

**Exercise 1.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space. Use Proposition 2.6.1 and Example 2.1.2(a) to give another proof that if  $f, g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are measurable, then  $f + g$  and  $fg$  are measurable. (Hint: Consider the function  $H : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $H(x) = (f(x), g(x))$ .)

*Proof.* As a reminder, Proposition 2.6.1 shows that  $f \circ g$  is measurable when both  $f$  and  $g$  are measurable. Example 2.1.2(a) shows that  $f$  non-decreasing on an interval  $I$  is Borel-measurable.

Example 2.6.5 noted that  $f(x) = (f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x))$  is measurable on  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n))$  if and only if  $\forall i, f_i$  is measurable on  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$ . From this we deduce that the function  $H$  is measurable.

Next, we note that the functions  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $\phi : (x, y) \mapsto x + y$  and  $\psi : (x, y) \mapsto xy$  are continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and therefore measurable on  $(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^2))$ . From proposition 2.6.1, we deduce that the composites  $\phi \circ H$  and  $\psi \circ H$  are Borel-measurable  $\square$

**Exercise 2.** Show that if  $f$  is a measurable complex-valued function on  $(X, \mathcal{A})$ , then  $|f|$  is also measurable.

*Proof.* The functions  $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, z \mapsto (\Re z, \Im z)$  and  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, (x, y) \mapsto \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  are composable and continuous on their respective domains, so their composite  $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, z \mapsto |z|$  is also continuous and thus Borel-measurable  $\square$

**Exercise 3.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space, and let  $f, g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be measurable. Show that if  $g$  does not vanish, then  $f/g$  is measurable.

*Proof.* We note that:

$$\forall z \in \mathbb{C} \mid g(z) \neq 0, \quad \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} = \frac{f(z)\overline{g(z)}}{|g(z)|^2}$$

The functions  $\mathbb{R}_+^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^*, x \mapsto 1/x$ ,  $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, z \mapsto |z|^2$ , and  $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, z \mapsto \bar{z}$  are all continuous. Whenever  $g(z)$  is not zero, the expression given in the equation above is the product of a real-valued function  $\phi(z) = 1/|g(z)|^2$  and complex-valued function  $\psi(z) = f(z)\overline{g(z)}$ . As the composition of Borel-measurable functions wherever  $g$  does not vanish,  $\phi$  is Borel-measurable. The function  $\psi$  is continuous as the composition of continuous functions, and is therefore Borel-measurable. We deduce that the product  $\phi(z)\psi(z) = f(z)/g(z)$  is Borel-measurable wherever both  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are Borel-measurable, e.g. wherever  $g$  is not zero  $\square$

**Exercise 4.** Not done.

**Exercise 5.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be sets, and let  $f$  be a function from  $X$  to  $Y$ . Show that

1. if  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$ , then  $\{B \subset Y : f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{A}\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $Y$

2. if  $\mathcal{B}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $Y$ , then  $\{f^{-1}(B) : B \in \mathcal{B}\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$ , and
3. if  $\mathcal{C}$  is a collection of subsets of  $Y$ , then

$$\sigma(\{f^{-1}(C) : C \in \mathcal{C}\}) = \{f^{-1}(B) : B \in \sigma(\mathcal{C})\}$$

*Proof.*

1. Let us note  $\mathcal{B} = \{B \subset Y : f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{A}\}$ .  $Y \subset Y$  and  $f^{-1}(Y) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) \in Y\} = X \in \mathcal{A}$ , so  $Y \in \mathcal{B}$ . Next, we note that for all  $B \subset Y$ , we have  $f^{-1}(B)^c = f^{-1}(B^c)$ , so  $\mathcal{B}$  is stable by complementation. Finally, for any family of sets  $B$ ,  $f^{-1}(\bigcup B) = \bigcup f^{-1}(B)$ , which gives us the stability of  $\mathcal{B}$  for unions (we only need countable unions). Combining the preceding results, we conclude that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $Y$ .
2. Let us note  $\mathcal{A} = \{f^{-1}(B) : B \in \mathcal{B}\}$ . As noted above,  $f^{-1}(Y) = X$ , so  $X \in \mathcal{A}$ . The same arguments on complementation and stability by union from the previous point apply here too, completing the proof that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$ .
3. For every  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}$  on  $Y$  that contains  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $g(\mathcal{B}) = \{f^{-1}(B) : B \in \mathcal{B}\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$ . The family  $\mathcal{F}$  of such  $\sigma$ -algebras respects inclusion: if for  $\mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{D} \in \mathcal{F}$ , we have  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{D}$ , then  $g(\mathcal{B}) \subset g(\mathcal{D})$  is also true. We conclude the following:

$$\begin{aligned} g\left(\bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}} F\right) &= \bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}} g(F) && \text{with} \\ g\left(\bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}} F\right) &= g(\sigma(\mathcal{C})) = \{f^{-1}(B) : B \in \sigma(\mathcal{C})\} && \text{and} \\ \bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}} g(F) &= \sigma(\{f^{-1}(B) : B \in \mathcal{C}\}) \end{aligned}$$

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**Exercise 6.** Let  $\mu$  be a nonzero finite Borel measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ , and let  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the function defined by  $F(x) = \mu((-\infty, x])$ . Define a function  $g$  on the interval  $(0, \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F(x))$  by

$$g(x) = \inf\{t \in \mathbb{R} : F(t) \geq x\}.$$

1. Show that  $g$  is nondecreasing, finite valued, and Borel measurable.
2. Show that  $\mu = \lambda g^{-1}$ . (Hint: start by showing that  $\mu(B) = \lambda(g^{-1}(B))$  when  $B$  has the form  $(-\infty, b]$ .)

*Proof.*

1.  $\mu$  being a nonzero finite measure,  $0 \leq F(x) \leq \mu(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F(x) = \mu(\mathbb{R})$ . Further,  $F$  is non-decreasing, non-negative, right-continuous (Proposition 1.3.9).

Let  $x$  and  $y$  in  $(0, \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F(x))$  such that  $x < y$ . For all  $t$  such that  $F(t) \geq y$ , we also have  $F(t) \geq x$ , and therefore  $\{t \in \mathbb{R} : F(t) \geq y\} \subset \{t \in \mathbb{R} : F(t) \geq x\}$ , from which we deduce that  $g(y) \geq g(x)$ .

$g$  being non-decreasing on the interval  $(0, \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F(x))$  is therefore Borel-measurable on that interval.

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $0 < x < \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F$ . Since  $\mu$  is nonzero, such an  $x$  exists, and thus there also exists  $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $F(t_0) \geq x$ . This shows that  $\{t \in \mathbb{R} : F(t) \geq x\} \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $\lim_{-\infty} F = 0$  and  $x > 0$ , there exists  $t_1 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $0 \leq F(t_1) < x$ .  $F$  being non-decreasing, we have  $t_1 < t_0$ , which shows that  $\{t \in \mathbb{R} : F(t) \geq x\}$  has a lower bound in  $\mathbb{R}$ , e.g.  $g$  has finite values.

2. Let  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $B = (-\infty, b]$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(g^{-1}(B)) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \chi_{g^{-1}(B)} d\lambda = \int_0^{\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F} \chi_B \circ g d\lambda = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \chi_B d(\lambda g^{-1}) \\ &= \lambda g^{-1}(B) \\ \mu(B) &= \int_{-\infty}^b d\mu = \int_0^{F(b)} g d\lambda = \int_0^{\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F} \chi_B \circ g d\lambda \end{aligned}$$

so  $\mu(B) = \lambda g^{-1}(B)$ . Since the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $\mathbb{R}$  is generated by sets of the form  $(-\infty, b]$  for  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  and the measures  $\mu$  and  $\lambda g^{-1}$  agree on such sets, we conclude that they agree on the whole of the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra.

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**Exercise 7.** Show that a convex subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  need not be a Borel set. (Hint: consider an open ball, together with part of its boundary).

*Proof.* Let  $B$  be a non-Borel set in  $[0, 1]$  and  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ ,  $x \mapsto (\cos(2\pi x), \sin(2\pi x))$  with  $\mathcal{C} = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$  the unit circle for the Euclidean norm.

$f$  is continuous, hence Borel-measurable.  $f$  is also injective, which implies that  $f^{-1}(f(B)) = B$ ; hence  $f(B)$  is not a Borel set.

Let  $\mathcal{D} = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$  be the open unit ball of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .  $\mathcal{D}$  is convex. Since  $f(B) \subset \mathcal{C}$ , line segments from points in  $f(B)$  to any other point in  $f(B)$  or  $\mathcal{D}$  stay in  $\mathcal{D}$  (except for the end points which can be in  $f(B)$ ). Therefore  $\mathcal{D} \cup f(B)$  is a convex set.

However,  $\mathcal{D} \cup f(B)$  is not a Borel set, since  $\mathcal{D}$  is a Borel set but  $f(B)$  is not

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