

## Introduction

Oh hey, it's another one of those textbook notes that I never complete. I've decided to try something different in order to develop my understanding of measure theory. One of the primary for understanding measure theory is Gerald B. Folland's *Real Analysis and Applications* — and one of the benefits it has over a lot of other texts is that it has a significant number of exercises. I'm going to try to do them all — I'll start with Chapters 1–3, and if that goes well enough, continue up through whatever chapter I end up having to tap out at. Interspersed, I will include various notes. I figure that in order to make a subject like measure theory really stick, I need to deal with it consistently.

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## Chapter 1

### Section 1.2

**Definition** ( $\sigma$ -Algebra). An algebra of sets on  $X$  is a nonempty collection  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $X$  that is closed under finite unions and complements.

A  $\sigma$ -algebra is an algebra that is closed under countable unions.

**Exercise** (Exercise 1): A family of sets  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  is called a ring if it is closed under finite unions and differences. A ring that is closed under countable unions is called a  $\sigma$ -ring.

- Rings ( $\sigma$ -rings) are closed under finite (countable) intersections.
- If  $\mathcal{R}$  is a ring ( $\sigma$ -ring), then  $\mathcal{R}$  is an algebra ( $\sigma$ -algebra) if and only if  $X \in \mathcal{R}$ .
- If  $\mathcal{R}$  is a  $\sigma$ -ring, then  $\{E \subseteq X \mid E \in \mathcal{R} \text{ or } E^c \in \mathcal{R}\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.
- If  $\mathcal{R}$  is a  $\sigma$ -ring, then  $\{E \subseteq X \mid E \cap F \in \mathcal{R} \text{ for all } F \in \mathcal{R}\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

**Solution:**

- Note that for any  $E, F \in \mathcal{R}$ , that  $E \cap F = E \cup F \setminus ((E \setminus F) \cup (F \setminus E))$ .
- Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a  $\sigma$ -ring. Then,  $\mathcal{R}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra if for some  $E \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $E^c \in \mathcal{R}$ . Since  $E^c = X \setminus E \in \mathcal{R}$ , we have  $X \setminus E \cup E \in \mathcal{R}$  as  $\mathcal{R}$  is closed under (countable) unions. Hence,  $X \in \mathcal{R}$ .

If  $X \in \mathcal{R}$ , then for any  $E \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $E^c = X \setminus E \in \mathcal{R}$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{R}$  is closed under intersections.

- Since  $\mathcal{R}$  is a  $\sigma$ -ring, we only need show that the set  $\mathcal{A} = \{E \subseteq X \mid E \in \mathcal{R} \text{ or } E^c \in \mathcal{R}\}$  is closed under complements. We see that for any  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ , it is the case that either  $E \in \mathcal{R}$  or  $E^c \in \mathcal{R}$ , so  $E^c \in \mathcal{A}$  if and only if  $E^c \in \mathcal{R}$  or  $E \in \mathcal{R}$ , so  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under complements.
- Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a  $\sigma$ -ring, and let  $\mathcal{A} = \{E \subseteq X \mid E \cap F \in \mathcal{R} \text{ for all } F \in \mathcal{R}\}$ . We will show that  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under unions and complements.

Let  $E, F \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then, for all  $S \in \mathcal{R}$ , we have  $E \cap S \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $F \cap S \in \mathcal{R}$ . Since  $\mathcal{R}$  is closed under unions, we must have  $(E \cup F) \cap S = (E \cap S) \cup (F \cap S) \in \mathcal{R}$ , so  $E \cup F \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Let  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ .

**Proposition** (Proposition 1.2): The Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra,  $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$ , is generated by each of the following:

- (a) the open intervals,  $\mathcal{E}_1 = \{(a, b) \mid a < b\}$ ;
- (b) the closed intervals,  $\mathcal{E}_2 = \{[a, b] \mid a < b\}$ ;
- (c) the half-open intervals,  $\mathcal{E}_3 = \{(a, b] \mid a < b\}$  or  $\mathcal{E}_4 = \{[a, b) \mid a < b\}$ ;
- (d) the open rays,  $\mathcal{E}_5 = \{(a, \infty) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}\}$  or  $\mathcal{E}_6 = \{(-\infty, a) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ;
- (e) the closed rays,  $\mathcal{E}_7 = \{[a, \infty) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}\}$  or  $\mathcal{E}_8 = \{(-\infty, a] \mid a \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

*Proof.* The elements for  $\mathcal{E}_j$  for  $j \neq 3, 4$  are open or closed, and the elements of  $\mathcal{E}_3, \mathcal{E}_4$  are  $G_\delta$  sets — for instance,

$$(a, b] = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( a, b + \frac{1}{n} \right).$$

Thus,  $\sigma(\mathcal{E}_j) \subseteq \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$  for each  $j$ . On the other hand, every open set in  $\mathbb{R}$  is a countable union of open intervals, so  $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}} \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{E}_1)$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}} = \sigma(\mathcal{E}_1)$ .  $\square$

### Section 1.3

**Theorem** (Theorem 1.9): Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  be a measure space. Let  $\mathcal{N} = \{N \in \mathcal{M} \mid \mu(N) = 0\}$ , and let  $\overline{\mathcal{M}} = \{E \cup F \mid E \in \mathcal{M} \text{ and } F \subseteq N \text{ for some } N \in \mathcal{N}\}$ . Then,  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra, and there is a unique extension  $\overline{\mu}$  of  $\mu$  to a complete measure on  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  are closed under countable unions, so is  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$ . If  $E \cup F \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}$ , with  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $F \subseteq N \in \mathcal{N}$ , we may assume  $E \cap N = \emptyset$  — else, we replace  $F$  with  $F \setminus E$  and  $N$  with  $N \setminus E$ . Then,  $E \cup F = (E \cup N) \cap (N^c \cup F)$ , so  $(E \cup F)^c = (E \cup N)^c \cup (N \setminus F)$ . Since  $(E \cup N)^c \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $N \setminus F \subseteq N$ , we have  $(E \cup F)^c \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}$ , so  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

If  $E \cup F \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}$  as above, we set  $\overline{\mu}(E \cup F) = \mu(E)$ . This is well-defined, since if  $E_1 \cup F_1 = E_2 \cup F_2$ , with  $F_j \subseteq N_j \in \mathcal{N}$ , then  $E_1 \subseteq E_2 \cup N_2$ , so  $\mu(E_1) \leq \mu(E_2) + \mu(N_2) = \mu(E_2)$ . Similarly,  $\mu(E_2) \leq \mu(E_1)$ .  $\square$

**Exercise** (Exercise 6): Complete the proof of Theorem 1.9.

**Solution:** We now wish to show that every subset of a null set in  $\mathcal{M}$  is an element of  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$ . This can be seen by the fact that for some  $F \subseteq N \in \mathcal{N}$ , we have  $F = \emptyset \cup F \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}$ .

To show uniqueness, we suppose there is some other measure  $\nu: \overline{\mathcal{M}} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that  $\nu$  agrees with  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{M}$ . For some  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $F \subseteq N \in \mathcal{N}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(E \cup F) &= \mu(E) \\ &= \overline{\mu}(E \cup F). \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise** (Exercise 7): If  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n$  are measures on  $(X, \mathcal{M})$ , and  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in [0, \infty)$ , then  $\mu = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \mu_j$  is a measure on  $(X, \mathcal{M})$ .

**Solution:** It is clear that  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ . If we have a sequence of disjoint sets  $\{E_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) &= \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \mu_j\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu_j(E_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \mu_j \right)(E_i) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i).$$

**Exercise (Exercise 8):** If  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  is a measure space, and  $\{E_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$ , then  $\mu(\liminf E_j) \leq \liminf \mu(E_j)$ . Additionally, if  $\mu(\bigcup_{j \geq 1} E_j) < \infty$ , then  $\mu(\limsup E_j) \geq \limsup \mu(E_j)$ .

**Solution:** Note that

$$\liminf E_j = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{j=n}^{\infty} E_j.$$

Labeling

$$F_n = \bigcap_{j=n}^{\infty} E_j,$$

we have a sequence of inclusions

$$F_1 \subseteq F_2 \subseteq \cdots,$$

meaning that

$$\mu(\limsup E_j) = \inf_{n \geq 1} \mu(F_n).$$

Note that we have

$$\mu(F_n) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{j=n}^{\infty} E_j\right).$$

**Exercise (Exercise 9):** If  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  is a measure space, and  $E, F \in \mathcal{M}$ , then  $\mu(E) + \mu(F) = \mu(E \cup F) + \mu(E \cap F)$ .

**Solution:** We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(E) &= \mu((E \cup F) \setminus F) \sqcup \mu(E \cap F) \\ \mu(E) &= \mu(E \cup F) - \mu(F) + \mu(E \cap F) \\ \mu(E) + \mu(F) &= \mu(E \cup F) + \mu(E \cap F). \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise (Exercise 12):** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  be a finite measure space.

- If  $E, F \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $\mu(E \Delta F) = 0$ , then  $\mu(E) = \mu(F)$ .
- Let  $E \sim F$  if  $\mu(E \Delta F) = 0$ . Then,  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathcal{M}$ .
- For  $E, F \in \mathcal{M}$ , define  $\rho(E, F) = \mu(E \Delta F)$ . Then,  $\rho(E, G) \leq \rho(E, F) + \rho(F, G)$ , hence  $\rho$  defines a metric on the space  $\mathcal{M}/\sim$  of equivalence classes.

**Solution:**

- Note that  $E = (E \setminus F) \sqcup (E \cap F)$ , and  $F = (F \setminus E) \sqcup (F \cap E)$ . We also have  $\mu(E \Delta F) = \mu(E \setminus F) + \mu(F \setminus E) = 0$ , so  $\mu(F \setminus E) = \mu(E \setminus F) = 0$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(F) &= \mu(F \cap E) \\ &= \mu(E \cap F) \\ &= \mu(E). \end{aligned}$$

**Definition.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  be a measure space.

- If  $\mu(X) < \infty$ , then  $\mu$  is called finite.
- If  $X = \bigcup_{j \geq 1} E_j$ , where  $E_j \in \mathcal{M}$  for each  $j$  and  $\mu(E_j) < \infty$ , then  $\mu$  is called  $\sigma$ -finite.

- If for each  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $\mu(E) = \infty$ , there exists  $F \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $F \subseteq E$  and  $0 < \mu(F) < \infty$ , then we say  $\mu$  is semifinite.

**Exercise (Exercise 13):** Every  $\sigma$ -finite measure is semifinite.

**Solution:** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  be a measure space such that  $X = \bigcup_{j \geq 1} E_j$ , where  $\{E_j\}_{j \geq 1} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$  and  $\mu(E_j) < \infty$  for each  $j$ .

Suppose  $\mu(E) = \infty$ . Then, we may find  $F \subseteq E$  by finding  $j$  such that  $\mu(E_j) > 0$ , and taking  $F = E_j \cap E$ . Then, it must be the case that  $0 < \mu(F) \leq \mu(E_j) < \infty$ .

**Exercise (Exercise 14):** If  $\mu$  is a semifinite measure and  $\mu(E) = \infty$ , then for any  $C > 0$  there exists  $F \subseteq E$  such that  $C < \mu(F) < \infty$ .

**Solution:** By the definition of a semifinite measure, there exists  $F_1 \subseteq E$  such that  $0 < \mu(F_1) < \infty$ . We let  $\delta_1 = \mu(F_1)$ .

Now, it must be the case that  $\mu(E \setminus F_1) = \infty$ , else  $\infty = \mu(E) = \mu(E \setminus F_1) + \mu(F_1) < \infty$ , a contradiction.

Hence, there exists  $F_2 \subseteq E \setminus F_1$  with  $0 < \mu(F_2) < \infty$ . We let  $\delta_2 = \mu(F_2)$ . Similarly, we find  $\delta_n = \mu(F_n)$ , where  $F_n \subseteq E \setminus (F_1 \cup \dots \cup F_{n-1})$ .

Now, consider the series  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \delta_n = \sum_{n \geq 1} \mu(F_n) = \mu(\bigsqcup_{n \geq 1} F_n)$ . This series must diverge, as otherwise we would have  $\mu(E) = \mu(\bigsqcup_{n \geq 1} F_n) < \infty$ , which is yet again a contradiction.

Thus, for a given  $C > 0$ , we find  $N$  so large such that  $\sum_{n=1}^N \delta_n > C$ . Then,  $F = \bigsqcup_{n=1}^N F_n$  is our desired set.

**Exercise (Exercise 15):** Let  $\mu$  be a measure on  $(X, \mathcal{M})$ . Define  $\mu_0$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  by  $\mu_0(E) = \sup\{\mu(F) \mid F \subseteq E \text{ and } \mu(F) < \infty\}$ .

- $\mu_0$  is a semifinite measure. It is called the semifinite part of  $\mu$ .
- If  $\mu$  is semifinite, then  $\mu = \mu_0$ .
- There is a measure  $\nu$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  which only assumes the values 0 and  $\infty$  such that  $\mu = \mu_0 + \nu$ .

**Solution:**

- Let  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  be such that  $\mu_0(E) = \infty$ . Suppose toward contradiction that  $\mu_0$  is not semifinite. Then, for any  $F \subseteq E$ , it is the case that  $\mu(F) = 0$  or  $\mu(F) = \infty$ , so it would then be the case that  $\mu_0(E) = 0$ , a contradiction.
- If  $\mu(E) < \infty$ , then  $\mu_0(E) = \mu(E)$ , as  $E \subseteq E$  and  $\mu(E) < \infty$ .

If  $\mu(E) = \infty$ , then it is clear that  $\mu_0(E) = \infty$ , as for each  $C > 0$  there is some  $F \subseteq E$  such that  $C < \mu(F) < \infty$ .

Thus,  $\mu = \mu_0$ .

- We define the measure  $\nu$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  by taking  $\nu(E) = 0$  whenever  $\mu(E) < \infty$  and  $\nu(E) = \infty$  whenever  $\mu(E) = \infty$ .

**Exercise:** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  be a measure space. A set  $E \subseteq X$  is called locally measurable if  $E \cap A \in \mathcal{M}$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{M}$  such that  $\mu(A) < \infty$ . Let  $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}$  be the collection of all locally measurable sets.

It is obvious that  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \tilde{\mathcal{M}}$ . If  $\mathcal{M} = \tilde{\mathcal{M}}$ , then  $\mu$  is called saturated.

- If  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite, then  $\mu$  is saturated.
- $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.
- Define  $\tilde{\mu}$  on  $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}$  by  $\tilde{\mu}(E) = \mu(E)$  if  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\tilde{\mu}(E) = \infty$  otherwise. Then,  $\tilde{\mu}$  is a saturated measure on  $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}$  called the saturation of  $\mu$ .
- If  $\mu$  is complete, so is  $\tilde{\mu}$ .
- Suppose that  $\mu$  is semifinite. For  $E \in \tilde{\mathcal{M}}$ , define  $\underline{\mu}(E) = \sup\{\mu(A) \mid A \in \mathcal{M} \text{ and } A \subseteq E\}$ . Then,  $\underline{\mu}$  is a saturated measure on  $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}$  that extends  $\mu$ .
- Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be disjoint uncountable sets,  $X = X_1 \sqcup X_2$ , and  $\mathcal{M}$  the  $\sigma$ -algebra of countable and cocountable sets in  $X$ . Let  $\mu_0$  be the counting measure on  $\mathcal{P}(X_1)$  and define  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  by  $\mu(E) = \mu_0(E \cap X_1)$ . Then,
  - $\mu$  is a measure on  $\mathcal{M}$ ;

- $\tilde{\mathcal{M}} = \mathcal{P}(X)$ ;
- and  $\tilde{\mu} \neq \underline{\mu}$ .

**Solution:**

- (a) Let  $\mu$  be  $\sigma$ -finite, and let  $E \in \tilde{\mathcal{M}}$ . We know that  $E \cap A \in \mathcal{M}$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $\mu(A) < \infty$ . In particular, we can select a disjoint collection  $\{A_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  such that  $\mu(A_j) < \infty$  and  $\bigcup_{j \geq 1} A_j = X$ . Thus, since  $E = X \cap E$ , we must have  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  as  $E$  is locally measurable.

**Section 1.4**

**Definition.** An outer measure on a nonempty set  $X$  is a function  $\mu^*: \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  such that

- $\mu^*(\emptyset) = 0$ ;
- $\mu^*(A) \leq \mu^*(B)$  if  $A \subseteq B$ ;
- $\mu^*(\bigcup_{j \geq 1} A_j) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_j)$ .

**Proposition:** 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

$$\mu^*(A) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{j \geq 1} \rho(E_j) \mid E_j \in \mathcal{E} \text{ and } A \subseteq \bigcup_{j \geq 1} E_j \right\}.$$

Then,  $\mu^*$  is an outer measure.

*Proof.* For any  $A \subseteq X$ , there exists  $\{E_j\}_{j \geq 1} \subseteq \mathcal{E}$  such that  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{j \geq 1} E_j$  (taking  $E_j = X$ ). Clearly,  $\mu^*(\emptyset) = 0$ .

Additionally, since  $A \subseteq B$ , we the infimum taken to define  $\mu^*(A)$  includes the corresponding set in the definition of  $\mu^*(B)$ , so  $\mu^*(A) \leq \mu^*(B)$ .

Suppose  $\{A_j\}_{j \geq 1} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ , and let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . For each  $j$ , there exists  $\{E_{j,k}\}_{k \geq 1} \subseteq \mathcal{E}$  such that  $A_j \subseteq \bigcup_{k \geq 1} E_{j,k}$  and  $\sum_{k \geq 1} \rho(E_{j,k}) \leq \mu^*(A_j) + \varepsilon 2^{-j}$ . Thus, if  $A = \bigcup_{j \geq 1} A_j$ , we have  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{j,k \geq 1} E_{j,k}$ , and  $\sum_{j,k \geq 1} \rho(E_{j,k}) \leq \sum_{j \geq 1} \mu^*(A_j) + \varepsilon$ , meaning  $\mu^*(A) \leq \sum_{j \geq 1} \mu^*(A_j) + \varepsilon$ . Since this holds for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we must have  $\mu^*(\bigcup_{j \geq 1} A_j) \leq \sum_{j \geq 1} \mu^*(A_j)$ .  $\square$

**Definition.** If  $\mu^*$  is an outer measure, a set  $A \subseteq X$  is called  $\mu^*$ -measurable if

$$\mu^*(E) = \mu^*(E \cap A) + \mu^*(E \cap A^c)$$

for all  $E \subseteq X$ . In other words,  $A$  is measurable if it serves as a well-behaved “cookie cutter” for any subset of  $X$ .

Note that it suffices to show that

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

**Definition.** If  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  is an algebra, a function  $\mu_0: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is called a premeasure if  $\mu_0(\emptyset) = 0$  and, for any sequence of disjoint sets  $\{A_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have

$$\mu_0\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j\right) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu_0(A_j).$$

A premeasure induces an outer measure on  $X$  by

$$\mu^*(E) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu_0(A_j) \mid A_j \in \mathcal{A}, E \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j \right\}.$$

**Exercise (Exercise 17):** If  $\mu^*$  is an outer measure on  $X$  and  $\{A_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$  is a sequence of disjoint  $\mu^*$ -measurable sets, then  $\mu^*\left(E \cap \left(\bigcup_{j=1}^\infty A_j\right)\right) = \sum_{j=1}^\infty \mu^*(E \cap A_j)$ .

**Solution:** Since  $\{A_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$  are  $\mu^*$ -measurable, we know that for any  $E \subseteq X$ ,

$$\mu^*(E) = \mu^*(E \cap A_j) + \mu^*(E \cap A_j^c)$$

for all  $j$ . Since the countable union of measurable sets is measurable, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^*(E) &= \mu^*\left(E \cap \left(\bigcup_{j=1}^\infty A_j\right)\right) + \mu^*\left(E \cap \left(\bigcup_{j=1}^\infty A_j\right)^c\right) \\ &= \mu^*\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^\infty E \cap A_j\right) + \mu^*\left(\bigcap_{j=1}^\infty E \cap A_j^c\right). \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise (Exercise 18):** Let  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  be an algebra,  $\mathcal{A}_\sigma$  the collection of countable unions of sets in  $\mathcal{A}$ , and  $\mathcal{A}_{\sigma\delta}$  the collection of countable intersections in  $\mathcal{A}_\sigma$ . Let  $\mu_0$  be a premeasure on  $\mathcal{A}$ , and let  $\mu^*$  be the induced outer measure.

- (a) For any  $E \subseteq X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $A \in \mathcal{A}_\sigma$  with  $E \subseteq A$ ,  $\mu^*(A) \leq \mu^*(E) + \varepsilon$ .
- (b) If  $\mu^*(E) < \infty$ , then  $E$  is  $\mu^*$ -measurable if and only if there exists  $B \in \mathcal{A}_{\sigma\delta}$  with  $E \subseteq B$  and  $\mu^*(B \setminus E) = 0$ .
- (c) If  $\mu_0$  is  $\sigma$ -finite, then the restriction  $\mu^*(E) < \infty$  in (b) is superfluous.

**Solution:**

- (a) We know that

$$\mu^*(E) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^\infty \mu_0(A_j) \mid A_j \in \mathcal{A}, E \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^\infty A_j \right\},$$

meaning that, by the definition of infimum, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists some sequence  $\{A_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that

$$\mu_0\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^\infty A_j\right) \leq \mu^*(E) + \varepsilon.$$

Defining  $A = \bigcup_{j=1}^\infty A_j$ , we have  $A \in \mathcal{A}_\sigma$ .

- (b) Let  $\mu^*(E) < \infty$ .

Suppose  $E$  is measurable. Then, for any  $T \subseteq X$ , we have

$$\mu^*(T) = \mu^*(E \cap T) + \mu^*(E^c \cap T).$$