

Measure, Integration and Real Analysis

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1. Riemann Integration

1.1. Review: Riemann Integral

Definition 1.1.1 (partition): Suppose $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a < b$. A *partition* of $[a, b]$ is a finite list of the form x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n , where

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b.$$

We use a partition x_1, x_1, \dots, x_n of $[a, b]$ to think of $[a, b]$ as a union of closed subintervals,

$$[a, b] = [x_0, x_1] \cup [x_1, x_2] \cup \dots \cup [x_{n-1}, x_n].$$

Definition 1.1.2 (notation for infimum and supremum of a function): If f is a real-valued function and A is a subset of the domain of f , then

$$\inf_A f = \inf\{f(x) : x \in A\} \text{ and } \sup_A f = \sup\{f(x) : x \in A\}.$$

Definition 1.1.3 (lower and upper Riemann sums): Suppose $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bounded function and P is a partition x_0, \dots, x_n of $[a, b]$. The *lower Riemann sum* $L(f, P, [a, b])$ and the *upper Riemann sum* $U(f, P, [a, b])$ are defined by

$$L(f, P, [a, b]) = \sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - x_{j-1}) \inf_{[x_{j-1}, x_j]} f$$

and

$$U(f, P, [a, b]) = \sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - x_{j-1}) \sup_{[x_{j-1}, x_j]} f.$$

Lemma 1.1.1 (inequalities with Riemann sums): Suppose $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bounded function and P, P' are partitions of $[a, b]$ such that the list defining P is a sublist of the list defining P' . Then

$$L(f, P, [a, b]) \leq L(f, P', [a, b]) \leq U(f, P', [a, b]) \leq U(f, P, [a, b]).$$

Lemma 1.1.2 (lower Riemann sums \leq upper Riemann sums): Suppose $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bounded function and P, P' are partitions of $[a, b]$. Then

$$L(f, P, [a, b]) \leq U(f, P', [a, b]).$$

Definition 1.1.4 (lower and upper Riemann integrals): Suppose $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bounded function. The *lower Riemann integral* $L(f, [a, b])$ and the *upper Riemann integral* $U(f, [a, b])$ of f are defined by

$$L(f, [a, b]) = \sup_P L(f, P, [a, b])$$

and

$$U(f, [a, b]) = \inf_P U(f, P, [a, b])$$

where the supremum and infimum above are taken over all partitions P of $[a, b]$.

Lemma 1.1.3 (lower Riemann integral \leq upper Riemann integral): Suppose $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bounded function. Then

$$L(f, [a, b]) \leq U(f, [a, b]).$$

Definition 1.1.5 (Riemann integrable; Riemann integral):

- a. A bounded function on a closed bounded interval is called *Riemann integrable* if its lower Riemann integral equals its upper Riemann integral.
- b. If $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Riemann integrable, then the *Riemann integral* $\int_a^b f$ is defined by

$$\int_a^b f = L(f, [a, b]) = U(f, [a, b]).$$

Proposition 1.1.1 (continuous functions are Riemann integrable): Every continuous real-valued function on each closed bounded interval is Riemann integrable.

Lemma 1.1.4 (bounds on Riemann integral): Suppose $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Riemann integrable. Then

$$(b - a) \inf_{[a, b]} f \leq \int_a^b f \leq (b - a) \sup_{[a, b]} f.$$

1.2. Riemann Integral Is Not Good Enough

There are three issues we discuss

- a. Riemann integration does not handle functions with many discontinuities;
- b. Riemann integration does not handle unbounded functions;
- c. Riemann integration does not work well with limits.

Example (a function that is not Riemann integrable): Define $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is rational,} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational.} \end{cases}$$

If $[a, b] \subseteq [0, 1]$ with $a < b$, then

$$\inf_{[a, b]} f = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_{[a, b]} f = 1$$

because $[a, b]$ contains an irrational number and contains a rational number. Thus, $L(f, P, [0, 1]) = 0$ and $U(f, P, [0, 1]) = 1$ for any partition P of $[0, 1]$. Since $L(f, [0, 1]) \neq U(f, [0, 1])$, we conclude that f is not Riemann integrable.

Example (Riemann integration does not work with unbounded functions): Define $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

If x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n is a partition of $[0, 1]$, then $\sup_{[x_0, x_1]} f = \infty$. Then, $U(f, P, [0, 1]) = \infty$ for every partition P of $[0, 1]$.

However, we should consider the area under the graph of f to be 2 and not ∞ as

$$\lim_{a \downarrow 0} \int_a^1 f = \lim_{a \downarrow 0} (2 - 2\sqrt{a}) = 2.$$

Calculus courses fix with this issue by just defining $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx$ to be $\lim_{a \downarrow 0} \int_a^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx$.

Example (area seems to make sense, but Riemann integral is not defined): Let r_1, r_2, \dots be a sequence that includes each rational number in $(0, 1)$ exactly once and includes no other numbers. For $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, define $f_k : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f_k(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-r_k}} & \text{if } x > r_k, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \leq r_k. \end{cases}$$

Then define $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ by

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{f_k(x)}{2^k}.$$

Since every nonempty open subinterval of $[0, 1]$ contains a rational number, f is unbounded on every such subinterval. Thus, the Riemann integral of f is undefined on every subinterval of $[0, 1]$ with more than one element. However, the area under the graph of each f_k is less than 2. Then by the definition of f , the area under the graph of f should be less than 2.

Example (Riemann integration does not work well with pointwise limits): Let r_1, r_2, \dots be a sequence that includes each rational number in $[0, 1]$ exactly once and that includes no other numbers. For $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, define $f_k : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f_k(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \{r_1, \dots, r_k\}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Each f_k is Riemann integrable and $\int_0^1 f_k = 0$.

Define $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is rational,} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational.} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k(x) = f(x) \text{ for each } x \in [0, 1].$$

However, f is not Riemann integrable even though f is the pointwise limit of a sequence of integrable functions bounded by 1.

There is a condition under which Riemann integrals behave well with limits— though, this positive result has the undesirable hypothesis of the limit function f being Riemann integrable.

Proposition 1.2.1 (interchanging Riemann integral and limit): Suppose $a, b, M \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a < b$. Suppose f_1, f_2, \dots is a sequence of Riemann integrable functions on $[a, b]$ such that

$$|f_k(x)| \leq M$$

for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and all $x \in [a, b]$. Suppose $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k(x)$ exists for each $x \in [a, b]$. Define $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f(x) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k(x).$$

If f is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$, then

$$\int_a^b f = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_k.$$

2. Measures

2.1. Outer Measure on \mathbb{R}

Definition 2.1.1 (length of open interval): The *length* $\ell(I)$ of an open interval I is define by

$$\ell(I) = \begin{cases} b - a & \text{if } I = (a, b) \text{ for some } a, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ with } a < b \\ 0 & \text{if } I = \emptyset \\ \infty & \text{if } I = (-\infty, a) \text{ or } I = (a, \infty) \text{ for some } a \in \mathbb{R} \\ \infty & \text{if } I = (-\infty, \infty) \end{cases}$$

Definition 2.1.2 (outer measure): The *outer measure* $|A|$ of a set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is defined by

$$|A| = \inf \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \ell(I_k) \mid I_1, I_2, \dots \text{ are open intervals such that } A \subseteq \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} I_k \right\}.$$

Example (finite sets have outer measure 0): Let $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ be a finite subset of \mathbb{R} . Suppose $\varepsilon > 0$. Define the sequence of I_1, I_2, \dots of open intervals by

$$I_k = \begin{cases} (a_k - \varepsilon, a_k + \varepsilon) & \text{if } k \leq n \\ \emptyset & \text{if } k > n. \end{cases}$$

Then I_1, I_2, \dots is a sequence of open interval whose union contains A . Then, $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \ell(I_k) = 2\varepsilon n$. Hence $|A| \leq 2\varepsilon n$. Since ε is an arbitrary positive number, this implies that $|A| = 0$.

2.1.1. Good Properties of Outer Measure

Proposition 2.1.1.1: Every countable subset of \mathbb{R} has outer measure 0.

Proposition 2.1.1.2: Suppose A and B are subsets of \mathbb{R} with $A \subseteq B$. Then $|A| \leq |B|$.

Definition 2.1.1.1 (translation): If $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, then the *translation* $t + A$ is defined by

$$t + A = \{t + a \mid a \in A\}.$$

Proposition 2.1.1.3 (translation invariant): Suppose $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Then $|t + A| = |A|$.

Proposition 2.1.1.4 (countable subadditivity): Suppose A_1, A_2, \dots is a sequence of subsets of \mathbb{R} . Then

$$\left| \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |A_k|.$$

2.1.2. Outer Measure of Closed Bounded Interval

Definition 2.1.2.1 (open cover; finite subcover): Suppose $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

- a. A collection \mathcal{C} of open subsets of \mathbb{R} is called an *open cover* of A if A is contained in the union of all the sets in \mathcal{C} .
- b. An open cover \mathcal{C} of A is said to have a *finite subcover* if A is contained in the union of some finite list of sets in \mathcal{C} .

Proposition 2.1.2.1 (Heine-Borel Theorem): Every open cover of a closed bounded subset of \mathbb{R} has a finite subcover.

Proposition 2.1.2.2 (outer measure of a closed interval): Suppose $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, with $a < b$. Then $|[a, b]| = b - a$.

Proposition 2.1.2.3 (nontrivial intervals are uncountable): Every interval in \mathbb{R} that contains at least two distinct elements is uncountable.

2.1.3. Outer Measure is Not Additive

Proposition 2.1.3.1 (non-additivity of outer measure): There exist disjoint subsets A and B of \mathbb{R} such that $|A \cup B| \neq |A| + |B|$.

2.2. Measurable Spaces and Functions

Proposition 2.2.1 (nonexistence of extension of length to all subsets of \mathbb{R}): There does not exist a function μ with all the following properties.

- a. μ is a function from the set of subsets of \mathbb{R} to $[0, \infty]$.
- b. $\mu(I) = \ell(I)$ for every open interval I of \mathbb{R} .
- c. $\mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_k)$ for every disjoint sequence A_1, A_2, \dots of subsets of \mathbb{R} .
- d. $\mu(t + A) = \mu(A)$ for every $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and every $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

2.2.1. σ -Algebras

Definition 2.2.1.1 (σ -algebra): Suppose X is a set and \mathcal{S} is a set of subsets of X . Then \mathcal{S} is called a σ -algebra on X if the following three conditions are satisfied:

- $\emptyset \in \mathcal{S}$;
- if $E \in \mathcal{S}$, then $X \setminus E \in \mathcal{S}$;
- if E_1, E_2, \dots is a sequence of elements of \mathcal{S} , then $\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k \in \mathcal{S}$.

Example: The following are some σ -algebras on a set X .

- $\{\emptyset, X\}$
- $\mathcal{P}(X)$
- The set of all subsets E of X such that E is countable or $X \setminus E$ is countable.

Proposition 2.2.1.1 (σ -algebras are closed under countable intersection): Suppose \mathcal{S} is a σ -algebra on a set X . Then

- $X \in \mathcal{S}$;
- if $D, E \in \mathcal{S}$, then $D \cup E \in \mathcal{S}$ and $D \cap E \in \mathcal{S}$ and $D \setminus E \in \mathcal{S}$;
- if E_1, E_2, \dots is a sequence of elements of \mathcal{S} , then $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k \in \mathcal{S}$.

Definition 2.2.1.2 (measurable space; measurable set):

- A *measurable space* is an ordered pair (X, \mathcal{S}) , where X is a set and \mathcal{S} is a σ -algebra on X .
- An element of \mathcal{S} is called an \mathcal{S} -*measurable set*, or just a *measurable set* if \mathcal{S} is clear from the context.

2.2.2. Borel Subsets of \mathbb{R}

Proposition 2.2.2.1 (smallest σ -algebra containing a collection of subsets): Suppose X is a set and \mathcal{A} is a set of subsets of X . Then the intersection of all σ -algebras on X that contain \mathcal{A} is a σ -algebra on X .

Example: For a set X with $\mathcal{A} = \{\{x\} \mid x \in X\}$, the smallest σ -algebra containing \mathcal{A} is the finite-cofinite σ -algebra.

Definition 2.2.2.1 (Borel set): The smallest σ -algebra on \mathbb{R} containing all open subsets of \mathbb{R} is called the collection of *Borel subsets* of \mathbb{R} . An element of this σ -algebra is called a *Borel set*.

Example:

- Every closed subset of \mathbb{R} is a Borel set because every closed subset of \mathbb{R} is the complement of an open subset of \mathbb{R} .
- Every countable subset of \mathbb{R} is a Borel subset because if $B = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$, then $B = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \{x_k\}$, which is a Borel set because each $\{x_k\}$ is a closed set.
- Every half-open interval $[a, b)$ (where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$) is a Borel set because $[a, b) = \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} (a - \frac{1}{k}, b)$.
- If $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a function, then the set of points at which f is continuous is the intersection of a sequence of open sets and thus is a Borel set.

Remark: There is no finite procedure involving countable unions, countable intersection and complements for constructing the collection of Borel subsets.

2.2.3. Inverse Images

Definition 2.2.3.1 (inverse image; $f^{-1}(A)$): If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a function and $A \subseteq Y$, then the set $f^{-1}(A)$ is defined by

$$f^{-1}(A) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) \in A\}.$$

Proposition 2.2.3.1 (algebra of inverse images): Suppose $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a function. Then

- a. $f^{-1}(Y \setminus A) = X \setminus f^{-1}(A)$ for every $A \subseteq Y$;
- b. $f^{-1}\left(\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A\right) = \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} f^{-1}(A)$ for every set \mathcal{A} of subsets of Y ;
- c. $f^{-1}\left(\bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A\right) = \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} f^{-1}(A)$ for every set \mathcal{A} of subsets of Y .

Proposition 2.2.3.2 (inverse image of a composition): Suppose $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow W$ are functions. Then

$$(g \circ f)^{-1}(A) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(A)).$$

2.2.4. Measurable Functions

Definition 2.2.4.1 (measurable function): Suppose (X, \mathcal{S}) is a measurable sapce. A function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called \mathcal{S} -measurable if

$$f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{S}$$

for every Borel set $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

Definition 2.2.4.2 (characteristic function; χ_E): Suppose E is a subset of a set X . The *characteristic function of E* is the function $\chi_E : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$\chi_{E(x)} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in E, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin E. \end{cases}$$

Note that,

$$\chi_E^{-1}(B) = \begin{cases} E & \text{if } 0 \notin B \text{ and } 1 \in B, \\ X \setminus E & \text{if } 0 \in B \text{ and } 1 \notin B, \\ X & \text{if } 0 \in B \text{ and } 1 \in B, \\ \emptyset & \text{if } 0 \notin B \text{ and } 1 \notin B. \end{cases}$$

Then,

Lemma 2.2.4.1: χ_E is an \mathcal{S} -measurable function if and only if E in \mathcal{S} .

Proposition 2.2.4.1 (condition for measurable function): Suppose (X, \mathcal{S}) is a measurable space and $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a function such that

$$f^{-1}((a, \infty)) \in \mathcal{S}$$

for all $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Then f is an \mathcal{S} -measurable function.

In general, we can say the following things.

Lemma 2.2.4.2 (image of a σ -algebra): Suppose (X, \mathcal{S}) is a measurable space and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ a function. Then, the following defines a σ -algebra on Y

$$\mathcal{F} = \{A \subseteq Y \mid f^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{S}\}$$

So, the family from [Proposition 2.2.4.1](#) can be replaced by any family of sets such that the smallest σ -algebra containing it also contains the Borel subsets of \mathbb{R} .

Definition 2.2.4.3 (Borel measurable function): Suppose $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. A function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called *Borel measurable* if $f^{-1}(B)$ is a Borel set for every Borel set $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.

Proposition 2.2.4.2 (every continuous function is Borel measurable): Every continuous real-valued function defined on a Borel subset of \mathbb{R} is a Borel measurable function.

Definition 2.2.4.4 (increasing functions; strictly increasing): Suppose $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a function

- f is called *increasing* if $f(x) \leq f(y)$ for all $x, y \in X$ with $x < y$.
- f is called *strictly increasing* if $f(x) < f(y)$ for all $x, y \in X$ with $x < y$.

Proposition 2.2.4.3 (every increasing function is Borel measurable): Every increasing function defined on a Borel subset of \mathbb{R} is a Borel measurable function.

Proposition 2.2.4.4 (composition of measurable functions): Suppose (X, \mathcal{S}) is a measurable space and $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an \mathcal{S} -measurable function. Suppose g is a real-valued measurable function defined on a subset of \mathbb{R} that includes the range of f . Then $g \circ f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an \mathcal{S} -measurable function.

Proposition 2.2.4.5 (algebraic operations with measurable functions): Suppose (X, \mathcal{C}) is a measurable space and $f, g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are \mathcal{S} -measurable. Then

- a. $f + g, f - g$ and fg are \mathcal{S} -measurable functions;
- b. if $g(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in X$, then $\frac{f}{g}$ is an \mathcal{S} -measurable function.

Proposition 2.2.4.6 (limit of \mathcal{S} -measurable functions): Suppose (X, \mathcal{S}) is a measurable space and f_1, f_2, \dots is a sequence of \mathcal{S} -measurable functions from X to \mathbb{R} . Suppose $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k(x)$ exists for each $x \in X$. Define $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f(x) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k(x).$$

Then f is an \mathcal{S} -measurable function.

Definition 2.2.4.5 (Borel subsets of $[-\infty, \infty]$): A subset of $[-\infty, \infty]$ is called a *Borel set* if its intersection with \mathbb{R} is a Borel set.

Definition 2.2.4.6 (measurable function): Suppose (X, \mathcal{S}) is a measurable space. A function $f : X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ is called \mathcal{S} -measurable if

$$f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{S}$$

for every Borel set $B \subseteq [-\infty, \infty]$.

Proposition 2.2.4.7 (condition for measurable function): Suppose (X, \mathcal{S}) is a measurable space and $f : X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ is a function such that

$$f^{-1}((a, \infty]) \in \mathcal{S}$$

for all $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Then f is an \mathcal{S} -measurable function.

Proposition 2.2.4.8 (infimum and supremum of a sequence of \mathcal{S} -measurable functions): Suppose (X, \mathcal{S}) is a measurable space and f_1, f_2, \dots is a sequence of \mathcal{S} -measurable functions from X to $[-\infty, \infty]$. Define $g, h : X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ by

$$g(x) = \inf\{f_{k(x)} \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}^+\} \quad \text{and} \quad h(x) = \sup\{f_{k(x)} \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}.$$

Then g and h are \mathcal{S} -measurable functions.

2.3. Measures and Their Properties

Definition 2.3.1 (measure): Suppose X is a set and \mathcal{S} is a σ -algebra on X . A *measure* on (X, \mathcal{S}) is a function $\mu : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ such that $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ and

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_k)$$

for every disjoint sequence E_1, E_2, \dots of sets in \mathcal{S} .

Example:

- If X is a set, then *counting measure* is the measure μ defined on the σ -algebra of all subsets of X by setting $\mu(E) = n$ if E is a finite set containing exactly n elements and $\mu(E) = \infty$ if E is not a finite set.
- Suppose X is a set, \mathcal{S} is a σ -algebra on X , and $c \in X$. Define the *Dirac measure* δ_c on (X, \mathcal{S}) by

$$\delta_c(E) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } c \in E, \\ 0 & \text{if } c \notin E. \end{cases}$$

- Suppose X is a set, \mathcal{S} is a σ -algebra on X , and $\omega : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is a function. Define a measure μ on (X, \mathcal{S}) by

$$\mu(E) = \sum_{x \in E} \omega(x)$$

for $E \in \mathcal{S}$. The sum is defined as the supremum of all finite subsums $\sum_{x \in D} \omega(x)$ as D ranges over all finite subsets of E .

- Suppose X is a set and \mathcal{S} is the σ -algebra on X consisting of all subsets of X that are either countable or have a countable complement in X . Define a measure μ on (X, \mathcal{S}) by

$$\mu(E) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } E \text{ is countable,} \\ 3 & \text{if } E \text{ is uncountable.} \end{cases}$$

- Suppose \mathcal{S} is the σ -algebra on \mathbb{R} consisting of all subsets of \mathbb{R} . Then the function that takes a set $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ to $|E|$ (the outer measure of E) is not a measure because it is not finitely additive.
- Suppose \mathcal{B} is the σ -algebra on \mathbb{R} consisting of all Borel subsets of \mathbb{R} . The outer measure is a measure on $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$ (proven below).

Definition 2.3.2 (measure space): A *measure space* is an ordered triple (X, \mathcal{S}, μ) , where X is a set, \mathcal{S} is a σ -algebra on X , and μ is a measure on (X, \mathcal{S}) .

2.3.1. Properties of Measures

Proposition 2.3.1.1 (measure preserves order; measure of a set difference): Suppose (X, \mathcal{S}, μ) is a measure space and $D, E \in \mathcal{S}$ are such that $D \subseteq E$. Then

- $\mu(D) \leq \mu(E)$;
- $\mu(E \setminus D) = \mu(E) - \mu(D)$ provided that $\mu(D) < \infty$.

Remark: The hypothesis $\mu(D) < \infty$ is required for part (b) to avoid undefined expressions of the form $\infty - \infty$.

Proposition 2.3.1.2 (countable subadditivity): Suppose (X, \mathcal{S}, μ) is a measure space and $E_1, E_2, \dots \in \mathcal{S}$. Then

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_k).$$

Proposition 2.3.1.3 (measure of an increasing union): Suppose (X, \mathcal{S}, μ) is a measure space and $E_1 \subseteq E_2 \subseteq \dots$ is an increasing sequence of sets in \mathcal{S} . Then

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(E_k)$$

Proposition 2.3.1.4 (measure of a decreasing intersection): Suppose (X, \mathcal{S}, μ) is a measure space and $E_1 \supseteq E_2 \supseteq \dots$ is a decreasing sequence of sets in \mathcal{S} , with $\mu(E_1) < \infty$. Then

$$\mu\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(E_k).$$

Remark: The hypothesis $\mu(E_1) < \infty$ is necessary.

Proposition 2.3.1.5 (measure of a union): Suppose (X, \mathcal{S}, μ) is a measure space $D, E \in \mathcal{S}$, with $\mu(D \cap E) < \infty$. Then

$$\mu(D \cup E) = \mu(D) + \mu(E) - \mu(D \cap E).$$

2.4. Lebesgue Measure

2.4.1. Additivity of Outer Measure on Borel Sets

2.4.2. Lebesgue Measurable Sets

2.4.3. Cantor Set and Cantor Function

2.5. Convergence of Measurable Functions