

Lecture 5.

Let $\mu^*: \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be an outer measure. We want to obtain a measure by restricting to a σ -algebra.

Def 1. A set $E \subseteq X$ is μ^* -measurable if $\forall A \subseteq X$

$$(1) \quad \mu^*(A) = \mu^*(A \cap E) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c).$$

Rem. By subadditivity, we always have " \leq " in (1). Thus, for μ^* -meas., one only needs to check

$$(2) \quad \mu^*(A) \geq \mu^*(A \cap E) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c).$$

Carathéodory's Thm. Let μ^* be an outer measure and $\mathcal{M} = \{E \subseteq X : E \text{ is } \mu^*\text{-meas.}\}$. Then, \mathcal{M} is a σ -algebra and $\mu := \mu^*|_{\mathcal{M}}$ is a complete measure.

Pf. Clearly, \mathcal{M} is closed under taking complements. To see closed under countable unions, we first check finite unions.

Let E, F be μ^* -measurable and $A \in \mathcal{X} \Rightarrow$

$$(3) \mu^*(A) = \mu^*(A \cap E) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c) = \mu^*(A \cap E \cap F) + \mu^*(A \cap E \cap F^c) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c \cap F) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c \cap F^c).$$

$$\text{Also, } E \cup F = (E \cap F) \cup (E \cap F^c) \cup (F \cap E^c).$$

By subadd. \Rightarrow

$$\mu^*(A \cap (E \cup F)) \leq \mu^*(A \cap (E \cap F)) + \mu^*(A \cap (E \cap F^c)) + \mu^*(A \cap (F \cap E^c))$$

(3) \Rightarrow

$$(4) \mu^*(A) \geq \mu^*(A \cap (E \cup F)) + \mu^*(A \cap \underbrace{(E^c \cap F^c)}_{(E \cup F)^c})$$

$\Rightarrow E \cup F$ is μ^* -meas.

An inductive argument $\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is an algebra (closed under complements and finite unions).

Moreover, if $E, F \in \mathcal{M}$ are disjoint,
 then (4) w/ $A = E \cup F$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^*(E \cup F) &= \mu^*((E \cup F) \cap E) + \mu^*((E \cup F) \cap E^c) \\ &= \mu^*(E) + \mu^*(F) \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \mu = \mu^*|_{\mathcal{M}}$ is finitely additive measure.

Next, consider $E = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$, where $E_k \in \mathcal{M}$.

WLOG. $E_k \cap E_l = \emptyset$ if $l \neq k$. (Otherwise, repeat with $E'_k = E_k \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^{k-1} E_j$.) WTS. $E \in \mathcal{M}$.

Set $F_k = \bigcup_{j=1}^k E_j$, then $E = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k$ and

for $A \in \mathcal{X}$:

$$\begin{aligned} (5) \mu^*(A \cap E_k) &= \mu^*(A \cap F_k \cap E_k) + \mu^*(A \cap F_k \cap E_k^c) \\ &= \mu^*(A \cap E_k) + \mu^*(A \cap \underbrace{\bigcup_{j=1}^{k-1} E_j}_{F_{k-1}}) = \dots = \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^k \mu^*(A \cap E_j).$$

(5) \Rightarrow For any n :

$$\mu^*(A) = \mu^*(A \cap F_n) + \mu^*(A \cap F_n^c) \stackrel{\text{monotonicity}}{\geq} \sum_{k=1}^n \mu^*(A \cap E_k) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c), \text{ so } n \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$$

$$(6) \mu^*(A) \geq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A \cap E_k) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c) \stackrel{\text{subadd.}}{\geq} \mu^*(A \cap E) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c)$$

$\Rightarrow E \in \mathcal{M}$ as desired.

Moreover, " \geq " above are in fact " $=$ " by remark above. Taking $A = E$ in (6) \Rightarrow

$$(7) \mu^*(E) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(E_k) \text{ (countable add.)}$$

Thus, \mathcal{M} is σ -algebra and $\mu = \mu^*|_{\mathcal{M}}$ is a measure. To complete proof, must establish completeness.

So, let $B \in \mathcal{N} \in \mathcal{M}$, $\mu(N) = 0$. Then, $\mu^*(B) = 0$ and for $A \in \mathcal{X}$

$$\mu^*(A) \leq \underbrace{\mu^*(A \cap B)}_{=0 \text{ by monot.}} + \mu^*(A \cap B^c) \leq \mu^*(A) \Rightarrow B \in \mathcal{M}$$

subadd. \rightarrow monot. μ complete. \square