

# Math - Problem Set 1 : Measure Theory

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## Section 1

### Exercise 1.3

$\mathcal{G}_1 = \{A : A \subset \mathbb{R}, A \text{ open}\}$ :  $\mathcal{G}_1$  is the set of open sets in  $\mathbb{R}$  and is a  $\sigma$  algebra because:

- $\mathcal{G}_1$  is a non-empty set.
- $\mathcal{G}_1$  includes the empty set because it is an open set.
- $\mathcal{G}_1$  includes the complement of the empty set,  $\mathbb{R}$ , because it is an open set in  $\mathbb{R}$ :  $\mathcal{G}_1$  is therefore closed under complements.
- The union of open sets is also open, so  $\mathcal{G}_1$  is closed under finite unions.
- $\mathcal{G}_1$  is closed under countable unions: when  $n$  goes to infinity, the union of  $A_n$  is also in  $\mathcal{G}_1$  because countable unions of open sets are also open.

$\mathcal{G}_2 = \{A : A \text{ is a finite union of intervals of the form } (a, b], (-\infty, b], \text{ and } (a, \infty)\}$  is an algebra but not a  $\sigma$  algebra:

- $\mathcal{G}_2$  is a non-empty set.
- $\mathcal{G}_2$  includes the empty set (for  $a = b$ ) and its complement  $\mathbb{R}$  (for  $(-\infty, \infty)$ ).
- $\mathcal{G}_2$  includes intervals and their complements, as well as finite unions of intervals by construction.
- $\mathcal{G}_2$  does not include countable unions and is therefore not a  $\sigma$  algebra.

$\mathcal{G}_3 = \{A : A \text{ is a countable union of intervals of the form } (a, b], (-\infty, b], \text{ and } (a, \infty)\}$  is a  $\sigma$  algebra:

- $\mathcal{G}_3$  is a non-empty set.
- $\mathcal{G}_3$  includes the empty set (for  $a = b$ ) and its complement  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- $\mathcal{G}_3$  includes intervals and their complements, as well as finite unions of intervals by construction.
- $\mathcal{G}_3$  is closed under countable unions by construction.

### Exercise 1.7

Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{\emptyset, X\}$  be the smallest  $\sigma$  algebra on  $X$ . Suppose  $\exists S$  a  $\sigma$  algebra on  $X$  st  $(\emptyset, X) \notin S$ . If the empty set is not in  $S$  then we have a contradiction. If  $X \notin S$  then  $\emptyset^c \notin S$  then we have a contradiction. Therefore  $(\emptyset, X)$  is included in  $S$ . Suppose  $\exists S'$  the smallest  $\sigma$  algebra on  $X$  st  $X \notin (\emptyset, X)$ , then  $S'$  there are some elements of  $S$  that are not included in  $X$ .  $S'$  therefore has at least 4 elements  $(\emptyset, X, T, T^c)$  but  $S'$  is larger than  $S$  and we have a contradiction.

Suppose  $\exists B$ , a  $\sigma$  algebra on  $X$  st  $B \not\subset \mathcal{P}(X)$ . Then  $\exists L \in B$  s.t.  $L \notin \mathcal{P}(X)$ , ie  $L \not\subset X$  which is a contradiction. Therefore  $\mathcal{A} = \{P(X)\} = \{A : A \text{ in } X\}$  is the largest  $\sigma$  algebra on  $X$  because it contains all other  $\sigma$  algebra on  $X$ .

### Exercise 1.10

Let  $\{S_\alpha\}$  be a family of  $\sigma$ -algebras on  $X$ . All  $S_\alpha$  contain  $\emptyset$  so the  $\emptyset$  is also included in their intersections. Let  $A$  an element in the intersection of all  $S_\alpha$ : if  $A$  is in  $S_\alpha$ , then  $A^c$  is too and  $A^c$  is also included in the intersection and the family of  $\sigma$  algebra on  $X$  is therefore closed under complements.  $S_\alpha$  are  $\sigma$  algebra so they are closed under countable unions. Their intersection is therefore also closed under countable unions (and under finite unions) and is a  $\sigma$  algebra.

### Exercise 1.22

$\mu$  is a measure on  $(X, \mathcal{S})$  meaning that  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$  and  $\mu(\cup A_i) = \sum \mu(A_i)$  for  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ .

$\mu$  is monotone:

Let  $A \subset B$  then  $B = A \cup D$  for  $D \subset B$  and  $D \cap A = \emptyset$ . Then  $\mu(B) = \mu(A \cup D) = \mu(A) + \mu(D)$  by countable additivity. and  $\mu(A) + \mu(D) \geq \mu(A)$  because  $\mu(D) \geq 0$ .

$\mu$  is countably subadditive: Let's take  $A_i$  and  $A_j$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$\mu(A_i \cup A_j) = \mu((A_i \cap A_j^c) \cup (A_i^c \cap A_j) \cup (A_i \cap A_j)) = \mu(A_i \cap A_j^c) + \mu(A_i^c \cap A_j) + \mu(A_i \cap A_j)$  by countable additivity.

If  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$  then  $\mu(A_i \cap A_j) = 0$  and  $\mu(A_i \cup A_j) = \mu(A_i) + \mu(A_j)$ .

If  $A_i \cap A_j \neq \emptyset$  then  $\mu(A_i \cap A_j) > 0$  and  $\mu(A_i \cup A_j) < \mu(A_i) + \mu(A_j)$ .

### Exercise 1.23

Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{S}$  such that  $\lambda(A) = \mu(A \cap B)$

- $\lambda(\emptyset) = \mu(\emptyset \cap B) = 0$
- Let  $\{A_i, A_j\}$  two elements of a family of disjoint sets in  $\mathcal{S}$ , without loss of generality:

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda(A_i \cup A_j) &= \mu((A_i \cup A_j) \cap B) \\ &= \mu(A_i \cup A_j \cap B) \\ &= \mu((A_i \cap B) \cup (A_j \cap B)) \\ &= \mu(A_j \cap B) + \mu(A_i \cap B) \\ &= \lambda(A_j) + \lambda(A_i)\end{aligned}$$

So  $\lambda$  is also countably additive.

### Exercise 1.26

Let  $\mu$  a measure on  $(X, \mathcal{S})$ . Then  $\mu$  is continuous from above: <sup>1</sup>

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(\cap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) &= \mu((\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i^c)^c) \\ &= \mu(X) - \mu(\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i^c) \\ &= \mu(X) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n^c) \quad \text{using } i) \\ &= \mu(X) - \mu(X) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n)\end{aligned}$$

## Section 2

### Exercise 2.10

$$\mu^*(B) = \mu^*(B \cap E \cup E \cap E^c) \subseteq \mu^*(B \cap E) + \mu^*(B \cap E^c)$$

By subadditivity of disjoint elements:

$$\mu^*(B) = \mu^*(B \cap E) + \mu^*(B \cap E^c)$$

### Exercise 2.14

Prove that  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$  is a subset of  $\mathcal{A}$ , i.e. that  $\sigma(\mathcal{O}) = \sigma(\mathcal{A})$  using the Carathéodory extension: By definition  $\mathcal{A} = \{A : A \text{ is a finite disjoint union of intervals } (a, b], (-\infty, b], \text{ and } (a, \infty)\}$ . The  $\sigma$  algebra generated by  $\mathcal{A}$  contains all open and closed sets in  $\mathbb{R}$ , and is closed under complements, so  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{A})$ .

## Section 3

### Exercise 3.1

A countable subset of the real line is a singleton because each element of the real line is surrounded by irrational numbers. Let  $(x) \in \mathbb{R}$  a singleton set.  $x$  is a countable set (of size 1). Suppose that  $\exists \varepsilon$  st  $\mu(x) > \varepsilon$  according to  $\mu$  the Lebesgue measure. By construction,  $(x) \in (x - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, x + \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$ . By use subadditivity (because  $\mu$  is a measure) and get:

$$\mu(x) \leq \mu((x - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, x + \frac{\varepsilon}{2})) \leq \varepsilon$$

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<sup>1</sup>Thanks Thomas' Pellet for debugging my  $\cap / \cup / ^c$  logical issues.

This contradicts the initial supposition, even for  $\lim_O \varepsilon$ . Therefore the measure of a countable subset of the real line, a singleton is 0.

### Exercise 3.7

One can define a function  $g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  measurable st  $g(x) = -f(x)$ . For any  $a$ :  $\{x \in X : f(x) < a\} = \{x \in X : -g(x) > a\}$ .

$f(x) < a$  corresponds to  $f(x) \in (-\infty, a)$  so the complement of this set is also in  $\mathcal{M}$  (because  $\mathcal{M}$  is a  $\sigma$  algebra).

All sets  $f^{-1}(-\infty, a]; f^{-1}(-\infty, a); f^{-1}(a, \infty), f^{-1}[a, \infty)$  are also on  $\mathcal{M}$ .

### Exercise 3.10

See lecture notes for the proof.

### Exercise 3.17

Suppose that  $f$  is bounded.  $\exists c$  st,  $\forall x \in X \quad f(x) \leq c$  Given that  $f$  is bounded by  $c$ .

$$|s_c(x) - f(x)| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^{c \cdot 2^c} \frac{i-1}{2^c} \chi_{E_i^c} + c \chi_{E_\infty^c} - f(x) \right| \quad (0.1)$$

$$= \left| \sum_{i=1}^{c \cdot 2^c} \frac{i-1}{2^c} \chi_{E_i^c} - f(x) \right|_{|f(x) < c} \quad (0.2)$$

Note that for any  $x$ , since  $f(x)$  is bounded  $f(x) \in [0, c]$  so  $x \in E_i^c$  for some  $i$ . Note there is an  $N \geq c$  such that  $\frac{1}{2^N} < \epsilon$ .

Then for any  $n \geq N$ ,  $|f(x) - s_n(x)| < \epsilon$ , so we have uniform convergence.

In other words: for  $x < c$  then  $c \chi_{E_i^c} - f(x) = 0$  because  $f(x) = c$  and one can get rid of the extra term in the equation. We reach the definition of uniform convergence as this inequality ( $|s_c(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$ ) must hold for any  $\epsilon$ , even arbitrarily small, for each  $x$ .

## Lebesgue Convergence

### Exercise 4.13

Because  $|f| < M$  on  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\mu(E) < \infty$  we have using 4.7:

$$\int_E f^+ d\mu < \int_E M \chi_{E_M} d\mu = M\mu(E_M) < \infty \quad (0.3)$$

$$\int_E f^- d\mu < \int_E M \chi_{E_M} d\mu = M\mu(E_M) < \infty \quad (0.4)$$

$f$  is therefore integrable and  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1(\mu, E)$ .

**Exercise 4.14**

Suppose  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1(\mu, E)$ .

Let  $E_n = \{x \in X : f(x) \geq n\}$  and  $E = \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$  Using the properties of the integral, we have that:

$$\int_X f d\mu \geq \int_{E_n} f d\mu \geq \int_{E_n} n \chi_{E_n} d\mu = n\mu(E_n) \geq n\mu(E) \quad (0.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(E) \leq \int_X \frac{1}{n} f d\mu \sim \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \quad (0.6)$$

This tends to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

**Exercise 4.15**

Suppose  $f, g \in \mathcal{L}^1(\mu, E)$  and  $f \leq g$ :

$$\left\{ \int_E s d\mu : 0 \leq s \leq f, s \text{ simple} \right\} \subset \left\{ \int_E s d\mu : 0 \leq s \leq g, s \text{ simple} \right\} \quad (0.7)$$

Taking the supremum and by definition of the integral, we have that

$$\int_E f d\mu \leq \int_E g d\mu \quad (0.8)$$

**Exercise 4.16**

Suppose  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1(\mu, E)$  and  $A \subset E$  we have that:

$$\int_A f^+ d\mu \leq \int_E f^+ d\mu < \infty \quad (0.9)$$

$$\int_A f^- d\mu \leq \int_E f^- d\mu < \infty \quad (0.10)$$

and therefore  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1(\mu, A)$

**Exercise 4.21**

If  $A, B \in \mathcal{M}, B \subset A$  and  $\mu(A - B) = 0$ , then if  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1$ :

$$\int_A f^+ d\mu - \int_B f^+ d\mu = \int_{A \cap B \cup A \cap B^c} f^+ d\mu - \int_B f^+ d\mu \quad (0.11)$$

$$= \int_B f^+ d\mu + \int_{A \cap B^c} f^+ d\mu - \int_B f^+ d\mu \quad (0.12)$$

$$= \int_{A \cap B^c} f^+ d\mu \leq \mu(A \cap B^c) = 0 \quad (0.13)$$

The two integrals are therefore identical. The same is true for  $f^-$ .