

Review of Basic Measure Theory (continued).

2.2 Vector-valued (Borel) measures

Let be given:

- a positive (Borel) measure μ on X ,
- a finite dimensional normed space F ,
- a map $\rho: X \rightarrow F$ in $L^1(\mu)$.

We denote by $\rho\mu$ the F -valued measure on X defined by

$$[\rho\mu](E) := \int_E \rho \, d\mu.$$

Theorem 1 Every F -valued Borel measure λ on X can be represented as $\lambda = \rho\mu$ for suitable ρ, μ as above.

Notation Given $\lambda = \rho\mu$ as above, we define

- the **variation** $|\lambda| := |\rho|_F \cdot \mu$ (a positive measure on X);
- the **mass** $M(\lambda) = \|\lambda\| := |\lambda|(X) = \int_X |\rho|_F \, d\mu = \|\rho\|_{L^1(\mu)}$.
- $\mathcal{M}(X, F)$ the space of all F -valued measures on X .

We write $\mathcal{M}(X)$ for $\mathcal{M}(X, \mathbb{R})$.

The representation $\lambda = \rho\mu$ is not unique, but $|\lambda|$ and $M(\lambda)$ do NOT depend on the choice of the representation.

Theorem 1 does not hold if F is infinite dimensional.

Proposition 2 The space $\mathcal{M}(X, F)$ endowed with the norm $M(\lambda) = \|\lambda\|$ is a Banach space.

Riesz Theorem

Given $\lambda = \rho\mu \in \mathcal{M}(X, F)$ and a bounded (Borel) function $g: X \rightarrow F^*$
 set \uparrow
dual of F

$$T_\lambda(g) := \int_X g d\lambda := \int_X \underbrace{\langle g(x); \rho(x) \rangle}_{\text{action of } g(x) \in F^* \text{ on } \rho(x) \in F} d\mu(x)$$

Assume now that X is compact:

Proposition 3 T_λ is a bounded linear functional on $\mathcal{E}(X, F^*)$
 and $\|T_\lambda\| = M(\lambda)$.

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$$\text{this means } \sup_{\|g\|_\infty \leq 1} \int_X \langle g; \rho \rangle d\mu = \|\rho\|_{L^1(\mu)}$$

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space of continuous functions from X to F^* with supremum norm $\|\cdot\|_\infty$

Theorem 4 (Riesz Th.) The operator $\lambda \mapsto T_\lambda$ is a linear isometry from $\mathcal{M}(X, F)$ onto the dual of $\mathcal{E}(X, F^*)$.

The nontrivial (and fundamental) part is the surjectivity.
 The rest of the statement is contained in Proposition 3.

If X is locally compact we only consider g in $\mathcal{E}_0(X, F^*)$.
 That is, the space of all continuous $g: X \rightarrow F^*$ s.t. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = 0$
 endowed with the supremum norm.

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This limit is understood in the sense of the one-point (or Alexandrov) compactification of X ; it means that $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists K$ compact in X s.t. $|g(x)|_{F^*} \leq \varepsilon \quad \forall x \in X \setminus K$.

Theorem 5 (Riesz Th.) The operator $\lambda \mapsto T_\lambda$ is a linear isometry from $\mathcal{M}(X, F)$ onto the dual of $\mathcal{E}_0(X, F^*)$.

Weak* convergence of measures

2.2.1 Weak* topology and convergence

The identification of $\mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{F})$ and the dual of $\mathcal{E}(X, \mathcal{F}^*)$ (or $\mathcal{E}_0(X, \mathcal{F}^*)$) induces a weak* topology on $\mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{F})$, and a sequence of measures λ_n converge to λ iff

$$\int_X g d\lambda_n \rightarrow \int_X g d\lambda \quad \text{for every } g \in \mathcal{E}(X, \mathcal{F}^*).$$

We say that " λ_n converge to λ in the sense of measures," and write $\lambda_n \xrightarrow{*} \lambda$.

This topology is not metrizable, but its restriction to any bounded subset of $\mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{F})$ is metrizable.

▷ In practice, this is the most relevant topology on $\mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{F})$, much more than the norm topology.

2.2.2 Compactness

If λ_n is a bounded sequence in $\mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{F})$, that is, $M(\lambda_n) \leq C < +\infty$, then, up to subsequence, λ_n converge weakly* to some λ .

This is an immediate consequence of Banach-Alaoglu theorem.

2.2.3 Lower semicontinuity of the mass

If $\lambda_n \xrightarrow{*} \lambda$ in $\mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{F})$ then $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(\lambda_n) \geq M(\lambda)$.

This is an immediate consequence of the weak* semicontinuity of the norm of the dual. Or (equivalently) of the fact that the mass can be written as sup of weakly* continuous linear functionals:

$$M(\lambda) = \sup \left\{ \int_X g d\lambda : g \in \mathcal{E}(X, \mathcal{F}^*), \|g\|_\infty \leq 1 \right\}.$$

2.2.4 Weak* convergence and non-continuous test functions. I

Assume that X is compact, μ_n are positive finite measures, $\mu_n \xrightarrow{*} \mu$, and $g: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Borel but NOT continuous, e.g. $g = 1_E$.
 What can we say about $\int_X g d\mu_n$?

(a) g bounded below and l.s.c. $\Rightarrow \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X g d\mu_n \geq \int_X g d\mu$;

in particular A open in $X \Rightarrow \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_n(A) \geq \mu(A)$;

(b) g bounded above and u.s.c. $\Rightarrow \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X g d\mu_n \leq \int_X g d\mu$;

in particular C closed in $X \Rightarrow \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_n(C) \leq \mu(C)$;

(c) g bounded and $\mu(\underbrace{\text{Sing}(g)}_{\text{discontinuity set of } g}) = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X g d\mu_n = \int_X g d\mu$;

in particular E Borel and $\mu(\partial E) = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_n(E) = \mu(E)$.

Sketch of proof

(a) Take $g_n \in \mathcal{C}(X)$ s.t. $g_n(x) \uparrow g(x) \forall x \in X$.

(Such g_n exist because g is bounded below and l.s.c.)

class of positive finite meas. on X

Let $\Lambda_n(\mu) := \int_X g_n d\mu$ and $\Lambda(\mu) := \int_X g d\mu \forall \mu \in \mathcal{M}^+(X)$.

Then Λ_n is (weak*) continuous on \mathcal{M}^+ and $\Lambda_n \uparrow \Lambda$.

Hence Λ is (weak*) l.s.c. on \mathcal{M}^+ .

(b) Apply (a) to $-g$.

(c) $\forall x \in X$ set

g^* and g_* are the upper and lower semicontinuous envelopes of g

$g^*(x) := \limsup_{y \rightarrow x} g(y)$, $g_*(x) := \liminf_{y \rightarrow x} g(y)$.

Then

(1) g^* is bounded and u.s.c.;

(2) g_* is bounded and l.s.c.;

(3) $g_* \leq g \leq g^*$ on X ;

(4) $g_* = g = g^*$ on $X \setminus \text{Sing}(g)$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X g(x) d\mu &\stackrel{(3)}{\leq} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X g^*(x) d\mu \\
 &\stackrel{(1) + (2)}{\leq} \int_X g^* d\mu \\
 &\stackrel{(4) + \mu(\text{Sing}(g))=0}{=} \int_X g d\mu \\
 &\stackrel{(2) + (b)}{=} \int_X g_* d\mu \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X g_*(x) d\mu \stackrel{(3)}{\leq} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X g(x) d\mu
 \end{aligned}$$

□

2.2.5 Weak* convergence and non-continuous test functions. II

In the setting of § 2.2.4, assume that X is locally compact. Then statements (a)-(c) hold under the additional assumption

$$(*) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(\mu_n) = M(\mu).$$

If (*) does not hold the assumptions in statements (a)-(c) should be modified as follows:

(a) g is l.s.c. and $\liminf_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) \geq 0$; A is open;

(b) g is u.s.c. and $\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) \leq 0$; C is compact;

(c) $\mu(\text{Sing}(g)) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = 0$; \bar{E} is compact and $\mu(\partial E) = 0$.

2.2.6 Weak* convergence and non-continuous test functions. III

Let λ_n be F -valued measures on X such that $\lambda_n \xrightarrow{*} \lambda$ and $|\lambda_n| \xrightarrow{*} \mu$ (note that $|\lambda| \leq \mu$ but $=$ may not hold).

Let g be a function on X with values in \mathbb{R} or F^* .

Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X g d\lambda_n = \int_X g d\lambda$$

if ONE of the following sets of assumptions holds:

- (a) X compact, g bounded, $\mu(\text{Sing}(g)) = 0$;
- (b) X locally compact, $M(\lambda_n) \rightarrow M(\mu)$, g bounded, $\mu(\text{Sing}(g)) = 0$;
- (c) X locally compact, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} |g(x)| = 0$, $\mu(\text{Sing}(g)) = 0$.

Remarks

o Let $\mu_n \xrightarrow{*} \mu$ on X . If the measure μ_n are positive and X is compact then $M(\mu_n) \rightarrow M(\mu)$.

Indeed $\mu \geq 0$ implies

$$M(\mu) = \int_X 1 d\mu$$

and the RHS is a weak* continuous functional on $\mathcal{M}(X)$ because 1 is a function in $\mathcal{C}(X)$.

In general the conclusion may not hold if either the μ_n are not positive or X is not compact.

$\rightarrow \delta_x := \text{Dirac delta at } x \in X$

Example (a): $X := [0, 1]$, $\mu_n := \delta_0 - \delta_{1/n}$; then $\mu_n \xrightarrow{*} 0$ and $M(\mu_n) = 2 \forall n$.

Example (b): $X = \mathbb{R}$, $\mu_n := \delta_n$; then $\mu_n \xrightarrow{*} 0$ and $M(\mu_n) = 1 \forall n$.

o Let $\lambda_n \xrightarrow{*} \lambda$ on X . If the measures λ_n are not positive then it may happen that $|\lambda_n| \not\xrightarrow{*} |\lambda|$.

Example: $X := [0, 1]$, $\lambda_n := \delta_0 - \delta_{1/n}$; then $\lambda_n \xrightarrow{*} 0$ and $|\lambda_n| = \delta_0 + \delta_{1/n} \xrightarrow{*} 2\delta_0$.

However, if $M(\lambda_n) \rightarrow M(\lambda)$ then $|\lambda_n| \xrightarrow{*} |\lambda|$.

2.3 Outer measures

Given a set X , an **outer measure** on X is a set function $\mu: \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$ (where $\mathcal{P}(X)$ is the power set of X) s.t.:

(a) $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$;

(b) $E \subset E' \Rightarrow \mu(E) \leq \mu(E')$ (monotonicity);

(c) $E \subset \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \Rightarrow \mu(E) \leq \sum_1^{\infty} \mu(E_n)$ (σ -subadditivity).

Note that (b) is implied by (c).

Examples

(1) counting measure: $\mu(E) := \#E$;

(2) Dirac delta at $x \in X$: $\delta_x(E) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in E \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin E \end{cases}$;

(3) $\mu(E) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } E \neq \emptyset \\ 0 & \text{if } E = \emptyset \end{cases}$.

Definition

A set $E \subset X$ is **μ -measurable** (according to Caratheodory) if

$$\mu(F) = \mu(F \cap E) + \mu(F \setminus E) \quad \forall F \subset X.$$

Equivalently: $\mu = \mu \llcorner E + \mu \llcorner (X \setminus E)$.

Note that $\mu \leq \mu \llcorner E + \mu \llcorner (X \setminus E)$ for every $E \subset X$ by subadditivity.

\mathcal{M}_μ denotes the class of all μ -measurable sets.

Proposition 1

The class \mathcal{M}_μ is a σ -algebra and the restriction of μ to \mathcal{M}_μ is σ -additive.

The proof is an exercise.

It is easy to see that $\mathcal{M}_\mu = \mathcal{P}(X)$ if μ is the counting measure on X or a Dirac delta.

What is \mathcal{M}_μ for the third example of outer measure given above?

Theorem 2 (Caratheodory)

If X is a metric space and μ is additive on distant sets, that is,

$$\mu(E \cup E') = \mu(E) + \mu(E') \text{ if } \underbrace{\inf\{d(x, x') : x \in E, x' \in E'\}}_{\text{dist}(E, E')} > 0,$$

then \mathcal{M}_μ contains the Borel σ -algebra $\beta(X)$.

In particular the restriction of μ to $\beta(X)$ is a measure.

The proof of this result is nontrivial.