h, a + 2h, \dots, a + nh)$ where $h = \frac{b-a}{n}$. Then P_n is partition of $[a, b]$ with $\|P_n\| = \frac{b-a}{n}$. Since f is increasing function on $[a, b]$,

$$M_r = (a + rh)^2, m_r = [a + (r-1)h]^2 \text{ for } r = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

$$\begin{aligned} U(P_n, f) &= h \left[(a+h)^2 + (a+2h)^2 + \dots + (a+nh)^2 \right] \\ &= h \left[(a^2 + a^2 + \dots + a^2) + 2ah(1+2+3+\dots+n) + h^2(1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2) \right] \\ &= h \left[na^2 + 2ah \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + h^2 \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \right] \\ &= nha^2 + anh(nh+h) + \frac{nh(nh+h)(2nh+h)}{6} \\ &= (b-a)a^2 + a(b-a)^2(1 + \frac{1}{n}) + \frac{1}{6}(b-a)^3(1 + \frac{1}{n})(2 + \frac{1}{n}) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} L(P_n, f) &= h \left[a^2 + (a+h)^2 + (a+2h)^2 + \dots + (a+(n-1)h)^2 \right] \\ &= h \left[na^2 + 2ah \frac{n(n-1)}{2} + h^2 \frac{n(n-1)(2n-1)}{6} \right] \\ &= nha^2 + anh(nh-h) + \frac{nh(nh-h)(2nh-h)}{6} \\ &= (b-a)a^2 + a(b-a)^2(1 - \frac{1}{n}) + \frac{1}{6}(b-a)^3(1 - \frac{1}{n})(2 - \frac{1}{n}). \end{aligned}$$

Consider the sequence of partitions $\{P_n\}$ of $[a, b]$ with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|P_n\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b-a}{n} = 0$. Then $\overline{\int_a^b} f(x)dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U(P_n, f) = (b-a)a^2 + a(b-a)^2 + \frac{(b-a)^3}{3} = \frac{b^3 - a^3}{3}$ and

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{\int_a^b} f(x)dx &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L(P_n, f) \\ &= (b-a)a^2 + a(b-a)^2 + \frac{(b-a)^3}{3} = \frac{b^3 - a^3}{3}.\end{aligned}$$

As $\overline{\int_a^b} f(x)dx = \underline{\int_a^b} f(x)dx$, f is integrable on $[a, b]$ and $\int_a^b f(x)dx = \frac{b^3 - a^3}{3}$.

Ex. A function f is defined on $[0, 1]$ by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in [0, 1] \setminus \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

Find $\underline{\int_0^1} f(x)dx$ and $\overline{\int_0^1} f(x)dx$. Deduce that f is not integrable on $[0, 1]$.

Ans:- f is bounded on $[0, 1]$. Let us take the partition P_n of $[0, 1]$ defined by $P_n = (0, 1/n, 2/n, \dots, n/n)$. Let

$M_r = \sup_{x \in [\frac{r-1}{n}, \frac{r}{n}]} f(x)$, $m_r = \inf_{x \in [\frac{r-1}{n}, \frac{r}{n}]} f(x)$, for $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then $M_r = r/n$ and $m_r = 0$ for $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

$$\begin{aligned}U(P_n, f) &= M_1\left(\frac{1}{n} - 0\right) + M_2\left(\frac{2}{n} - \frac{1}{n}\right) + \dots + M_n\left(\frac{n}{n} - \frac{n-1}{n}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n}[\frac{1}{n} + \frac{2}{n} + \dots + \frac{n}{n}] \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2n^2} = \frac{n+1}{2n}\end{aligned}$$

and

$$L(P_n, f) = m_1\left(\frac{1}{n} - 0\right) + m_2\left(\frac{2}{n} - \frac{1}{n}\right) + \dots + m_n\left(\frac{n}{n} - \frac{n-1}{n}\right) = 0.$$

Let us consider the sequence of partitions $\{P_n\}$ of $[0, 1]$ with $\|P_n\| = \frac{1}{n}$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|P_n\| = 0$. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U(P_n, f) = \overline{\int_0^1} f(x)dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{2n} = \frac{1}{2}$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L(P_n, f) = \underline{\int_0^1} f(x)dx = 0$. Since $\overline{\int_0^1} f(x)dx \neq \underline{\int_0^1} f(x)dx$, f is not Riemann integrable on $[0, 1]$.

2 Lebesgue Integral

Definition:- A random variable $s : \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is defined by $s(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \chi_{A_i}(\omega)$, $\omega \in \Omega$, where n is some positive integer, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are non-negative real-numbers, $A_i \in \mathcal{F}$ for every i ; $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$ and $\cup_{i=1}^n A_i = \Omega$. Such a function s is called a non-negative simple random variable. We say that $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \chi_{A_i}(\omega)$ is the standard representation of s if a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are all distinct. We denote by \mathbb{L}_0^+ the class of all non-negative simple random variables on (Ω, \mathcal{F}) .

Examples:

- If $s(\omega) \equiv c$ for some $c \in [0, \infty)$, then $s \in \mathbb{L}_0^+$.

- For $A \subset \Omega$, consider $\chi_A : \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty)$, the indicator function of the set A , i.e.,

$$\chi(\omega) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \omega \notin A \\ 1 & \text{if } \omega \in A. \end{cases}$$

Then $\chi_A \in \mathbb{L}_0^+$ iff $A \in \mathcal{F}$.

- Let $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$. then $s = \chi_A \chi_B \in \mathbb{L}_0^+$ since $s = \chi_{A \cap B}$.
- Let $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$. If $A \cap B = \emptyset$, then clearly, $\chi_A + \chi_B = \chi_{A \cup B} \in \mathbb{L}_0^+$.

Definition:- For $s \in \mathbb{L}_0^+$ with a representation $s = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \chi_{A_i}$, we define $\int_{\Omega} s(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega)$, the integral of s with respect to \mathbb{P} , by $\int_{\Omega} s(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega) := \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbb{P}(A_i)$.

We should check that $\int_{\Omega} s(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega)$ is well defined i.e., if $s = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \chi_{A_i} = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j \chi_{B_j}$ where $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$ and $\{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m\}$ are partitions of Ω by elements of \mathcal{F} , then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbb{P}(A_i) = \sum_{b=1}^m b_j \mathbb{P}(B_j).$$

For this, we note that we can write

$$s = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \sum_{j=1}^m \chi_{A_i \cap B_j} = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j \sum_{i=1}^n \chi_{A_i \cap B_j}.$$

Thus if $A_i \cap B_j \neq \emptyset$ then $a_i = b_j$. Hence using finite additivity of \mathbb{P} ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbb{P}(A_i) &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \sum_{j=1}^m \mathbb{P}(A_i \cap B_j) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m b_j \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}(A_i \cap B_j) = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j \mathbb{P}(B_j). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\int_{\Omega} s(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega)$ is independent of the representation of $s = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \chi_{A_i}$.

Proposition 2.1. For $s, s_1, s_2 \in \mathbb{L}_0^+$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ with $\alpha \geq 0$, the following hold:

- (i) $0 \leq \int_{\Omega} s d\mathbb{P} < +\infty$
- (ii) $\alpha s \in \mathbb{L}_0^+$ and $\int_{\Omega} (\alpha s) d\mathbb{P} = \alpha \int_{\Omega} s d\mathbb{P}$
- (iii) $s_1 + s_2 \in \mathbb{L}_0^+$ and $\int_{\Omega} (s_1 + s_2) d\mathbb{P} = \int_{\Omega} s_1 d\mathbb{P} + \int_{\Omega} s_2 d\mathbb{P}$.

Proof. Statements (i) and (ii) are obvious.

For (iii), let $s_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \chi_{A_i}$ and $s_2 = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j \chi_{B_j}$. Then we can write $s_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m a_i \chi_{A_i \cap B_j}$ and $s_2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m b_j \chi_{A_i \cap B_j}$. Thus $s_1 + s_2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m (a_i + b_j) \chi_{A_i \cap B_j}$. Hence $s_1 + s_2 \in \mathbb{L}_0^+$ and using these representations, it is clear that $\int_{\Omega} (s_1 + s_2) d\mathbb{P} = \int_{\Omega} s_1 d\mathbb{P} + \int_{\Omega} s_2 d\mathbb{P}$. \square

Excercise:- Let $s_1, s_2 \in \mathbb{L}_0^+$. Then prove the followings

1. Let $s_1 \geq s_2$. Set $\phi = s_1 - s_2$. Show that $\phi \in \mathbb{L}_0^+$.

2. If $s_1 \geq s_2$, then $\int s_1 d\mathbb{P} \geq \int s_2 d\mathbb{P}$.

Proposition 2.2. *Let $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a non-negative bounded random variable, then there exists a sequence $\{s_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ of random variables in \mathbb{L}_0^+ such that $\mathbb{P}\{\omega \in \Omega : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n(\omega) = X(\omega)\} = 1$.*

Proof. Let X be bounded by M . Then the sets $A_k^n = \{\omega : \frac{(k-1)M}{2^n} \leq X(\omega) < \frac{kM}{2^n}\}, 1 \leq k \leq 2^n$. Then $\{A_k^n\}$ are disjoint, $A_k^n \in \mathcal{F}$ and have union $\bigcup_{k=1}^{2^n} A_k^n = \Omega$. We define function s_n on Ω by

$$s_n(\omega) = \sum_{k=1}^{2^n} \frac{M(k-1)}{2^n} \mathcal{X}_{A_k^n}(\omega).$$

Clearly, $s_n \in \mathbb{L}_0^+$ and it is easy to check that for every n ,

$$s_n(\omega) \leq s_{n+1}(\omega), \forall \omega \in \Omega.$$

If $\omega \in A_k$ for some $k, 1 \leq k \leq 2^n$. Then

$$s_n(x) = \frac{(k-1)M}{2^n}$$

and $X(\omega) \in \left[\frac{(k-1)M}{2^n}, \frac{kM}{2^n}\right)$. Thus we have $s_n(\omega) \leq X(\omega)$ and $X(\omega) - s_n(\omega) \leq \frac{M}{2^n}$. In other words, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n(\omega) = X(\omega)$. \square

Consider the case n=1

Then $A_1^1 = [a, a_1] \cup (a_2, b]$

$A_2^1 = [a_1, a_2]$

$$s_1 = 0 \cdot \mathcal{X}_{A_1^1} + \frac{M}{2} \mathcal{X}_{A_2^1}.$$

Consider the case n=2

$A_1^2 = [a, a'_1] \cup (a''_1, b], A_2^2 = [a'_1, a_1] \cup (a_2, a''_2], A_3^2 = [a_1, c_2] \cup (c'_2, a_2], A_4^2 = [c_2, c'_2].$

$$s_2 = 0 \cdot \mathcal{X}_{A_1^2} + \frac{M}{4} \mathcal{X}_{A_2^2} + \frac{M}{2} \mathcal{X}_{A_3^2} + \frac{3M}{4} \mathcal{X}_{A_4^2}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} s_1 d\mathbb{P}(\omega) &= 0 \cdot \mathbb{P}(A'_1) + \frac{M}{2} \mathbb{P}(A'_2) \\ &= \frac{M}{2} [a_2 - a_1]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{\Omega} s_2 d\mathbb{P}(\omega) = \frac{M}{4} [(a_1 - a'_1) + (a''_1 - a_2)] + \frac{M}{2} [(c_2 - a_1) + (a_2 - c'_2)] + \frac{3M}{4} (c'_2 - c_2).$$

Set $\mathbb{L}^+ = \{f : \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty) : \exists \text{ an increasing sequence of random variables } \{s_n\}_{n \geq 1} \text{ in } \mathbb{L}_0^+ \text{ such that } s_n(\omega) \text{ converges to } f(\omega) \text{ almost surely}\}$. For $f \in \mathbb{L}^+$, we define the integral of f w.r.t. \mathbb{P} by

$$\int_{\Omega} f(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} s_n(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega).$$

Proposition 2.3. *If $f \in \mathbb{L}^+$ and $s \in \mathbb{L}_0^+$ are such that $0 \leq s \leq f$, then $\int_{\Omega} s(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega) \leq \int_{\Omega} f(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega)$ and $\int_{\Omega} f(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega) = \sup\{\int_{\Omega} s d\mathbb{P} | 0 \leq s \leq f, s \in \mathbb{L}_0^+\}$.*

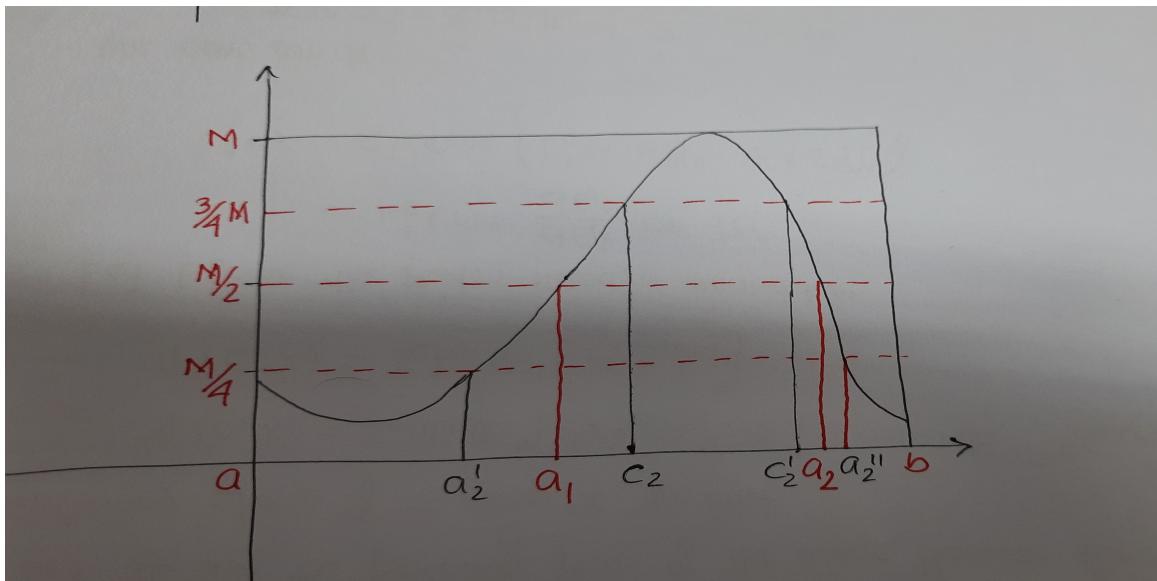


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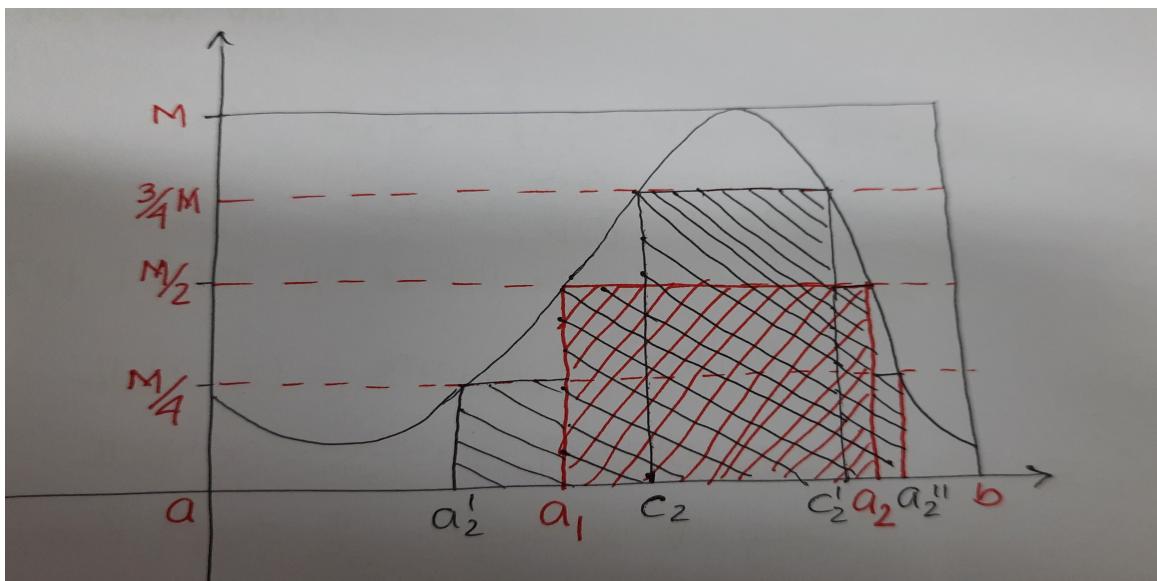


Figure 3:

Now for any random variable X , define

$$X^+(\omega) = \max\{X(\omega), 0\}, \quad X^-=\max\{-X(\omega), 0\}.$$

Then

$$X = X^+ - X^-.$$

We can define $\int_{\Omega} X^+ d\mathbb{P}(\omega)$ and $\int_{\Omega} X^- d\mathbb{P}(\omega)$ provided both of them are not infinite. Then we define

$$\int_{\Omega} X(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega) = \int_{\Omega} X^+(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega) - \int_{\Omega} X^-(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega).$$

We say that X is integrable if both $\int_{\Omega} X^+(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega)$ and $\int_{\Omega} X^-(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega)$ are finite. If both are infinite, then $\int_{\Omega} X(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega)$ is not defined. If $\int_{\Omega} X^+(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega)$ is finite and $\int_{\Omega} X^-(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega) = \infty$ then $\int_{\Omega} X(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega) = -\infty$. If $\int_{\Omega} X^-(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega)$ is finite and $\int_{\Omega} X^+(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega) = \infty$ then $\int_{\Omega} X(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega) = \infty$.

3 Comparison of Riemann and Lebesgue integrals:-

Let f be a bounded function defined on \mathbb{R} , and let $a < b$ be numbers.

1. The Riemann integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ is defined iff the set of points $x \in [a, b]$ where $f(x)$ is not continuous has Lebesgue measure zero.
2. If the Riemann integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ is defined, then f is Borel measurable and so the Lebesgue integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ is also defined and the Riemann and Lebesgue integrals agree.

Definition:- Let X be an integrable random variable. Then the expectation of X is defined by $\mathbb{E}[X] := \int_{\Omega} X(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega)$.

If $X \geq 0$, then $\mathbb{E}[X]$ is always defined [can be $+\infty$ as well].

Examples:-

1. Consider the infinite independent coin-toss space $(\Omega_{\infty}, \mathcal{F}_{\infty}, \mathbb{P}_{\infty})$ with $p = \frac{1}{2}$. Let

$$Y_n(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \omega_n = H \\ 0 & \text{if } \omega_n = T. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[Y_n] &= 1 \cdot \mathbb{P}(Y_n = 1) + 0 \cdot \mathbb{P}(Y_n = 0) \\ &= 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 0 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Let $\Omega = [0, 1]$, $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{B}[0, 1]$ and let \mathbb{P} be the Lebesgue measure on $[0, 1]$. Consider the random variable

$$X(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \omega \text{ is irrational} \\ 0 & \text{if } \omega \text{ is rational.} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[X] &= 1 \cdot \mathbb{P}(X = 1) + 0 \cdot \mathbb{P}(X = 0) \\
&= 1 \cdot \mathbb{P}(\omega \in [0, 1] \setminus \mathbb{Q}) + 0 \cdot \mathbb{P}(\omega \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}) \\
&= 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 = 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Properties:-

1. If X takes only finitely many values x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n , then

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_{\Omega} X(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega) = \sum_{k=0}^n x_k \mathbb{P}(X = x_k).$$

2. The random variable X is integrable iff $\int_{\Omega} |X(\omega)| d\mathbb{P}(\omega) < \infty$.

3. If $X \leq Y$ and X and Y are integrable then

$$\int_{\Omega} X(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega) \leq \int_{\Omega} Y(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega).$$

Note: $|X| = X^+ + X^-$, $X^+ \leq |X|$, $X^- \leq |X|$.

4. If α and β are real constant and X and Y are integrable or if α, β are non-negative constant and X and Y are non-negative. Then

$$\mathbb{E}[\alpha X + \beta Y] = \alpha \mathbb{E}[X] + \beta \mathbb{E}[Y].$$

Two important convergence theorems:-

Definition:- Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, \dots$ be a sequence of random variables, all defined on the same probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$. Let X be another random variable defined on the same space. We say that X_1, X_2, \dots converges to X almost surely and write $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = X$ a.s. if $\mathbb{P}\{\omega : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n(\omega) = X(\omega)\} = 1$.

Monotone convergence theorem:- Let X_1, X_2, \dots be a sequence of random variables converging almost surely to another random variable X . If $0 \leq X_1 \leq X_2 \leq X_3 \dots$ almost surely, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[X_n] = \mathbb{E}[X].$$

Corollary 3.1. Suppose the non-negative random variable X takes countable many values $x_0, x_1 \dots$, then

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_k \mathbb{P}(X = x_k).$$

Proof. Let $A_k = \{X = x_k\}$. Then X can be written as

$$X = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_k \mathbb{X}_{A_k}.$$

Define

$$X_n = \sum_{k=0}^n x_k \mathbb{X}_{A_k}.$$

Then $0 \leq X_1 \leq X_2 \leq \dots$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = X$. Note that

$$\mathbb{E}[X_n] = \sum_{k=0}^n x_k \mathbb{P}(X = x_k).$$

Using Monotone convergence theorem, we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[X_n] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n x_k \mathbb{P}(X = x_k) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_k \mathbb{P}(X = x_k).$$

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Dominated Convergence Theorem:- let X_1, X_2, \dots be a sequence of random variables converging almost surely to a random variable X . If there is another random variable Y such that $\mathbb{E}[Y] < \infty$ and $|X_n| \leq Y$ almost surely for every n , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[X_n] = \mathbb{E}[X].$$

1. Consider the space $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}[0, 1], \mathcal{L})$, where \mathcal{L} is the Lebesgue measure. Define

$$X_n(\omega) = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } \omega \in [0, \frac{1}{n}) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n(\omega) = 0$ a.s.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 X_n(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \cdot \frac{1}{n} = 1 \neq 0 = \int_0^1 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega)$$

2. Consider a sequence of normal densities, each with mean zero and the n^{th} having variance $\frac{1}{n}$.

$$f_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{n}{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{nx^2}{2}}.$$

If $x \neq 0$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = 0$ but

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{n}{2\pi}} = \infty.$$

Therefore

$$f_n(x) \rightarrow 0 \text{ a.s.}$$

and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_n(x) dx = 1 \neq 0 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) dx.$$