

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 σ 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 σ 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 σ 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 σ 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 σ algebra on X . Suppose $\exists S$ a σ 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 σ 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 σ 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 $\mathcal{A} = \{P(X)\} = \{A : A \subset X\}$ is the largest σ algebra on X because it contains all other σ algebra on X .

Exercise 1.10

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

Exercise 1.22

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

μ 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 $\mu(D) \geq 0$.

μ 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:

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

So λ is also countably additive.

Exercise 1.26

Let μ a measure on (X, \mathcal{S}) . Then μ is continuous from above: ¹

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

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 $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) = \sigma(\mathcal{O}) = \sigma(\mathcal{A})$ using Carathéodory extension...

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 μ the Lebesgue measure. By construction, $\{x\} \subset (x - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, x + \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$. By use subadditivity (because μ is a measure) and get:

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

This contradicts the initial supposition, even for $\lim_{\mathcal{O}} \varepsilon$. Therefore the measure of a countable subset of the real line, a singleton is 0.

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

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 $f(x) \in (-\inf, a)$ so the complement of this set is also in \mathcal{M} (because \mathcal{M} is a σ algebra).

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

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