

(93) Absolute continuity and Singularity: Unit. 4

Def. A set function ν is said to be μ -continuous or absolutely continuous w.r.t. a measure μ if

$$\mu(A) = 0 \Rightarrow \nu(A) = 0, \text{ where } A \text{ is a mble set.}$$

Notation: - $\nu \ll \mu$

Def: - A set function ν is said to be singular w.r.t. a measure μ if \exists a mble set N s.t.

$$\mu(N) = 0 \text{ (i.e. } N \text{ is a } \mu\text{-null set) \&}$$

$$\nu(A) = \nu(A \cap N) \text{ i.e. } \nu(A \cap N^c) = 0.$$

i.e. ν has all its mass concentrated on a μ -null set.

Notation: $\nu \perp \mu$.

examples: All continuous distributions have their probability measures absolutely continuous w.r.t. the Lebesgue measure.

Similarly All discrete distributions have their prob. measure singular w.r.t. Lebesgue measure.

e.g. let $Z^+ = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

let μ_p denote prob. measure of Poisson distⁿ

$$\text{then } \mu_p(Z^+) = 1$$

$$\text{but } \lambda(Z^+) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_p \perp \lambda$$

Similarly if μ_B represents prob. measure of Binomial distⁿ, then $\mu_B \perp \lambda$.

1) In fact, all discrete distributions are singular w.r.t. Lebesgue measure.

2) All continuous distributions (like Normal, Gamma, Beta, Uniform, t etc) all are absolutely continuous w.r.t. Lebesgue measure.

3) All discrete distribution are singular w.r.t. all continuous distribution.

4) All discrete distribution are absolutely continuous w.r.t. counting measure.

(94)

$$\mu_B < < \mu_P$$

(Binomial) (Poisson)

$$\phi_{\text{Normal}} < < \phi_{\text{Student's } t}$$

$$\phi_{\text{Student's } t} < < \phi_{\text{Normal}}$$

Result: - If $\psi_1 < < \psi_2$, $\psi_2 < < \psi_3 \Rightarrow \psi_1 < < \psi_3$

-x-

Now, we like to define a set function using the concept of integral of a measurable function.

So let us define set function $\nu(A)$ as

$$\nu(A) = \int_A f d\mu = \int f I_A d\mu.$$

Then $\nu(\cdot)$ is a set function defined on σ -field \mathcal{A} .
 \int is known as indefinite integral of f .

1) Now suppose first f is integrable, then we know that f is finite a.e. i.e. $\mu[f = \infty] = 0$.

$$\Rightarrow \int f d\mu < \infty \text{ hence } \nu(\Omega) < \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \nu(A) < \infty \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{A}.$$

i.e. ν is finite $\Rightarrow \nu$ is σ -finite also.

If we assume $\int f d\mu$ exists then

$$\int f^+ d\mu < \infty \quad \underline{\text{OR}} \quad \int f^- d\mu < \infty.$$

Suppose $\int f^- d\mu < \infty$

Claim 1: ν is σ -additive (countably additive).

i.e. to prove it $\{A_n\}$ is a seqⁿ of disjoint sets in \mathcal{A} ,

$$(A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset \quad \forall i \neq j), \text{ then } \nu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \nu(A_i)$$

$$\text{Consider } \nu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \int_{\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i} f d\mu$$

$$= \int f(I_{\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i}) d\mu$$

$$= \int f^+ I_{\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i} d\mu - \int f^- I_{\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i} d\mu$$

$$= \int f^+ \left(\sum I_{A_n}\right) d\mu - \int f^- \left(\sum I_{A_n}\right) d\mu$$

(95)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int \sum f^+ I_{A_n} d\mu - \int \sum f^- I_{A_n} d\mu \\
&= \sum \int f^+ I_{A_n} d\mu - \sum \int f^- I_{A_n} d\mu \quad (\because \text{Indefinite integrals are } \sigma\text{-additive by MCT}) \\
&= \sum \left[\int f^+ I_{A_n} d\mu - \int f^- I_{A_n} d\mu \right] \\
&= \sum \int f d\mu \\
&= \sum \nu(A_n)
\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \nu$ is σ -additive

Claim 2: Let f be almost everywhere finite valued
i.e. $\mu\{f \neq \pm\infty\} = 0$. Let μ be σ -finite then
 ν is also σ -finite.

Proof: μ is σ -finite

$$\Rightarrow \exists \{B_n\} \text{ s.t. } \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n = \Omega \text{ and } \mu(B_n) < \infty$$

To prove $\nu(B_n) < \infty$, $\nu(B_n) = \int_{B_n} f d\mu$

Now f is a.e. finite

$$\Rightarrow N = \{\omega \mid |f(\omega)| < \infty\} \text{ then } \mu(N^c) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Now } \nu(B_n) &= \nu(B_n \cap N) + \nu(B_n \cap N^c) \\
&= \nu(B_n \cap N)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Now } N &= \{\omega \mid |f(\omega)| < \infty\} \\
&= \bigcup_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \{\omega \mid k \leq f(\omega) < k+1\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$i) \nu(B_n) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \nu(B_n \cap \{k \leq f(\omega) < k+1\})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
ii) |\nu(B_n)| &= \left| \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{B_n \cap \{k \leq f(\omega) < k+1\}} f d\mu \right| \\
&\leq 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1) \int_{B_n \cap \{k \leq f(\omega) < k+1\}} d\mu \\
&= 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1) \mu[B_n \cap \{k \leq f(\omega) < k+1\}]
\end{aligned}$$

(96)

 $< \infty$ $\because \mu$ is finite.Thus ν is σ -finite

—x—

Remark: The problem which arises is whether the above stated properties characterizes indefinite integrals? The answer lies in the following two celebrated theorems.

Lebesgue's decomposition theorem:-

Let μ be a σ -finite measure. Let ν be a σ -finite and σ -additive set function on the same measure space. Then there exists a unique decomposition of ν as $\nu = \nu_1 + \nu_2$ where ν_1 and ν_2 satisfy,

$$\nu_1 \ll \mu \text{ \& } \nu_2 \perp \mu.$$

Further \exists a non-negative a.e. finite valued function f which is determined up to an equivalence $\exists \nu(A) = \int_A f d\mu, \forall A \in \mathcal{A}$.

f is called Radon-Nikodym derivative of ν_1 w.r.t. μ .

Radon-Nikodym theorem:

Let μ be σ -finite measure. Let ν be a σ -finite and σ -additive measure. Let $\nu \ll \mu$. Then ν is the indefinite integral of some a.e. finite valued function f i.e. $\nu(A) = \int_A f d\mu, \forall A \in \mathcal{A}$.

\rightarrow Here f is determined up to equivalence. f is called the R-N derivative of ν w.r.t. μ i.e.

$$f = \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial \mu}.$$

e.g. Let μ_F be the L-S measure corresponding to a DF F .

Let λ be the Lebesgue measure

Suppose $\mu_F \ll \lambda$

$$\text{then } \mu_F(-\infty, x] = \int_{(-\infty, x]} f d\lambda = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt:$$

$$\Rightarrow F(x) - F(-\infty) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt$$

(17) i.e. $F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt$

then $\frac{d}{dx} F(x) = f(x)$

i.e. $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mu_F = f(x)$

The converse of the above theorem is also true.

Thus we have the following results which states both parts.

Thm: Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ be a σ -finite measure space. A set function ν which is absolutely continuous w.r.t. μ can be expressed as an indefinite integral of a finite function f i.e.

$$\nu(A) = \int_A f d\mu \quad \text{iff} \quad \nu \text{ is } \sigma\text{-additive and } \sigma\text{-finite.}$$

Further f is integrable iff ν is finite

(f is determined up to an equivalence

(98)

Product space:

Suppose Ω_1 and Ω_2 are two abstract spaces with σ -fields \mathcal{A}_1 and \mathcal{A}_2 on them, & measures μ_1 & μ_2 respectively.

Thus $(\Omega_1, \mathcal{A}_1, \mu_1)$ and $(\Omega_2, \mathcal{A}_2, \mu_2)$ are two measure spaces.

Define

$$\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 = \{ (w_1, w_2) \mid w_1 \in \Omega_1, w_2 \in \Omega_2 \}$$

is called the product space of the two spaces $\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$.

Rectangles $A_1 \times A_2$ in the product space is given by $A_1 \times A_2 = \{ (w_1, w_2) \mid w_1 \in A_1, w_2 \in A_2 \}$

$$A_1 \subset \Omega_1, A_2 \subset \Omega_2, A_1 \in \mathcal{A}_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{A}_2$$

The question is to find appropriate σ -field of subsets of $\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$ & to find measure on this σ -field.

Suppose $A_1 \in \mathcal{A}_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{A}_2$ & consider

$$\mathcal{C} = \{ A_1 \times A_2 \mid A_i \in \mathcal{A}_i, i=1,2 \}$$

Is \mathcal{C} is a σ -field of subsets of $\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$?

Note that \mathcal{C} is not closed under compliments / Unions. so we find the σ -field generated by \mathcal{C} .

[Recall:- σ field generated by \mathcal{C} is the smallest σ -field of subsets of $\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$ containing \mathcal{C}].

We consider this σ -field of subsets of $\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$ as the appropriate σ -field & call it product σ -field.

& give the notation as $\sigma(\mathcal{C}) = \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2$.

thus $A_1 \times A_2 \in \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2$.

(99) Now define $\mu(A_1 \times A_2) = \mu_1(A_1) \times \mu_2(A_2)$

Let $B \in \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2$ be any measurable set in $\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$.
By Carathéodory extension theorem,

\exists a measure $\bar{\mu}$ on the σ -field $\mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2$
s.t. the above measure μ is a restriction of $\bar{\mu}$
on the rectangles.

$\bar{\mu}$ is called the extension of μ .

$$\bar{\mu}(A_1 \times A_2) = \mu(A_1 \times A_2) = \mu_1(A_1) \times \mu_2(A_2).$$

Thus we have the measure space

$(\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2, \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2, \mu_1 \times \mu_2)$, which is known as
product measure space.

Section of sets: —
Section of sets: —

For any set $A \in \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2$, define the section of
 A at w_1 as

$$\{w_2 \in \Omega_2 \mid (w_1, w_2) \in A\} = A_{w_1}$$

$$\text{Thus } A_{w_1} \subset \Omega_2$$

Similarly,

$$A_{w_2} = \{w_1 \in \Omega_1 \mid (w_1, w_2) \in A\} \subset \Omega_1$$

$$(A_1 \times A_2)_{w_1} = \begin{cases} A_2 & \text{if } w_1 \in A_1 \\ \emptyset & \text{if } w_1 \notin A_1 \end{cases}$$

Similarly

$$(A_1 \times A_2)_{w_2} = \begin{cases} A_1 & \text{if } w_2 \in A_2 \\ \emptyset & \text{if } w_2 \notin A_2 \end{cases}$$

Now let us define functions on the product measure
space.

$$f(w_1, w_2): \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

f is measurable iff $f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2 \forall B \in \mathcal{B}$.

(100)

So let $f: \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a mble function.

For fixed $w_1 \in \Omega_1$, section of f at w_1 is defined by

$$f_{w_1}(w_2) = f(w_1, w_2) : \Omega_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Similarly, for fixed $w_2 \in \Omega_2$, section of f at w_2 is defined as

$$f_{w_2}(w_1) = f(w_1, w_2) : \Omega_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Thm : Section of mble sets are mble sets.

Proof : Recall section of a rectangle $A_1 \times A_2$ at w_1 is either A_2 or \emptyset . Since $A_2 \neq \emptyset \in \mathcal{A}_2 \Rightarrow (A_1 \times A_2)_{w_1}$ is a mble set.

Since all mble sets $A \in \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2$ are generated from rectangles $A_1 \times A_2$, it follows that A_{w_1} is also a mble set. Hence the theorem.

Thm : Section of mble functions are also mble.

Proof : Let $f: \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a mble function.

$$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2 \quad \forall B \in \mathcal{B}.$$

Consider $f_{w_1}(w_2) : \Omega_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (for fixed w_1)

To prove $f_{w_1}^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{A}_2 \quad \forall B \in \mathcal{B}.$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } f_{w_1}^{-1}(B) &= \{w_2 \mid f_{w_1}(w_2) \in B\} \\ &= \{w_2 \mid f(w_1, w_2) \in B\} \\ &= \{(w_1, w_2) \mid f(w_1, w_2) \in B\}_{w_1} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \{f^{-1}(B)\}_{w_1} \in \mathcal{A}_2$$

$\Rightarrow f_{w_1}$ is mble. Similarly we can prove f_{w_2} is also mble

\Rightarrow Section of mble functions are also mble

(101)

Fubini's Theorem:-

Let $(\Omega_1, \mathcal{A}_1, \mu_1)$ & $(\Omega_2, \mathcal{A}_2, \mu_2)$ be two σ -finite measure spaces.

Let $(\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2, \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2, \mu_1 \times \mu_2)$ be the product measure space. Let f be a function measurable w.r.t. $\mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2$. Let $f(\omega_1, \omega_2)$ be either non-negative or integrable w.r.t. measure $\mu_1 \times \mu_2$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2} f \, d(\mu_1 \times \mu_2) &= \int_{\Omega_1} \left[\int_{\Omega_2} f_{\omega_1}(\omega_2) \, d\mu_2 \right] d\mu_1 \\ &= \int_{\Omega_2} \left[\int_{\Omega_1} f_{\omega_2}(\omega_1) \, d\mu_1 \right] d\mu_2. \end{aligned}$$

Further sections of X i.e. $X_{\omega_1}(\cdot)$ & $X_{\omega_2}(\cdot)$ also integrable.

—x—

Remark : (i) Iterated integrals are to be read from right to left.

(ii) The above result extends to product of arbitrary but finite no. of product measure spaces.

—x—