

Example 2.2 (Cantor-distributed random variable)

Let $C = \left\{ x \in [0, 1] \mid x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_n}{3^n}, d_n = 0 \text{ or } 2, n = 1, 2, \dots \right\}$ (**Cantor set**)

- C is a continuum (C has the same cardinal $\#$ as $[0, 1]$)
- $\lambda(C) = 0$

Let Y_1, Y_2, \dots be i.i.d. random variables s.t. $P(Y_n = 0) = P(Y_n = 2) = \frac{1}{2}$ and let $Y = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n/3^n$
 $\Rightarrow Y$ takes values in C (Y is continuous), but has no density function since $\lambda(C) = 0$ (**singular continuous**).

2.1 Definition of Lebesgue Integrals

- Expectation = Lebesgue integral w.r.t. probability measure

$$E(X) = \int_{\Omega} X(\omega) P(d\omega)$$

- Define the Lebesgue integral in three steps.

$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$: Measure space

h : $\Omega \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}} = [-\infty, +\infty]$: $\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{B}(\overline{\mathbb{R}})$ -measurable function

Def. 2.2 (Integral of simple functions)

h is **simple** $\Leftrightarrow h$ takes only a finite $\#$ of distinct values x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n s.t.

$$h(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \mathbf{1}_{A_i}(\omega), \quad \omega \in \Omega,$$

where $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{F}$ s.t. $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \Omega$ & $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ ($i \neq j$)

$$h \text{ is simple} \Rightarrow \int_{\Omega} h(\omega) \mu(d\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \mu(A_i)$$

Example 2.3 $A \in \mathcal{F}$, $E(\mathbf{1}_A) = 1 \times P(A) + 0 \times P(A^c) = P(A)$

Def. 2.3 (Integral of nonnegative functions)

$$h \geq 0 \text{ a.e.-}\mu \Rightarrow \int_{\Omega} h(\omega) \mu(d\omega) = \sup_{g \in \mathcal{S}_h} \int_{\Omega} g(\omega) \mu(d\omega)$$

where $\mathcal{S}_h = \{\text{measurable and simple } g \text{ s.t. } g \leq h \text{ a.e.-}\mu\}$

- For $A \in \mathcal{F}$, “ A a.e.- μ ” \Leftrightarrow “ $\mu(B^c) = 0$ ” (almost everywhere w.r.t. measure μ)
- a.e.- $P =$ a.s. (almost surely)

Remark 2.1 It is possible that $\int h d\mu = +\infty$

Def. 2.4 (Integral of general functions)

$$h^+ = h \mathbf{1}_{\{h \geq 0\}} = \max(h, 0) \text{ \& } h^- = -h \mathbf{1}_{\{h < 0\}} = -\min(h, 0)$$

$$(h^+ \geq 0 \text{ \& } h^- \geq 0 \text{ a.e.-}\mu) \Rightarrow$$

$$\int_{\Omega} h(\omega) \mu(d\omega) = \int_{\Omega} h^+(\omega) \mu(d\omega) - \int_{\Omega} h^-(\omega) \mu(d\omega)$$

- $\int h^+ d\mu = \int h^- d\mu = +\infty \Leftrightarrow \int h d\mu$ does not exist
- h is μ -integrable $\Leftrightarrow -\infty < \int h d\mu < \infty$ ($\int h^+ d\mu < \infty$ \& $\int h^- d\mu < \infty$)

Properties of Integrals

- $\int h d\mu$ exists $\Rightarrow \forall c \in \mathbb{R}, \int c h d\mu$ exists and $= c \int h d\mu$
- $h \leq g$ a.e.- $\mu \Rightarrow \int h d\mu \leq \int g d\mu$
- $\int h d\mu$ exists $\Rightarrow |\int h d\mu| \leq \int |h| d\mu$

Remark 2.2 X is a r.v. either discrete or absolutely continuous with probability density function $f \Rightarrow$

$$E(X) = \int_{\Omega} X(\omega) P(d\omega) = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i P(X = x_i) & X \text{ is discrete,} \\ \int x f(x) dx & X \text{ is continuous with density } f \end{cases}$$

Example 2.4 (X has density function f and $0 \leq X \leq 1$)

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^1 x f(x) dx &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \int_{i/n}^{(i+1)/n} x f(x) dx \\
&\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{i+1}{n} \mathbf{P}\left(\frac{i}{n} \leq X < \frac{i+1}{n}\right) \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{i}{n} \mathbf{P}\left(\frac{i}{n} \leq X < \frac{i+1}{n}\right) + \frac{1}{n} \right) \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{E}\left(\frac{\lfloor nX \rfloor}{n}\right) \leq \mathbf{E}(X)
\end{aligned}$$

$\int x f(x) dx \geq \mathbf{E}(X)$ is similar.

To show the general case, we use the monotone convergence theorem.