

### Day 23 — Summary — Lebesgue Measure

1. A measure  $\mu$  is a mapping from a collection of subsets  $\Sigma$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  to the extended reals, satisfying:

- $E \in \Sigma \Rightarrow \mu(E) \geq 0$
- $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$
- Countable additivity: If  $\{E_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  are pairwise disjoint, then  $\mu(\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} E_i) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(E_i)$ .

2. If we want  $\mu((a, b)) = b - a$ , then there are sets that can not be assigned a measure.

3. Let  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ . For an interval  $I = (a, b)$ , let  $|I| = b - a$ . The Lebesgue outer measure of  $E$  is defined as

$$\mu^*(E) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} |I_k| \mid E \subset \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} I_k, I_k \text{ an open interval} \right\}$$

4. A set  $E$  has measure zero if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , there exist open intervals  $\{I_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $E \subset \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} I_k$  and  $\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} |I_k| \leq \varepsilon$ .

5. Any countable set has measure zero.

6. There is an uncountable set of measure zero.

7. Properties of the Lebesgue outer measure:

- $\mu^*(\emptyset) = 0$ .
- $A \subset B \Rightarrow \mu^*(A) \leq \mu^*(B)$ .
- Countable subadditivity: If  $\{E_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a countable collection of sets, then  $\mu^*(\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} E_i) \leq \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mu^*(E_i)$ .
- $\mu^*([a, b]) = b - a$ .

8. The Lebesgue outer measure is a measure when restricted to certain subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ . These subsets are called measurable sets. The set of measurable sets contains all intervals, is closed under complementation, and is closed under countable unions and countable intersections.

Q) What is  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} 1_E(x) dx$ ? Should be 1. "length of S"

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What is size of an arbitrary set? Call it the measure  $\mu(E)$

Want:

•  $\mu\{(a,b)\} = b-a$

•  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$

•  $\mu(E) \geq 0$

•  $\mu(E_1 \cup E_2) = \mu(E_1) + \mu(E_2)$  if  $E_1 \cap E_2 = \emptyset$

•  $\mu(\bigcup_i E_i) = \sum_i \mu(E_i)$  if  $E_i$  are pairwise disjoint

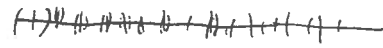
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$\mu^*$  is larger than "size" of  $E$  :  $\mu^*(E) \leq \sum_i |I_i|$

If  $\mu^*(E) = a$ , then you can ~~take~~ cover the whole set with intervals with combined length no more than  $a + \epsilon$  for any  $\epsilon$ .

$$5) \text{ Let } E = \{x_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$$

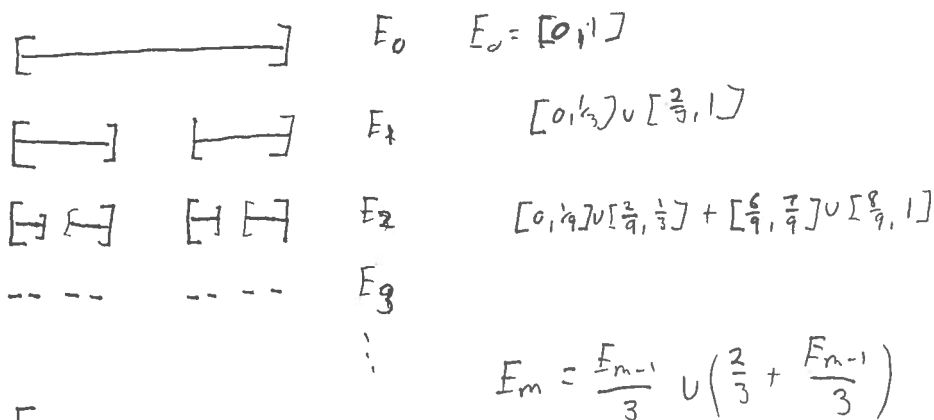


$E$  has measure 0

$$E \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{\left(x_i - \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{ni}}, x_i + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{ni}}\right)}_{I_i}$$

$$|I_i| = \frac{1}{2^i} \quad \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |I_i| = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varepsilon}{2^i} = \varepsilon.$$

6) Middle third cantor set has



$$\text{Let } C = \bigcap_{m=0}^{\infty} E_m$$

~~Proof~~

Middle third cantor set has measure 0

$$C \subset E_m \quad \forall m \quad |E_m| = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^m$$

So  $\forall \epsilon \exists E_m$  finite union of intervals of size  $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^m < \epsilon$  for sufficiently large  $m$ .

Middle third cantor set is uncountable.

Consists of all reals with only 0 or 2 in ternary expansion.  
Uncountably many of these