

Proof. $A, B \in \mathcal{M}_F$, by assumption there exists approximating sequences $A_i, B_i \in \mathcal{R}$ such that $\mu^*(A_i \ominus A) \rightarrow 0$ and $\mu^*(B_i \ominus B) \rightarrow 0$.

We compute $\mu^*((A \cup B) \ominus (A_i \cup B_i)) = (A \cup B) \setminus (A_i \cup B_i) \cup (A_i \cup B_i) \setminus (A \cup B)$. We just compute one side of this union, because the argument would be symmetric, and we already know that the union will be in the ring.

$$\begin{aligned} (A \cup B) \setminus (A_i \cup B_i) &= (A \cup B) \cap (A_i \cup B_i)^c = (A \cup B) \cap (A_i^c \cap B_i^c) \\ &= (A \cap A_i^c \cap B_i^c) \cup (B \cap A_i^c \cap B_i^c) \subseteq (A \setminus A_i) \cup (B \setminus B_i) \end{aligned}$$

and also $(A_i \cup B_i) \setminus (A \cup B) \subseteq (A_i \setminus A) \cup (B_i \setminus B)$. So the entire set contains $(A \ominus A_i) \cup (B \ominus B_i)$. So then

$$\mu^*(A \cup B, A_i \cup B_i) \leq \mu^*(A \ominus A_i, B \ominus B_i) \rightarrow 0$$

so $A \cup B \in \mathcal{M}_F$. Also like to show that $A \ominus B \in \mathcal{M}_F$. Since $(A \ominus B) = (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$. It suffices to show that $A \setminus B \in \mathcal{M}_F$, since we know that the union is in \mathcal{M}_F already. We again compute half of $\mu^*((A \setminus B) \ominus (A_i \setminus B_i))$, that is $((A \setminus B) \setminus (A_i \setminus B_i))$

$$\begin{aligned} (A \setminus B) \setminus (A_i \setminus B_i) &= (A \cap B^c) \cap (A_i \cap B_i^c)^c = (A \cap B^c) \cap (A_i^c \cup B_i) \\ &= ((A \cap B^c \cap A_i^c) \cup (A \cap B^c \cap B_i)) \subseteq (A \setminus A_i) \cup (B_i \setminus B) \subseteq A \ominus A_i \cup B \ominus B_i \end{aligned}$$

if we work out the other have we get the same thing, so

$$((A \setminus B) \setminus (B \setminus B_i)) \subseteq (A \ominus A_i) \cup (B \ominus B_i)$$

and so

$$\mu^*((A \setminus B) \setminus (B \setminus B_i)) \subseteq \mu^*(A \ominus A_i) + \mu^*(B \ominus B_i) \rightarrow 0$$

□

In order that μ^* is a measure, it must be finite, so we want to show that $\mu^* < \infty$ for all $A \in \mathcal{M}_F$.

Lemma. $\mu^* < \infty$

Proof.

$$|\mu^*(A) - \mu^*(A_i)| \leq \mu^*(A \ominus A_i) = d(A, A_i) \rightarrow 0, \quad \mu^*(A_i) = \mu(A_i)$$

So $\mu^*(A) \leq \mu(A_i) + 1$ for some i

□

Lemma. $\mu^*(A \cup B) + \mu^*(A \cap B) = \mu^*(A) + \mu^*(B)$

Proof. We know this for $A_i, B_i \in \mathcal{R}$ that is

$$\mu^*(A_i \cup B_i) \rightarrow \mu^*(A \cup B), \quad \mu^*(A_i \cap B_i) \rightarrow \mu^*(A \cap B)$$

and we know that

$$|\mu^*(A \cup B) - \mu^*(A_i \cup B_i)| \leq \mu^*((A \cup B) \ominus (A_i \cup B_i))$$

So now we have a finitely additive measure.

□

to finish our proof we must show that μ^* is a countably additive measure

Lemma. μ^* is countably additive on \mathcal{M}_F

Proof. Want to show that $B_i \in \mathcal{M}_F$, $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$, $i \neq j$ $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i = B \in \mathcal{M}_F$, then $\mu^*(B) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(B_i)$

We can easily prove inequality one way.

$$B_N = \bigcup_{i=1}^N B_i \implies B_N \subset B$$

and we get the following strings of inequalities

$$\mu^*(B) \geq \mu^*(B_N) = \sum_{i=1}^N \mu^*(B_i) \implies \mu^*(B) \geq \sum_{i=1}^N \mu^*(B_i)$$

now we need to show countably sub-additivity, that is $\mu^*(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_i)$. Given $\epsilon > 0$, $\forall i$, $\exists \{A_{i,j}\}_{j=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathcal{R}$ a cover of A_i such that

$$\mu^*(A_i) + \frac{\epsilon}{2^i} \geq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_{i,j})$$

the collection $\{A_{i,j}\}_{i,j=1}^{\infty}$ covers $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$, then

$$\mu^*\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) \leq \sum_{i,j=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_{i,j}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_{i,j}) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left[\mu^*(A_i) + \frac{\epsilon}{2^i}\right] = \epsilon + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_i)$$

this is true $\forall \epsilon$, so $\mu^*(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_i)$, and so μ^* is countably additive on \mathcal{M}_F \square

Lemma. $\mathcal{M}_F = \{A \in \mathcal{M} \mid \mu^*(A) < \infty\}$

Proof. We would like to prove that if $\mu^*(A) < \infty$ and $A \in \mathcal{M}$ then $A \in \mathcal{M}_F$. Since $A \in \mathcal{M}$ we know that $A = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} B_j$, $B_j \in \mathcal{M}_F$. We can replace the B_j 's by a disjoint sequence in \mathcal{M}_F , but with the same measure.

$$A = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} B'_j, \quad B'_N = B_N \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{N-1} B_i \in \mathcal{M}_F, B_i \text{ disjoint}$$

Then

$$\bigcup_{j=1}^N B'_j \subset A \implies \mu^*\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^N B'_j\right) \leq \mu^*(A) < \infty, \quad \forall N$$

and we have that and so

$$\mu^*\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} B'_j\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(B'_i) \leq \mu^*(A)$$

let $C_N = \bigcup_{j=1}^N B'_j$ then $C_N \in \mathcal{M}_F$ and so

$$\mu^*(A \ominus C_N) = \mu^*\left(\bigcup_{j>N} B'_j\right) \leq \sum_{j>N} \mu^*(B'_j) < \epsilon$$

for any ϵ for N large enough. And so $\mu^*(A \ominus B_N) \rightarrow 0$, $A \in \mathcal{M}_F$ since \mathcal{M}_F is closed under $\mu^*(X \ominus X)$. \square

Definition. A collection of subsets $\mathcal{N} \subset 2^X$ is a σ -ring if

1. \mathcal{N} is a ring
2. If $A_i \in \mathcal{N}$ then $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in \mathcal{N}$. [closure under countable unions]

Theorem. \mathcal{M} is a σ -ring.

Proof. Suppose $A_i \in \mathcal{M}$ we need to show that $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in \mathcal{M}$. Well,

$$A_i = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} B_{ij}, B_{ij} \in \mathcal{M}_F \implies \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \bigcup_{i,j=1}^{\infty} B_{ij}$$

countable union of countable unions is still countable, so this is indeed in \mathcal{M} .

We also need to prove that its a ring. We have already proved the condition for unions. So we have to prove that $A \ominus B \in \mathcal{M}$ if $A, B \in \mathcal{M}$, it suffices to show that $A \setminus B \in \mathcal{M}$, since we already know closure under unions. Now,

$$A \setminus B = \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) \cap \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i\right)^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \cap \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (A_i \setminus B), \quad B = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i^c$$

$A_i \setminus B$ is in \mathcal{M}_F (Melrose says think about it) \square

Theorem. If $A_i \in \mathcal{M}$ and $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset, i \neq j$ then

$$\mu^*\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_i)$$

i.e. μ^* is a measure on \mathcal{M}

Proof. Let $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ there are two cases

- $\mu^*(A) = \infty$. Then

$$\mu^*(A) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_i)$$

so $\sum \mu^*(A_i) = \infty$

- $\mu^*(A) \neq \infty$ then $A \in \mathcal{M}_F$ and $\bigcup_{i=1}^N A_i \subset A$ and so

$$\mu^* \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^N A_i \right) \leq \mu^*(A) \implies \bigcup_{i=1}^N A_i \in \mathcal{M}_F$$

□

So we have extended μ from \mathcal{R} to \mathcal{M}_F to \mathcal{M} .

1.3 Extending Lebesgue Measure

Lebesgue measures (X, \mathcal{R}, μ) is countably additive and we extended it to (X, \mathcal{M}, μ) where \mathcal{M} is a σ -ring. Apply these constructions to $X = \mathbb{R}^n$, $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_{\text{Leb}}$ (disjoint union of a finite number of rectangles). So we can generate $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$. \mathcal{M} is closed under countable unions. $E \subset \mathcal{M}$ then $E = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i, E_i \in \mathcal{M}_F$. And $F \in \mathcal{M}_F$, there exist $A_i \in \mathcal{R}_{\text{Leb}}$ such that $\mu^*(E \ominus A) \rightarrow 0$.

Theorem. *Every open set in \mathbb{R}^n is in \mathcal{M} (i.e. is Lebesgue measurable)*

Proof. Consider elements of \mathbb{R}^n with rational endpoints, $(a_1, b_1) \times \cdots \times (a_n, b_n)$. Consider $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, open. And consider all multisets of the type above in U . Then

$$U = \bigcup_{R \subset U} R, \quad R \text{ the rational sets}$$

So U is open and measurable. \mathbb{R}^n is itself measurable, so closed sets are in \mathcal{M} , since for E open $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus E \in \mathcal{M}$ is open and so $E^c \in \mathcal{M}$. □

Recall that \mathcal{M} is a σ -ring, closed under countable unions and intersections. $\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2$ are σ -ring subsets of \mathbb{R}^n , then $\mathcal{F}_1 \cap \mathcal{F}_2$ is a σ -ring.

Definition. The Borel sets of \mathbb{R}^n are the elements of the smallest σ -ring containing all open (and closed) sets of \mathbb{R}^n .

There is a smallest σ -ring because we can take intersections of all such σ -rings, and get one contained in all of them.

Theorem. *If $A \in \mathcal{M}_{\text{Leb}}$, then there exists $B \subset \mathcal{B}$ (the borel ring) such that $B \subset A$ and $\mu^*(A \setminus B) = 0$*

Proof. Do this in three steps:

1. If $A \in \mathcal{M}_{\text{Leb}}$, then there exists a borel set $G \subset \mathcal{B}$, such that $G \supset A$ and $\mu^*(G \setminus A) < \epsilon$ (this is not quite what we want, since G contains A)

NB $\mathcal{R}_{\text{Leb}} \subset \mathcal{B}$, so if $A \in \mathcal{M}_F$, then $\exists A_i \in \mathcal{R}_{\text{Leb}}$ (A_i 's are multi-intervals), $A \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ implies that $\mu(A) + \epsilon > \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i)$, so $B = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in \mathcal{B}$, then $\mu(A \setminus B) < \epsilon$ (so if the measure is finite the definition automatically gives the theorem).

2 Measurable Functions

We're going to deal with measure spaces (X, \mathcal{F}, μ) , $\mu : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is countably additive. Now we are interested in functions on X :

$$f : X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty] = \{-\infty\} \cup \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$$

(using the extended real numbers allows us to take about infs and sups)

Define $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}$, it is a σ -ring of subsets of $[-\infty, \infty]$. That is

$$\tilde{\mathcal{B}} = \{A, A \cup \{\infty\}, A \cup \{-\infty\}, A \cup \{-\infty, \infty\} \mid A \subset \mathbb{R}\}$$

this is the extended Borel σ -ring. And for X our "good sets" (measurable) are \mathcal{F} .

Definition. $f : X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ is **measurable** iff $f^{-1}(-\infty, a) \in \mathcal{F}$, that is

$$\{x \mid f(x) < a\} \in \mathcal{F}, \quad \forall a \in \mathcal{M}$$

Proposition. *The following conditions on $f : X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ are equivalent*

1. $\{x \mid f(x) > a\} \in \mathcal{F}, \forall a$
2. $\{x \mid f(x) < a\} \in \mathcal{F}, \forall a$
3. $\{x \mid f(x) \leq a\} \in \mathcal{F}, \forall a$
4. $\{x \mid f(x) \geq a\} \in \mathcal{F}, \forall a$

Proof. Compare (1) and (3), (2) and (4), they are complements and so one in the σ -ring implies the other is in the σ -ring as well.

Prove (4) implies (1)

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ x \in X \mid f(x) \geq a + \frac{1}{n} \right\} = \{x \in X \mid f(x) > a\}$$

and

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ x \in X \mid f(x) > a - \frac{1}{n} \right\} = \{x \in X \mid f(x) \geq a\}$$

prove these makes good use of the σ -field properties (closed under complements, intersection and union). \square

Theorem. $f : X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ iff $f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{F}, \forall B \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$. (kind of like continuity, note that this makes continuous functions automatically measurable)

Proof. (1) above implies that $f^{-1}((a, \infty]) \in \mathcal{F}, \forall a$. Note that $(a, b) = [-\infty, b) \cap (a, \infty]$, so we can get any Borel set as some union and intersection of $(a, \infty], [-\infty, a), [a, \infty]$.

Consider

$$\mathcal{C} = \{C \subset [-\infty, \infty] \text{ such that } f^{-1}(C) \in \mathcal{F}\}$$

Note that \mathcal{C} is a σ -field, since

$$f^{-1}\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} C_i\right) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} f^{-1}(C_i), \quad f^{-1}\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} C_i\right) = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} f^{-1}(C_i)$$

and $f^{-1}([-\infty, \infty])$ is in \mathcal{C} . Since f is measurable, then \mathcal{C} contains all open sets, and so $\mathcal{C} \supset \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$, because \mathcal{C} contains the open sets. Then $\{x \mid f(x) > a\} \in \mathcal{F}$ implies that $f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{F}$ for all $B \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$. The converse is easy. \square

Theorem. If $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous then it is measurable (Lebesgue)

Proof. $f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{F}$. We know that $f^{-1}(A) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ then $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ is open, so $f^{-1}(A)$ is Lebesgue measurable, because all open sets are. $\mathcal{C} = \{B \in \mathbb{R} \mid f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{M}\}$ is a σ -field containing the open sets. \square

Theorem. Suppose f and g are measurable functions then $\max(f, g), \min(f, g)$ are measurable.

Proof. $F^{-1}([-\infty, a)) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) < a\} = \{x \in X \mid f(x) < a, g(x) < a\} = \{x \in X \mid f(x) < a\} \cap \{x \in X \mid g(x) < a\} \in \mathcal{F}$. \square

Notice that if f is measurable then f_+ is measurable because $f_+ = \max(f, 0)$

Theorem. Suppose f_i is a sequence of measurable functions, $f_i : E \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ and let $f = \sup_i f_i, f(x) = \sup_{i=1}^{\infty} f_i(x)$ then f is measurable. (same thing for inf)

Proof. $\{x|f(x) > a\} = \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} \{x|f_j(x) > a\} \in \mathcal{F}$. □

Theorem. *If f_i is a sequence of measurable functions on (X, \mathcal{F}) , then \limsup and $\liminf f_i$ are measurable.*

Proof. $f(x) = \limsup_i f_i(x) = \lim_j \sup_{j \geq i} f_i(x)$. This is a decreasing set of numbers, convergent if bounded below. Then this is $\inf_i \sup_{j \geq i} f_j(x)$. Apply the above theorem twice. □

Theorem. *If f_i is a sequence of measurable functions such that $f_i(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ (pointwise convergent), then f is measurable.*

Proof. Since $f_i(x)$ converges, $\limsup f_i = \liminf f_i = f$, so its measurable □

This very different from normal analysis, where we normally do not know much about pointwise convergent functions.

Note that for some of the above properties, its the σ -algebra that is allowing us to do what we are, by taking unions and intersections of an infinite number of sets.

Theorem. *If $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a measurable (note: X need not have a topology) and $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, then $g \circ f$ is measurable.*

Proof. Consider

$$\{x \in X | g \circ f > a\} = f^{-1}\{t \in \mathbb{R} | g(t) > a\}$$

since $\{t \in \mathbb{R} | g(t) > a\}$ is open, then f^{-1} of it is open, since f is measurable and so the inverse contains Borel sets. □