

## Announcements

- Piazza.
- HW3 Q3 typo,  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_c$  should be  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ .
- Office hour reminder
  - M 12:30-1:30pm in-person.
  - T 1:30-2:30pm in-person.
  - Th 1-2pm online.

### Theorem .0.1 (Locally finite Borel measures on $\mathbb{R}$ )

Our work last time in fact classifies locally finite Borel measures on  $\mathbb{R}$

- (a) If  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a distribution function, then there exists a unique locally finite Borel measure  $\mu_F$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying  $\mu_F((a, b]) = F(b) - F(a)$  for every  $a < b$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
 This essentially follows from ??.
- (b) Suppose  $F, G : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are distribution functions. Then,  $\mu_F = \mu_G$  on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$  if and only if  $F - G$  is a constant function. (HW)
- (c) ?? implies that these are all of the locally finite Borel measures on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

## .1. Lebesgue-Stieltjes measures on $\mathbb{R}$

The general sketch of what is going on

$$F \text{ dist. fn} \xrightarrow{HK} \mu_F \text{ on Carathéory } \sigma\text{-algebra } \mathcal{A}_{\mu_F} \supseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}).$$

Then HW3 implies that  $(\mathcal{A}_{\mu_F}, \mu_F) = \overline{(\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}), \mu_F)}$  (the completion).

### Definition .1.1 (Lebesgue-Stieltjes measure)

For a distribution function  $F$ , we call  $\mu_F$  on  $\mathcal{A}_{\mu_F}$  the Lebesgue-Stieltjes measure corresponding to  $F$ .  
 A special case, when  $F(x) = x$ , is called the Lebesgue measure  $m$  on the Lebesgue  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{L}$ .

### Example .1.1 (Discrete Measures) (a) Write

$$F(x-) = \lim_{a \rightarrow x-} F(a) \qquad F(x+) = \lim_{a \rightarrow x+} F(a).$$

Then we have because  $F$  is right-continuous and increasing that

$$F(x-) \leq F(x) = F(x+).$$

(HW) then gives us that  $\mu_F(\{a\}) = F(a) - F(a-)$ . As well we have

$$\mu_F([a, b]) = F(b) - F(a-)$$

$$\mu_F((a, b)) = F(b-) - F(a).$$

- (b) Consider the following function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}.$$

Then  $\mu_F(\{0\}) = 1$ ,  $\mu_F(\mathbb{R}) = 1$ , and  $\mu_F(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}) = 0$ . Generally

$$\mu_F(A) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } 0 \notin A \end{cases}$$

$\mu_F$  is called the Dirac measure at 0.

(c) Write  $\mathbb{Q} = \{r_1, r_2, \dots\}$ . Then define

$$F_n(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \geq r_n \\ 0 & \text{if } x < r_n \end{cases}$$

$$F(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_n(x)}{2^n}.$$

Then we have  $\mu_F(\{r\}) > 0$  for all  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ , whereas  $\mu_F(\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}) = 0$  (HW).

(d) If  $F$  is continuous at  $a$ , then  $\mu_F(\{a\}) = 0$ .

(e) For  $F(x) = x$  we have

$$m((a, b]) = m((a, b)) = m([a, b]) = b - a$$

(f) For  $F(x) = e^x$  we have

$$\mu_F((a, b]) = \mu_F((a, b)) = \mu_F([a, b]) = e^b - e^a$$

Cases (b), (c) are examples of discrete measures

We make some quick definitions

**Definition .1.2** (Dirac Measure)

Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . The Dirac measure at  $a$ , denoted by  $\delta_a$ , is the measure corresponding to the distribution function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \geq a \\ 0 & \text{if } x < a \end{cases}.$$

We call a measure  $\mu$  on  $X$  discrete if there is a countable set  $A$  such that  $\mu(\{a\}) > 0$  for all  $a \in A$  and  $\mu(X \setminus A) = 0$ .

**Example .1.2** (Middle Thirds Cantor Set)

We define the Middle Thirds Cantor Set. We start with  $K_0 = [0, 1]$ . We remove the middle open interval. That is

$$K_1 = K_0 \setminus (1/3, 2/3).$$

$$K_2 = K_1 \setminus [(1/9, 2/9) \cup (7/9, 8/9)]$$

$$K_n = K_{n-1} \setminus \left[ \bigcup_{k=0}^{3^n-1} \left( \frac{3k+1}{3^{n+1}}, \frac{3k+2}{3^{n+1}} \right) \right]$$

$$C = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n$$

We will show that  $C$  is uncountable, and that  $m(C) = 0$ .

We see that  $x \in C$  if and only if  $x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n/3$  for some  $a_n \in \{0, 2\}$

Keep in mind that  $1/3 = 0.1 = 0.022222 \dots \in C$ .

**Example .1.3** (Cantor Function)

We define a function  $F$  to be 0 to the left of 0, 1 to the right of 1. Then we define  $F$  to be  $1/2$  on  $(1/3, 2/3)$ . Then to be  $1/4$  on  $(1/9, 2/9)$  and  $3/4$  on  $(7/9, 8/9)$  and so on. This is called the Cantor Function.

We will show that  $F$  is continuous and increasing on (HW), making it a distribution function.

We then have the following comparison

Cantor Measure	Lebesgue Measure
$\mu_F(\mathbb{R} \setminus C) = 0$	$m(\mathbb{R} \setminus C) = \infty > 0$
$\mu_F(C) = 1$	$m(C) = 0$
$\mu_F(\{a\}) = 0$	$m(\{a\}) = 0$ .

$\mu_F$  and  $m$  are said to be “singular to each other” which will be defined formally sometime later ??.

## .2. Regularity properties of Lebesgue-Stieltjes measures

**Lemma .2.1**

Let  $\mu$  be a LS measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then for all  $\mu$ -measurable  $A$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(A) &= \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu((a_i, b_i]) \mid \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (a_i, b_i] \supseteq A \right\} \\ &= \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu((a_i, b_i)) \mid \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (a_i, b_i) \supseteq A \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

These come from the definition of outer measure (for the first), and continuity of the measure for the second. Things like

$$(a, b) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (a, b - 1/n] \qquad (a, b] = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (a, b + 1/n]$$

This is left as (HW).