

On midterm, you proved
a version of

Banach-Tarski Thm, 1-d:

(1924)

Given intervals $I, J \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.

Then $\exists A_k \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and $\exists \alpha_k \in \mathbb{R}$

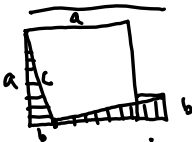
s.t.

$$I = \bigsqcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \text{ and}$$

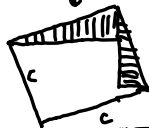
$$J = \bigsqcup_{k=1}^{\infty} (A_k + \alpha_k)$$

Informally: can break I into

ctbly many pieces that,
when moved around and
reassembled, form J .



$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$



Pick any intervals $I, J \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

Banach-Tarski $\Rightarrow \exists A_k \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

$\exists \alpha_k \in \mathbb{R}$

s.t.

$$I = \bigsqcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k, \quad J = \bigsqcup_{k=1}^{\infty} (A_k + \alpha_k)$$

$$\mu(I) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_k) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_k + \alpha_k)$$

$$= \mu(J)$$

In fact, $\mu(I) = 0$ or ∞

l.c. $I = [0, 1)$

$J = [1, 2]$

$\Rightarrow I \sqcup J = \text{interval} = [0, 2]$

$$\Rightarrow \mu([0, 2]) = \mu([0, 1]) + \mu([1, 2])$$

$$= \mu([0, 2]) + \mu([0, 2])$$

$$= 2\mu([0, 2])$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu([0, 2]) = 0 \text{ or } \infty.$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(I) = 0 \neq I$$

$$\mu(I) \stackrel{\text{or}}{=} \infty \quad \forall I.$$

We've proved:

Thm: \nexists any non-trivial
measure on \mathbb{R} that's
simultaneously ctbly add.
and translation-invariant.

Outer measure is really
close to being perfect!
(i.e. having these two props)
And when restricted to
large class of measurable sets,
is perfect!

There's also

Banach-Tarski Thm, 3-d:

If $X, Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ have non- \emptyset interior, then \exists finitely many $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_N \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ and ρ_1, \dots, ρ_N rotations and $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N$ translations s.t.

$$X = \bigsqcup_{k=1}^N A_k \quad Y = \bigsqcup_{k=1}^N (\rho_k A_k + \alpha_k)$$

Thus, \nexists non-trivial measure on \mathbb{R}^3 that's finitely additive and rotation/translation invariant.

Heuristic "construction" of a non-measurable set $E \subseteq [0, 1]$.

$\forall x \in [0, 1]$, flip a coin.
If heads, $x \in E$
If tails, $x \notin E$

We expect

$$m_*(E) = \frac{1}{2} \text{ (naive)}$$

\Rightarrow Pick any $(a, b) \subseteq [0, 1]$.

$$m_*(E \cap (a, b)) = \frac{b-a}{2}$$

Pick any open $\mathcal{O} \subseteq [0, 1]$.

$$m_*(E \cap \mathcal{O}) = \frac{1}{2} m_*(\mathcal{O})$$

$\forall \mathcal{O} = \bigsqcup_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k, b_k)$ open \mathcal{O}

I claim can't approx. E by any open set.

$$m_*(\mathcal{O} \cap E) = m_*(\mathcal{O} \cap E^c) \quad 4$$

If E is measurable, contradictory

$$= m_*(\mathcal{O}) - m_*(\mathcal{O} \cap E)$$

$$= m_*(\mathcal{O}) - \frac{1}{2} m_*(\mathcal{O})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m_*(\mathcal{O})$$

If $\mathcal{O} \supseteq E$, then

$$\geq \frac{1}{2} m_*(E) = \frac{1}{4}$$

So can't approximate E by open set.

An actual construction of a non-measurable set 5

Recall you've obtained (in midterm) a set $X \subseteq [0, 1]$

s.t. $(X-X) \cap \mathcal{Q} = \{\emptyset\}$.

and $\bigsqcup_{g \in \mathcal{Q}} (X+g) = \mathbb{R}$

Thus, $\infty = m_*(\mathbb{R}) = m_*(\bigsqcup_{g \in \mathcal{Q}} (X+g)) \leq \sum_{g \in \mathcal{Q}} m_*(X+g)$

$\Rightarrow \exists g \in \mathcal{Q}$ s.t.

$$m_*(X) = m_*(X+g) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m_*(X) > 0.$$

By problem (29), if X is measurable and $m(X) > 0$, then $X-X \supseteq (-\delta, \delta)$, $\delta > 0$.

But \mathcal{Q} is dense in \mathbb{R} , so $\exists g \in (0, \delta) \cap \mathcal{Q}$
 $\Rightarrow g \in \mathcal{Q} \cap (X-X) = \{\emptyset\}$ $\Rightarrow \infty$

This X , which each of could choose differently, is an example of a Vitali set.

Construction of Vitali set

Say $x \sim y$ iff $x - y \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Let $[x] := \{y \in [0, 1) : y \sim x\}$.

Lemma: $[x] \neq [y] \Rightarrow [x] \cap [y] = \emptyset$.

Note that

$$I = [0, 1) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} [\alpha]$$

Some of these sets $[\alpha]$ are redundant — remove them!

Leaves

$$I = \bigsqcup_{\alpha \in X} [\alpha]$$

In other words, we choose one element from each distinct equivalence class; call collection

of these elements X .

This uses the Axiom of Choice, which informally states that ^{given} any collection of non-empty sets, you can choose one element from each set.

Let's state more formally:

Axiom of Choice:

Given a set U ("universe")

Given a collection ~~Σ~~

$$\Sigma \subseteq \mathcal{P}(U) \text{ s.t.}$$

$\emptyset \notin \Sigma$. Then

\exists function $f: \Sigma \rightarrow U$

s.t. $f(\sigma) \in \sigma$. $\forall \sigma \in \Sigma$.

To construct our Vitali

set, let $\Sigma := \{[\alpha] : \alpha \in I\}$

Let $X := f(\Sigma)$

where f is a choice function.

Any such Vitali set has positive exterior measure and is non-measurable.