

- 1. Carothers 17.3** Let  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $D$  is measurable. Show that  $f$  is measurable if and only if the function  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is measurable, where  $g(x) = f(x)$  for  $x \in D$  and  $g(x) = 0$  for  $x \notin D$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $D$  is measurable and suppose that  $f$  is measurable. Define the function  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $g(x) = f(x)$  when  $x \in D$  and  $g(x) = 0$  otherwise. Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and consider the set  $\{g \geq \alpha\}$ , and note that if  $\alpha > 0$  then  $\{g \geq \alpha\} = \{f \geq \alpha\}$  which is measurable, since  $f$  is measurable. Now if  $\alpha \leq 0$  we find that  $\{g \geq \alpha\} = \{f \geq \alpha\} \cup D^c$  a union of measurable sets, which is also measurable. Hence  $g$  is a measurable function.  $\square$

*Proof.* Let  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $D$  is measurable and suppose that the function  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is measurable, where  $g(x) = f(x)$  for  $x \in D$  and  $g(x) = 0$  for  $x \notin D$ . Note that  $\{f \geq \alpha\} = \{g \geq \alpha\} \cap D$  which is always measurable.  $\square$

- 2. Carothers 17.4** Prove that  $\chi_E$  is measurable if and only if  $E$  is measurable.

*Proof.* Suppose  $\chi_E$  is measurable, then clearly it follows that  $\{\chi_E \geq \frac{1}{2}\} = E$  and must also be measurable. Now suppose that  $E$  is measurable, and consider the function  $\chi_E$ . Note that

$$\{\chi_E \geq \alpha\} = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \alpha > 1 \\ E & 0 < \alpha \leq 1 \\ \mathbb{R} & \alpha \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Hence  $\chi_E$  is a measurable function.  $\square$

- 3. Carothers 17.8** Suppose that  $D = A \cup B$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are measurable. Show that  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is measurable if and only if  $f|_A$  and  $f|_B$  are measurable (relative to their respective domains  $A$  and  $B$ , of course).

*Proof.* let  $D = A \cup B$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are measurable and suppose that  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is measurable. Without loss of generality consider the function  $f|_A$  and note that  $\{f|_A \geq \alpha\} = \{f|_A \geq \alpha\} \cap D$  which is measurable, and hence  $f|_A$  is measurable. Now suppose  $f|_A$  and  $f|_B$  are measurable (relative to their respective domains), and consider  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Note that since  $D = A \cup B$  we find that  $\{f \geq \alpha\} = \{f|_A \geq \alpha\} \cup \{f|_B \geq \alpha\}$  is measurable and therefore  $f$  is measurable.  $\square$

- 4. Carothers 17.18** Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be the Cantor function, and set  $g(x) = f(x) + x$ . Prove that:

**a**  $g$  is a homeomorphism of  $[0, 1]$  onto  $[0, 2]$ . In particular,  $h = g^{-1}$  is continuous.

*Proof.* First recall that the Cantor function is continuous via Corollary 2.19 and since  $g$  is a sum of two continuous functions,  $g$  is also continuous. Clearly  $g$  is a closed map as  $[0, 1]$  is compact and  $[0, 2]$  is Hausdorff. What is left to show to prove that  $g$  is a homeomorphism we will use the closed map lemma so what is left to show that that  $g$  is bijective. Let  $x, y \in [0, 1]$  such that  $x \neq y$  and note that  $g$  is strictly increasing, since  $f(x) \geq 0$  and monotone increasing and  $x$  is strictly increasing it must follow that  $g(x) \neq g(y)$ .

Let  $y \in [0, 2]$  and note that since  $f$  is continuous and  $g(0) = 0$  and  $g(1) = 2$  we find by the intermediate value theorem that there exists an  $x \in [0, 1]$  such that  $g(x) = y$ .  $\square$

- b**  $g(\Delta)$  is measurable and  $m(g(\Delta)) = 1$ . In particular,  $g(\Delta)$  contains a nonmeasurable set  $A$ .

*Proof.* Consider  $\Delta^c$  constructed as a countable union of disjoint middle third intervals  $I_i$ . Since  $f$  is a constant  $c_i$ , on each interval  $I_i$  and since  $g$  is bijective and each  $I_i$  is disjoint in the domain, each  $g(I_i) = I_i + c_i$  is disjoint.

$$g(\Delta^c) = g\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i\right) = \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i + c_i\right).$$

Clearly this demonstrates that  $g(\Delta^c)$  is measurable set, and since  $G$  is bijective we find that  $g(\Delta^c)^c = g(\Delta)$  is also measurable. It then follows by countable additivity and translation invariance that,

$$m(g(\Delta^c)) = m\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i + c_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} m(I_i + c_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} m(I_i) = 1$$

Since  $g$  is bijective we know that  $[0, 2] = g(\Delta) \cup g(\Delta^c)$  with  $g(\Delta)$  and  $g(\Delta^c)$  disjoint we get by additivity that,

$$m(g(\Delta)) = 2 - m(g(\Delta^c)) = 1.$$

The conclusion that  $g(\Delta)$  contains a non-measurable set follows from noting that  $m(g(\Delta)) > 0$  and recalling problem 10 from homework 10.  $\square$

- c**  $g$  maps some measurable set onto a nonmeasurable set.

*Proof.* As we have shown in the previous part there exists a nonmeasurable set  $N \subseteq g(\Delta)$ . Since  $g$  is bijection, there exists a set  $g^{-1}(N) \subseteq \Delta$  and therefore by monotonicity  $m^*(g^{-1}(N)) \leq m^*(\Delta) = 0$  so  $m^*(g^{-1}(N))$  is a null set and is therefore measurable.  $\square$

- d**  $B = g^{-1}(A)$  is Lebesgue measurable but not Borel set.

*Proof.* We have shown that  $h = g^{-1}$  is a continuous function, and is therefore measurable. Consider  $B = g^{-1}(N)$  from the previous problem. We have shown that  $B$  is Lebesgue measurable, suppose for the sake of contradiction that  $B$  is a Borel set, then it would follow that since  $h$  is measurable, it follows that  $h^{-1}(B) = g(g^{-1}(N)) = N$  is measurable, which is a contradiction.  $\square$

- e There is a Lebesgue measurable function  $F$  and a continuous function  $G$  such that  $F \circ G$  is not Lebesgue measurable.

*Proof.* We have show that  $g^{-1}$  is a continuous function, and previously we have also shown that indicator functions on measurable sets are also Lebesgue measurable. Now let  $G = g^{-1}$  and  $F = \chi_B$  note that  $F \circ G$  is well defined since  $g^{-1} : [0, 2] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\chi_B : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Note that for an open set  $U = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$  we get the following,

$$(F \circ G)^{-1}(U) = G^{-1}(F^{-1}(U)) = g^{-1}(B) = A$$

a non-measurable set.  $\square$

5. **Carothers 17.32** Check that the conclusion of Theorem 17.8 holds (with the same proof) if 'measurable' is everywhere interpreted as 'Borel measurable'. :Do the same for the four corollaries. What modifications, if any are needed in Corollary 17.12

*Proof.*  $\square$

6. **Carothers 17.33** If  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable, show that  $f'$  is Borel measurable. If  $f$  is only differentiable a.e, show that  $f'$  is still Lebesgue measurable.[Hint: Write  $f'$  as the limit of a sequence of continuous functions. ]

*Proof.* Suppose  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable and note that by the definition of the derivative,  $f'$  can be written as the limit of a sequence of continuous functions

$$f'(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x + \frac{b-x}{n}) - f(x)}{\frac{b-x}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{b-x} \left( f\left(x + \frac{b-x}{n}\right) - f(x) \right)$$

Note that since  $x \in (a, b)$  the pointwise limit of  $f'$  is well defined. Note that the function,

$$f'_n(x) = \frac{n}{b-x} \left( f\left(x + \frac{b-x}{n}\right) - f(x) \right),$$

is itself a Borel measurable function and therefore by Corollary 17.12  $f'$  is Borel measurable.  $\square$

7. **Carothers 17.35** Give an example showing that the requirement that  $m(D) < \infty$  cannot be dropped from Egorov's Theorem.

*Proof.*

□

- 8. Carothers 17.36** If  $(f_n)$  converges almost uniformly to  $f$ , prove that  $(f_n)$  converges almost everywhere to  $f$ . [Hint: For each  $k$ , choose a set  $E_k$  such that  $m(E_k) < \frac{1}{k}$  and  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly off of  $E_k$ . Then  $m(\cap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k) = 0$ ].

*Proof.* Let  $(f_n)$  be a sequence of functions which converge almost uniformly to  $f$ . Therefore we can construct a collection of  $E_k$  such that  $m(E_k) < \frac{1}{k}$  and  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus E_k$ . Let  $E = \cap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$  and note that  $E \subseteq E_k$  for all  $k$  it follows that  $m(E) \leq m(E_k)$  and since this holds for all  $k$ , it follows that  $m(E) = 0$ . Now let  $x \in D \setminus E$ , so by definition, there exists some  $k$  for which  $x \in D \setminus E_k$  and since  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $D \setminus E_k$  we know that  $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ . □

- 9. Carothers 17.44** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$  be measurable and finite a.e. Prove that there is a sequence of continuous function  $(g_n)$  on  $[a, b]$  such that  $g_n \rightarrow f$  a.e. on  $[a, b]$ . In fact the  $g_n$  can be taken to be polynomials

*Proof.* Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$  be measurable and finite a.e. By Theorem 17.20 we can construct a continuous  $(g_n)$  so that  $E_n = \{|f - g_n| \geq 2^{-n-1}\}$ . Now since each  $g_n$  are continuous on a closed interval  $[a, b]$  we know, by the Weierstrauss Approximation Theorem that there exists a polynomial  $p_n$  such that  $\|g_n - p_n\| \leq 2^{-n-1}$ . Now note that for each  $x \in E_n^c$  it follows that by the triangle inequality,

$$|f(x) - p_n(x)| \leq |f - g_n| + |g_n - p_n| < 2^{-n}.$$

So we can redefine  $E_n = \{|f - p_n| \geq 2^{-n}\}$  and by Theorem 17.20 we have that  $m(E_n) \leq 2^{-n}$ .

Now define ,

$$E = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} E_k \right).$$

Note that if  $x \in [a, b] \setminus E$  then there exists some  $k$  such that  $x \notin E_n$  for all  $n \geq k$ ,

$$|f(x) - p_n(x)| < 2^{-n}.$$

□

- 10. Carothers 17.45** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  be measurable and finite a.e and let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Show that there is a continuous function  $g$  on  $[a, b]$  with  $m\{f \neq g\} < \epsilon$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  be measurable and finite a.e and let  $\epsilon > 0$ . By the previous problem there exists a sequence of continuous  $(g_n)$  on  $[a, b]$  such that  $g_n \rightarrow f$  a.e. on  $[a, b]$ . By Egorov's Theorem there exists a measurable set  $E \subseteq [a, b]$  such that  $m(E) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  and  $(g_n)$  converges uniformly to  $f$  on  $[a, b] \setminus E$ . Now since  $E$  is measurable there exists an open  $U \subseteq [a, b]$  such that  $U \setminus E < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ .

Note that  $m([a, b] \setminus F) = m(U) < \epsilon$ , and since  $E \subseteq U$  we find that  $(g_n)$  converges uniformly to  $f$  on  $[a, b] \setminus U$  as well. Note that  $F = [a, b] \setminus U$  is a closed subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and by Problem 41 there exists a continuous function  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for which  $g(x) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in F$  and clearly  $mf \neq g = m([a, b] \setminus F) = m(U) < \epsilon$ .

□