
ANALYSIS 3 NOTES

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I Measure

MOTIVATION

In Analysis 3, we will formalize the concept of measure and study integration further. As motivation, consider the lower and upper Riemann integral:

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$$\begin{aligned}\overline{\int_a^b} f(x)dx &:= \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \sup_{f_{[x_{i-1}, x_i]}} (x_i - x_{i-1}) \right\} \\ \underline{\int_a^b} f(x)dx &:= \sup \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \inf_{f_{[x_{i-1}, x_i]}} (x_i - x_{i-1}) \right\}\end{aligned}$$

where $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$. Recall that f is called Riemann integrable if $\overline{\int_a^b} f = \underline{\int_a^b} f$, and we write instead $\int_a^b f$. Note that not all functions are integrable in this sense. For example:

Consider $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x) = 1$ if $x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$ and 0 otherwise. Since \mathbb{Q} and \mathbb{Q}^c are both dense in \mathbb{R} , and in particular $[0, 1]$, we conclude that $\overline{\int_a^b} f = 1$ and $\underline{\int_a^b} f = 0$. Thus, f is not Riemann integrable.

We introduce the Lebesgue integral as an alternative. Let $A_i := \{x \in [a, b] : y_i \leq f(x) < y_{i+1}\}$, where the y_i 's are increasing. See that now $\sum y_i |A_i| \approx \int_a^b f$. The following questions arise from this:

1. What is the “size” of A_i ?
2. What sets *can* we measure?

σ -ALGEBRAS

Let X be a non-empty set, and let \mathcal{F} be a collection of subsets of X . We call \mathcal{F} a σ -algebra of subsets of X if the following hold:

1. $X \in \mathcal{F}$.
2. If $A \in \mathcal{F}$, then $A^c \in \mathcal{F}$ (“closed under compliments”).
3. If $\{A_n : n \geq 1\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$, then $\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{F}$ (“closed under countable unions”).

We can derive the following from these axioms:

PROP. 1.1

1. $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$

2. If $\{A_n : n \geq 1\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$, then $\cap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in \mathcal{F}$
3. If $A_1, \dots, A_N \in \mathcal{F}$, then $\cap A_i$ and $\cup A_i \in \mathcal{F}$
4. If $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$, then $A \setminus B, B \setminus A$, and $A \Delta B \in \mathcal{F}$

$$A \Delta B := (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$$

For a set X , consider $\mathcal{F} = 2^X := \{A : A \subseteq X\}$, the powerset of X . This is the largest σ -algebra of X . The smallest one can construct is $\mathcal{F} = \{\emptyset, X\}$. If we'd like to include a particular subset of X , say A , we can write $\mathcal{F} = \{\emptyset, X, A, A^c\}$.

Let X be a space and \mathcal{C} be a collection of subsets of X . The σ -algebra generated by \mathcal{C} , denoted by $\sigma(\mathcal{C})$, is defined by the following:

1. $\sigma(\mathcal{C})$ is a σ -algebra with $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{C})$
2. If \mathcal{F} is a σ -algebra with $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$, then $\mathcal{F} \supseteq \sigma(\mathcal{C})$.

We also say that $\sigma(\mathcal{C})$ is the “ σ -algebra generated by \mathcal{C} ”

In other words, $\sigma(\mathcal{C})$ is the smallest σ -algebra which contains \mathcal{C} . From the example above, we can write $\sigma(A) = \{\emptyset, X, A, A^c\}$.

PROP 1.2

We can state the following about σ -algebras generated by \mathcal{C} :

1. $\sigma(\mathcal{C}) = \cap\{\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{F} \text{ is a } \sigma\text{-algebra, } \mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{F}\}$
2. If \mathcal{C} is a σ -algebra, then $\sigma(\mathcal{C}) = \mathcal{C}$
3. If \mathcal{C}_1 and \mathcal{C}_2 are such that $\mathcal{C}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{C}_2$, then $\sigma(\mathcal{C}_1) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{C}_2)$.

PROOFS.

1. Let \mathcal{D} be some σ -algebra containing \mathcal{C} , and let $\{\mathcal{F}_i\}$ denote all σ -algebras containing \mathcal{C} . Then $\cap_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}_i \subseteq \mathcal{D}$, since $\mathcal{D} \in \{\mathcal{F}_i\}$. We also have to show that $\cap_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}_i$ is a σ -algebra. Clearly $X \in \cap_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}_i$, since it must be in all \mathcal{F}_i . Now, let $A \in \cap_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}_i$. Then $A \in \mathcal{F}_i \forall i$, so $A^c \in \mathcal{F}_i \forall i$. Thus, $A^c \in \cap_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}_i$. Similarly, suppose $\{A_n\} \subseteq \cap_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}_i$. Then $\{A_n\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}_i \forall i$, and therefore $\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{F}_i \forall i$, so we conclude $\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \cap_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}_i$. Hence, $\{\mathcal{F}_i\}$ is a σ -algebra.
2. Suppose otherwise. Then \exists a σ -algebra containing fewer subsets than \mathcal{C} , and yet containing at least all subsets of \mathcal{C} . This cannot be.
3. Note that $\{\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{C}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{F}\} \supseteq \{\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{C}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{F}\}$, since $\mathcal{C}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{C}_2$. Thus, $\cap\{\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{C}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{F}\} \subseteq \cap\{\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{C}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{F}\}$, so $\sigma(\mathcal{C}_1) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{C}_2)$. \square

MEASURABLE SPACES

A Borel σ -algebra, denoted $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$, is the σ -algebra generated by all the open subsets of \mathbb{R} .

PROP. 1.3

Recall that, for any open $G \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, we can write $G = \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$, where I_n are finite, disjoint, open intervals.

PROOF.

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Let G be open. Consider any $x \in G \cap \mathbb{Q}$. G is open $\implies \exists$ an open $x \in I \subseteq G$. Choose the largest such interval (i.e. the union of all intervals containing x). One may associate any rational number in G with an interval of this kind.

Furthermore, for $y \in G \cap \mathbb{Q}^c$, \exists a neighborhood which necessarily contains a rational number (by density), and is therefore contained within an I . Note now: the set of I 's are countable, since they are generated by elements of \mathbb{Q} ; the set of I 's are pairwise disjoint, since, otherwise, the union of intersecting sets would constitute a larger-than-maximal set containing x . \square

The generation of $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$ is *not* unique, so while $\sigma\{(a, b) : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a < b\}$ is obvious, there exist other equivalent descriptions:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}} &= \sigma\{(a, b) : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a < b\} \\ &= \sigma\{[a, b) : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a < b\} \\ &= \sigma\{[a, b) : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a < b\} \\ &= \sigma\{(-\infty, c) : c \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ &= \sigma\{(c, \infty) : c \in \mathbb{R}\}\end{aligned}$$

As proof of $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}} = \sigma(\{[a, b) : a < b\})$, it is sufficient to show that (a, b) is in this set, and similarly that $[a, b)$ is in $\sigma\{(a, b) : a < b\}$. For the first, we can write $(a, b) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [a + \frac{1}{n}, b)$, and for the second, $[a, b) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (a - \frac{1}{n}, b)$

If $A \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$, we call A a *Borel set*. All intervals on \mathbb{R} are Borel, and any set produced by a countable series of set operations (union, intersection, compliment, difference) is also Borel. Lastly, note that $\{x\}$ are Borel for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, so therefore all countable or finite sets in \mathbb{R} are Borel.

e.g. the Cantor set

Take $[x - 1, x] \cap [x, x + 1]$.

Given a space X and a σ -algebra \mathcal{F} of subsets of X , we call (X, \mathcal{F}) a *measurable space*.

e.g. $(\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}, \mathbb{R})$

Given a measurable space (X, \mathcal{F}) , define $\mu : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$. μ is called a *measure* if the following hold:

1. $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$

2. If $\{A_n : n \geq 1\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$, where $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$, then $\mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_n)$

Should feel similar to some of Kolmogorov's axioms...

We classify a few types of measures:

1. If $\mu(X) < \infty$, we call μ a *finite measure*.
2. If $\mu(X) = 1$, we call μ a *probability measure*.
3. If $\exists \{A_n : n \geq 1\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ with $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = X$ and $\mu(A_n) < \infty \forall n$, we call μ a *σ -finite measure*.

Finally, we call (X, \mathcal{F}, μ) a *measure space*.

Examples:

$\mu : \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ with $\mu(A) = \begin{cases} |A| & \text{if } A \text{ is finite} \\ \infty & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ is called the “counting measure”

Fix $x \in \mathbb{R}$. $\mu : \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ with $\mu(A) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ is the “Dirac measure”

1.1 Properties of Measure

Let (X, \mathcal{F}, μ) be a measure space. Then:

- (i) If $A_1, \dots, A_N \in \mathcal{F}$ are disjoint, then $\mu(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_N) = \sum_{i=1}^N \mu(A_i)$
- (ii) If $A \subseteq B$, then $\mu(A) \leq \mu(B)$.
- (iii) If $\{A_n : n \geq 1\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$, then $\mu(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_n)$. This also holds for finite collections.

PROOF.

- (i) Let $A_i = \emptyset \forall i > N$. The result follows from axiom 1.
- (ii) Write $B = A \cup (B \setminus A) \implies \mu(B) = \mu(A) + \mu(B \setminus A) \geq \mu(A)$.
- (iii) Set $B_1 = A_1$ and $B_n = A_n \setminus (\cup_{i=1}^{n-1} A_i)$ for $n \geq 2$. Then B_n are pairwise disjoint $\forall n$, so we can write $\mu(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(B_n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_n)$. Lastly, notice that $\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n = \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ to conclude that $\mu(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_n)$. \square

If $A \in \mathcal{F}$ with $\mu(A) = 0$, we call A a *null set*. Note that the union of null sets is a null set.

PROP 1.4
(Continuity from Below)

Given $\{A_n : n \geq 1\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ with $A_n \subseteq A_{n+1}$, $\mu(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n)$.

PROOF.

We call $\{A_n\}$ with $A_n \subseteq A_{n+1}$ *increasing*, and write $A_n \uparrow$. Set $B_1 = A_1$, and $B_n = A_n \setminus A_{n-1} \forall n \geq 2$. Then $\{B_n : n \geq 1\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ are disjoint, and $\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n =$

$\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$. Similarly, $N \geq 1$, $\cup_{n=1}^N B_n = A_N$. Combining, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) &= \mu(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(B_n) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N \mu(B_n) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mu(\cup_{n=1}^N B_n) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_N) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

We have the similar property that, given $\{A_n : n \geq 1\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$, where $A_n \supseteq A_{n+1}$, $\mu(\cap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n)$ IF the measure of this intersection is finite.

PROP 1.5
(Continuity from Above)
or, $\exists j : \mu(A_j) < \infty$

This assumption is indeed necessary: take the counting measure over $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$, and let $A_n := \{n, n+1, n+2, \dots\}$. Clearly $A_n \downarrow$, and $\mu(A_n) = \infty \forall n \geq 1$. We find, though, that $\cap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \emptyset$, and so $\mu(\cap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) = 0$.