

## Lecture 2

Announcements: Office Hours, Mid 2 Date

Recall:

Def:  $\mu: 2^{\mathbb{R}^d} \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$  is finitely additive (resp. countably additive) if, for  $\{E_i\}_{i=1}^n \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{R}^d}$  (resp.  $\{E_i\}_{i=1}^\infty \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{R}^d}$ ) disjoint, we have  
 $\mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(E_i)$  (resp.  $\mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^\infty E_i) = \sum_{i=1}^\infty \mu(E_i)$ ).

Def:  $\mu: 2^{\mathbb{R}^d} \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$  is translation invariant if  $\mu(E+c) = \mu(E)$  for all  $E \in 2^{\mathbb{R}^d}, c \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

Thm (Vitali): There is no function  $\mu: 2^{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$  that is countably additive, translation invariant and satisfies  $\mu([a, b]) = b - a \quad \forall a \leq b$ .

First way to fix this problem: restrict  $\mu$  to a family of "nice" sets.

Let  $X$  be a nonempty set.

Def:  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq 2^X$  is an algebra of subsets of  $X$  if it is nonempty and

- ①  $E_1, \dots, E_n \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i \in \mathcal{A}$
  - ②  $E \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow E^c \in \mathcal{A}$
- "closed under complements"      "closed under finite unions"

Lemma: If  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{A}$  is an algebra, then

- ①  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{C}\mathcal{A}, X \in \mathcal{C}\mathcal{A}$
- ②  $E_1, \dots, E_n \in \mathcal{C}\mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i \in \mathcal{C}\mathcal{A}$

"closed under  
finite intersections"

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Ex:

(i)  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{A} = \{\emptyset, X\}$

(ii)  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{A} = 2^X$

(iii) Let  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{A}$  be the collection of all finite and cofinite subsets of  $X$ .

Def:  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq 2^X$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $X$  if it is an algebra and if it is closed under countable unions.

Remark: A  $\sigma$ -algebra is also closed under countable intersections.

Remark: Any algebra that is closed under countable disjoint unions, that is,

$$\{E_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathcal{A} \text{ disjoint} \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \in \mathcal{A}$$

is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

Ex: (i) and (ii) are  $\sigma$ -algebras.  
(iii) isn't always.

Def: Given a nonempty set  $X$  and a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq 2^X$ , we will call  $(X, \mathcal{M})$  a measurable space. We will call  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  a measurable set.

Prop: Given any  $E \subseteq 2^X$ , there exists a smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing  $E$ , which we denote  $\mathcal{M}(E)$  and refer to as the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $E$ .

That is, all other  $\sigma$ -algebras  $\mathcal{F}_1$  that contain  $\mathcal{C}$  satisfy  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{C}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}_1$ .

Pf:

Claim: Given any nonempty collection  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\sigma$ -algebras on  $X$ , then  $\bigcap \mathcal{C} := \{E \subseteq X : E \in \mathcal{A} \forall \mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{C}\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

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Let  $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathcal{A} : \mathcal{A} \subseteq 2^X \text{ is a } \sigma\text{-alg, } \mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{A}\}$ . Since  $2^X \in \mathcal{C}$ , we see that  $\mathcal{C}$  is nonempty.

By CLAIM,  $\mathcal{N}\mathcal{C}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

By defn of  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $E \in \mathcal{N}\mathcal{C}$  and  
for any  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$   
s.t.  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{N}\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ .

Thus  $\mathcal{M}(E) = \mathcal{N}\mathcal{C}$ . □

Remark: Intuitively,  $\mathcal{M}(E)$   
creates a  $\sigma$ -algebra containing  
 $E$  by "going from the outside  
in," that is, with  $\sigma$ -algebras  
that are too big and taking  
intersections.

Recall: a topology  $\tau$  on  $X$  is a collection of subsets of  $X$  that is closed under arbitrary unions and finite intersections. elements of  $\tau$  are "open sets"

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space.

Def: The Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $X$ , denote  $\mathcal{B}(X)$ , is the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $\tau$ . Its members are known as Borel sets.



What do the Borel sets "look like"? Go from inside out...

Notation:  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq 2^X$

$\mathcal{F}^\sigma :=$  all countable unions of elements of  $\mathcal{F}$

$\mathcal{F}^\delta :=$  all countable inters. of elements of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

$\overline{\mathcal{F}} :=$  all complements of elements of  $\mathcal{F}$

To build  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  from inside out...

$\mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}^\delta \rightarrow \mathcal{T}^\delta \cup \overline{(\mathcal{T}^\delta)} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(X)$

"Borel hierarchy"

uncountably many steps

Prop: The Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  
denote  $\mathcal{B}\mathbb{R}$ , is generated  
by each of the following  
(i) open intervals,  $\mathcal{E}_1 = \{(a, b) : a < b\}$   
(ii) closed " "  $\mathcal{E}_2 = \{[a, b] : a \leq b\}$   
(iii) half-open " "  $\mathcal{E}_3 = \{[a, b) : a < b\}$   
(iv) open rays,  $\mathcal{E}_4 = \{(a, +\infty) : a \in \mathbb{R}\}$   
(v) closed rays,  $\mathcal{E}_5 = \{[a, +\infty) : a \in \mathbb{R}\}$

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## Measures

Def: Given a measurable space  
 $(X, \mathcal{M})$ , a measure is a  
function  $\mu: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$  s.t.

(i)  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$

(ii) given  $\{E_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$  disjoint,

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i).$$

We call  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  a measure space.

Ex: (Dirac mass / Dirac measure)

$$(X, \mathcal{M}) = (X, 2^X)$$

Fix  $x_0 \in X$  and define

$$\mu(A) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_0 \in A \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Often denoted  $\mu = \delta_{x_0}$ .

Ex: (counting measure)

$$(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{M}) = (\mathcal{X}, 2^{\mathcal{X}})$$

$$\mu(A) = \# \text{ of elements in } A$$

Thm: For any measure space  
 $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  and  $A, B \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  
 $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$ ,

$$(i) A \subseteq B \Rightarrow \mu(A) \leq \mu(B)$$

$$(ii) A \subseteq B, \mu(A) < +\infty$$

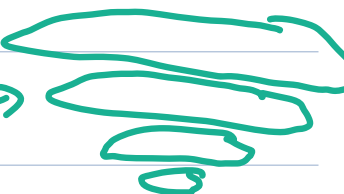
$$\Rightarrow \mu(B \setminus A) = \mu(B) - \mu(A)$$

not necessarily disjoint

$$(iii) \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i)$$

$$(iv) A_i \subseteq A_{i+1} \forall i \Rightarrow \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_i)$$

"continuity from below"

$i+1 \rightarrow i$  

$$(v) A_{i+1} \subseteq A_i \quad \forall i, \quad \mu(A_1) < +\infty \\ \Rightarrow \mu\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_i)$$

"continuity from above"

Pf:

(i) See Lec 1

$$(ii) \mu(B) = \mu((B \setminus A) \cup A) = \mu(B \setminus A) + \mu(A)$$

Since  $\mu(A) < +\infty$ , we may subtract  $\mu(A)$  to obtain result.

(iii) Define  $B_1 = A_1$ ,  $B_2 = A_2 \setminus A_1, \dots$ ,  
 $B_n = A_n \setminus \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} A_i\right)$ .

Then  $\{B_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is disjoint and  
 $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n$ .

Thus,

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(B_n)$$

$B_n \subseteq A_n$ ,  $\downarrow$   
by part (i)  $\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_n)$ .

(iv) next time :)