

A measure defined on a Borel σ -algebra is called a Borel measure. Write $\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for the Borel measures on \mathbb{R}^n . If $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, then $\mathcal{M}(E)$ are the borel measures on E , but $\mathcal{M}(E) \subset \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, by zero padding.

Definition: a positive finite measure μ on \mathbb{R}^n is regular if

1. $\mu(E) = \inf\{\mu(U); U \text{ open}, U \supset E\}$
2. $\mu(E) = \sup\{\mu(K); K \text{ compact}, K \subset E\}$

Every positive finite measure on \mathbb{R}^n is regular. For every measure $\nu \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, for all $E \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, there exists a sequence of open sets $U_k \supset E$, and compact sets $K_n \subset E$ such that $\nu(U_n) \rightarrow \nu(E)$ and $\nu(K_n) \rightarrow \nu(E)$.

Proof: ADD

Definition: we say a measure $\nu \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is regular if each positive ν_k in the Jordan decomposition $\nu = \sum_{k=0}^3 i^k \nu_k$ is regular. By the last result, every $\nu \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is regular and then the condition about sequences of sets holds.

If $\nu \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$, we define its distribution function by $F_\nu(x) = \nu((-\infty, x])$. $\nu \mapsto F_\nu$ is injective and linear on $\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$.

Def: $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is of bounded variation, BV, or say $F \in BV$, if $\text{Var}(F) < \infty$, where $\text{Var}(F) := \sup\{V_F(x); x \in \mathbb{R}\}$, and

$$V_F(x) := \sup \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n |F(x_k) - F(x_{k-1})|; x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = x, \{x_k\} \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

Def: $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is in NBV if $F \in BV$, F is right continuous at all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, and $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$; normalized BV .

If $\nu \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$, then $F_\nu \in NBV$.

Proof: ADD

Properties of BV ,

1. If $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$, then $V_{F_G}(x) \leq V_F(x) + V_G(x)$ and $V_{cF}(x) = |c|V_F(x)$. Hence BV is a vector space and if $F, G \in BV$, then $\text{Var}(F + G) \leq \text{Var}(F) + \text{Var}(G)$ and $\text{Var}(cF) = |c|\text{Var}(F)$

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