

## 2B Exercise 1

We need to show that  $\mathcal{S}$  satisfies 3 conditions of  $\sigma$ -algebra:

- $\emptyset \in \mathcal{S}$  when we choose  $K = \emptyset \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ .
- Let  $E \in \mathcal{S}$ . Then, by definition, there exists  $K \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $E = \bigcup_{n \in K} (n, n+1]$ .  
WLOG let  $K = \{k_1, k_2, \dots\}$  such that  $k_1 > k_2 > \dots$  and  $k_1, k_2, \dots$  are pairwise distinct, then  $E = (k_1, k_1+1] \cup (k_2, k_2+1] \cup \dots$ , therefore  $E^c = \dots \cup (k_1-1, k_1] \cup (k_1+1, k_1+2] \cup \dots \cup (k_2-1, k_2] \cup (k_2+1, k_2+2] \cup \dots$ .  
We can write  $E^c$  as  $E^c = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus K} (n, n+1]$ . Since  $\mathbb{Z} \setminus K \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  then  $E^c \in \mathcal{S}$ .
- Let  $\bigcup_{n \in K_1} (n, n+1], \bigcup_{n \in K_2} (n, n+1], \dots \in \mathcal{S}$ . Then the union of this sequence of elements in  $\mathcal{S}$  is  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n \in K_i} (n, n+1]$ , which is equal to  $\bigcup_{n \in K} (n, n+1]$  where  $K = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} K_i$ . And  $\bigcup_{n \in K} (n, n+1] \in \mathcal{S}$  by definition of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

## 2B Exercise 4

Let  $\mathcal{S}' = \{(r, s] : r, s \in \mathbb{Q}\}$  be the collection of Borel subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  (Theorem (♠)).

To show that  $\mathcal{S}$  equals the collection of Borel subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ :

“ $\Rightarrow$ ”

Let  $r, s \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Define  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $n \geq s$ .

Then we have  $\underbrace{(r, s]}_{\in \mathcal{S}'} = (r, n] \cap (-\infty, s] = \underbrace{(r, n]}_{\in \mathcal{S}} \cap \underbrace{(\mathbb{R} \setminus (s, n+1])}_{\in \mathcal{S}} = \underbrace{\underbrace{(r, n]}_{\in \mathcal{S}} \cap \underbrace{(\mathbb{R} \setminus (s, n+1])}_{\in \mathcal{S}}}_{\in \mathcal{S}}$ . Therefore  $(r, s] \in \mathcal{S}$ ,

i.e., each element of  $\mathcal{S}'$  is included in  $\mathcal{S}$ . Using theorem (♠), the collection of Borel subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  is a subset of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

“ $\Leftarrow$ ”

Let  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $(r, n] \in \{(r, s] : r, s \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ . It means that every element of  $\mathcal{S}$  is also an element of  $\mathcal{S}'$ . Using theorem (♠),  $\mathcal{S}$  is a subset of the collection of Borel subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

### Theorem (♠) [2B Exercise 3]

Suppose  $\mathcal{S}'$  is the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $\mathbb{R}$  containing  $\{(r, s] : r, s \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ . Prove that  $\mathcal{S}'$  is the collection of Borel subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**proof.**

“ $\Rightarrow$ ”

Let  $r, s \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $(r, s] = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (r, s + \frac{1}{n}]$ . Since each  $(r, s + \frac{1}{n}]$  is a Borel set, then  $(r, s]$  is also a Borel set by [2.25 of Measure, Integration & Real Analysis](#). So  $\mathcal{S}'$  is a subset of the collection of Borel subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

“ $\Leftarrow$ ”

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $(a, b) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (a, b - \frac{1}{n}] \in \mathcal{S}'$ . Let  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ . For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $a_n, b_n \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $c \leq a_n < c + \frac{1}{n}$  and  $d - \frac{1}{n} < b_n \leq d$ . Then  $(c, d) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n, b_n)$ . Since  $(a_n, b_n) \in \mathcal{S}'$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(c, d) \in \mathcal{S}'$ . A subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  is open if and only if it is the union of a disjoint sequence of open intervals by

0.59 of Supplement for Measure, Integration & Real Analysis. So any open subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  is included in  $\mathcal{S}'$ . Therefore, the collection of Borel subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  is a subset of  $\mathcal{S}'$ .

## 2B Exercise 8

Conditioning on the value of  $\mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}$ :

- If  $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}$ , then if  $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is a Borel set,  $tB = \{0\}$  is also a Borel set since every countable subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  is a Borel set (by [2.30 of Measure, Integration & Real Analysis](#)).
- If  $\mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$  and by defining function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(x) = \frac{x}{t}$ , we argue that  $f$  is a Borel-measurable function since it is continuous. Therefore by definition of Borel-measurable functions,  $f^{-1}(B) = tB$  is a Borel set for every Borel set  $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .

## 2B Exercise 12

- (a) Let  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $x \in G_k$ . By definition, there exists  $\delta_x > 0$  such that  $|f(b) - f(c)| < \frac{1}{k} \quad \forall b, c \in (x - \delta, x + \delta)$ . Given the value of  $\delta$ , let  $\delta_x < \delta$  be such that it builds a ball around  $x$  as  $\underbrace{(x - \delta_x, x + \delta_x)}_{B(x, \delta_x)} \subset (x - \delta, x + \delta)$  and pick  $y \in B(x, \delta_x)$ .

Given the value of  $y$  and  $\delta_x$ , now let  $\delta_y < \delta_x$  such that  $\underbrace{(y - \delta_y, y + \delta_y)}_{B(y, \delta_y)} \subset B(x, \delta_x)$ .

Then for any  $b', c' \in B(y, \delta_y)$  we have  $|f(b') - f(c')| < \frac{1}{k}$ , thus we can conclude that  $y \in G_k$ . Since  $y$  was chosen arbitrarily from  $B(x, \delta_x)$  then  $B(x, \delta_x) \subset G_k$  which means that an open ball around  $x$  exists for each element  $x$  of  $G_k$ . Therefore  $G_k$  is an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- (b) To show  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} G_k = \underbrace{\{\text{set of points at which } f \text{ is continuous}\}}_{:=C}$ :

“ $\Rightarrow$ ”

Let  $x \in \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} G_k$  and let  $\epsilon > 0$ . There exists an  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $\frac{1}{n} \leq \epsilon$  and  $x \in G_n$ , so  $|f(x') - f(x)| < \frac{1}{n} \leq \epsilon$  for all  $x' \in B(x, \delta_x)$ , i.e., for all  $x'$  such that  $|x' - x| < \delta_x$ . Therefore  $x \in C$ .

“ $\Leftarrow$ ”

Let  $x \in C$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then there is  $\delta_x$  such that  $|f(x') - f(x)| < \frac{1}{2k} \quad \forall x' \in B(x, \delta_x)$ . Using triangle inequality:

$$|f(x'') - f(x')| < |f(x'') - f(x)| + |f(x) - f(x')| < \frac{1}{2k} + \frac{1}{2k} = \frac{1}{k}$$

for all  $x', x'' \in B(x, \delta_x)$ , so  $x \in G_k$ . Since  $k$  was arbitrary, then  $x \in \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} G_k$ .

- (c) Since  $G_k$ 's are open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  then they are Borel sets. Borel sets are closed under intersection, therefore  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} G_k$  is also a Borel set. And as we showed in part (b), this set is equal to the set of points at which  $f$  is continuous. Hence the set of points at which  $f$  is continuous, is a Borel set.