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Part I

Construction of measure

1 January 15, 2019

1.1 Basics

A few completions of \mathbb{Q} :

- 1) Cauchy sequences
- 2) Dedekind cuts
- 3) Axiomated total ordered complete fields
- 4) Decimal expansion up to equivalence class

Definition 1.1. Dedekind cut is a pair of non-empty sets (A, B) such that it satisfies $\mathbb{Q} = A \sqcup B$ and the following:

1. if $x \in A$, $y < x \implies y \in A$, i.e., A is order-closed downwards.
2. if $x \in B$, $y \geq x$, $\implies y \in B$, i.e., B is order-closed upwards.
3. A does not have a maximum element

Define $\mathbb{R} = \{\text{Dedekind cuts of } \mathbb{Q}\}$. For simplicity, we can use A to represent the pair (A, B) . Note we can define an order on \mathbb{R} by set inclusion with respect to A . We can also define addition, subtraction, multiplication, division on \mathbb{R} such that \mathbb{R} is totally ordered, complete field.

Theorem 1.2. \mathbb{R} is uncountable.

Proof. Diagonal process. The complete proof is left as an exercise for the reader. \square

1.2 Problem of measure

Question 1: What is the **length** ℓ of a subset of \mathbb{R} ?

- a) $\ell([0, 1]) = 1$;
- b) $\ell(\{x\}) = 0$ for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$;
- c) $\ell(\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x = 0.**3*****...\}) = \frac{1}{10}$. This is the set of decimal expansions such that there is a “3” in the third place after the dot.

Axioms of length on \mathbb{R} :

- 1. $\ell([0, 1]) = 1$. i.e., normalized;
- 2. for $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ such that $A = A_1 \sqcup A_2 \sqcup \dots$, $\ell(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \ell(A_i)$, i.e., countable additivity;
- 3. for $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $\ell(A + \alpha) = \ell(A)$, i.e., transitivity-invariant.

Theorem 1.3. Consider the length $\ell : 2^{\mathbb{R}} = P(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$, such length does not exist.

Proof. We can write $[0, 1] = \bigsqcup_{r \in N} (\mathbb{Q} + r) \cap [0, 1]$, where N is the collection of representatives of each equivalence class with respect to the following equivalence relation: $x \sim y \iff x - y \in \mathbb{Q}$. Note that we need Axiom of Choice to define N . Then as length is transitivity-invariant, $\ell(N) = \ell(N + \alpha) \forall \alpha$. Hence $1 = \ell([0, 1]) = \sum_{x \in N} \ell(N + x)$, but the right hand side is the sum of countably infinite elements with the same value, either equals 0 or infinity. Contradiction. \square

Corollary 1.4. There exist non-measurable sets.

1.3 Outer measure

Definition 1.5. Let X be a set. $\mu : 2^X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is called an **outer measure** if

- 1. $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$;
- 2. if $A \subseteq \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k$, then $\mu(A) \leq \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_k)$ (Hence $\mu(A) \leq \mu(B)$ if $A \subseteq B$).

Definition 1.6. Let X be a set, μ an outer measure defined on X . Then $A \subseteq X$ is called μ -measurable if for all $B \subseteq X$, $\mu(B) = \mu(B \cap A) + \mu(B \cap A^c)$

1.4 σ -algebras

Definition 1.7. Let X be a set. $\mathcal{F} \subseteq 2^X$ is called σ -algebra if

- 1. $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$
- 2. $A \in \mathcal{F} \implies A^c \in \mathcal{F}$
- 3. if $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{F}$, then $\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \in \mathcal{F}$

We will eventually prove the following important theorem:

Theorem 1.8 (Caratheodory Extension Theorem). *Let X be a set, μ an outer measure on X . Then the class of μ -measurable sets is a σ -algebra.*

Below are some examples of σ -algebras:

- X countable, $\mathcal{F} = 2^X$ is a σ -algebra;
- for any set X , $\mathcal{F} = \{\emptyset, X\}$ is called the trivial σ -algebra;
- for any set X , $A \subseteq X$, $\mathcal{F} = \{\emptyset, A, A^c, X\}$ is a σ -algebra (generated by the set A). That is, we define $\sigma(A) = \{\emptyset, A, A^c, X\} = \bigcap_{\{\mathcal{F} \in S\}} \mathcal{F}$, where $S = \{\mathcal{F} \text{ is a } \sigma\text{-algebra containing } A\}$.

Proposition 1.9. *Let X be a set. For any set Γ (not necessarily countable), if \mathcal{F}_x is a σ -algebra on X for all $x \in \Gamma$, then $\bigcap_{x \in \Gamma} \mathcal{F}_x$ is also a σ -algebra.*

Proof. Exercise left for the reader. □

Definition 1.10. The Borel σ -algebra of \mathbb{R}^d ($d \geq 1$), denoted as $B(\mathbb{R}^d)$, is defined as the σ -algebra generated by all open sets in \mathbb{R}^d .

The Borel σ -algebra has countable generating sets (e.g. rational rectangles).

2 January 17, 2019

2.1 Measures

Definition 2.1. Let X be a set, \mathcal{F} a σ -algebra on X . Then a **measure** on \mathcal{F} is a function $\mu : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ such that

- $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$;
- for $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$, $\mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i)$, i.e., μ is countably additive.

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

Below are some examples of measure spaces. Let X be a set.

- Fix $x \in X$, then for $A \subseteq X$ consider $\delta : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ by

$$\delta(A) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \notin A \\ 1 & \text{if } x \in A \end{cases}$$

This is called the δ -measure at $x \in X$.

- Let $\mathcal{F} = 2^X$, for $A \in \mathcal{F}$, define μ such that $\mu(A) = 0$ if A is countable, and $\mu(A) = 1$ if A is co-countable (i.e., A^c is countable). Then (X, \mathcal{F}, μ) is a measure space.

- For X countable, i.e., $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$. Let $\mathcal{F} = 2^X$. Denote $p(x_i) =$ weight of x_i , then for $A \subseteq X$, define $\mu(A) = \sum_{x \in A} p(x)$. (X, \mathcal{F}, μ) is a measure space.

Properties of a measure space (X, \mathcal{F}, μ)

1. for $A, B \subseteq X$, $A \subseteq B \implies \mu(A) \leq \mu(B)$;
2. (countably subadditive) if $A \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \implies \mu(A) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i)$;
3. (continuity) for a sequence of subsets in X , $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq \dots$,

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_i);$$

for a sequence of subsets in X , $A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq \dots$ such that $\mu(A_i) < \infty \forall i$,

$$\mu\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_i).$$

A counterexample for 3) if we drop the condition “ $\mu(A_i) < \infty \forall i$ ” is $X = \mathbb{R}$, $\mathcal{F} = \sigma(\mathbb{R})$, $A_i = (i, \infty)$ for $i \in \mathbb{N}$, then each $\mu(A_i) = \infty$ but $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_i) = 0$.

Definition 2.2. Let (X, \mathcal{F}, μ) be a measure space. μ is called **finite** if $\mu(X) < \infty$, μ is called **σ -finite** if $X = \bigcup E_n$ where $\mu(E_n) < \infty \forall n$.

Semicontinuity. Let $\{A_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be a collection of sets. Then define

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf A_n &= \{\text{elements in almost all } A_n\} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k \right), \\ \limsup A_n &= \{\text{elements in } A_n \text{ infinitely often}\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k \right). \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 2.3. We have

$$\mu(\limsup A_n) \geq \limsup \mu(A_n), \quad \mu(\liminf A_n) \leq \liminf \mu(A_n).$$

Proof. Homework exercise. □

2.2 Completeness

Definition 2.4. Consider (X, \mathcal{F}, μ) , $B \in \mathcal{F}$ is called a **null set** if $\mu(B) = 0$. Note if B is a null set, $A \subseteq B$, then $\mu(A) = 0$ in the sense of outer measure (not necessarily $A \in \mathcal{F}$).

Definition 2.5. (X, \mathcal{F}) is **complete** if all null sets are contained in \mathcal{F} .

Here we introduce a notation “**a.e.**”, the abbreviation of “almost everywhere”. Something happens a.e. if it happens outside a null set. Here are a few examples:

Consider the Dirichlet function $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$. Then $f(x) = 0$ a.e.

Consider the (small) Riemann function $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{q} & \text{if } x = \frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$. Then f is continuous a.e.

Theorem 2.6. *There is an unique completion of any measure space (X, \mathcal{F}, μ) . i.e., there exist $\bar{\mathcal{F}}, \bar{\mu}$ with $\bar{\mathcal{F}} \supseteq \mathcal{F}$ and $\bar{\mu}|_{\mathcal{F}} = \mu$. Specifically,*

$$\bar{\mathcal{F}} = \{A \cup B \mid A \in \mathcal{F}, B \subseteq N \text{ for some } N \in \mathcal{F}, \mu(N) = 0\},$$

which satisfies:

- 1) $\bar{\mathcal{F}}$ is a σ -algebra;
- 2) there exists unique extension $\bar{\mu}$ of μ , from \mathcal{F} to $\bar{\mathcal{F}}$ such that $\bar{\mu}|_{\mathcal{F}} = \mu$.

Proof. Let $\mathcal{N} = \{N \in \mathcal{F} : \mu(N) = 0\}$. Then it is closed under countable unions and complement, hence so is $\bar{\mathcal{F}}$. Then set $\bar{\mu}(A \cup B) = \mu(A)$ if $B \subseteq N \in \mathcal{N}$. Then it is left as an exercise to the reader to check:

- a) $\bar{\mu}$ is well-defined (i.e., if there is another way of writing $A \cup B = A' \cup B'$, $B' \subseteq N' \in \mathcal{N}$, then the measure does not change);
- b) $\bar{\mu}$ is a measure;
- c) $\bar{\mu}$ is a unique extension to $\bar{\mathcal{F}}$ defined in the claim. □

Note that the Borel σ -algebra is not complete with respect to the length measure ℓ .

2.3 Caratheodory's theorem. Formulation and first part of proof

Let X be a set. Recall the definition of the outer measure μ on 2^X .

Definition 2.7. $A \subseteq X$ is a μ -measurable set with respect to μ if $\mu(A) = \mu(A \cap B) + \mu(A \cap B^c) \forall B \in 2^X$.

We now begin the proof of the Caratheodory's extension theorem:

Theorem 2.8 (Caratheodory). *Let μ be an outer measure on a set X , then the following statements are true:*

- 1) $\mathcal{F} = \{A : A \text{ is a } \mu\text{-measurable set}\}$ is a σ -algebra;
- 2) $\mu|_{\mathcal{F}}$ is a complete measure.

Proof. For 1), first of all, \mathcal{F} is closed under complement by the definition of the outer measure and the measurable sets. Then for $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$, take any $S \subseteq X$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(S) &= \mu(S \cap A) + \mu(S \cap A^c) \\ &= \mu(S \cap A \cap B) + \mu(S \cap A \cap B^c) + \mu(S \cap A^c \cap B) + \mu(S \cap A^c \cap B^c). \end{aligned}$$

Note $A \cup B = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap B^c) \cup (A^c \cap B)$, then by subadditivity,

$$\mu(S \cap (A \cap B)) + \mu(S \cap (A \cap B^c)) + \mu(S \cap (A^c \cap B)) \geq \mu(S \cap (A \cup B)).$$

Hence $\mu(S) \geq \mu(E \cap (A \cup B)) + \mu(E \cap (A \cup B)^c)$. Hence $A \cup B \in \mathcal{F}$, so \mathcal{F} is an algebra.

Also, if $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ with $A \cap B = \emptyset$,

$$\mu(A \cup B) = \mu((A \cup B) \cap A) + \mu((A \cup B) \cap A^c) = \mu(A) + \mu(B).$$

This shows finite additivity of μ on \mathcal{F} .

(other parts will be proven next time.) □

2.4 Definition of a pre-measure

We will also work with outer measures constructed using pre-measures:

Definition 2.9. Let X be a set, $\Gamma \subseteq 2^X$, $\nu : \Gamma \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be any function. Then the **pre-measure** μ on 2^X is defined as for $F \in 2^X$,

$$\mu(F) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu(A_n) : A_n \in \Gamma, F \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \right\}.$$

By agreement, $\inf \emptyset = 0$.

Proposition 2.10. *With the same set up as above, μ is an outer measure.*

Proof. This will also be proven next time. □

3 January 22, 2019

3.1 From outer measure to measure

We are on a path of constructing the measure. Last time, we defined pre-measures, and this definition will be used later. Here we show how an outer measure leads to a measure, i.e., finish the proof of the Caratheodory theorem.

Recall that if μ is an outer measure, we say that a set A is μ -measurable if for all $E \subseteq X$,

$$\mu(E) = \mu(E \cap A) + \mu(E \cap A^c).$$

Note that in the proofs we need only to check \geq since \leq follows directly from subadditivity. Denote by \mathcal{F} the set of all μ -measurable subsets.

Rest of the proof of Caratheodory theorem (Theorem 2.8). We have shown in Lecture 2 that \mathcal{F} is an algebra (closed under finite unions, intersections, and complements) and that μ is finitely additive on \mathcal{F} .

Now we need to show that \mathcal{F} is a σ -algebra. Let $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{F}$ be disjoint, and define $B_n = \bigsqcup_{j=1}^n A_j$. We know that $B_n \in \mathcal{F}$, so we need to show that $B = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \in \mathcal{F}$.

First, for all $E \subseteq X$, we have

$$\mu(E \cap B_n) = \mu(E \cap B_n \cap A_n) + \mu(E \cap B_n \cap A_n^c) = \mu(E \cap A_n) + \mu(E \cap B_{n-1}).$$

Continuing this, we see that

$$\mu(E \cap B_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(E \cap A_i).$$

Thus,

$$\mu(E) = \mu(E \cap B_n) + \mu(E \cap B_n^c) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(E \cap A_i) + \mu(E \cap B^c).$$

The last inequality is due to the fact that in the second summand we have passed to the smaller set $E \cap B$. In the previous inequality we can now pass to $n \rightarrow \infty$, and all the sums in the right-hand side are bounded:

$$\mu(E) \geq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E \cap A_i) + \mu(E \cap B^c).$$

By subadditivity, this is

$$\geq \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (E \cap A_i)\right) + \mu(E \cap B^c) = \mu(E \cap B) + \mu(E \cap B^c).$$

This shows that $B \in \mathcal{F}$, so \mathcal{F} is a σ -algebra.

The σ -additivity of μ on \mathcal{F} is straightforward, take $B = E$ in the previous argument, which leads to $\mu(B) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i)$.

Finally, to show completeness, let $A \subseteq X$ be with the outer measure $\mu(A) = 0$. We want to show that $A \in \mathcal{F}$. We have for all $E \subseteq X$:

$$\mu(E) \leq \mu(E \cap A) + \mu(E \cap A^c) = \mu(E \cap A^c) \leq \mu(E)$$

because the outer measure is subadditive and so $\mu(E \cap A) = 0$. The last inequality is also due to subadditivity. This implies that $\mu(E) = \mu(E \cap A) + \mu(E \cap A^c)$, so $E \in \mathcal{F}$. \square

3.2 From pre-measure to outer measure

Recall the definition of a pre-measure:

Definition 3.1 (Pre-measure). Let X be a set and let \mathcal{E} be a set of subsets of X . Then any function $\nu : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is called a *pre-measure*.

Proposition 3.2. If ν is a pre-measure, then μ defined by

$$\mu(E) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \nu(A_i) : A_i \in \mathcal{E}, E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \right\}$$

is an outer measure on \mathcal{E} .

Proof. We need only prove the subadditivity of μ . Let $F \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i$ and let $\varepsilon > 0$. By construction of μ , there are sets A_i^n such that $F_i \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_i^n$ and

$$\mu(F_i) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^i} \geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu(A_i^n).$$

We also note that

$$F \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_i^n.$$

This means

$$\mu(F) \leq \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_i^n\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i^n) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\mu(F_i) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^i}\right).$$

As we can make ε as small as we'd like, this implies that $\mu(F) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(F_i)$ as we wanted. \square

3.3 Examples

Now, pre-measures are an easy way of constructing an outer measure, but as we will see, the resulting outer measure may not agree with our original pre-measure. For example, let $\mathcal{E} = \{\emptyset, A, A^c, X\}$ where $\nu(\emptyset) = 0$, $\nu(A) = a$, $\nu(A^c) = b$, and $\nu(X) = 1$. Then for the corresponding outer measure μ we have that $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ and $\mu(X) = \min(a+b, 1)$. Furthermore, if $B \subseteq A$, then $\mu(B) = a$ and if $B \subseteq A^c$, then $\mu(B) = b$. However, is A even μ -measurable? We see that A is μ -measurable only if

$$\min(a+b, 1) = \mu(X) = \mu(E \cap A) + \mu(E \cap A^c) = \mu(A) + \mu(A^c) = a + b.$$

In other words, if $a+b > 1$, then A will not be one of our μ -measurable sets. This should serve as a warning that the sets in \mathcal{E} may not be μ -measurable.

For a second example, let \mathcal{E} be the set of finite unions of sets of the form $(a, b] \cap \mathbb{Q}$. We let $\nu(\emptyset) = 0$ and $\nu(A) = \infty$ for $\emptyset \neq A \in \mathcal{E}$. We note that in this case, there is more than one possible μ which extends ν . For example, we can assign all points measure zero, or measure 1, or measure 2, or measure ∞ .

3.4 Lebesgue-Stieltjes measures

The *Borel σ -algebra* is the σ -algebra $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ generated by all open subsets of \mathbb{R} . A measure μ on $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ is called a *Borel measure*. (Sometimes we will assume that it's σ -finite; moreover, that bounded sets have finite measure.)

Remark 3.3. The cardinality of the Borel σ -algebra is continuum. This can be proven using transfinite induction.

Assuming that μ is a finite Borel measure, we can define the function $F(x) = \mu((-\infty, x])$. We see that F is weakly increasing and is right-continuous.¹ On the other hand, having a right-continuous and weakly increasing function, we can define a pre-measure ν for which $\nu((a, b]) = F(b) - F(a)$. Measures constructed from such pre-measures are called *Lebesgue-Stieltjes measures*. In particular, if we take $F(x) = x$ as our pre-measure function, then the resulting measure is called the Lebesgue measure (note that it is not finite). In the next lecture we discuss how this works exactly.

4 January 24, 2019

4.1 Lebesgue-Stieltjes measures continued

The goal now is to finish the construction of measure from pre-measures, and apply this to Lebesgue-Stieltjes measures. There are two main pieces of the construction that are still missing:

1. If the pre-measure is countably additive on \mathcal{E} , then the resulting measure (coming from the corresponding outer measure by the Caratheodory theorem) agrees with the pre-measure on \mathcal{E} , and the sets from \mathcal{E} are measurable.
2. The pre-measure constructed from a function F is countably additive.

The first part is an abstract statement; and the second part is a concrete result that applies on \mathbb{R} and in the Lebesgue-Stieltjes context. We start with the second one.

Let \mathcal{A} be the set of finite disjoint unions of intervals of the form $(a, b]$, where $-\infty \leq a \leq b \leq \infty$. This is an algebra (i.e. is closed under finite intersections, finite unions, and complements). Let F be a weakly increasing right-continuous function. We construct a pre-measure ν on \mathcal{A} where for disjoint unions,

$$\nu\left(\bigsqcup_{i=1}^n (a_i, b_i]\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n (F(b_i) - F(a_i))$$

and we'll use this pre-measure to construct our measure μ . There are some potential issues in this definition (that ν is well-defined) that are resolved in the next proposition:

Proposition 4.1. • ν is well-defined;

- ν is finitely additive;
- ν is countably additive.

¹It is right-continuous because $\mu((-\infty, a]) = \mu(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (-\infty, a_n]) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \mu((-\infty, a_n])$ by the continuity of measure, where a_n decrease to a .

Proof. Let $A = \cup I_i = \cup J_j$ where I_i, J_j are intervals. Then we see that

$$\nu(A) = \sum_i \sum_j \nu(I_i \cap J_j)$$

the latter of which is equal to both $\sum_i \nu(I_i)$ and $\sum_j \nu(J_j)$, proving that ν is well-defined. The fact that ν is finitely additive on \mathcal{A} is evident from the definition.

We will now prove that ν is countably additive on \mathcal{A} . Let $I_i \in \mathcal{A}$ and $I = \cup_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i$. We can assume without loss of generality that I is an interval (we can apply the rest of our reasoning to the individual components of I). We will further assume that I has finite measure (the infinite measure case is left as an exercise). Now what we want to show is that $\nu(\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \nu(I_i)$. We have

$$\nu(I) = \nu(\cup_{i=1}^n I_i) + \nu(I \setminus \cup_{i=1}^n I_i) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n \nu(I_i),$$

and then we can take the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ to see that $\nu(\cup I_i) \geq \sum \nu(I_i)$.

It remains to establish the reverse inequality. Now, let

$$I = (a, b] = \cup_{j=1}^{\infty} (a_j, b_j].$$

For all $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $F(a + \delta) - F(a) < \varepsilon$ and there exists δ_j 's such that $F(b_j + \delta_j) - F(b_j) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2^j}$. Here we used the right continuity of F .

Now since $[a + \delta, b]$ is compact and covered by the open sets $(a_i, b_i + \delta_i)$, there is a finite number of $(a_i, b_i + \delta_i)$ covers $[a + \delta, b]$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$. This means

$$\nu(I) \leq 2\varepsilon + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (F(b_i) - F(a_i)),$$

and since ε was arbitrarily small, we are done. \square

4.2 From countably additive pre-measure to measure

Let us now focus on properties of measures which come from a countably additive pre-measure. This will complete the construction of the measure.

Proposition 4.2. *If μ is a measure constructed by the pre-measure ν , then $\mu|_{\mathcal{A}} = \nu|_{\mathcal{A}}$.*

Proof. Take an $E \in \mathcal{A}$ and cover it with sets $I_i \in \mathcal{A}$, i.e. $E \subseteq \cup_{j=1}^{\infty} I_j$. Now let $B_n = E \cap (I_n \setminus \cup_{j=1}^{n-1} I_j)$ which disjointly cover E . We then get

$$\nu(E) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \nu(B_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \nu(I_i).$$

If we take the infimum over any such sets I_j , we have that $\nu(E) \leq \mu(E)$.

Since $E \subseteq E$, we already have that $\mu(E) \leq \nu(E)$. Thus, $\nu|_{\mathcal{A}} = \mu|_{\mathcal{A}}$. \square

Proposition 4.3. *Let \mathcal{A} be the set of finite unions of half-open intervals. Then for any μ , all the sets in \mathcal{A} are μ -measurable.*

Proof. Let $B \in \mathcal{A}$ and $E \subseteq X$. For any $\varepsilon > 0$, we can find $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ and $\mu(E) + \varepsilon \geq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \nu(A_i)$. We then have that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(E) + \varepsilon &\geq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \nu(A_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\nu(A_i \cap B) + \nu(A_i \cap B^c)) \\ &\geq \mu(E \cap B) + \mu(E \cap B^c), \end{aligned}$$

which proves that B is μ -measurable. \square

Proposition 4.4. *Let ν be a σ -finite pre-measure and μ is the induced measure. If ρ is extension of ν (i.e. $\rho|_{\mathcal{A}} = \nu$), then $\mu = \rho$.*

Proof. Let $E \in \mathcal{F}_{\mu}$, $E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$, $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$. Then

$$\rho(E) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \rho(A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \nu(A_i)$$

so $\rho(E) \leq \mu(E)$.

Since ρ is σ -finite, we need only to prove that they coincide on finitely-measurable sets. As such, let $\mu(E) < \infty$. Now let $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$ and $E \subseteq A = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ where $\mu(A \Delta E) < \varepsilon$. We first see that

$$\rho(A) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i) = \mu(A).$$

Since $A \setminus E \subseteq A \Delta E$, we get that

$$\mu(E) \leq \mu(A) = \rho(A) = \rho(E) + \rho(A \setminus E) = \rho(E) + \mu(A \setminus E) = \rho(E) + \varepsilon.$$

This proves that $\mu(E) \leq \rho(E) + \varepsilon$ as we wanted. \square

4.3 Properties of the Lebesgue and Lebesgue-Stieltjes measures

Definition 4.5. Any measure that is constructed from F is called a *Lebesgue-Stieltjes measure*. If we use the particular function $F(x) = x$, the measure is called the *Lebesgue measure* and is denoted by ℓ instead of μ .

The Lebesgue measure has some particularly nice properties:

- i) It is shift-invariant (this is because $F(x) = x$ is shift-invariant)
- ii) For any $s \in \mathbb{R}$, $\ell(sE) = |s|\ell(E)$

- iii) Any measure defined on the Borel set with the two above properties must in fact be the Lebesgue measure.

HW Exercise: Let μ be a Lebesgue-Stieltjes measure. Show that

- i) For all $E \in \mathcal{F}_\mu$, $\mu(E) = \inf\{\sum_{i=1}^\infty \mu(a_i, b_i) : E \subseteq \cup_{i=1}^\infty (a_i, b_i)\}$.
- ii) For all $E \in \mathcal{F}_\mu$, $\mu(E) = \inf\{\mu(U) : E \subseteq U, U \text{ open}\}$.
- iii) For all $E \in \mathcal{F}_\mu$, $\mu(E) = \sup\{\mu(K) : E \supseteq K, K \text{ compact}\}$.

However, measurable sets should not scare you. For example, we can approximate measurable sets by some tamer looking sets, which should help calm your worries.

Proposition 4.6. *The following are equivalent:*

- a) E is μ -measurable
- b) $E = V \setminus N$ where N is a null set and V is some countable intersection of open sets
- c) $E = H \cup N$ where N is a null set and H is some countable union of closed sets

In fact, we also have that

Proposition 4.7. *If E is μ -measurable and $\mu(E) < \infty$, then for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there are open intervals (a_i, b_i) such that*

$$\mu(E \Delta \cup_{i=1}^n (a_i, b_i)) < \varepsilon.$$

HW Exercise: There exists an open set $U \subseteq (0, 1)$ which is dense in $(0, 1)$ and $\ell(U) < \varepsilon$. Similarly, $K = [0, 1] \setminus U$, where K is closed, nowhere dense such that $\ell(K) > 1 - \varepsilon$.

How do arbitrary Lebesgue-Stieltjes measures look like? Well, here are some examples:

- 1) The Lebesgue measure itself
- 2) Discrete, weighted, atomic measures like $\mu = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i \delta_{x_i}$ where $a_i > 0$
- 3) Singular measures where F is continuous but almost everywhere constant. For an example, the Cantor function, see below.

If f is the Cantor function and x is not in the Cantor set, it's pretty easy to see what $f(x)$ is. Now for the x that do lie in the Cantor set, $f(x)$ can be found as the result of writing x in ternary and then replacing every 2 with 1

and interpreting this new string as binary. More explicitly, if x is in the Cantor set its ternary expansion will look like

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} b_i 3^{-i} \text{ where } b_i \in \{0, 2\},$$

which means $f(x)$ will be

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_i}{2} 2^{-i}.$$

4.4 Lebesgue σ -algebra

The σ -algebra \mathcal{L} of Lebesgue measurable sets is complete, it is a completion of the Borel σ -algebra. As such, it contains all Borel sets. The cardinality of the Lebesgue σ -algebra is hypercontinuum $2^{\mathfrak{c}}$, since there are uncountable Borel sets of Lebesgue measure zero (like the Cantor set), and each subset of them belongs to \mathcal{L} .

4.5 Summary of Part I

We have discussed measures and construction of measures, focusing on Lebesgue-Stieltjes measures. The latter construction works as follows:

- 1) Take an F which is right-continuous
- 2) Use this F to construct a pre-measure ν
- 3) Use this ν to construct an outer measure μ
- 4) Restrict this outer measure to form the measure we want (Carathéodory's theorem)

There is a number of statements we proved about general measures, and other facts were related to the particular Lebesgue-Stieltjes context.

Part II

Lebesgue integral

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5.1 Monotone Classes

This part contains a proof of the Monotone Class Lemma — an important technical result that we use in the proof of Fubini's theorem. However, the Monotone Class Lemma is useful across various results in Measure Theory.

Definition 5.1. A subset C of 2^X is called a *monotone class* if C is closed under countable increasing union and countable decreasing intersections. That is, if $A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots$ are in C , then $\bigcup_i A_i \in C$. Similarly, for $B_1 \supset B_2 \supset \dots$ in C , we have $\bigcap_i B_i \in C$.

Note: for any subset \mathcal{E} of 2^X there is a unique minimal monotone class containing \mathcal{E} .

Theorem 5.2 (The Monotone Class Lemma). *Let \mathcal{A} be an algebra. Then $\sigma(\mathcal{A})$ coincides with the monotone class generated by \mathcal{A} .*

Proof. Let C be the monotone class generated by \mathcal{A} .

1. Because each σ -algebra is a monotone class, we have $C \subset \sigma(\mathcal{A})$. So it remains to show C is a σ -algebra.
2. For $E \in C$, define $C(E) = \{F \in C : E \setminus F, F \setminus E, E \cap F \in C\}$. Note that $E, \emptyset \in C(E)$, and $F \in C(E) \Leftrightarrow E \in C(F)$. Also, $C(E)$ is a monotone class.
3. Suppose $E \in \mathcal{A}$, then $\forall F \in \mathcal{A}$ we have $F \in C(E)$ because \mathcal{A} is an algebra. Therefore, $\mathcal{A} \subset C(E)$ for all $E \in \mathcal{A}$. Hence $C \subset C(E)$ because $C(E)$ is a monotone class.
4. If $F \in C$, then for all $E \in \mathcal{A}$, $F \in C(E) \Rightarrow E \in C(F)$. This implies that $\mathcal{A} \subset C(F) \forall F \in C$. So, $C \subset C(F) \forall F \in C$.
5. Thus for any $E, F \in C$ we have $E \in C(F) \Rightarrow E \setminus F, E \cap F \in C$ by the definition of $C(F)$. This means that C is a σ -algebra.

This completes the proof. \square

5.2 Fubini 2

Here we prove the general Fubini Theorem (called “Fubini 2” — recall that “Fubini 1” was for indicators). Our setup is that we consider the product σ -algebra $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{G}$ on $X \times Y$, and the product measure $\mu \times \nu$ on it. Recall that we don’t use completion of $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{G}$. For a set $E \subset X \times Y$, the product measure is given by $\mu \times \nu(E) = \int \int \mathbf{1}_E d\mu \times \nu$.

Theorem 5.3. *Suppose the measures X, Y are σ -finite.*

- a) *For $f \geq 0$ and measurable $\Rightarrow g(x) = \int f_x d\nu, h(x) = \int f^y d\mu$ are measurable, and $\int \int f d\mu \times \nu = \int_X g d\mu = \int_Y h d\nu$.*
- b) *If $f \in L^1(\mu \times \nu) \Rightarrow g \in L^1(\mu)$ and $\int \int f d\mu \times \nu = \int_X g d\mu$*

Proof. a) Use the monotone convergent theorem and the fact that every function can be approximated by simple functions, and Fubini 1.

- b) Use $f = f^+ - f^-$

\square

Remark 5.4. Here is a counterexample for Fubini when the measure is not σ -finite.

Let $X = ([0, 1], \ell)$, $Y = ([0, 1], \text{counting measure})$, where the counting measure

$$\nu(A) = \begin{cases} \#A & \text{if finite} \\ \infty & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

And let

$$f(x, y) = 1_{x=y}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int f(x, y) dx &= 0 \quad \forall y, \quad \int d\nu(y) = 0 \\ \int f(x, y) \nu(dy) &= 1 \quad \forall x, \quad \int dx = 1 \end{aligned}$$

However

$$\int \int f dx d\nu(y) = \infty$$

which contradicts the Fubini.

5.3 Change of Variables

Definition 5.5. For (X, \mathbb{F}, μ) , (Y, \mathbb{G}) , let $\phi : X \rightarrow Y$ be a measurable function. Then the push-forward $\phi_*\mu$ is a measure on (Y, \mathbb{G}) such that $(\phi_*\mu)(E) = \mu(\phi^{-1}(E))$ for $E \in \mathbb{G}$.

Theorem 5.6. For a function $f : Y \rightarrow [0, \infty]$

1. $\int_X (f \circ \phi)(x) d\mu(x) = \int_Y f(y) d(\phi_*\mu)$
2. $\int \int f(y) d\mu(x \times y) = \int_Y f(y) d(\phi_*\mu)$

5.4 Borel-Caintelli

Let E_n be sets, and let $E = \limsup E_n = E_n \text{ i.o.}$

Theorem 5.7. if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n) < \infty$ then $\mu(E) = 0$.

Proof. Let

$$f = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1_{E_n}, f_N = \sum_{n=1}^N 1_{E_n} \text{ then } f_N \rightarrow f$$

also for

$$x \in \limsup E_n \Leftrightarrow f(x) = \infty$$

Hence by monotone convergent theorem,

$$\int f = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(1_{E_n}) < \infty \Rightarrow \mu(x : f(x) = \infty) = 0$$

□

Theorem 5.8. *The converse of Borel-Caintelli: Suppose $\mu(X) = 1$, E_n are independent which means $\mu(\cap_{i \in I} E_i) = \prod_{i \in I} \mu(E_i)$. Then \forall finite $I \in \mathbb{N}$, if $\sum \mu(E_n) = \infty \rightarrow \mu(E_n \text{ i.o.}) = 1$*

Proposition 5.9. *Let's look at some applications of Borel-caintelli theorem*

1. Suppose you are tossing coins, $X_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{with probability } \frac{1}{n^2} \\ 0 & \text{with probability } 1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \end{cases}$
Then $P(\text{infinit many } 1's) = 0$
2. let f_n be a sequence of measurable functions on $[0, 1)$, and $|f_n(x)| < \infty$ a.e, then $\exists C_n > 0$ s.t. $\frac{f_n(x)}{C_n} \rightarrow 0$ a.e.

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6.1 Modes of convergence

Let f_n be a sequence of measurable function on (X, \mathbb{F}, μ) . Then there are many ways to define the convergence of f_n as $n \rightarrow \infty$

- 1) pointwise/a.e. $\forall x, f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ / a.e.
- 2) uniform. $\forall \epsilon > 0, |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon \forall x, n > 1$.
- 3) L^1 . $\int |f_n - f| \rightarrow 0$.
- 4) A.e.uniform. $\exists X_0 \subset X, \mu(X \setminus X_0) = 0$, s.t $\sup_{x \in X_0} |f_n(x) - f(x)| \rightarrow 0$
- 5) Almost uniform. $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists X_\epsilon \subset X, \mu(X_\epsilon^c) < \epsilon$ s.t. $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniform on X_ϵ .
- 6) Convergent in measure. $\forall \epsilon > 0, \mu(x : |f_n(x) - f(x)| > \epsilon) \rightarrow 0$

Remark 6.1. (a) convergence in measure has metric $\rho(f, g) = \int \frac{|f-g|}{1+|f-g|}$

- (b) uniform \Rightarrow point wise \Rightarrow a.e.
- (c) uniform \Rightarrow a.e. uniform \Rightarrow almost uniform.
- (d) uniform $\nLeftrightarrow L^1$
- (e) a.e $\nLeftrightarrow L^1$

Theorem 6.2. *If $f_n \rightarrow f$ is L^1 , then $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure.*

Proof. By the 5.1 of homework 3, $\int |f_n - f| \geq \epsilon \mu(|f_n - f| > \epsilon)$ □

Theorem 6.3. *If $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure then \exists a subsequence $f_{n_j} \rightarrow f$ a.e.*

Proof. It's enough to show $f_n \rightarrow f$ Cauchy in μ then there exist subsequence converge f in μ . Find $g_j = f_{n_j}$, such that

$$E_j = \{g_j - g_{j+1}\} \geq 2^{-j}; \mu(E_j) \leq 2^{-j}$$

Then let

$$F_k = \cup_{j=k}^{\infty} F_j, \mu(F_k) \leq 2^{1-k}$$

On F_k^C , $i, j \geq k$.

$$|g_j - g_i| \leq \sum_{i=j}^j |g_j - g_{j+1}| \leq 2^{1-j}$$

Hence it's point wise Cauchy on F_k^C , let

$$F = \cap_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k = \limsup E_j, \mu(F) = 0$$

$f = \lim_{a.e} g_j$ on F^C . (rest them 2.30/exercise)

Note:

$$\{|f_n - f_m| \geq \epsilon\} \subseteq \{|f_n - f| \geq \frac{\epsilon}{2}\} \cup \{|f_m - f| \geq \frac{\epsilon}{2}\}$$

So if $f_n \rightarrow f$ in μ then Cauchy in μ .

□

6.2 Examples

Here are some typical example of different modes of convergence.

(1) $f_n = n^{-1}1_{(0,n)}$

(2) $f_n = 1_{(n,n+1)}$

(3) $f_n = n1_{[0,1/n]}$

(4) $f_n = 1_{[j/2^k, (j+1)/2^k]}$ where $n = 2^k + j$ with $0 \leq j < 2^k$

Then in(1), (2), and (3), $f_n \rightarrow 0$ uniformly, pointwise and a.e respectively, but they are not converge in L^1 .In (4) $f_n \rightarrow 0$ in L^1 but not pointwise/a.e.