

Harmonic Measure TD5

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Exercise 1: Let X be a set and $A \subseteq X$. Two sets $E, F \subseteq X$ are said to be *separated by A* if $E \subseteq A$ and $F \subseteq X \setminus A$, or if $F \subseteq A$ and $E \subseteq X \setminus A$. Let μ be a measure on X .

1. Show that A is μ -measurable if and only if for all sets $E, F \subseteq X$ separated by A , we have $\mu(E \cup F) = \mu(E) + \mu(F)$.
2. Show that A is μ -measurable if for all sets $E, F \subseteq X$ separated by A and such that $\mu(E)$ and $\mu(F)$ are finite, we have $\mu(E \cup F) \geq \mu(E) + \mu(F)$.
3. Give an example of a measure μ on X such that all subsets of X are μ -measurable.

Proof:

1. $\mu(E \cup F) = \mu((E \cup F) \cap A) + \mu((E \cup F) \cap A^c) = \mu(E) + \mu(F)$.
2. Since $\mu(E) + \mu(F) \leq \mu(E \cup F)$ we can confirm.
3. $\mu(A) = 0$ for all $A \subset X$.

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Exercise 2: Let X be a set. A *premeasure* on X is a function $\tau : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ defined on a collection \mathcal{C} of subsets of X , such that $\emptyset \in \mathcal{C}$ and $\tau(\emptyset) = 0$. For any set $A \subseteq X$, define

$$\mu(A) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \tau(C_i) \mid C_i \in \mathcal{C}, A \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} C_i \right\}.$$

1. Show that μ is a measure on X .
2. Show that any measure ν on X is also a premeasure on X . Show that the measure μ constructed as above from the premeasure ν equals ν .

Proof:

1. Only prove the subadditivity. Set sequence $\{A_i \subset X\}$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. Pick $\{C_{i,j}\}$ such that

$$\sum_j \tau(C_{i,j}) \leq \mu(A_i) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^i}$$

holds for all i . Then

$$\sum_{i,j} \tau(C_{i,j}) \leq \sum_i \mu(A_i) + \varepsilon, \quad \text{for all } \varepsilon > 0,$$

hence

$$\sum_{i,j} \tau(C_{i,j}) \leq \sum_i \mu(A_i).$$

Since

$$\bigcup_i A_i \subset \bigcup_{i,j} C_{i,j}$$

the result follows.

2. Former is trivial, only prove latter.

$$\mu(A) \leq \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \tau(C_i) \mid C_i \in \mathcal{C}, A \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} C_i \right\}$$

is trivial according to monotonicity, and other side is also easy to reach, only need to set $\{C_i\} = \{A, \emptyset, \emptyset, \dots\}$. \square

Exercise 3: Let $\nu : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be a countably additive set function such that $\nu(\emptyset) = 0$, where \mathcal{A} is a σ -algebra on X .

1. Show that ν is a premeasure on X . Let μ be the measure constructed as in Exercise 2 from the premeasure ν . Show that for any subset A of X , we have:

$$\mu(A) = \inf\{\nu(B) \mid B \in \mathcal{A}, B \supseteq A\}.$$

2. Deduce that all sets in \mathcal{A} are μ -measurable and that $\mu(A) = \nu(A)$ for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$.
3. Show that μ is a regular measure on X , meaning that for any set $A \subseteq X$, there exists a set $B \in \mathcal{M}_\mu$ such that $B \supseteq A$ and $\mu(B) = \mu(A)$.

Proof:

1. Former is trivial, only prove latter. Apparently, for all $B \in \mathcal{A}$ there exists $\{B_i \in \mathcal{A}\}$ such that $B = \bigcup_i B_i$, and the result follows.
2. Omit.
3. For $A \subset X$, set $\{B_i \in \mathcal{A}\}$ such that $\nu(B_i) \downarrow \mu(A)$, then it is easy to deduce that

$$\mathcal{A} \ni B = \bigcup_i B_i \supset A \quad \text{and} \quad \mu(B) = \mu(A).$$

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Exercise 4: Show that if a function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is monotone, then it is Borel-measurable.

Proof: Only need to prove $\{f > t\}$ is Borel-measurable for $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Set $x = \sup\{x \mid f(x) \leq t\}$, then $\{f > t\}$ is either $[x, \infty)$ or (x, ∞) , which depends on $f(x)$. \square

Exercise 5: Let μ be a measure on a set X , and $f_n, g_n, f, g \in L_\mu^1$.

1. Assume the following three properties:

- μ -almost everywhere, $f_n \rightarrow f$ and $g_n \rightarrow g$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
- $|f_n| \leq g_n$ for all $n \geq 1$
- $\int_X g_n d\mu \rightarrow \int_X g d\mu$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Show that $\int_X f_n d\mu \rightarrow \int_X f d\mu$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

2. Assume that μ -almost everywhere, $f_n \rightarrow f$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Show that

$$\int_X |f_n - f| d\mu \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

if and only if

$$\int_X |f_n| d\mu \rightarrow \int_X |f| d\mu \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Proof:

1.
$$\begin{aligned} \int_X (g_n + g) d\mu &= \int_X \liminf (g_n + g - |f_n - f|) d\mu \\ &\leq \liminf \int_X (g_n + g - |f_n - f|) d\mu \\ &= \int_X (g_n + g) d\mu - \limsup \int_X |f_n - f| d\mu. \end{aligned}$$
2. $\Rightarrow |f_n - f| \geq ||f_n| - |f||. \Leftarrow$ Set $g_n = |f_n| + |f|$ and use previous result.

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Exercise 6: Interpret the monotone convergence theorem, Fatou's lemma, and the dominated convergence theorem in the context of the counting measure on \mathbb{N} , and deduce the corresponding statements about series.

Proof: *Monotone convergence theorem:* consider $\{a_{i,j} \in \mathbb{R}\}$ such that $\sum_j a_{i,j} < \infty$ for all $i \geq 1$ and $a_{i,j} \leq a_{i+1,j}$ for all j , then

$$\sum_j a_{i,j} \uparrow \sum_j \lim_i a_{i,j}.$$

Fatou's lemma and dominated convergence theorem can be similarly stated.

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Exercise 7: Let μ be the Lebesgue measure on $X = [0, 1]$, let ν be the counting measure on X , and let $D = \{(x, x) \mid x \in X\}$ be the diagonal in $X \times X$. Show that the three integrals

$$\int_X \left(\int_X \mathbf{1}_D(x, y) d\nu(y) \right) d\mu(x), \quad \int_X \left(\int_X \mathbf{1}_D(x, y) d\mu(x) \right) d\nu(y), \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{X \times X} \mathbf{1}_D d(\mu \times \nu)$$

are all unequal.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X \left(\int_X \mathbf{1}_D(x, y) d\nu(y) \right) d\mu(x) &= \int_X 1 d\mu(x) = 1, \\ \int_X \left(\int_X \mathbf{1}_D(x, y) d\mu(x) \right) d\nu(y) &= \int_X 0 d\nu(y) = 0, \\ \int_{X \times X} \mathbf{1}_D d(\mu \times \nu) &= \infty. \end{aligned}$$

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