

is a ^(to) open covering of $P_i(a)$ with

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |B_k| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{n-1} \frac{2\epsilon}{2^{k+1} k^{n-1}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\epsilon}{2^k} = \epsilon.$$

letting $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ yields $m^*(P_i(a)) = 0$. \square

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6.2 Measurability

Our definition of the outer measure yields a map(s)

$$m^*: \mathcal{Z}^{(\mathbb{R}^n)} \rightarrow [0, \infty].$$

which is certainly more robust than Riemann measurability. However, for ~~set~~ set theoretic reasons (and to avoid things like the Banach Tarski paradox) we will want to restrict m^* to a subcollection of subsets of \mathbb{R}^n . ~~Modelled on this~~

Def: A set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is said to be Lebesgue measurable (or just measurable) if $\forall X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ we have

$$* \quad m^*(X) = m^*(X \cap E) + m^*(X \cap E^c)$$

The set of Lebesgue measurable subsets is denoted $\mathcal{M} (= \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^n))$. For $E \in \mathcal{M}$, the Lebesgue measure of E is the quantity:

$$m(E) := m^*(E)$$

(That is, the $m(E)$ is just the outer measure, let we drop the '*' only if E is measurable).

(*) is also called, more generally the (Carathéodory condition)

The reason we use (*) as the criterion for measurability is the following: ~~Carathéodory's~~ ^{Carathéodory's} lemma: ~~one disjoint~~ ^{one disjoint} then

~~$m(A \cup B) = m(A) + m(B)$~~
~~indeed, using $X = A \cup B$ in (*) we have~~

Lemma: For $A, B \in \mathcal{M}$, $A \cup B \in \mathcal{M}$. Moreover, if A and B are disjoint then $m^*(A \cup B) = m^*(A) + m^*(B)$.

PF: Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, then since A and B are measurable we have:

$$\begin{aligned} m^*(X) &= m^*(X \cap A) + m^*(X \cap A^c) \\ &= m^*(X \cap A \cap B) + m^*(X \cap A \cap B^c) + m^*(X \cap A^c \cap B) + m^*(X \cap A^c \cap B^c) \end{aligned}$$

Note that $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$ while

$$(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap B^c) \cup (A^c \cap B) = A \cup (A^c \cap B) = A \cup B.$$

So by subadditivity we have:

$$m^*(X) \geq m^*(X \cap (A \cup B)) + m^*(X \cap (A \cup B)^c).$$

The reverse inequality always holds (again by subadditivity), thus $A \cup B \in \mathcal{M}$.

Now, suppose $A \cap B = \emptyset$. Then since $A \in \mathcal{M}$

$$\begin{aligned} m(A \cup B) &= m((A \cup B) \cap A) + m((A \cup B) \cap A^c) \\ &= m(A) + m(B) = m(A) + m(B) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Thm \mathcal{M} satisfies

- (i) $\emptyset \in \mathcal{M}$
- (ii) if $E \in \mathcal{M}$, then $E^c \in \mathcal{M}$
- (iii) if $\{E_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$, then $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \in \mathcal{M}$

Moreover, \mathcal{M} is countably additive on \mathcal{M} : whenever

$\{E_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$ is a collection of pairwise disjoint sets ($E_n \cap E_m = \emptyset \ \forall n, m \in \mathbb{N}$)

$$m\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m(E_n)$$

Def: A collection \mathcal{A} of subsets of \mathbb{R}^n satisfying (i), (ii), and (iii) above is called a σ -algebra.

PF (Thm):

(i) For $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have $x \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$ and $x \cap (\emptyset)^c = x \cap \mathbb{R}^n = x$.

Thus

$$m^*(x \cap \emptyset) + m^*(x \cap (\emptyset)^c) = m^*(\emptyset) + m^*(x) = m^*(x),$$

since \emptyset is a zero set. Thus $\emptyset \in \mathcal{M}$.

(ii) Since the def of measurable is symmetric with respect to E and E^c , this is clear.

(iii) By the previous lemma and an easy induction argument, if $E_1, \dots, E_N \in \mathcal{M}$ then

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^N E_n \in \mathcal{M}.$$

Moreover, if they are pairwise disjoint then

$$m\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^N E_n\right) = m(E_1) + \dots + m(E_N).$$

Now, let $\{E_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, define

$$F_n = E_n \setminus (E_1 \cup \dots \cup E_{n-1}).$$

$$= E_n \cap (E_1 \cup \dots \cup E_{n-1})^c$$

Then

$$= (E_n^c \cup (E_1 \cup \dots \cup E_{n-1}))^c$$

Then $F_n \in \mathcal{M}$ since \mathcal{M} is closed under complements and finite unions. Also the F_n are pairwise disjoint (by def) and

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n.$$

Thus it suffices to show $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n \in \mathcal{M}$. Set

$$G_N := \bigcup_{n=1}^N F_n \quad N \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then $G_N \in \mathcal{M}$ for any N since $F_n \in \mathcal{M}$. Then for any X we have:

$$m^*(X \cap G_N) = m^*(X \cap G_N \cap F_N) + m^*(X \cap G_N \cap F_N^c)$$

$$= m^*(X \cap F_N) + m^*(X \cap G_{N-1})$$

inductively:

$$= m^*(X \cap F_N) + \dots + m^*(X \cap F_1)$$

Thus, using $G \cap E \in \mathcal{M}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} m^*(X) &= m^*(X \cap G) + m^*(X \cap G^c) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N m^*(X \cap F_n) + m^*(X \cap G^c) \end{aligned}$$

(monotonicity) $\geq \sum_{n=1}^N m^*(X \cap F_n) + m^*(X \cap (\bigcup_{n=1}^N F_n)^c)$

letting $N \rightarrow \infty$ yields

$$m^*(X) \geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m^*(X \cap F_n) + m^*(X \cap (\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n)^c)$$

(subadditivity) $\geq m^*(X \cap (\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n)) + m^*(X \cap (\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n)^c)$

(subadd.) $\geq m^*(X)$

Thus we have equality in the above. This implies $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n \in \mathcal{M}$ as desired. Moreover, taking

$X = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n$, the equalities above yield

$$\begin{aligned} m(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n) &= m^*(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m^*(\underbrace{(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n)}_{\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n} \cap F_n) + m^*(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n)^c \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m^*(F_n) + 0 \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m(F_n) \end{aligned}$$

So that m is countably additive on \mathcal{M} . \square

Remark: Since

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n = (\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n^c)^c$$

it follows that \mathcal{M} is closed under countable intersections.

Cor (a) (Continuity from below) If $\{E_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$

satisfying

$$E_1 \subset E_2 \subset \dots$$

then

$$m(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(E_n)$$

(b) (Continuity from above) If $\{E_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathcal{M}$
satisfy $m(E_1) < \infty$ and
 $E_1 \supset E_2 \supset \dots$

then

$$m\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(E_n)$$

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Pf: (a) Define for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$F_n := E_n \setminus E_{n-1} \quad (E_0 := \emptyset)$$

Then $\{F_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ are pairwise disjoint with
the same union as $\{E_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$. Hence by
countable additivity we have:

$$\begin{aligned} m\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right) &= m\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m(F_n) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N m(F_n) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} m(F_1 \cup \dots \cup F_N) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} m(E_N). \end{aligned}$$

~~(b) Define for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$~~

~~$$F_n := E_n \times E_{n-1} \quad (= E_n \times (\bigcup_{k=1}^{n-1} E_k))$$~~

~~Then $\{F_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ are pairwise disjoint and~~

~~$$E_1 = \left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n\right) \cup \left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right)$$~~

~~and the above is a disjoint union. Hence
by part (a) we have and part (a) we have~~

~~$$m(E_1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m(F_n) + m\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right)$$~~

(b) Define for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$F_n := E_1 \setminus E_n$$

Then

$$F_1 \subset F_2 \subset \dots$$

$$\text{and } m(E_1) = m(F_n) + m(E_n)$$

Also, note that

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n &= \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (E_1 \cap E_n^c) = E_1 \cap \left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n^c \right) \\ &= E_1 \cap \left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \right)^c \\ &= E_1 \setminus \left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \right). \end{aligned}$$

So by part (a) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} m(E_1) &= m\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right) + m\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n\right) \\ &= m\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(F_n) \\ &= m\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (m(F_n) - m(E_n)) \end{aligned}$$

Since $m(E_1) < \infty$, we can subtract this from each side to obtain the desired equality. \square

We have shown so far that m on M has some very nice properties, we would like to show that M contains lots of sets, so that we apply those nice properties of m as broadly as possible.

Prop: Every zero set Z is measurable: $Z \in M$.

Moreover, for any $E \in M$ and any zero set Z , we have $E \cup Z, E \setminus Z \in M$ with

$$m(E \cup Z) = m(E \setminus Z) = m(E)$$

That is, zero sets do not affect measurability or the value of the measure itself.

Pf: Let Z be a zero set. Then for any X , $X \cap Z \subseteq Z$ is a zero set hence by subadd. and monotonicity we have:

$$\begin{aligned} m^*(X) &\leq m^*(X \cap Z) + m^*(X \cap Z^c) \\ &= 0 + m^*(X \cap Z^c) \leq m^*(X) \end{aligned}$$

For $E \cap Z = E \cap Z^c \in \mathcal{M}$, so
 $m(E) = m(E \cap Z) + m(E \cap Z^c) = m(E \cup Z)$

Thus $Z \in \mathcal{M}$.
 For $E \in \mathcal{M}$ and Z a zero set, $Z \in \mathcal{M}$
 implies $E \cup Z$. Then by subadd.
 and monotonicity we have:

$$m(E) \leq m(E \cup Z) \leq m(E) + m(Z) = m(E).$$

Thus these are all equalities. \square

Prop: For $a \in \mathbb{R}$, the half-spaces:

$$H_i(a) := \{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : a \leq x_i \}$$

are measurable. Moreover,

$$A = \bigcap_{i=1}^n x_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

where each I_i is of the form

$$[a_i, b_i), [a_i, b_i], [a_i, b_i], \text{ or } [a_i, b_i]$$

is measurable.

Pf: let $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be arbitrary. ~~to show~~
~~plane~~ we must show:

$$m(X) = m^0(X \cap H_i(a)) + m^0(X \cap H_i(a)^c)$$

Since the plane $P_i(a)$

$$P_i(a) = \{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_i = a \}$$

is a zero set, for any subset $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$

$$m^0(Y \cap P_i(a)) = 0$$

$$m^0(Y) \leq m^0(Y \setminus P_i(a)) + m^0(P_i(a) \cap Y) = m^0(Y \setminus P_i(a)) \leq m^0(Y)$$

That is, $m^0(Y \setminus P_i(a)) = m^0(Y)$. Thus it suffices to
 assume $X \cap P_i(a) = \emptyset$ (by replacing X with $X \setminus P_i(a)$).

Consequently:

$$X_+ = X \cap H_i(a) = \{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X : x_i \geq a \} \text{ and } X = X_+ \cup X_-$$

$$X_- = X \cap H_i(a)^c = \{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X : x_i < a \}$$

Let $\epsilon > 0$,
 then $\exists \{B_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a ϵ -tube covering of X by open boxes
 s.t.

$$\sum |B_k| \leq m^0(X) + \epsilon$$

Define for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $B_k^+ \subseteq B_k$

$$B_k^+ := \{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : a < x_i < b \}$$

$$B_k^- := \{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_i < a \}$$

↖ boxes

Then $\{B_k^\pm\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an ~~open~~ covering of X_\pm by open boxes. Hence.

$$m^*(X \cap H_i(a)) + m^*(X \cap H_i(a)^c) = m^*(X_+) + m^*(X_-)$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |B_k^+| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |B_k^-|$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |B_k| \leq m^*(X) + \epsilon.$$

Letting $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ yields $m^*(X \cap H_i(a)) + m^*(X \cap H_i(a)^c) \leq m^*(X)$.

Since the other inequality always holds, we see that $H_i(a)$ is measurable.

Now, towards seeing that A as above is measurable, note that

$$\{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : a < x_i \} = H_i(a) \cap P_i(a)^c$$

$$\{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_i < b \} = H_i(b)^c$$

$$\{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_i \leq b \} = H_i(b)^c \cup P_i(b)$$

are all measurable (since measurability is closed under finite unions and intersections and complements, and $P_i(a), P_i(b)$ are measurable as zero sets).

But then A is simply a (finite) intersection of such sets

(e.g. $[a, b] \times \dots \times [a, b] = (H_1(a) \cap H_1(b)^c) \cap \dots \cap (H_n(a) \cap H_n(b)^c)$)

Thus A is measurable. □

Thm Every open and closed set in \mathbb{R}^n is measurable.

Pf: Since a closed set is the complement of an open set, it suffices to show closed sets are measurable. But every open set is a countable union of open boxes and hence is measurable.

~~Therefore, every open and closed set in \mathbb{R}^n is measurable. - Exercise~~ □

Since we can take unions and intersections ad nauseam, this is the end of the story:

Def: A G_δ-set in \mathbb{R}^n is a countable intersection of open sets. An F_σ-set in \mathbb{R}^n is a countable union of closed sets.

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Exercise: Show open and closed sets are both G_δ and F_σ.
 We immediately see that all G_δ and F_σ sets are measurable.

Thm: ~~Every~~ $E \in \mathcal{M}$, $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ^{if and only if} there is an F_σ-set $F \subseteq E$ and a G_δ-set $G \supseteq E$ s.t. $m(G \setminus F) < \epsilon$.

PF: (\Rightarrow) First, suppose E is bounded, and let $R \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a large open rectangle containing E .

For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $\{B_{u_i}^{(n)}\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a finite covering of E by open boxes.

Then $\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} m(B_{u_i}^{(n)}) \geq m(E) + \frac{1}{n}$ s.t.

Define $B^{(n)} := \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} B_{u_i}^{(n)}$ ← open

so that $E \subseteq B^{(n)}$ and by countable subadd:

$$m(B^{(n)}) \leq \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} m(B_{u_i}^{(n)}) \leq m(E) + \frac{1}{n}.$$

Then define

$$G = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} B^{(n)} \cap R$$

so that G is a G_δ set containing E , and by countable subadd from above:

$$\begin{aligned} m(G) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(B^{(n)}) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (m(E) + \frac{1}{n}) = m(E). \end{aligned}$$

So $m(G) = m(E)$, and by monotonicity we have $m(G) \geq m(E)$.

Applying the above argument $E^c \cap R$ yields a G_δ set $G^c \subseteq E^c \cap R$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned}
 m(G) &= m(E^c \cap \bar{R}) = m(\bar{R}) - m(E) \\
 &\text{(by measurability of } E\text{). Define } F = \bar{R} \setminus G, \text{ then} \\
 m(F) &= m(\bar{R}) - m(G) \\
 &= m(\bar{R}) - (m(\bar{R}) - m(E)) \\
 &= m(E).
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, F is an F_σ set (exercise: check this),
~~thus~~ ~~and~~

$$\begin{aligned}
 F &= \bar{R} \cap (G)^c \subseteq \bar{R} \cap (E^c \cap \bar{R})^c \\
 &= \bar{R} \cap (E \cup \bar{R})^c \\
 &= E.
 \end{aligned}$$

So $F \subseteq E \subseteq G$ and $m(G \setminus F) = m(G) - m(F) = m(E) - m(E) = 0$.

If E is unbounded, ~~let~~ find G_n and F_n , F_σ -sets F_n
 $F_n \subseteq E \cap B(0, n) \subseteq G_n$

Then

$$F = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n \quad \text{and} \quad G = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} G_n$$

are F_σ - and G_δ -sets, respectively (exercise).
 Moreover, by monotonicity and subadd we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 m(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} G_n \setminus \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n) &\leq m(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (G_n \setminus F_n)) \\
 &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m(G_n \setminus F_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 0 = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

(\Leftarrow) Suppose for $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $\exists F \subseteq E \subseteq G$,
 F_σ and G_δ sets s.t. $m(G \setminus F) = 0$. Then
 $E = F \cup (E \setminus F)$

~~Since~~ Since $E \setminus F \subseteq G \setminus F$, it is measurable as a
 zero set, and $F \in \mathcal{M}$. Thus $E \in \mathcal{M}$. \square

Exercise/Cor. Every Riemann measurable set is Lebesgue measurable.

Cor. Every $E \in \mathcal{M}$ is a F_σ set union a zero set,
 and is a G_δ set take away a zero set.

Pf. Let $F \subseteq E \subseteq G$ be F_σ and G_δ sets with
 $m(G \setminus F) = 0$. Then $Z = E \setminus F$ and $Z' = G \setminus E$ are zero
 sets and $E = F \cup Z = G \setminus Z'$. \square

Example (A non-measurable set)

Define an equivalence relation on \mathbb{R} :

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

(Exercise: check this is an equiv. relation). Let E denote

the collection of equivalence classes $\{x + \mathbb{Q} \mid x \in [0, 1]\}$.

Using the axiom of choice, let N be a set consisting of exactly one representative from each equiv. class. We claim N is non-measurable.

Pf. Suppose not. Since m^* is translation invariant, $N + x$ is meas. for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$. In particular, let $\{r_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ be an enumeration of $\mathbb{Q} \cap [-1, 1]$, and define

$$N_k := N + r_k$$

Then $m(N_k) = m(N) \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Choose that $N_k \cap N_l = \emptyset$ for $k \neq l$. Indeed, if $x \in N_k \cap N_l$, then

$$x = y + r_k = z + r_l$$

for some $y, z \in N$. But since $k \neq l$, $r_k \neq r_l \Rightarrow y \neq z$.

However, $y - z = r_l - r_k \in \mathbb{Q}$, so $y \sim z$. But distinct elements of N belong to distinct equiv. classes, contradiction. So $N_k \cap N_l = \emptyset$.

Now, we next claim

$$[0, 1] \subseteq \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} N_k \subseteq [-1, 2].$$

The second inclusion follows from $N \subseteq [0, 1]$ and $r_k \in [-1, 1]$.

For the first inclusion, given any $x \in [0, 1]$, $\exists y \in N$ s.t.

$x \sim y$. Hence $x - y \in \mathbb{Q}$. Moreover, $x - y \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [-1, 1]$.

Thus $\exists k$ s.t. $x - y = r_k \Rightarrow x \in N_k$.

Finally, by finite additivity and monotonicity, we have

$$1 = m([0, 1]) \leq m\left(\bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} N_k\right) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} m(N_k) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} m(N)$$

so $m(N) > 0$. But then $\infty = +\infty$, contradicting

$$m\left(\bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} N_k\right) \leq m([-1, 2]) = 3.$$

Thus N is non-measurable. \square