

3. Stieltjes-Lebesgue Measure

Definition 12 Let $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ and $\mu : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$ be a map. We say that μ is **finitely additive** if and only if, given $n \geq 1$:

$$A \in \mathcal{A}, A_i \in \mathcal{A}, A = \bigsqcup_{i=1}^n A_i \Rightarrow \mu(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(A_i)$$

We say that μ is **finitely sub-additive** if and only if, given $n \geq 1$:

$$A \in \mathcal{A}, A_i \in \mathcal{A}, A \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i \Rightarrow \mu(A) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(A_i)$$

EXERCISE 1. Let $\mathcal{S} \triangleq \{]a, b[\text{ , } a, b \in \mathbf{R}\}$ be the set of all intervals $]a, b[$, defined as $]a, b[= \{x \in \mathbf{R}, a < x < b\}$.

1. Show that $]a, b[\cap]c, d[=]a \vee c, b \wedge d[$
2. Show that $]a, b[\setminus]c, d[=]a, b \wedge c[\cup]a \vee d, b[$

3. Show that $c \leq d \Rightarrow b \wedge c \leq a \vee d$.
4. Show that \mathcal{S} is a semi-ring on \mathbf{R} .

EXERCISE 2. Suppose \mathcal{S} is a semi-ring in Ω and $\mu : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$ is finitely additive. Show that μ can be extended to a finitely additive map $\bar{\mu} : \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{S}) \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$, with $\bar{\mu}|_{\mathcal{S}} = \mu$.

EXERCISE 3. Everything being as before, Let $A \in \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{S})$, $A_i \in \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{S})$, $A \subseteq \cup_{i=1}^n A_i$ where $n \geq 1$. Define $B_1 = A_1 \cap A$ and for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$:

$$B_{i+1} \triangleq (A_{i+1} \cap A) \setminus ((A_1 \cap A) \cup \dots \cup (A_i \cap A))$$

1. Show that B_1, \dots, B_n are pairwise disjoint elements of $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{S})$ such that $A = \uplus_{i=1}^n B_i$.
2. Show that for all $i = 1, \dots, n$, we have $\bar{\mu}(B_i) \leq \bar{\mu}(A_i)$.
3. Show that $\bar{\mu}$ is finitely sub-additive.

4. Show that μ is finitely sub-additive.

EXERCISE 4. Let $F : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a right-continuous, non-decreasing map. Let \mathcal{S} be the semi-ring on \mathbf{R} , $\mathcal{S} = \{]a, b[, a, b \in \mathbf{R}\}$. Define the map $\mu : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$ by $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$, and:

$$\forall a \leq b , \mu(]a, b[) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} F(b) - F(a) \quad (1)$$

Let $a < b$ and $a_i < b_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $n \geq 1$, with :

$$]a, b[= \bigsqcup_{i=1}^n]a_i, b_i[$$

1. Show that there is $i_1 \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that $a_{i_1} = a$.
2. Show that $]b_{i_1}, b[= \bigsqcup_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \{i_1\}}]a_i, b_i[$
3. Show the existence of a permutation (i_1, \dots, i_n) of $\{1, \dots, n\}$ such that $a = a_{i_1} < b_{i_1} = a_{i_2} < \dots < b_{i_n} = b$.

4. Show that μ is finitely additive and finitely sub-additive.

EXERCISE 5. μ being defined as before, suppose $a < b$ and $a_n < b_n$ for $n \geq 1$ with:

$$]a, b] = \bigcup_{n=1}^{+\infty}]a_n, b_n]$$

Given $N \geq 1$, let (i_1, \dots, i_N) be a permutation of $\{1, \dots, N\}$ with:

$$a \leq a_{i_1} < b_{i_1} \leq a_{i_2} < \dots < b_{i_N} \leq b$$

1. Show that $\sum_{k=1}^N F(b_{i_k}) - F(a_{i_k}) \leq F(b) - F(a)$.
2. Show that $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \mu(]a_n, b_n]) \leq \mu(]a, b])$
3. Given $\epsilon > 0$, show that there is $\eta \in]0, b - a[$ such that:

$$0 \leq F(a + \eta) - F(a) \leq \epsilon$$

4. For $n \geq 1$, show that there is $\eta_n > 0$ such that:

$$0 \leq F(b_n + \eta_n) - F(b_n) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2^n}$$

5. Show that $[a + \eta, b] \subseteq \cup_{n=1}^{+\infty}]a_n, b_n + \eta_n[$.

6. Explain why there exist $p \geq 1$ and integers n_1, \dots, n_p such that:

$$]a + \eta, b] \subseteq \cup_{k=1}^p]a_{n_k}, b_{n_k} + \eta_{n_k}[$$

7. Show that $F(b) - F(a) \leq 2\epsilon + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} F(b_n) - F(a_n)$

8. Show that $\mu : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$ is a measure.

Definition 13 A **topology** on Ω is a subset \mathcal{T} of the power set $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$, with the following properties:

- (i) $\Omega, \emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$
- (ii) $A, B \in \mathcal{T} \Rightarrow A \cap B \in \mathcal{T}$
- (iii) $A_i \in \mathcal{T}, \forall i \in I \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i \in \mathcal{T}$

Property (iii) of definition (13) can be translated as: for any family $(A_i)_{i \in I}$ of elements of \mathcal{T} , the union $\cup_{i \in I} A_i$ is still an element of \mathcal{T} . Hence, a topology on Ω , is a set of subsets of Ω containing Ω and the empty set, which is closed under finite intersection and arbitrary union.

Definition 14 A **topological space** is an ordered pair (Ω, \mathcal{T}) , where Ω is a set and \mathcal{T} is a topology on Ω .

Definition 15 Let (Ω, \mathcal{T}) be a topological space. We say that $A \subseteq \Omega$ is an **open set** in Ω , if and only if it is an element of the topology \mathcal{T} . We say that $A \subseteq \Omega$ is a **closed set** in Ω , if and only if its complement A^c is an open set in Ω .

Definition 16 Let (Ω, \mathcal{T}) be a topological space. We define the **Borel σ -algebra** on Ω , denoted $\mathcal{B}(\Omega)$, as the σ -algebra on Ω , generated by the topology \mathcal{T} . In other words, $\mathcal{B}(\Omega) = \sigma(\mathcal{T})$

Definition 17 We define the **usual topology** on \mathbf{R} , denoted $\mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{R}}$, as the set of all $U \subseteq \mathbf{R}$ such that:

$$\forall x \in U, \exists \epsilon > 0,]x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon[\subseteq U$$

EXERCISE 6. Show that $\mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{R}}$ is indeed a topology on \mathbf{R} .

EXERCISE 7. Consider the semi-ring $\mathcal{S} \triangleq \{]a, b], a, b \in \mathbf{R}\}$. Let $\mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{R}}$ be the usual topology on \mathbf{R} , and $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R})$ be the Borel σ -algebra on \mathbf{R} .

1. Let $a \leq b$. Show that $]a, b] = \bigcap_{n=1}^{+\infty}]a, b + 1/n[$.

2. Show that $\sigma(\mathcal{S}) \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R})$.
3. Let U be an open subset of \mathbf{R} . Show that for all $x \in U$, there exist $a_x, b_x \in \mathbf{Q}$ such that $x \in]a_x, b_x] \subseteq U$.
4. Show that $U = \cup_{x \in U}]a_x, b_x]$.
5. Show that the set $I \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \{]a_x, b_x] , x \in U \}$ is countable.
6. Show that U can be written $U = \cup_{i \in I} A_i$ with $A_i \in \mathcal{S}$.
7. Show that $\sigma(\mathcal{S}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R})$.

Theorem 6 *Let \mathcal{S} be the semi-ring $\mathcal{S} = \{]a, b] , a, b \in \mathbf{R} \}$. Then, the Borel σ -algebra $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R})$ on \mathbf{R} , is generated by \mathcal{S} , i.e. $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}) = \sigma(\mathcal{S})$.*

Definition 18 *A **measurable space** is an ordered pair (Ω, \mathcal{F}) where Ω is a set and \mathcal{F} is a σ -algebra on Ω .*

Definition 19 A **measure space** is a triple $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ where (Ω, \mathcal{F}) is a measurable space and $\mu : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$ is a measure on \mathcal{F} .

EXERCISE 8. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ be a measure space. Let $(A_n)_{n \geq 1}$ be a sequence of elements of \mathcal{F} such that $A_n \subseteq A_{n+1}$ for all $n \geq 1$, and let $A = \cup_{n=1}^{+\infty} A_n$ (we write $A_n \uparrow A$). Define $B_1 = A_1$ and for all $n \geq 1$, $B_{n+1} = A_{n+1} \setminus A_n$.

1. Show that (B_n) is a sequence of pairwise disjoint elements of \mathcal{F} such that $A = \uplus_{n=1}^{+\infty} B_n$.
2. Given $N \geq 1$ show that $A_N = \uplus_{n=1}^N B_n$.
3. Show that $\mu(A_N) \rightarrow \mu(A)$ as $N \rightarrow +\infty$
4. Show that $\mu(A_n) \leq \mu(A_{n+1})$ for all $n \geq 1$.

Theorem 7 *Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ be a measure space. Then if $(A_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is a sequence of elements of \mathcal{F} , such that $A_n \uparrow A$, we have $\mu(A_n) \uparrow \mu(A)$ ¹.*

EXERCISE 9. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ be a measure space. Let $(A_n)_{n \geq 1}$ be a sequence of elements of \mathcal{F} such that $A_{n+1} \subseteq A_n$ for all $n \geq 1$, and let $A = \bigcap_{n=1}^{+\infty} A_n$ (we write $A_n \downarrow A$). We assume that $\mu(A_1) < +\infty$.

1. Define $B_n \triangleq A_1 \setminus A_n$ and show that $B_n \in \mathcal{F}, B_n \uparrow A_1 \setminus A$.
2. Show that $\mu(B_n) \uparrow \mu(A_1 \setminus A)$
3. Show that $\mu(A_n) = \mu(A_1) - \mu(A_1 \setminus A_n)$
4. Show that $\mu(A) = \mu(A_1) - \mu(A_1 \setminus A)$
5. Why is $\mu(A_1) < +\infty$ important in deriving those equalities.
6. Show that $\mu(A_n) \rightarrow \mu(A)$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$

¹i.e. the sequence $(\mu(A_n))_{n \geq 1}$ is non-decreasing and converges to $\mu(A)$.

7. Show that $\mu(A_{n+1}) \leq \mu(A_n)$ for all $n \geq 1$.

Theorem 8 *Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ be a measure space. Then if $(A_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is a sequence of elements of \mathcal{F} , such that $A_n \downarrow A$ and $\mu(A_1) < +\infty$, we have $\mu(A_n) \downarrow \mu(A)$.*

EXERCISE 10. Take $\Omega = \mathbf{R}$ and $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R})$. Suppose μ is a measure on $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R})$ such that $\mu(]a, b]) = b - a$, for $a < b$. Take $A_n =]n, +\infty[$.

1. Show that $A_n \downarrow \emptyset$.
2. Show that $\mu(A_n) = +\infty$, for all $n \geq 1$.
3. Conclude that $\mu(A_n) \downarrow \mu(\emptyset)$ fails to be true.

EXERCISE 11. Let $F : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a right-continuous, non-decreasing map. Show the existence of a measure $\mu : \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}) \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$ such that:

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbf{R}, a \leq b, \mu(]a, b]) = F(b) - F(a) \quad (2)$$

EXERCISE 12. Let μ_1, μ_2 be two measures on $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R})$ with property (2). For $n \geq 1$, we define:

$$\mathcal{D}_n \triangleq \{B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}), \mu_1(B \cap]-n, n]) = \mu_2(B \cap]-n, n])\}$$

1. Show that \mathcal{D}_n is a Dynkin system on \mathbf{R} .
2. Explain why $\mu_1(]-n, n]) < +\infty$ and $\mu_2(]-n, n]) < +\infty$ is needed when proving 1.
3. Show that $\mathcal{S} \triangleq \{]a, b], a, b \in \mathbf{R}\} \subseteq \mathcal{D}_n$.
4. Show that $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}) \subseteq \mathcal{D}_n$.
5. Show that $\mu_1 = \mu_2$.
6. Prove the following theorem.

Theorem 9 Let $F : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a right-continuous, non-decreasing map. There exists a unique measure $\mu : \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}) \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$ such that:

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbf{R}, a \leq b, \mu([a, b]) = F(b) - F(a)$$

Definition 20 Let $F : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a right-continuous, non-decreasing map. We call **Stieltjes measure** on \mathbf{R} associated with F , the unique measure on $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R})$, denoted dF , such that:

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbf{R}, a \leq b, dF([a, b]) = F(b) - F(a)$$

Definition 21 We call **Lebesgue measure** on \mathbf{R} , the unique measure on $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R})$, denoted dx , such that:

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbf{R}, a \leq b, dx([a, b]) = b - a$$

EXERCISE 13. Let $F : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a right-continuous, non-decreasing map. Let $x_0 \in \mathbf{R}$.

1. Show that the limit $F(x_0-) = \lim_{x < x_0, x \rightarrow x_0} F(x)$ exists and is an element of \mathbf{R} .

2. Show that $\{x_0\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{+\infty}]x_0 - 1/n, x_0]$.
3. Show that $\{x_0\} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R})$
4. Show that $dF(\{x_0\}) = F(x_0) - F(x_0-)$

EXERCISE 14. Let $F : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a right-continuous, non-decreasing map. Let $a \leq b$.

1. Show that $]a, b] \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R})$ and $dF(]a, b]) = F(b) - F(a)$
2. Show that $[a, b] \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R})$ and $dF([a, b]) = F(b) - F(a-)$
3. Show that $]a, b[\in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R})$ and $dF(]a, b[) = F(b-) - F(a)$
4. Show that $[a, b[\in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R})$ and $dF([a, b[) = F(b-) - F(a-)$

EXERCISE 15. Let \mathcal{A} be a subset of the power set $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$. Let $\Omega' \subseteq \Omega$. Define:

$$\mathcal{A}|_{\Omega'} \triangleq \{A \cap \Omega' , A \in \mathcal{A}\}$$

1. Show that if \mathcal{A} is a topology on Ω , $\mathcal{A}|_{\Omega'}$ is a topology on Ω' .
2. Show that if \mathcal{A} is a σ -algebra on Ω , $\mathcal{A}|_{\Omega'}$ is a σ -algebra on Ω' .

Definition 22 Let Ω be a set, and $\Omega' \subseteq \Omega$. Let \mathcal{A} be a subset of the power set $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$. We call **trace** of \mathcal{A} on Ω' , the subset $\mathcal{A}|_{\Omega'}$ of the power set $\mathcal{P}(\Omega')$ defined by:

$$\mathcal{A}|_{\Omega'} \triangleq \{A \cap \Omega' , A \in \mathcal{A}\}$$

Definition 23 Let (Ω, \mathcal{T}) be a topological space and $\Omega' \subseteq \Omega$. We call **induced topology** on Ω' , denoted $\mathcal{T}|_{\Omega'}$, the topology on Ω' defined by:

$$\mathcal{T}|_{\Omega'} \triangleq \{A \cap \Omega' , A \in \mathcal{T}\}$$

In other words, the induced topology $\mathcal{T}|_{\Omega'}$ is the trace of \mathcal{T} on Ω' .

EXERCISE 16. Let \mathcal{A} be a subset of the power set $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$. Let $\Omega' \subseteq \Omega$, and $\mathcal{A}|_{\Omega'}$ be the trace of \mathcal{A} on Ω' . Define:

$$\Gamma \triangleq \{A \in \sigma(\mathcal{A}) , A \cap \Omega' \in \sigma(\mathcal{A}|_{\Omega'})\}$$

where $\sigma(\mathcal{A}|_{\Omega'})$ refers to the σ -algebra generated by $\mathcal{A}|_{\Omega'}$ on Ω' .

1. Explain why the notation $\sigma(\mathcal{A}|_{\Omega'})$ by itself is ambiguous.
2. Show that $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \Gamma$.
3. Show that Γ is a σ -algebra on Ω .
4. Show that $\sigma(\mathcal{A}|_{\Omega'}) = \sigma(\mathcal{A})|_{\Omega'}$

Theorem 10 *Let $\Omega' \subseteq \Omega$ and \mathcal{A} be a subset of the power set $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$. Then, the trace on Ω' of the σ -algebra $\sigma(\mathcal{A})$ generated by \mathcal{A} , is equal to the σ -algebra on Ω' generated by the trace of \mathcal{A} on Ω' . In other words, $\sigma(\mathcal{A})|_{\Omega'} = \sigma(\mathcal{A}|_{\Omega'})$.*

EXERCISE 17. Let (Ω, \mathcal{T}) be a topological space and $\Omega' \subseteq \Omega$ with its induced topology $\mathcal{T}|_{\Omega'}$.

1. Show that $\mathcal{B}(\Omega)|_{\Omega'} = \mathcal{B}(\Omega')$.
2. Show that if $\Omega' \in \mathcal{B}(\Omega)$ then $\mathcal{B}(\Omega') \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\Omega)$.
3. Show that $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^+) = \{A \cap \mathbf{R}^+, A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R})\}$.
4. Show that $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^+) \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R})$.

EXERCISE 18. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ be a measure space and $\Omega' \subseteq \Omega$

1. Show that $(\Omega', \mathcal{F}_{|\Omega'})$ is a measurable space.
2. If $\Omega' \in \mathcal{F}$, show that $\mathcal{F}_{|\Omega'} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$.
3. If $\Omega' \in \mathcal{F}$, show that $(\Omega', \mathcal{F}_{|\Omega'}, \mu_{|\Omega'})$ is a measure space, where $\mu_{|\Omega'}$ is defined as $\mu_{|\Omega'} = \mu|_{(\mathcal{F}_{|\Omega'})}$.

EXERCISE 19. Let $F : \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a right-continuous, non-decreasing map with $F(0) \geq 0$. Define:

$$\bar{F}(x) \triangleq \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ F(x) & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

1. Show that $\bar{F} : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is right-continuous and non-decreasing.
2. Show that $\mu : \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^+) \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$ defined by $\mu = d\bar{F}|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^+)}$, is a measure on $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^+)$ with the properties:

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \quad & \mu(\{0\}) = F(0) \\ (ii) \quad & \forall 0 \leq a \leq b, \mu([a, b]) = F(b) - F(a) \end{aligned}$$

EXERCISE 20. Define: $\mathcal{C} = \{\{0\}\} \cup \{]a, b] \text{ , } 0 \leq a \leq b\}$

1. Show that $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^+)$
2. Let U be open in \mathbf{R}^+ . Show that U is of the form:

$$U = \bigcup_{i \in I} (\mathbf{R}^+ \cap]a_i, b_i])$$

where I is a countable set and $a_i, b_i \in \mathbf{R}$ with $a_i \leq b_i$.

3. For all $i \in I$, show that $\mathbf{R}^+ \cap]a_i, b_i] \in \sigma(\mathcal{C})$.
4. Show that $\sigma(\mathcal{C}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^+)$

EXERCISE 21. Let μ_1 and μ_2 be two measures on $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^+)$ with:

- (i) $\mu_1(\{0\}) = \mu_2(\{0\}) = F(0)$
- (ii) $\mu_1(]a, b]) = \mu_2(]a, b]) = F(b) - F(a)$

for all $0 \leq a \leq b$. For $n \geq 1$, we define:

$$\mathcal{D}_n = \{B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^+) , \mu_1(B \cap [0, n]) = \mu_2(B \cap [0, n])\}$$

1. Show that \mathcal{D}_n is a Dynkin system on \mathbf{R}^+ with $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{D}_n$, where the set \mathcal{C} is defined as in exercise (20).
2. Explain why $\mu_1([0, n]) < +\infty$ and $\mu_2([0, n]) < +\infty$ is important when proving 1.
3. Show that $\mu_1 = \mu_2$.
4. Prove the following theorem.

Theorem 11 *Let $F : \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a right-continuous, non-decreasing map with $F(0) \geq 0$. There exists a unique $\mu : \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^+) \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$ measure on $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^+)$ such that:*

$$(i) \quad \mu(\{0\}) = F(0)$$

$$(ii) \quad \forall 0 \leq a \leq b , \mu([a, b]) = F(b) - F(a)$$

Definition 24 Let $F : \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a right-continuous, non-decreasing map with $F(0) \geq 0$. We call **Stieltjes measure** on \mathbf{R}^+ associated with F , the unique measure on $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^+)$, denoted dF , such that:

- (i) $dF(\{0\}) = F(0)$
- (ii) $\forall 0 \leq a \leq b, dF(]a, b]) = F(b) - F(a)$