

# Math 720: Homework.

Do, but don't turn in optional problems. *Keep in mind that there is a firm 'no late homework' policy.*

**Assignment 1:** Assigned Wed 09/05. Due Wed 09/12

Following the notation of Cohn, I use  $\lambda$  to denote the Lebesgue measure.

- For each of the following sets, compute the Lebesgue outer measure.
  - Any countable set.
  - The Cantor set.
  - $\{x \in [0, 1] \mid x \notin \mathbb{Q}\}$ .
- If  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  is a subspace with  $\dim(V) < d$ , then show that  $\lambda(V) = 0$ .
  - If  $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  is a polygon show that  $\text{area}(P) = \lambda(P)$ .
- Say  $\mu$  is a *translation invariant* measure on  $(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{L})$  (i.e.  $\mu(x + A) = \mu(A)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ). Show that  $\exists c \geq 0$  such that  $\mu(A) = c\lambda(A)$ .
  - Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  be an orthogonal linear transformation, and  $A \in \mathcal{L}$ . Show that  $T(A) \in \mathcal{L}$  and  $\lambda(T(A)) = \lambda(A)$ . [HINT: Express  $T$  in terms of elementary transformations.]
- Let  $\mathcal{E} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ , and  $\rho : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  be such that  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $X \in \mathcal{E}$  and  $\rho(\emptyset) = 0$ . For any  $A \subseteq X$  define

$$\mu^*(A) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \rho(E_i) \mid E_i \in \mathcal{E}, \text{ and } A \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \right\}.$$

Show that  $\mu^*$  is an outer measure.

- Let  $(X, d)$  be any metric space,  $\delta > 0$  and define  $\mathcal{E}_\delta = \{B(x, r) \mid x \in X, r \in (0, \delta)\}$ . Given  $\alpha > 0$  define  $\rho(B(x, r)) = c_\alpha r^\alpha$ , where  $c_\alpha = \pi^{\alpha/2} / \Gamma(1 + \alpha/2)$  is a normalization constant. Let  $H_{\alpha, \delta}^*$  be the outer measure obtained with this choice of  $\rho$  and the collection of sets  $\mathcal{E}_\delta$ . Define  $H_\alpha^* = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} H_{\alpha, \delta}^*$ . Show  $H_\alpha^*$  is an outer measure and restricts to a measure  $H_\alpha$  on a  $\sigma$ -algebra that contains all Borel sets. The measure  $H_\alpha$  is called the *Hausdorff measure of dimension  $\alpha$* . [Don't reprove Caratheodory.]
- If  $X = \mathbb{R}^d$ , and  $\alpha = d$  show that  $H_d$  is the Lebesgue measure.
- Let  $S \in \mathcal{B}(X)$ . Show that there exists (a unique)  $d \in [0, \infty]$  such that  $H_\alpha(S) = \infty$  for all  $\alpha \in (0, d)$ , and  $H_\alpha(S) = 0$  for all  $\alpha \in (d, \infty)$ . This number is called the *Hausdorff dimension* of the set  $S$ .
- Compute the Hausdorff dimension of the Cantor set.

*Details in class I left for you to check. (Do it, but don't turn it in.)*

- \* We saw in class  $\ell(I) = I$  for closed cells. Show it for arbitrary cells.
- \* Show that  $m^*(a + E) = m^*(E)$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ .
- \* Show that the arbitrary intersection of  $\sigma$ -algebras on  $X$  is also a  $\sigma$ -algebra.
- \* Verify that the counting measures and delta measures are measures.
- \* When proving Caratheodory, we proved in class  $\Sigma$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra, and that  $\mu^*|_\Sigma$  is *finitely* additive. Show that  $\mu^*|_\Sigma$  is countably additive.