

# Geometric Aspects of Harmonic Analysis

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**Q1**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ integrable} \\ F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt \end{array} \right] \stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow} F \text{ diff. (a.e. } x), F' = f$$

**Q2** Conditions of  $F$  (on  $[a, b]$ ) s.t.

- $F'(x)$  exists a.e.
- $F'$  integrable
- $\int_a^b F'(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$

?

**Q1** Differentiation of the integral

$$\frac{F(x+h) - F(x)}{h} = \frac{1}{h} \int_x^{x+h} f(t) dt = \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I f = \text{avg}_I f = \oint_I f$$

$I = (x, x+b)$ ,  $|I|$  Lebesgue measure of  $I$ .

Q1 equivalent to averaging problem: Given  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , is it true, that

$$\lim_{|B| \rightarrow 0, x \in B} \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B f = f(x) \quad (x\text{-a.e.})?$$

$B \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  open ball

Yes, if  $f$  continuous  $\forall \varepsilon \exists \delta |x - y| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon. x \in B$

$$|f(x) - \oint_B f| = \left| \oint_B (f(y) - f(x)) dy \right| < \varepsilon \quad (1)$$

provided  $B$  is an open ball of radius  $< \frac{\delta}{2}$  containing  $x$

Yes, if  $f$  is integrable (not so easy). Hardy, Littlewood (1D, rearrangements; later Wiener for  $d > 1$ ).  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$(Mf)(x) := \sup_{x \in B} \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |f|$$

uncentered HL maximal function

**Theorem.** Let  $f$  be integrable on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Then

(i)  $Mf$  is measurable.

(ii)  $(Mf)(x) < \infty$  a.e.  $x$

(iii)

$$|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : (Mf)(x) > \alpha\}| < \frac{c}{\alpha} \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} \quad (\forall \alpha > 0). \quad (2)$$

$c = c_d = 3^d$ , independent of  $f, \alpha$ .

$f \neq 0 \in L^1 \Rightarrow Mf(x) \sim |x|^{-d}$  for large radius of  $x$ . So then  $Mf \notin L^1$ .

$$M : \begin{matrix} L^1 \rightarrow L^1 \\ L^1 \rightarrow L^{1,\infty} \end{matrix}$$

*Proof.* (i) easy  $E_\alpha = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : (Mf)(x) > \alpha\}$  is open ( $\forall x > 0$ ) (because  $Mf$  is lower semicontinuous)

(ii)  $|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : (Mf)(x) = \infty\}| \subset |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : Mf(x) > \alpha\}|$ , take  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ .

(iii) follows from an elementary version of *Vitali covering*

□

**Lemma.** Let  $B = \{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_N\}$  be a finite collection of open balls on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Then there exists a disjoint subcollection  $B_{i_1}, B_{i_2}, \dots, B_{i_k}$  of  $B$  such that

$$|\bigcup_{j=1}^n B_j| \leq 3^d \sum_{j=1}^k |B_{i_j}|$$

*Proof.* (i)  $B_{i_1}$  = largest ball

(ii) Delete  $B_{i_1}$  and its neighbors

(iii)  $B_{i_2}$  = largest ball

(iv) repeat...

- Algorithm stops in at most  $N$  steps
- output has desired properties:
  - disjointness is clear
  - size  $B \cap B' \neq \emptyset$ ,  $r_{B'} \leq r_B$ .  $B^*$  = ball with the same center as  $B$  but 3 times the radius.  
 $\Rightarrow B' \subset B^*$ .  $|B^*| = 3^d |B|$

□

**Back to (iii):** Choose  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $E_\alpha = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : (Mf)(x) > \alpha\}$ . For each

$$x \in E_\alpha \exists B = B_x := \frac{1}{|B_x|} \int_{B_x} |f(y)| dy > \alpha$$

equivalent

$$|B_x| < \alpha^{-1} \int_{B_x} |f(y)| dy$$

Fix  $K \ll E_\alpha$  compact subset covered by  $\bigcup_{x \in K} B_x$ ,  $K \subset \bigcup_{l=1}^N B_l$

$$|K| \leq \left| \bigcup_{l=1}^N B_l \right| \stackrel{\text{Vitali}}{\leq} 3^d \sum_{j=1}^k |B_{ij}| \leq \frac{3^d}{\alpha} \in_{j=1}^k \int_{B_{ij}} |f(y)| dy = \frac{3^d}{\alpha} \int_{\bigcup_{j=1}^k B_{ij}} |f(y)| dy \leq \frac{3^d}{\alpha} \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

Since  $K$  was chosen arbitrary (cpt.), it follows that

$$|E_\alpha| \leq \frac{3^d}{\alpha} \|f\|_{L^1}$$

Can interpolate between weak type  $L^1$ -inequality and  $L^\infty \rightarrow L^\infty$  (very easy).

**Corollary** (Lebesgue differentiation theorem). Let  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  Then

$$\lim_{|B| \rightarrow 0, x \in B} \oint_B f = f(x) \quad x\text{-a.e.} \quad (3)$$

*Proof.*

$$E_\alpha = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : \limsup_{|B| \rightarrow 0, x \in B} \oint_B f - f(x) > 2\alpha\}$$

ETS  $|E_\alpha| = 0 \forall \alpha > 0$ . Then  $E = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} E_{\frac{1}{n}} = \emptyset$  and (3) holds on  $E^c$ .

Fix  $\alpha > 0$ , given  $\varepsilon > 0$  choose  $g \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  s.t.  $\|f - g\|_{L^1} < \varepsilon$ . Already seen

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{|B| \rightarrow 0, x \in B} \oint_B g &= g(x) \quad \forall x \\ \oint_B f - f(x) &= \oint_B (f - g) + \oint_B g - g(x) + g(x) - f(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$F_\alpha = \{x : M(f - g)(x) > \alpha\}$$

$$G_\alpha = \{x : |f(x) - g(x)| > \alpha\}$$

$E_\alpha \subset F_\alpha \cup G_\alpha$  since  $u_1, u_2 > 0, u_1 + u_2 > 2\alpha \Rightarrow u_1 > \alpha \vee u_2 > \alpha$ .

$$|G_\alpha| \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \|f - g\|_{L^1} \quad (\text{Chebyshev})$$

$$|F_\alpha| \leq \frac{c_d}{\alpha} \|f - g\|_{L^1} \quad (\text{weak type})$$

$$|E_\alpha| \leq |F_\alpha| + |G_\alpha| \leq \left(\frac{c_d}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) \|f - g\|_{L^1} \leq \frac{c'_d \varepsilon}{\alpha}$$

Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  was arbitrary  $|E_\alpha| = 0$ . □

$h \in L^1 \subset L^{1,\infty}$  by Chebyshev:  $\infty > \|h\|_{L^1} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |h(y)| dy \geq \int_{h(y) \geq \alpha} |h(y)| dy \geq \alpha |\{ |h| > \alpha \}|$ .

Would have been enough to replace  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  by  $L^1_{\text{loc}}$ .

**Sets**  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  measurable,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  (not necc. in  $E$ )  $x$  is a point of Lebesgue density of  $E$  if

$$\lim_{|B| \rightarrow 0, x \in B} \frac{|B \cap E|}{|B|} = 1$$

**Corollary.** Let  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be measurable. Then

- (i) Almost every  $x \in E$  is a point of Lebesgue density of  $E$ .
- (ii) Almost every  $x \notin E$  is not a point of Lebesgue density.

**Functions**  $f \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

$$\text{Leb}(f) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : f(x) < \infty \text{ and } \lim_{|B| \rightarrow 0, x \in B} \int_B |f(y) - f(x)| dy = 0\}$$

$f$  continuous at  $\bar{x} \Rightarrow \bar{x} \in \text{Leb}(f) \Rightarrow \int_B f \xrightarrow{|B| \rightarrow 0, x \in B} f(\bar{x})$  (all the inverse implications are wrong)

**Corollary.**  $f \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^d) \Rightarrow$  Almost every point belongs to  $\text{Leb}(f)$ .

(By checking the proof again?)

These things also works with other sets that "shrink regularly to  $x$  than balls". It gets worse however when one takes all parallel rectangles and even worse when arbitrarily oriented rectangles are allowed.

**Q.2** Key: bounded variation (BV)  $F : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $P = \{a = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_N = b\}$

$$V_F^P = \sum_{j=0}^N |F(t_j) - F(t_{j+1})|$$

is the variation of  $f$  over  $P$ .  $F$  is of bounded variation if

$$T_F(a, b) = T_F \sup_P V_F^P < \infty$$

$P \subset \tilde{P}$  partitions  $\Rightarrow V_F^P \leq V_F^{\tilde{P}}$

**Example.** (i)  $f$  monotonic (increasing) and bounded,  $|F| \leq M \Rightarrow F \in \text{BV}$

$$V_F^P = \sum_{j=1}^N |F(t_j) - F(t_{j-1})| = F(b) - F(a) \leq 2M$$

(ii)  $F$  differentiable with  $F'$  bounded,  $|F'| \leq M$ , then by mean value theorem  $f \in \text{BV}$ . Or  $F$  Lipschitz

(iii)  $F$   $\alpha$ -Hölder ( $\alpha < 1$ )  $\Rightarrow F \in \text{BV}$ . Take  $F : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x \mapsto d(x, C)^\alpha$ , where  $C$  is the cantor set.  $2^{n-1}$  intervals of length  $3^{-n}$

$$\alpha > \frac{\log 2}{\log 3} \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{n-1} (3^{-n})^\alpha < \infty$$

- *Total variation* of  $F$  on  $[a, x]$  (where  $a \leq x \leq b$ ) is

$$T_F(a, x) = \sup \sum_{j=0}^N |F(t_j) - F(t_{j-1})|$$

- *Positive variation* of  $F$  on  $[a, 1]$  is

$$P_F(a, x) = \sup_{(+)} \sum (F(t_j) - F(t_{j-1})) \quad \text{all } j : F(t_j) \geq F(t_{j-1})$$

- *Negative variation* of  $F$  on  $[a, 1]$  is

$$N_F(a, x) = \sup_{(-)} \sum -(F(t_j) - F(t_{j-1}))$$

**Lemma.**  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$(i) \quad F(x) = F(a) + P_F(a, x) - N_F(a, x)$$

$$(ii) \quad T_F(a, x) = P_F(a, x) + N_F(a, x)$$

$$(\forall x \in [a, b])$$

recall from measure theory:  $f = f^+ - f^-$ ,  $|f| = f^+ + f^-$

*Proof.* (i) given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists P = \{a = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_N = x\}$

$$|PVF - \sum_{(+)} (F(t_j) - F(t_{j-1}))| < \varepsilon$$

$$|N_F - \sum_{(-)} -(F(t_j) - F(t_{j-1}))| < \varepsilon$$

Also

$$F(x) - F(a) = \sum_{(+)} F(t_j) - F(t_{j-1}) - \sum_{(-)} -(F(t_j) - F(t_{j-1}))$$

□

**Corollary.**  $F : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \in \text{BV}$  iff  $F$  is the difference of two increasing bounded functions

**Theorem.**  $F : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \in \text{BV} \Rightarrow F$  differentiable a.e.

Wlog  $f$  mononotic increasing, "Wlog"  $f$  continuous

**Lemma** (of the rising sun).  $G : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous.

$$E = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \exists h = h_x > 0 \ G(x+h) > G(x)\}$$

Then

$$(i) \quad E \text{ is open } (E = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n, b_n))$$

$$(ii) \quad g(a_n) = G(b_n), \text{ provided } b_n - a_n < \infty.$$

*Proof.* Let  $(a_n, b_n)$  be a finite interval in the decomposition.  $a_k \notin E$  then  $g(a_k) \geq G(b_k)$ . Assume  $G(a_k) > G(b_k)$ .  $\exists c \in (a_k, b_k)$   $g(c) = \frac{g(a_k) + g(b_k)}{2}$ . Choose rightmost such  $c$ .  $\exists d \in (c, b_k)$   $G(d) > G(c)$ . But then by continuity  $c$  could not have been chosen rightmost, contradiction. □

Can replace  $\mathbb{R}$  by  $[a, b]$ , but then only get for  $a_0 = a$  that  $G(a_0) \leq G(b_0)$

*Proof.* of theorem

$$\Delta_h(F)(x) = \frac{F(x+h) - F(x)}{h}$$

$$D^{\pm}(F)(x) = \limsup_{h \rightarrow 0, h > 0} \Delta_h(F)(x)$$

$$D_{\pm}(F)(x) = \liminf_{h \rightarrow 0, h > 0} \Delta_h(F)(x)$$

Dini numbers. Upshot: They are all the same and finite.  $D_- \leq D^-$ ,  $D_+ \leq D^+$  clear. ETS

$$(i) \quad D^+(F)(x) < \infty \text{ (a.e. } x)$$

(ii)  $D^+(F)(x) \leq D_-(F)(x)$  (a.e.  $x$ )

(ii) is equivalent to  $D^-(F)(x) \leq D_+(F)(x)$  by replacing  $F(x)$  by  $-F(-x)$  somewhere. Then  $D^+ \leq D_- \leq D^- \leq D_+ \leq D^+ < \infty$ .

(i) relacc:  $F$  increasing, bounded, continuous on  $[a, b]$ . Fix  $\gamma > 0$ ,

$$E_\gamma := \{x : D^+(F)(x) > \gamma\}$$

- $E_\gamma$  is measurable
- Apply rising sun to  $G(x) = F(x) - \gamma x$

$$E_\gamma \subset E = \{x \in [a, b] : \exists h > 0 \ G(x+h) > G(x)\} = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k, b_k)$$

The condition in the set is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} &\iff \exists h > 0 \ F(x+h) - \gamma x - \gamma h > F(x) - \gamma x \\ &\iff \exists h > 0 \ \frac{F(x+h) - F(x)}{h} > \gamma \\ &\iff D^+(F)(x) > \gamma \end{aligned}$$

$G(a_k) \leq G(b_k) \iff F(a_k) - \gamma a_k \leq F(b_k) - \gamma b_k \iff \gamma(b_k - a_k) \leq F(b_k) - F(a_k)$ . Therefore

$$|E_\gamma| \leq |E| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (b_k - a_k) \leq \frac{1}{\gamma} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (F(b_k) - F(a_k)) = \frac{1}{\gamma} (F(b) - F(a))$$

Take  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ , done.

(ii) see Stein-Shakarchi (vol 3)

□

**Corollary.**  $F$  increasing, continuous  $\Rightarrow F'$  exists a.e., measurable, nonnegative and

$$\int_a^b F'(x) dx \leq F(b) - F(a).$$

*Proof.* Let

$$G_h(x) = \frac{F(x + \frac{1}{h}) - F(x)}{\frac{1}{h}}$$

By the theorem,  $G_h(x) \rightarrow F'(x)$  ( $h \rightarrow 0$ ) pointwise a.e. By Fatou

$$\int_{[a,b]} F' \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b G_h(x) dx = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_b^{b+\frac{1}{n}} F(x) dx - \int_a^{a+\frac{1}{n}} F(x) dx$$

□

Cannot do better than  $\leq$ : For the Devil's staircase the left hand side is 0 while the right hand side is 1.

Why is the sunrise Lemma a covering Lemma?

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f_+^* &= \sup \frac{1}{h} \int_x^{x+h} |f(y)| dy \\ E_\alpha^+ &= \{x \in \mathbb{R} : f_+^*(x) > \alpha\} \end{aligned} \right\} |E_\alpha^+| = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{E_\alpha^+} |f|$$

Why? Let

$$G(x) = \int_0^x |f(y)| dy - \alpha x$$

$$x \in E_\alpha^+ \iff f_+^*(x) > \alpha \iff \exists h > 0 \frac{1}{h} \int_x^{x+h} |f(y)| dy > \alpha \iff \exists h > 0 G(x+h) > G(x)$$

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R} : \exists h > 0 G(x+h) > G(x)\} = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} (a_k, b_k), \quad G(a_k) = G(b_k)$$

$$|E_\alpha^+| = \sum_k (b_k - a_k) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \sum_k \int_{(a_k, b_k)} |f| = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{\bigcup_k (a_k, b_k)} |f| = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{|E_\alpha^+|} |f|.$$

**Definition.**  $F : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is *absolutely continuous* if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 : \sum_{k=1}^N (b_k - a_k) < \delta \implies \sum_{k=1}^N |F(b_k) - F(a_k)| < \varepsilon$$

intervals  $(a_k, b_k)$  disjoint ( $k = 1, \dots, N$ )  $\Rightarrow$

$$\sum_{k=1}^N |F(b_k) - F(a_k)| < \varepsilon$$

*Remark.* (i) On a bounded Interval  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$

$$C^1(I) \subset \text{Lip}(I) \subset AC(I) \subset BV(I)$$

So they are diff. a.e.. All the inclusions are strict.

(ii) abs cont  $\Rightarrow$  unif. con.  $\Rightarrow$  cont.

(iii)  $f \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R})$   $F(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$  Then  $F$  is absolutely continuous. ( $\forall \varepsilon \exists \delta |E| < \delta \Rightarrow \int_E |f| < \varepsilon$ )

Upshot: AC functions are the ones which are diff a.e. and verify FTC.

**Theorem.**  $F \in AC(a, b) \Rightarrow F'$  exists a.e.,  $F' = 0$  a.e.  $\Rightarrow F$  constant

- Existence of  $F'$  clear  $\checkmark$
- $F' = 0$  a.e.  $\Rightarrow F$  constant: refinement of Vitali

**Definition.** A collection  $\mathcal{B} = \{B\}$  of (open) balls on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is a *Vitali covering* of a set  $E$  if

$$\forall x \in E \forall \eta > 0 \exists B \in \mathcal{B} : x \in B, |B| < \eta$$

**Lemma.**  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  meas.  $|E| < \infty$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  Vitali covering of  $E$ ,  $\delta > 0$ . Then there exist finitely many disjoint balls  $B_1, \dots, B_N \in \mathcal{B}$

$$\sum_{j=1}^N |B_j| \geq |E| - \delta$$

Recall elementary Vitali:  $\mathcal{B} = \{B_1, \dots, B_N\}$  finite collection of pen balls in  $\mathbb{R}^d \Rightarrow \exists$  disjoint subcollection  $B_{i_1}, \dots, B_{i_k}$  with

$$|\bigcup_{j=1}^k B_{i_j}| \leq 3^d \sum_{j=1}^k |B_{i_j}|$$

*Proof of Lemma.* wlog  $\delta > |E|$ . Vitali  $\Rightarrow \exists$  disjoint subcollection  $B_1, \dots, B_{N_1} \in \mathcal{B}$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_1} |B_i| \geq 3^{-d} \delta$$

Sequence of balls  $B_1, \dots, B_{N_1}$ . question: Is  $\sum_{j=1}^{N_1} |B_j| \geq |E| - \delta$ ? Yes: done with  $N = N_1$ . No: work harder.

$$\sum_{j=1}^{N_1} |B_j| < |E| - \delta$$

$$E_2 = E \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^{N_1} \bar{B}_j$$

$$|E_2| \geq |E| - \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} |B_j| > |E| - (|E| - \delta) = \delta$$

$\mathcal{B}$  Vitali covering  $\Rightarrow$  balls in  $\mathcal{B}$  disjoint from  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{N_1} \bar{B}_i$  still covers  $E_2$ . Vitali  $\Rightarrow \exists$  finite disjoint subcollection of these balls  $B_{N_1+1}, \dots, B_{N_2}$

$$\sum_{N_1 < j < N_2} |B_j| \geq 3^{-d} \delta.$$

After  $k$  steps,  $B_1, \dots, B_{N_1}, \dots, B_{N_k}$  with

$$\sum_{j=1}^{N_k} |B_j| \geq h 3^{-d} \delta \geq |E| - \delta$$

iff  $k \geq 3^d \frac{|E| - \delta}{\delta}$ , stop. □

need to approximate with compact from inside somewhere and with open from outside somewhere else

**Corollary.** The balls can be arranged in such a way that

$$|E \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^N B_i| < 2\delta$$

*Proof.* Choose open  $O \supset E : |O \setminus E| < \delta$ .  $\mathcal{B}$  Vitali covering  $\Rightarrow$  wlog all balls in  $\mathcal{B}$  are contained in  $O$ .

$$(E \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^N B_i) \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^N \bar{B}_i \subset O. : |E \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^N B_i| \leq |O| - \sum_{i=1}^N |B_i| \leq |E| + \delta - (|E| - \delta) = 2\delta$$

□



$F \in AC$  Back to the real lin: Goal:  $F' = 0$  a.e.  $\Rightarrow F$  constant. ETS  $F(a) = F(b)$

$$E = \{x \in (a, b) : F'(x) \text{ exists and } = 0\} \quad |E| = b - a$$

Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . For  $x \in E$ ,  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{F(x+h) - F(x)}{h} \right| = 0$ .  $\forall \eta > 0 \exists$  open interval  $I = (a_x, b_x) \subset [a, b]$  containing  $x$ .  $|F(b_x) - F(a_x)| \leq \varepsilon(b_x - a_x)$  and  $b_x - a_x < \eta$ . The collection of these intervals (over all  $\eta > 0$ ) forms a Vitali covering of  $E$ . Lemma  $\Rightarrow$  Given  $\delta > 0$  can select finitely many, disjoint  $I_j = (a_j, b_j)_{j=1}^N$  such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^N |I_j| \geq |E| - \delta = b - a - \delta$$

But

$$\sum_{j=1}^N |F(b_j) - F(a_j)| \leq \varepsilon \sum_{j=1}^N (b_j - a_j) \leq \varepsilon(b - a)$$

$$[a, b] \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^N I_j = \bigcup_{k=1}^M [\alpha_k, \beta_k]$$

with total length  $\leq \delta$ .  $\therefore F \in AC$

$$\sum_{k=1}^M |F(\beta_k) - F(\alpha_k)| < \varepsilon$$

$$|F(b) - F(a)| \leq \sum |F(b_j) - F(a_j)| + \sum |F(\beta_k) - F(\alpha_k)| \leq \varepsilon(b - a) + \varepsilon,$$

done. □

**Theorem.**  $F \in AC(a, b)$ . Then

(i)  $F'$  exists a.e. and is integrable

(ii)

$$F(x) - F(a) = \int_a^x F'(t) dt \quad (\forall a \leq x \leq b)$$

Conversely, if  $f \in L^1(a, b)$ , then there exists  $F \in AC(a, b) : F' = f$  a.e..

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$

(i) seen last lecture.

(ii)

$$G(x) := \int_a^x F'(t) dt$$

$\therefore G \in AC \therefore F - G \in AC$ . Lebesgue diff.  $\Rightarrow G'(x) = F'(x)$  (a.e.  $x$ )  $\therefore (F - G)' = 0$  a.e..

Therefore  $(F - G)(x) = (F - G)(a)$ ,  $F(x) - G(x) = F(a)$ , equivalent to (\*)

$\Leftarrow$

$$F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$$

$AC \checkmark$ . Leb. diff  $\Rightarrow F' = f$  a.e. □

*Next:* Monotone functions which are not nec. continuous. Wlog.  $F$  increasing, bounded on  $[a, b]$ .

$$F(x^-)F \lim_{y \rightarrow x, y < x} F(y) \quad F(x^+) := \dots$$

$F(x^-) \leq F(x) \leq F(x^+)$ ,  $F$  cont. at  $x$  if  $F(x^-) = F(x^+)$ . Otherwise  $F$  has a jump discontinuity at  $x$ .

*Obs:* A (bounded) increasing function  $F$  on  $[a, b]$  has at most countable many jumps. There exists an injective map  $\text{Disc}(F) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$

$\therefore \text{Disc}(F) = \{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$   $\alpha_n = F(x_n^+) - F(x_n^-) = \text{jump of } F \text{ at } x_n$ .  $F(x_n^+) = F(x_n^-) + \alpha_n$   $F(x_n) = F(x_n^-) + \theta_n \alpha_n$ ,  $\theta_n \in [0, 1]$ .  $F(x) = \mu((-\infty, x])$ . Corresponds to singular + abs. cont measures.

$$j_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < x_n \\ \phi_n & x = x_n \\ 1 & x > x_n \end{cases}$$

Jump function associated to  $F$  is

$$J_F(x) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty j_n(x)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty \alpha_n = \sum_{n=1}^\infty F(x_n^+) - F(x_n^-) \leq F(b) - F(a) < \infty$$

because  $F$  incr, and  $F$  bounded.

**Lemma.**  $F$  increasing, bounded on  $[a, b]$ ,  $\text{Disc}(F) = \{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$

(i)  $J_F(x)$  is discontinuous precisely at  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ , has a jump at  $x_n$  equal to that of  $F$ .

(ii) The function  $F - J_F$  is increasing and continuous.

*Proof.* (i)  $x \neq x_n (\forall n) \Rightarrow$  each  $j_n$  is continuous at  $x \Rightarrow J_F$  is continuous at  $x$  because of uniform convergence.  $x = x_N (\exists N) \Rightarrow J_F = \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n j_n(x) + \sum_{n>N} \alpha_n j_n(x)$ . First sum has jump discontinuity  $x_N$  of size  $\alpha_N$

(ii)  $F - J_F$  is continuous

$$F(x) - J_F(x) \leq F(y) - J_F(y) \iff J_F(y) - J_F(x) \leq F(y) - F(x)$$

, where

$$J_F(y) - J_F(x) = \sum_{x < x_n \leq y} \alpha_n = \sum_{x < x_n \leq y} F(x_n^+) - F(x_n^-) \leq F(y) - F(x)$$

□

Since  $F = (F - J_F) + J_F$  ETS  $J_F$  is diff a.e.. This was essential step of

$$\mu = \mu_{AC} + \mu_S + \mu_{PP}$$

$z(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ . curve  $\gamma$ .  $x, y : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous.

$\gamma$  rectifiable if length

$$L(\gamma) = \sup \sum_{j=1}^N |z(t_j) - z(t_{j-1})| < \infty$$

sup over all partitions  $P = \{a = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_N = b\}$  of  $[a, b]$

When is

$$L(\gamma) = \int_a^b |z'(t)| dt?$$

**Lemma.**  $\gamma$  is rectifiable iff  $x, y$  are of bounded variation (and cont.).

see  $F = x + iy$

Assume  $\gamma$  rectifiable, let  $L(A, B)$  length of  $\gamma(A, B)$ , ( $a \leq A \leq B \leq b$ )

(i)  $L(A, B) = T_F(A, B)$  (where  $F(t) = z(t)$ )

(ii)  $L(A, C) + L(C, B) = L(A, B)$  ( $A \leq C \leq B$ )

(iii)  $A \mapsto L(A, B)$  (fix  $B$ ) is continuous

$B \mapsto L(A, B)$  (fix  $A$ )

seen:  $F \in \text{BV}(a, b)$ , cont.  $\Rightarrow T_F$  cont.

Warning:  $[0, 1] \ni t \mapsto (F(t), F(t))$ ,  $F$  Cantor.  $F$  cont. incr.  $F(0) = 0$ ,  $F(1) = 1$ ,  $F' = 0$  a.e.

**Theorem.**  $z : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, t \mapsto (x(t), y(t)) \sim \text{curve } \gamma$ .  $x, y \in \text{AC}(a, b)$ .  $\Rightarrow \gamma$  rectifiable and

$$L(\gamma) = \int_a^b |z'(t)| dt$$

why?  $F : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is  $\text{AC}(a, b)$

$$\Rightarrow T_F(a, b) = \int_a^b |F'(t)| dt.$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^N |F(t_j) - F(t_{j-1})| = \sum_{j=1}^N \left| \int_{t_{j-1}}^{t_j} F'(t) dt \right| \leq \sum_{j=1}^N \int_{t_{j-1}}^{t_j} |F'(t)| dt = \int_a^b |F'(t)| dt$$

First inequality by FTC. For  $\geq$ , write  $F' = g + h$ ,  $g$  step function,  $h$  small in  $L^1$   $G, H = \text{def.}$  integrals of  $g, h$ . Check  $T_F \geq T_G, T_H$ ,  $T_H$  small,  $T_G \geq \int_a^b |g(t)| dt$ .

**Minkowski content of a curve** simple, simple closed, quasi-simple curves.

trace of  $\gamma$ :  $\Gamma = \{z(t) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : t \in [a, b]\}$ .

Given  $K \subset \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\delta > 0$  define

$$K^\delta = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : d(x, K) < \delta\}$$

where  $d(x, K) = \inf_{k \in K} d(x, k)$

**Definition.** The set  $K$  has (1D) Minkowski content if

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{|K^\delta|}{2\delta}$$

exists (in  $\mathbb{R}$ ), denoted  $M(K)$ .

**Theorem.** Let  $\Gamma = \{z(t) : a \leq t \leq b\}$  be (the trace of) a quasi-simple curve  $\gamma$ . Then  $\Gamma$  has Minkowski content iff  $\gamma$  is rectifiable (in which case  $M(\Gamma) = L(\gamma)$ ).

Upper Mink: content.

$$\limsup_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|K^\delta|}{2\delta} =: M^*(K)$$

lower

$$\liminf_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|K^\delta|}{2\delta} =: M_*(K).$$

**Proposition.**  $T = \{z(t) : a \leq t \leq b\}$  quasi simple. If  $M_*(\Gamma) < \infty$ , then  $\gamma$  is rectifiable and  $L(\gamma) \leq M_*(\Gamma)$ .

**Proposition.**  $\Gamma = \{z(t) : a \leq t \leq b\}$  rectifiable  $\gamma$ . Then  $M^*(\Gamma) \leq L(\gamma)$ .

*Proof of Prop. 1, for simple curves.* Obs:  $\Gamma = \{z(t) : a \leq t \leq b\}$  any curve.  $\Delta = |z(b) - z(a)|$ .  $|\Gamma^\delta| \geq 2\delta\Delta$ .

Take any partition  $P$  of  $[a, b]$ .  $L_P = \sum_{j=1}^N |z(t_j) - z(t_{j-1})|$ . Given  $\varepsilon > 0, \exists N$  proper closed subintervals  $I_j = [a_j, b_j] \subset (t_{j-1}, t_j)$ :

$$\sum_{j=1}^N |z(b_j) - z(a_j)| \leq L_P - \varepsilon$$

$I_1, \dots, I_N$  disjoint  $\Rightarrow \Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_N$  disjoint because  $\Gamma$  is simple.  $\Leftrightarrow \Gamma_1^\delta, \dots, \Gamma_N^\delta$  disjoint, provided  $\delta > 0$  small enough.

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcup_{j=1}^N \Gamma_j^\delta &\subset \Gamma^\delta \\ |\Gamma^\delta| &\geq \sum_{j=1}^N |\Gamma_j^\delta| \geq 2\delta \sum_{j=1}^N |z(t_j) - z(t_{j-1})| \geq 2\delta(L_P - \varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$

□

**Isoperimetric inequality (soft)**  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\gamma \in C^1(a, b) : \gamma'(s) \neq 0 \forall s$ ,  $\gamma(a) = \gamma(b)$ . Arclength parametrization:  $\gamma : [0, L] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $|\gamma'(s)| = 1 \forall s$ .

**Theorem.**  $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  simple closed  $C^2$  curve of length  $L$ . A area of the region enclosed by  $\Gamma$ .

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \left| \int_{\Gamma} (x dy - y dx) \right| = \frac{1}{2} \left| \int_0^L (x(s)y'(s) - x'(s)y(s)) ds \right|$$

Then  $4\pi A \leq L^2$ . Equality iff  $\Gamma$  is a circle.

*Proof.* wlog (rescale)  $L = 2\pi$ : WTS  $A \leq \pi$ , equality iff  $\Gamma$  is a circle of radius 1.

$\gamma : [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $s \mapsto \gamma(s) = (x(s), y(s))$  arclength par.  $x'(s)^2 + y'(s)^2 = 1 \forall s$ :

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (x'(s)^2 + y'(s)^2) ds = 1$$

$\Gamma$  closed  $\Rightarrow x(s), y(s)$   $2\pi$ -periodic.

$$\begin{aligned} x'(s) &= \sum_n a_n i n e^{ins} \\ y'(s) &= \sum_n b_n i n e^{ins} \end{aligned}$$

Parseval  $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} n^2 (|a_n|^2 + |b_n|^2) &= 1 \\ A &= \frac{1}{2} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} (x(s)y'(s) - x'(s)y(s)) ds \right| = \pi \left| \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} n(a_n \bar{b}_n - b_n \bar{a}_n) \right| \end{aligned}$$

by bilinear Parseval

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n \bar{b}_n - b_n \bar{a}_n| &\leq 2|a_n||b_n| \leq |a_n|^2 + |b_n|^2 \\ A &\leq \pi \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} n^2 (|a_n|^2 + |b_n|^2) \leq \pi \end{aligned}$$

□

Cases of equality:  $A = \pi \Rightarrow$

$$x(s) = a_{-1}e^{-is} + a_0 + a_1e^{is}$$

$$y(s) = b_{-1}e^{-is} + b_0 + b_1e^{is}$$

$x, y$  real-valued  $\Rightarrow a_1 = \bar{a}_{-1}, b_1 = \bar{b}_{-1}$ .  $(**) \Rightarrow 2(|a_1|^2 + |b_1|^2) = 1$ .

$(***) \Rightarrow$

$$|a_1| = |b_1| = \frac{1}{2} : a_1 = \frac{1}{2}e^{i\alpha} \quad b_1 = \frac{1}{2}e^{i\beta} \quad (\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$1 = 2|a_1\bar{b}_1 - \bar{a}_1b_1| = \sin(\alpha - \beta) : \alpha - \beta = \frac{k\pi}{2} \quad (\text{odd } k)$$

$$x(s) = a_0 + \cos(s + \alpha)$$

$$y(s) = b_0 \pm \sin(s + \alpha)$$

$\pm$  dep. on parity of  $\frac{k-1}{2}$ .

**Isoperimetric inequality (hard)**  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  bounded, open,  $\partial\Omega = \bar{\Omega} - \Omega =: \Gamma$  rectifiable curve (not nec. simple) with length  $l(\Gamma)$ .

**Theorem.**

$$4\pi|\Omega| \leq l(\Omega)^2$$

*Proof.* inner:

$$\Omega_-^\delta = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : d(x, \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \Omega) \geq \delta\}$$

outer:

$$\Omega_+^\delta = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : d(x, \bar{\Omega}) < \delta\}$$

$$\Gamma^\delta = \{x : d(x, \Gamma) < \delta\}$$

$$\Omega_+^\delta = \Omega_-^\delta \cup \Gamma^\delta >^\delta$$

$A, B \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $A + B = \{a + b : a \in A, b \in B\}$  Note:  $\Omega + B_\delta \subset \Omega_+^\delta$ ,  $\Omega_-^\delta + B_\delta \subset \Omega$ .

Brunn-Minkowski:  $A, B \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  meas.,  $A + B$  meas.

$$|A + B|^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq |A|^{\frac{1}{2}} + |B|^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$|\Omega_-^\delta| \geq (|\Omega|^{\frac{1}{2}} + |B_\delta|^{\frac{1}{2}})^2 \geq |\Omega| + 2|\Omega|^{\frac{1}{2}} \underbrace{|B_\delta|^{\frac{1}{2}}}_{=(\pi\delta^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$|\Omega| \geq (|\Omega_-^\delta|^{\frac{1}{2}} + |B_\delta|^{\frac{1}{2}})^2 \geq |\Omega_-^\delta| + 2|\Omega_-^\delta|^{\frac{1}{2}}|B_\delta|^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$|\Gamma^\delta| \geq |\Omega| + 2|\Omega|^{\frac{1}{2}}\sqrt{\pi} - |\Omega| + |\Omega_-^\delta|^{\frac{1}{2}}\sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\limsup_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|\Gamma^\delta|}{2\delta} \geq 2|\Omega|^{\frac{1}{2}}\sqrt{\pi}$$

$$4\pi|\Omega| \leq M^*(\Gamma)^2 \leq l(\Gamma)^2$$

Note, that only in the very last inequality did we use the rectifiability of  $\Gamma$ . □

**Brunn-Minkowski ineq.** ( $\mathbb{R}^d$ )  $A, B \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  measurable.  $A + B = \{a + b : a \in A, b \in B\}$ .  
 $\lambda A = \{\lambda a : a \in A\}$  ( $\lambda > 0$ ).

Q.: Can  $|A + B|$  be controlled in terms of  $|A|, |B|$ ? No! There exist sets  $A, B$   $|A| = |B| = 0$  with  $|A + B| > 0$ . Example  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ . Another example  $A = B = C \subset [0, 1]$  Cantor set. Then  $A + B = [0, 2]$ .

Q.: Can  $|A + B|^\alpha \geq c_\alpha(|A|^\alpha + |B|^\alpha)$  hold? (for some  $\alpha > 0$  with  $c_\alpha < \infty$ , indep of  $A, B$ ) Best possible  $c_\alpha = 1$ .

What about  $\alpha$ ? Convex sets play a role.  $A = \text{convex}$ ,  $B = \lambda A$ .  $|B| = |\lambda A| = \lambda^d |A|$ .  
 $|A + B| = |A + \lambda A| = |(1 + \lambda)A| = (1 + \lambda)^d |A|$  because  $A$  is convex.

( $\lambda_1 A + \lambda_2 A = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)A$  iff  $A$  is convex.)

$|A + B|^\alpha \geq |A|^\alpha + |B|^\alpha$  iff  $(1 + \lambda)^{d\alpha} \geq 1 + \lambda^{d\alpha} \Rightarrow \alpha \geq \frac{1}{d}$ .

$(a + b)^\gamma \geq a^\gamma + b^\gamma \forall a, b \geq 0, \gamma \geq 1$ .

Candidate inequality:

$$|A + B|^{\frac{1}{d}} \geq |A|^{\frac{1}{d}} + |B|^{\frac{1}{d}}$$

(BM)

$A, B$  measurable  $\Rightarrow A + B$  measurable. Take  $[0, 1] \times \text{nonmeasurable}$ .

(i)  $A, B$  closed  $\Rightarrow A + B$  measurable

(ii)  $A, B$  compact  $\Rightarrow A + B$  compact

(iii)  $A, B$  open  $\Rightarrow A + B$  open

**Theorem.** (BM) holds if  $A, B, A + B$  measurable.

(i)  $A, B$  rectangles with sidelengths  $\{a_j\}_{j=1}^\infty, \{b_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$

(ii)  $A, B$  unions of finitely many rectangles with disjoint interiors.

(iii)  $A, B$  open sets of finite measure

(iv)  $A, B$  compact

(v)  $A, B, A + B$  measurable.

*Proof.* (i) (BM) becomes

$$\prod_{j=1}^d (a_j + b_j)^{\frac{1}{d}} \geq \prod_{j=1}^d a_j^{\frac{1}{d}} + \prod_{j=1}^d b_j^{\frac{1}{d}}$$

$a_j \rightarrow \lambda_j a_j, b_j \rightarrow \lambda_j b_j$ . Both sides are multiplied by  $(\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_d)^{\frac{1}{d}}$ : wlog can assume  $a_j + b_j = 1 \forall j$  (Choose  $\lambda_j = a_j + b_j$ )

AMGM:

$$\prod_{j=1}^d a_j^{\frac{1}{d}} \leq \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d a_j$$

$$\prod_{j=1}^d b_j^{\frac{1}{d}} \leq \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d b_j$$

$$\prod_{j=1}^d a_j^{\frac{1}{d}} + \prod_{j=1}^d b_j^{\frac{1}{d}} \leq \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d (a_j + b_j) = 1$$

- (ii) Induction on  $n$  = number of rectangles in  $A$  and  $B$ . Choose pair of disjoint rectangles  $R_1, R_2$  in  $A$ . Can rotate s.t.  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are separated by hyperplane  $\{x_j = 0\}$ .  $R_1$  lies in  $A_+ = A \cap \{x_j \geq 0\}$ ,  $A_- = A \cap \{x_j \leq 0\}$ .

Rem.: Both  $A_+, A_-$  contain at least one less rectangle than  $A$ ,  $A = A_+ \cup A_-$  and  $A_B \cap A_-$  has measure zero.

Now: translate  $B$  s.t.  $B_-$  and  $B_+$  satisfy

$$\frac{|B_{\pm}|}{|B|} = \frac{|A_{\pm}|}{|A|}$$

$(A_+ + B_+) \cup (A_- + B_-) \subset A + B$  Number of rectangles in  $A_+$  and  $B_+$ , number of rectangles in  $A_-$  and  $B_-$  is  $< n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} |A + B| &\geq |A_+ + B_+| + |A_- + B_-| \geq (|A_+|^{\frac{1}{d}} + |B_+|^{\frac{1}{d}})^d + (|A_-|^{\frac{1}{d}} + |B_-|^{\frac{1}{d}})^d \\ &= (|A_+|(1 + (\frac{|B_+|}{|A_+|})^{\frac{1}{d}})^d + |A_-|(1 + (\frac{|B_-|}{|A_-|})^{\frac{1}{d}})^d = (|A_+| + |A_-|)(1 + (\frac{|B|}{|A|})^{\frac{1}{d}})^d \\ &= (|A|^{\frac{1}{d}} + |B|^{\frac{1}{d}})^d. \end{aligned}$$

- (iii) Open sets of finite measure  $A, B$ .  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists A_\varepsilon, B_\varepsilon$  finite unions of parallel rectangles with disjoint interiors.  $A_\varepsilon \subset A, B_\varepsilon \subset B$ ,  $|A| \leq |A_\varepsilon| + \varepsilon$ ,  $|B| \leq |B_\varepsilon| + \varepsilon$ .

$$|A + B| \geq |A_\varepsilon + B_\varepsilon| \geq (|A_\varepsilon|^{\frac{1}{d}} + |B_\varepsilon|^{\frac{1}{d}})^d \geq ((|A| - \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{d}} + (|B| - \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{d}})^d. \text{ Let } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+, \text{ done.}$$

- (iv)  $A, B$  compact. Let  $A^\varepsilon = \{x : d(x, A) < \varepsilon\}$ .  $A + B \subset A^\varepsilon + B^\varepsilon \subset (A + B)^{2\varepsilon}$

- (v)  $A, B, A + B$  measurable: use inner regularity of Lebesgue measure. □

*Remark.*  $A, B$  open sets of finite positive measure. Equality in (BM) iff  $A, B$  convex and similar.  $\exists \delta > 0 \exists h \in \mathbb{R}^d : A = \delta B + h$  ( $A$  convex iff  $\lambda_1 A + \lambda_2 A = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)A$ )

**Consequences for isoperimetric inequality**  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  bounded open with smooth boundary.  $(\partial A, B \subset \mathbb{R}^d \text{ ball } |B| = |A|)$

$$|\partial A| = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|A + \varepsilon B| - |A|}{\varepsilon}$$

Isoper ineq.:  $|\partial A| \geq |\partial B|$ .

*Proof.*

$$\frac{|A + \varepsilon B| - |A|}{\varepsilon} \geq \frac{(|A|^{\frac{1}{d}} + \varepsilon |B|^{\frac{1}{d}})^d - |A|}{\varepsilon} = \frac{(1 + \varepsilon)^d - 1}{\varepsilon} |B| \rightarrow d |B| = |\partial B|$$

for  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . □

Better:  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  has finite perimeter ( $\iff 1_A \in \text{BV}(U)$ ,  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  bdd open)

$$\frac{\mathcal{H}^{d-1}(\partial A)}{|A|^{\frac{d-1}{d}}} \geq \frac{\mathcal{H}^{d-1}(S^{d-1})}{|B^d(0, 1)|^{\frac{d-1}{d}}}$$

**Hausdorff measure** Q: How does a set replicate under scaling?  $E \rightarrow nE = E_1 \cup \dots \cup E_m$  disjoint congruent copies of  $E$ . Examples: line  $m = n^1$ , square  $m = n^2$ , cube  $m = n^3$ , Cantor set  $3C = C_1 \cup C_2$   $2 = 3^\alpha \iff \alpha = \frac{\log 3}{\log 2}$

$\#(\epsilon)$  = least # of segments that arise from such polygonal lines.  $\Gamma$  rectifiable iff  $\#(\epsilon) \sim \epsilon^{-1}$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+$ . If  $\#(\epsilon) \sim \epsilon^{-\alpha}$  ( $\alpha > 1$ ) In this case, say " $\Gamma$  has dim  $\alpha$ ". Snowflake has  $\alpha = \frac{\log 4}{\log 3} > 1$ .

Upshot:  $E$   $\alpha > 1$ .  $m_\alpha(E) = \alpha$ -dimensional mass of  $E$  among sets of "dimension"  $\alpha$ .

- $\alpha > \dim(E) \Rightarrow m_\alpha(E) = 0$
- $\alpha < \dim(E) \Rightarrow m_\alpha(E) = \infty$
- $\alpha = \dim(E)$  interesting

R. Gardner Bulletin AMS more about Brunn-Minkowski, geometrically, including more proofs, e.g. with induction of the dimension.

**Hausdorff measure**  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  any subset.

$$m_\alpha^*(E) := \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \inf \{ \underbrace{\sum_k (\text{diam } F_k)^\alpha : E \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k \text{ diam}(F_k) \leq \delta}_{H_\alpha^\delta(E)} \}$$

exterior/outer  $\alpha$ -dim Hausdorff measure.

*Remark.*  $H_\alpha^\delta(E) \leq H_\alpha^\delta(E) \leq m_\alpha^*(E) (\forall \delta > 0)$ .  $H_\alpha^\delta(E)$  increases when  $\delta$  decreases.  $\therefore m_\alpha^*(E) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} H_\alpha^\delta(E)$  exists

*Remark.* Coverings must be by sets of arb. small measure. (If we allowed the  $\delta$  to be arbitrary then two parallel lines would get the same 1d-measure as one of them.)

*Remark* (Scaling). "The measure of a set should scale like its dimension". E.g.:  $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  smooth curve of length  $L$  *sim*  $\lambda\Gamma$  has length  $\lambda L$ .  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  cube *sum*  $\lambda Q$  has measure  $\lambda^d |Q|$ .  $|F|$  scaled by  $\lambda \Rightarrow (\text{diam } F)^\alpha$  scaled by  $\lambda^\alpha$

### Properties

- (i)  $E_1 \subset E_2 \Rightarrow m_\alpha^*(E_1) \leq m_\alpha^*(E_2)$
- (ii)  $\{E_j\} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  countable family of sets  $\Rightarrow m_\alpha^*(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} m_\alpha^*(E_j)$
- (iii) (Finite additivity)  $\inf_{x \in E_1, y \in E_2} |x - y| = d(E_1, E_2) > 0 \Rightarrow m_\alpha^*(E_1 \cup E_2) = m_\alpha^*(E_1) + m_\alpha^*(E_2)$

*Proof.* ETS  $\geq$ . Fix  $0 < \epsilon < d(E_1, E_2)$ . Given any cover of  $E_1 \cup E_2$  with sets  $F_1, F_2, \dots$  of  $\text{diam} \leq \delta < \epsilon$ , let  $F'_j = F_j \cap E_1$ ,  $F''_j = F_j \cap E_2$ .

$$\sum_j (\text{diam}_j F'_j)^\alpha + \sum_j (\text{diam}_j F''_j)^\alpha \leq \sum_k \text{diam}(F_k)^\alpha$$

Take inf over all covers, let  $\delta \rightarrow 0^+$ , done. □

$m_\alpha^*$  satisfies all properties of a Caratheodory outer measure  $\therefore m_\alpha^*$  is a countably additive measure when restricted to Borel sets, call it  $m_\alpha = \alpha$ -dim Hausdorff measure.



(iv)  $\{E_j\}$  countable family of disjoint Borel sets  $\Rightarrow$

$$m_\alpha(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} m_\alpha(E_j)$$

(v) Hausdorff measure is invariant under translation and rotations. It scales like:

$$m_\alpha(\lambda E) = \lambda^\alpha m_\alpha(E)$$

(vi)  $m_0(E) = \#E$ ,  $m_1(E) = |E|$  (=1D Lebesgue measure of  $E$ ),  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$  Borel.

(vii)  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  Borel,  $m_\alpha(E) \simeq |E|$

*Proof.* (i) Isodiametric inequality:  $|E| \leq v_d(\frac{\text{diam} E}{2})^d$ ,  $v_d$  volume of the unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .  
Prove first for sets  $E = -E$  and then something hard.

(ii) Covering argument: Given  $\varepsilon, \delta > 0$ , there exists a covering of  $E$  by balls  $\{B_j\}$ :  
 $\text{diam} B_j < \delta$ ,  $\sum_j |B_j| \leq |E| + \varepsilon$

$$H_d^\delta(E) \leq \sum_j (\text{diam} B_j)^d = c_d \sum_j |B_j| \leq c_d(|E| + \varepsilon),$$

let  $\delta, \varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$ , get one of the inequalities.

□

(viii) if  $m_\alpha^*(E) < \infty$  and  $\beta > \alpha$ , then  $m_\beta^*(E) = 0$ . If  $m_\alpha^*(E) > 0$  and  $\beta < \alpha$ , then  $m_\beta^*(E) = \infty$ .

*Proof.*  $\text{diam} F < \delta, \beta > \alpha \Rightarrow (\text{diam} F)^\beta = (\text{diam} F)^{\beta-\alpha} (\text{diam} F)^\alpha < \delta^{\beta-\alpha} (\text{diam} F)^\alpha$

□

Consequence: Given  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  Borel,  $\exists! \alpha$  such that

$$m_\beta(E) = \begin{cases} \infty & \beta < \alpha \\ 0 & \beta > \alpha \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha = \sup\{\beta : m_\beta(E) = \infty\} = \inf\{\beta : m_\beta(E) = 0\} := \text{Hausdorff dimension of } E = \dim E$$

At the critical value  $\alpha = \dim E$   $0 \leq m_\alpha(E) \leq \infty$ . If  $E$  is bounded and the inequalities are strict, we say that  $E$  has strict Hausdorff dimension  $\alpha$ .

**Theorem.** The Cantor set  $C \subset [0, 1]$  has strict Hausdorff dimension  $\frac{\log 2}{\log 3}$ .

ETS:  $0 < m_\alpha(C) \leq 1$

*Proof.*  $m_\alpha(C) \leq 1$ :  $C = \bigcap C_k$  where each  $C_k$  is a finite union of  $2^k$  intervals of length  $3^{-k}$ . Given  $\delta > 0$  choose  $k$  large enough such that  $3^{-k} < \delta$ .  $C_k$  covers  $C$  and consists of  $2^k$  intervals of diameter  $3^{-k} < \delta$ .  $H_\alpha^\delta(C) \leq 2^k (3^{-k})^\alpha = 1$ , let  $\delta \rightarrow 0^+$ , done.

$m_\alpha(C) > 0$ :

**Lemma.**  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  compact,  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $\gamma$ -Hölder,

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq m|x - y|^\gamma \quad (\forall x, y \in E) \quad 0 < \gamma \leq 1$$

Then

(i)  $m_\beta(f(E)) \leq M^\beta m_\alpha(E)$  if  $\beta = \frac{\alpha}{\gamma}$ .

(ii)  $\dim f(E) \leq \frac{1}{\gamma} \dim(E)$

*Proof.*  $\{F_k\}$  countable family of sets that covers  $E$ .  $\{f(F_k \cap E)\}$  covers  $f(E)$ .  $\text{diam} f(F_k \cap E) \leq M(\text{diam} F_k)^\gamma$ .

$$\sum_k (\text{diam} f(F_k \cap E))^\frac{\alpha}{\gamma} \leq M^\frac{\alpha}{\gamma} \sum_k (\text{diam} F_k)^\alpha,$$

done. and 1 implies 2. □

**Lemma.** The Cantor-Lebesgue function  $F : C \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is  $\gamma = \frac{\log 2}{\log 3}$ -Hölder.

*Proof.* Goal:  $|F(x) - F(y)| \leq |x - y|^\gamma \forall x, y \in C$ .

$F_n$  increases at most  $2^{-n}$  on an interval of length  $3^{-n}$ .  $\therefore$  slope  $\leq (\frac{3}{2})^n \therefore |F_n(x) - F_n(y)| \leq (\frac{3}{2})^n |x - y|$ .  $|F_n(x) - F(x)| \leq 2^{-n}$ . Given  $x, y$  choose  $n$ :  $3^n |x - y| \sim 1$ ,  $3^\gamma = 2$ .

$$|F(x) - F(y)| \leq |F_n(x) - F_n(y)| + |F_n(x) - F(x)| + |F_n(y) - F(y)| \leq (\frac{3}{2})^n |x - y| + 2 \cdot 2^{-n} \leq c 2^{-n} = c(3^{-n})^\gamma \leq c' |x - y|^\gamma$$

□

Apply Lemma 1 with  $E = C$ ,  $f = F$ ,  $\gamma = \frac{\log 2}{\log 3} \Rightarrow 1 = m_1([0, 1]) \leq M m_\alpha(C)$ ,  $\dim C = \frac{\log 2}{\log 3}$  □

### Rectifiable curves

**Theorem.**  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  continuous and simple. Then  $\gamma$  is rectifiable iff  $\Gamma = \{\gamma(t) : a \leq t \leq b\}$  has strict Hausdorff dimension equal to 1.  $m_1(\Gamma) = l(\gamma)$ .

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ : Let  $\gamma$  be rectifiable of length  $L$ . Consider arclength parametrization  $\tilde{\gamma}$ .  $\Gamma = \{\tilde{\gamma}(s) : 0 \leq s \leq L\}$ .

$$|\tilde{\gamma}(s_1) - \tilde{\gamma}(s_2)| \leq |s_1 - s_2|$$

By Lemma 1 (i)  $m_1(\Gamma) \leq L$ . Wh  $m_1(\Gamma) \geq L$ ?

$$\Gamma_j = \{\gamma(t) : t_j \leq t \leq t_{j+1}\}$$

$$\Gamma = \bigcup_{j=1}^{N-1} \Gamma_j \quad m_1(\Gamma) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} m_1(\Gamma_j)$$

Claim:  $m_1(\Gamma_j) \geq l_j := |\gamma(t_j) - \gamma(t_{j+1})|$

*Proof.*  $\pi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} (x, y) \mapsto x$  Lipschitz,  $\pi(\Gamma_j) \subset [0, l_j]$  Lemma 1 (i) implies the claim. □

$\therefore m_1(\Gamma) \geq \sum l_j$ ,  $L := \sup_p \sum l_j$ .  $m_1(\Gamma) \geq L$ , done. □