

A Measure Theory (esp. Lebesgue Measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ ) (Ch. 1)

$X =$  <sup>(non-empty)</sup> a set (e.g.  $\mathbb{R}, [0,1], \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \dots$ )

$\mathcal{P}(X) = \{E \mid E \subset X\}$  (e.g.  $X, \emptyset \in \mathcal{P}(X), \mathbb{Q} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}), \dots$ )

• a measure,  $\mu$  of "size" of subsets  $E \subset X$  should satisfy:

1.  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$
2.  $\mu(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_j)$  if  $\{E_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  disjoint
3.  $\mu(E) \geq 0$



- Examples:
1.  $E \subset X, \mu(E) = \#\{x \mid x \in E\}$  "counting measure"
  2. fix  $x_0 \in X, \mu(E) = \begin{cases} 1 & x_0 \in E \\ 0 & x_0 \notin E \end{cases}$  "Dirac measure"  
 $\mu = \delta_{x_0}$

What subsets should we measure? All?

Ex: (Folland, p. 20)  $\exists E \subset [0, 1)$  s.t. with  $E_r := E + r \pmod{1}$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \cdot \{E_r\}_{r \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1)} \text{ disjoint} \\ \cdot \bigcup_{r \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1)} E_r = [0, 1) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{cond. 2. is inconsistent with}$

$\mu([0, 1)) = 1$   
 $\mu(E_r) = \mu(E)$  "fran. inv."  
 (exercise)

$\Rightarrow$  any generalization of "length" cannot measure all subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$

Def: a measure on  $(X, \mathcal{M} \subset \mathcal{P}(X))$  "measurable sets"  
is a fn.  $\mu: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  satisfying 1.-2. above.

where  $\mathcal{M}$  is a: (non-empty)

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(Def: algebra: closed under  
• complement  
• finite unions)



- Exercise:
1. any algebra  $\ni \emptyset, X$
  2.  $\sigma$ -alg. (alg.) closed under countable  $\cap$  (finite)
  3.  $\bigcap \sigma$ -alg.'s is a  $\sigma$ -alg.
  4. an algebra closed under countable disjoint  $\cup$  is a  $\sigma$ -alg.

non-empty

Def: for  $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$ , the  $\sigma$ -alg. generated by  $\mathcal{E}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{E}) &= \text{smallest } \sigma\text{-alg. containing } \mathcal{E} \\ &= \bigcap \text{ of all } \sigma\text{-alg.'s containing } \mathcal{E} \end{aligned}$$

Example (import):  $X$  a topological space. The Borel  
 $\sigma$ -alg on  $X$  is the  $\sigma$ -alg. generated by the open sets.  
 $B_X$

Props 1.  $B_{\mathbb{R}}$  contains

- open sets
- closed sets
- countable unions of closed sets (" $F_\sigma$  sets")
- "  $\cap$  " "open" (" $G_\delta$  sets")

2.  $B_{\mathbb{R}}$  are generated by any of

these families:  $\{(a, b) \mid a < b\}$ ,  $\{[a, b]\}$ ,  $\{(a, b]\}$ ,  $\{[a, b)\}$ ,  $\{(-\infty, a)\}$ ,  $\{(a, \infty)\}$ ,  $\{(-\infty, b)\}$ ,  $\{(-\infty, \infty)\}$   
(exercise).