Analysis I

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Lecture 13: Negative Results (2) and Measurable Functions

We construct a cantor set.

First, suppose the interval $[0,1]$ and a series of sets $C_0, C_1, \ldots$ where $C_i = C_{i-1} \setminus D_i$ where D_i is just the set consisting of the middle thirds of each interval of C_{i-1}. Then, we let $C = \bigcap_{k \in \mathbb{N}} C_k$. We then define the nth partition of $[0,1] \setminus C_k$ to be $J_{k,n}$. We define $\mathscr{O} = \bigcup_{k,n \in \mathbb{N}} J_{k,n}$ and $\xi : \mathscr{O} \to \mathbb{R}, \ x \in J_{k,n} \mapsto \frac{n}{2^k}$. We see this is well defined by an inductive argument.

Definition 0.1 (Cantor-Lebesque Function)**.** We define

$$\varphi : [0,1] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \longmapsto \varphi(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x = 0 \\ \xi(x), & x \in \mathscr{O} \\ \sup\{\xi(y) : y \in \mathscr{O} \cap [0,x)\}, & x \in C \setminus \{0\} \end{cases}$$

to be the **Cantor-Lebesque Function**

Proposition 0.1. φ is a continuous increasing function such that $\varphi([0,1]) = [0,1]$.

Proof. It is clear ξ is and this guarantees φ to be increasing.

Next, note $\varphi(0) = 0$ and $\varphi(1) = 1$. Hence, we have the intermediate value theorem guaranteeing the image is $[0,1]$ if φ is continuous.

We see φ is continuous on $\mathscr{O}$ since it is constant on each interval $J_{k,n}$. Now, we consider $x \in C \setminus \{0,1\}$. For a given ε, let $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\frac{1}{2^k} < \varepsilon$. Then, there is $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $1 \leq n \leq 2^k - 2$ such that for all $u \in J_{k,n}, \ v \in J_{k,n+1}$ such that for all u, v we find $u < x < v$. Let $a_k \in J_{k,n} \ b_k \in J_{k,n+1}$ then by monotinicity

of φ, for all $y \in [0,1]$ with $|x - y| < \delta = \min\{x - a_k, x + b_k\}$ we find

$$|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)| \leq \varphi(b_k) - \varphi(a_k)$$
$$= \frac{n+1}{2^k} - \frac{n}{2^k}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2^k}$$
$$< \varepsilon.$$

Finally, given $\varepsilon > 0$, we take $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\frac{1}{2^k} < \varepsilon$ and let $c_k \in I_{k,1}$, $d_k \in I_{k,2^k-1}$. Then, for $o \leq y \leq c_k$, we find

$$|\varphi(0) - \varphi(y)| = |\varphi(y)|$$
$$\leq \varphi(c_k)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2^k}$$
$$< \varepsilon.$$

Similairly, for $d_k < y \leq 1$, we find

$$|\varphi(1) - \varphi(y)| \leq |1 - \varphi(d_k)|$$
$$= 1 - \frac{2^k - 1}{2^k}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2^k}$$
$$< \varepsilon.$$

$\square$

Definition 0.2 (Modified Cantor-Lebesque Function)**.** Let $\psi = x + \varphi(x)$ be the **modified Cantor-Lebesque Function**. It is clear ψ is continuous, strictly increasing and has , $\psi([0,2]) = [0,2]$.

Proposition 0.2. The function ψ has the following properties

1. $\psi(C)$ is measurable with $\mu(\psi(C)) = 1$.

2. There is a measurable set $S \subseteq C$ such that $\psi(S)$ is not measurable.

Proof.   • Note that $[0,1] = C \cup \mathscr{O}$ and ψ is injective and continuous. Hence, we have $[0,2] = \psi(C) \cup \psi(\mathscr{O})$ with $\psi(C) \cap \psi(\mathscr{O}) = \varnothing$. Since ψ is strictly increasing, we know ψ^{-1} is well-defined and continuous. Hence, ψ is an open map and we see $\psi(\mathscr{O})$ is open in $[0,2]$, hence $\psi(C)$ is closed. Hence, both sets are measurable. We see $\psi(\mathscr{O})$ is the union of a countable collection of open disjoint intervals, $\{I_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ such that $\varphi \mid J_i$ is constant by construction. Hence, we hve for each $i \in \mathbb{N}$ we find $\psi(I_n) = x_i + I_i$ where $x_i \in [0,1]$ is a constant. Since ψ is injective, we find it preserves

disjointness, hence the collection $\{\psi(I_i) : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is disjoint.

Then, by countable additivity and translation invariance of μ we find

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\begin{aligned}
\mu(\psi(\mathscr{O})) &= \mu\left(\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} I_i\right) \\
&= \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \psi(I_i) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(\psi(I_i)) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \ell(x_i + I_i) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \ell(I_i) \\
&= \mu(\mathscr{O}).
\end{aligned}
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Since, $\mu(C) = 0$, we find

$$\mu(\mathscr{O}) = \mu([0,1] \setminus C) = \mu([0,1]) = 1.$$

Consequently, $\mu(\psi(\mathscr{O})) = 1 = \mu(\mathscr{O})$. Hence, we find $\mu(\psi(C)) = 1$.

Since $\psi(C)$ has positive measure, it contains a nonmeasurable subset T, however, we see $S = \psi^{-1}(T)$ is measurable as $S \subseteq C$ and $\mu(C) = 0$. $\quad\square$

Corollary 1. There is a measurable set $S \subseteq C$ such that S is not borel.

Proof. Since ψ has a continuous inverse, we see it maps borel sets to borel sets. Let S be a subset of C such that $\psi(S)$ is not measurable. Since $\psi(S)$ is not measurable, it is not a borel set. Hence S is not borel, but it was measurable with measure 0. $\quad\square$

1 Measurable Functions

Definition 1.1 (Measurable Functions). A function $f : S \to \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is **Lebesgue-measurable** on S if $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is measurable and $f^{-1}((c, \infty])$ is a measurable set for every $c \in \mathbb{R}$. This is equivalent to the condition that $f^{-1}(B)$ is measurable for all $B \in \overline{\mathscr{B}}$, the extended borel σ-algebra.

Proposition 1.1. Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be measurable, then a function $f : S \to \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is measurable if and only if one of the following holds for all $c \in \mathbb{R}$:

- $f^{-1}([c, \infty])$ is measurable,

- $f^{-1}([-\infty, c])$ is measurable,

- $f^{-1}([-\infty, c))$ is measurable.

> **Definition 1.2.** The extended Borel σ-algebra, $\overline{\mathscr{B}}$ consists of all subsets $B \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ such that $B \setminus \{-\infty, \infty\} \in \mathscr{B}$.

Remark. It is clear $\overline{\mathscr{B}}$ is the smallest σ-algebra containing all open subsets of $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$.

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Recall. A function $f : S \to \mathbb{R}$ was measurable if S is measurable and $f^{-1}((c, \infty])$ is measurable for all $c \in \mathbb{R}$. There was an equivalent definition using the extended borel σ-algebra that we will use occasionally.

> **Proposition 1.2.** Suppose $f : S \to \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is continuous on the measurable set S, then f is measurable.

Proof. Let H be an extending function, then we must show $H \circ f$ is continuous. We see any subray , $f(X_0) = (c, \infty]$ will have $(H \circ f)(X_0) = (\hat{c}, 1]$. We know the preimage of this to be open in S, hence measurable. $\qquad \square$

> **Proposition 1.3.** Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Suppose $f : S \to \mathbb{R}$ is measurable. and let $g : B \to \mathbb{R}$ with $B \in \overline{\mathscr{B}}$ and $f(S) \subseteq B$. Then, $g \circ f : S \to \mathbb{R}$ is measurable.

Proof. For $c \in \mathbb{R}$, we note that $(g \circ f)^{-1}((c, \infty]) = f^{-1}\left(g^{-1}((c, \infty])\right)$. By continuity of g, we know $g^{-1}((c, \infty]) \in \overline{\mathscr{B}}$. And, since f is measurable, we find $f^{-1}\left(g^{-1}((c, \infty])\right)$. $\qquad \square$

> **Corollary 2.** Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and $f : S \to \mathbb{R}$ to be a measurable function. Then, for every $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $0 < \rho < \infty$, we find αf and $|f|^\rho$ are measurable.

Proof. We see the functions $g(u) = \alpha u$ on $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$ and $h(u) = |u|^\rho$ on $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$ to be the corresponding functions. We see the case h is clearly continuous and well defined. On the other hand g may be poorly defined if $\alpha = 0$ and $f(x) = \infty$. Recall, however, we had $0 \cdot \pm\infty = 0$ so g is just the zero functions and we see continuity holds. $\qquad \square$

> **Definition 1.3** (Almost-everywhere)**.** Let S be measurable, then a property is said to hold true **almost everywhere** on S or **for almost all** $x \in S$ if there is a set T with $\mu(T) = 0$ and the property holds on all of $S \setminus T$.

> **Proposition 1.4.** Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and suppose $f, g : S \to \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ such that f is measurable and $g = f$ almost everywhere on S