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Lecture N2 The integral over a set

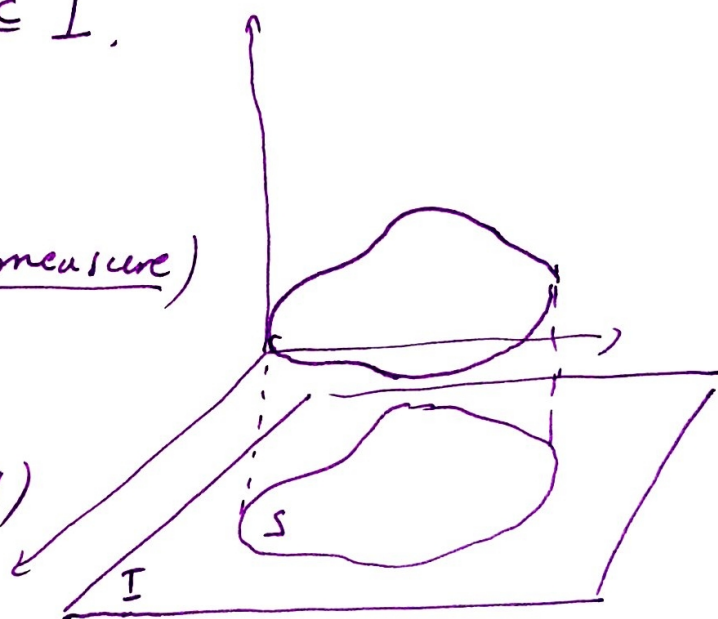
1. The measure (volume) of a set.

In this section we define the measure of a set. Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ be a bounded set. Let I be an interval in $\mathbb{R}^d$ such that $S \subseteq I$.

We can define

The measure (Jordan measure) of S is

$$\mu(S) = \int_I \mathbb{I}_S(x) dx \quad (1)$$



if the integral exists,

where $\mathbb{I}_S(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \in S, \\ 0, & x \notin S. \end{cases}$

Let us figure out when the integral (1) exists.

By Lebesgue criterion (Th 1.2), integral (1) exists if $\mathbb{I}_S$ is continuous almost everywhere.

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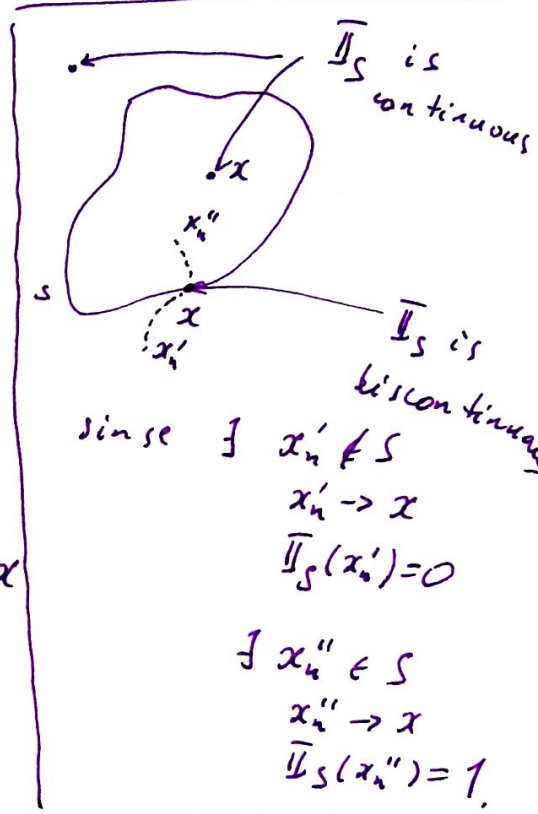
Let us investigate for which sets S $\mathbb{I}_S$ is continuous almost everywhere.

Let $D_{\mathbb{I}_S} = \{x : \mathbb{I}_S \text{ is discontinuous at } x\}$

Def. 2.1. The set

$$\partial S = \{x : \forall \varepsilon > 0 \ B_\varepsilon(x) \cap S \neq \emptyset, \\ B_\varepsilon(x) \cap S^c \neq \emptyset\},$$

where $B_\varepsilon(x) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^d : \|x - y\| < \varepsilon\}$ denotes the ball with center x and radius ε , $S^c = \mathbb{R}^d \setminus S$, is called the boundary of S



Ex. 2.1 Prove that $\partial S = \bar{A} \setminus A^\circ$,
 where $\bar{A}$ is the closure of A and A° is the interior of A .

Lemma 2.1 The set $D_{\mathbb{I}_S}$ coincides with ∂S .

Hence, by Lemma 2.1 the measure $\mu(S)$ of a set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ exists iff the boundary ∂S of S has measure zero

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Let us explain the meaning of $\mu(E)$.
Let us consider $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ and ∂S
has measure zero.

We recall, that

$$\mu(S) = \int_I \mathbb{I}_S(x) dx =$$

$$= \overline{J} = \underline{J}, \text{ where}$$

$\overline{J}$ and $\underline{J}$ are upper and lower

Darboux integrals, i.e.

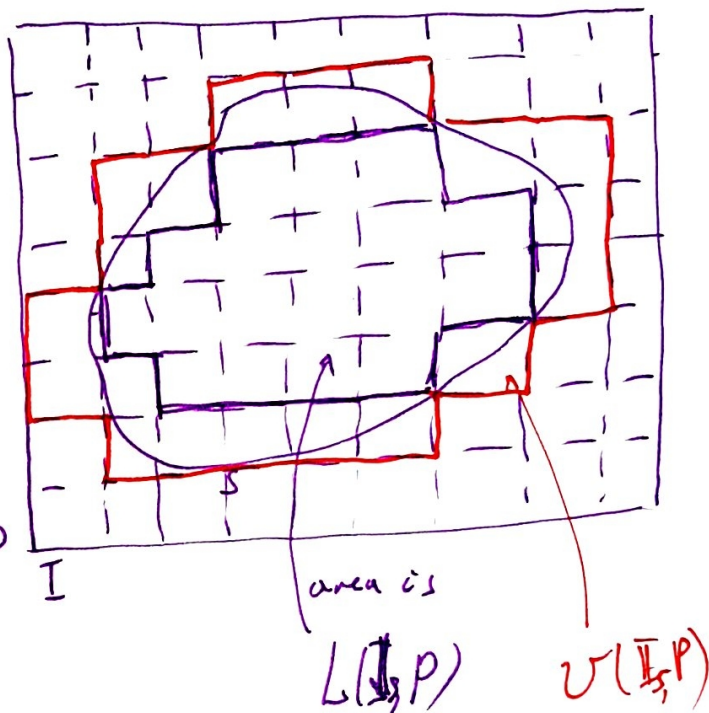
$$\underline{J} = \sup_P L(\mathbb{I}_S, P)$$

$$\overline{J} = \inf_P U(\mathbb{I}_S, P)$$

and $L(\mathbb{I}_S, P) = \sum_i m_i |I_i|$, $m_i = \inf_{x \in I_i} \mathbb{I}_S(x)$

$$U(\mathbb{I}_S, P) = \sum_i M_i |I_i|, \quad M_i = \sup_{x \in I_i} \mathbb{I}_S(x)$$

We remark, that $L(\mathbb{I}, P)$ coincides with
volume of intervals of partition P which
belongs to S , and $U(\mathbb{I}, P)$ coincides
with volume of intervals of partition
 P which cover S .



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By Darboux criterion (Th 1.1) this two volumes converges to the same number $\mu(S)$ which is called the measure (or volume) of a set S . (This measure is also called the Jordan measure and the set S is Jordan-measurable set. Later in Math 4 we consider wider notion of measurable sets called Lebesgue measurable sets)

2. The integral over a set

Def 2.2 A set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ is admissible if it is bounded in $\mathbb{R}^d$ and ∂S has measure zero.

Def 2.3 The integral of f over S is given by

$$\int_S f(x) dx := \int_I f(x) \mathbb{I}_S(x) dx, \quad (2)$$

where I is some interval in $\mathbb{R}^d$, $S \subseteq I$.

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if the integral (2) exists then f is called (Riemann) integrable over S .

Now we discuss which functions are integrable.

Lemma 2.2 For any S, S_1, S_2

a) ∂S is closed in $\mathbb{R}^d$

b) $\partial(S_1 \cup S_2) \subset \partial S_1 \cup \partial S_2$

c) $\partial(S_1 \cap S_2) \subset \partial S_1 \cup \partial S_2$

d) $\partial(S_1 \setminus S_2) \subset \partial S_1 \cup \partial S_2$.

Proof a) it follows from the fact that

$$\partial S = \bar{S} \setminus S^\circ.$$

b) we first note that $x \in \partial S$

iff $\exists x'_n \in S$ s.t. $x'_n \rightarrow x$ and

$\exists x''_n \notin S$ s.t. $x''_n \rightarrow x$.

Let $x \in \partial(S_1 \cup S_2)$ then $\exists x'_n \in S_1 \cup S_2$, $x'_n \rightarrow x$

and $\exists x''_n \notin S_1 \cup S_2$, $x''_n \rightarrow x$.

Trivially, there exists a subsequence

x'_{n_k} which belongs either to S_1 or to S_2 .

Let it belongs to S_1 , then $x'_{n_k} \in S_1$, $x'_{n_k} \rightarrow x$.

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So, $x \in \partial S_1 \Rightarrow x \in \partial S_1 \cup \partial S_2$. □

EX 2.2. Prove c) and d).

Lemma 2.3 The union or intersection of a finite number of admissible sets is an admissible set. The difference of an admissible sets is also an admissible set.

Proof. Let $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n$ be admissible, then they are bounded and $\partial S_i, i=1, \dots, n$ have measure zero. By Lemma 2.2

$$\partial\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n S_i\right) \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n \partial S_i.$$

Using Lemma 1.2 a) $\partial\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n S_i\right)$ has measure zero. Moreover, $\bigcup_{i=1}^n S_i$ is bounded. So $\bigcup_{i=1}^n S_i$ is admissible.

The similar argument works for intersection and difference. □

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Theorem 2.1 A function $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is integrable over an admissible set S if and only if it is bounded and continuous almost everywhere.

Proof. Let $I \supseteq S$ be an interval on $\mathbb{R}^d$.

The function $f \cdot \mathbb{I}_S: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ can have only additional points of discontinuity only on the boundary ∂S of S , which has measure zero. $\square$