

# Lecture 6

Recall, A subset  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is measurable

iff for any  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$m^*(A) \geq m^*(A \cap E) + m^*(A \cap E^c)$$

$\leq$  ~~is~~ true always.

Qn:- What are all the measurable subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ ?

Def:- Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a class of subsets of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . Then  $\mathcal{G}$  is said to be a  $\sigma$ -algebra or a  $\sigma$ -field, if it satisfies the

following conditions:

(i)  $X \in \mathcal{G}$

(ii) if  $A \in \mathcal{G}$ , then  $A^c \in \mathcal{G}$ .

& (iii) if  $E_i \in \mathcal{G} \forall i \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \in \mathcal{G}$ .

(i.e.,  $\mathcal{G}$  is closed under countable union).

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  = the class of all Lebesgue measurable subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Theorem:-  $\mathcal{M}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

Proof:-

(i) follows directly from the def.

ie)  $E \in \mathcal{M}$ , then  $E^c \in \mathcal{M}$ .

For  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,

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

$\Rightarrow E^c$  is measurable.  $\Rightarrow E^c \in \mathcal{M}$ .

(i) We know  $m^*(\emptyset) = 0$ . Then  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{M}$ .

Then by (ii)  $\emptyset^c \in \mathcal{M}$   
"  $\mathbb{R}$

$\therefore \mathbb{R} \in \mathcal{M}$ .

Remains to prove (iii).

Let  $\{E_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a collection of subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$   
such that  $E_j \in \mathcal{M} \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{N}$ .

To show:  $\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j \in \mathcal{M}$ .

ie)  $\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j$  is measurable.

Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .

$E_1 \in \mathcal{M}$  ie,  $E_1$  is measurable

$$\Rightarrow m^*(A) = m^*(A \cap E_1) + m^*(A \cap E_1^c) \rightarrow \textcircled{S}$$

Now replace  $E_1$  by  $E_2$  &  $A$  by  $A \cap E_1^c$ ,

then we get

$$\boxed{m^*(A \cap E_1^c) = m^*(A \cap E_1^c \cap E_2) + m^*(A \cap E_1^c \cap E_2^c)}$$

Now substitute this in  $(8)$ . ( $\because E_2$  is measurable)

Then we get

$$m^*(A) = m^*(A \cap E_1) + m^*(A \cap E_1^c \cap E_2) + \underline{m^*(A \cap E_1^c \cap E_2^c)}$$

Now repeat the above process then we get (after  $n$  steps)

$$\begin{aligned} m^*(A) &= m^*(A \cap E_1) + \sum_{i=2}^n m^*(A \cap E_i \cap \left( \bigcap_{2 \leq j < i} E_j^c \right)) \\ &\quad + m^*(A \cap \left( \bigcap_{j=1}^n E_j^c \right)) \\ &\geq m^*(A \cap E_1) + \sum_{i=2}^n m^*(A \cap E_i \cap \left( \left( \bigcup_{2 \leq j < i} E_j \right)^c \right)) \\ &\quad + m^*(A \cap \left( \left( \bigcup_{j=1}^n E_j \right)^c \right)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow m^*(A) \geq m^*(A \cap E_1) + \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} m^*(A \cap E_i \cap \left( \bigcup_{j < i} E_j \right)^c)$$

True for all  $n \geq 2$

$$+ m^*(A \cap (\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j)^c)$$

$$\Rightarrow m^*(A) \geq m^*(A \cap E_1) + m^*\left(\bigcup_{i=2}^{\infty} (A \cap E_i \cap (\bigcup_{j < i} E_j)^c)\right) + m^*(A \cap (\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j)^c)$$

$$\left( \because m^*\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j\right) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} m^*(A_j) \right)$$

Now,  $\bigcup_{i=2}^n (A \cap E_i \cap (\bigcup_{j < i} E_j)^c) = \bigcup_{i=2}^n (E_i \cap A)$

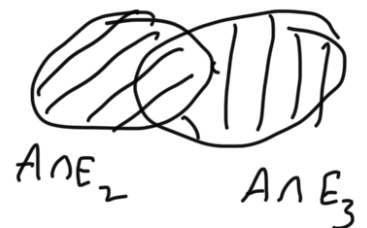
$n=3$ :  $\bigcup_{i=2}^3 (A \cap E_i \cap (\bigcup_{j < i} E_j)^c) = (A \cap E_2 \cap (\emptyset)^c) \cup (A \cap E_3 \cap (E_2)^c)$

$$= (A \cap E_2 \cap \mathbb{R}) \cup (A \cap E_3 \cap E_2^c)$$

$$= (A \cap E_2) \cup (A \cap E_3 \cap E_2^c)$$

$$= (A \cap E_2) \cup (A \cap E_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bigcup_{j=2}^{\infty} (A \cap E_j \cap (\bigcup_{i < j} E_i)^c) = \bigcup_{i=2}^{\infty} (A \cap E_i)$$



$$\therefore m^*(A) \geq m^*(A \cap E_1) + m^*\left(\bigcup_{i=2}^{\infty} (A \cap E_i)\right) + m^*(A \cap (\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j)^c)$$

$$\geq m^*(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (A \cap E_i)) + m^*(A \cap (\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j)^c)$$

$$(\because m^*(S \cup T) \leq m^*(S) + m^*(T))$$

$$\Rightarrow m^*(A) \geq m^*(A \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i)) + m^*(A \cap (\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j)^c)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \text{ is measurable}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j \in \mathcal{M}.$$

$\therefore \mathcal{M}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

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