

Real Analysis

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1 Summary

Measure and integration theory with relevant examples from Lebesgue integration, Hilbert spaces (only with regard to L^2), L^p spaces and the related Riesz representation theorem. Hahn, Jordan

and Lebesgue decomposition theorems, Radon-Nikodym Theorem and Fubini's Theorem.

Texts - Real Analysis, by E. M. Stein and R. Shakarchi - Real Analysis, by G. B. Folland - An introduction to measure theory, by Terrence Tao - Real and Complex Analysis, by W. Rudin

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1.1 Big Theorems

- **Bolzano-Weierstrass:** every bounded sequence has a convergent subsequence.
- **Heine-Borel:** in \mathbb{R}^n , X is compact $\iff X$ is closed and bounded.

1.2 Big Counterexamples

- Differentiability \implies continuity but not the converse: The Weierstrass function is continuous but nowhere differentiable: Weierstrass function.
- f continuous does not imply f' is continuous: $f(x) = x^2 \sin(1/x)$.
- Limit of derivatives may not equal derivative of limit: $f(x) = \frac{\sin(nx)}{n^c}$ where $0 < c < 1$.
 - Also shows that a sum of differentiable functions may not be differentiable.
- Limit of integrals may not equal integral of limit: $\sum \mathbb{1}_{[x = q_n \in \mathbb{Q}]}$.
- A sequence of continuous functions converging to a discontinuous function: $f(x) = x^n$ on $[0, 1]$.

2 Lecture 1 (Thu 15 Aug 2019 11:04)

See Folland's Real Analysis, definitely a recommended reference.

Possible first day question: how can we “measure” a subset of \mathbb{R} ? We'd like bigger sets to have a higher measure, we wouldn't want removing points to increase the measure, etc. This is not quite possible, at least something that works on *all* subsets of \mathbb{R} . We'll come back to this in a few lectures.

2.1 Notions of “smallness” in \mathbb{R}

Definition 1. Let E be a set, then E is *countable* if it is in a one-to-one correspondence with $E' \subseteq \mathbb{N}$, which includes \emptyset, \mathbb{N} .

Definition 2. A set E is *meager* (or of *1st category*) if it can be written as a countable union of **nowhere dense** sets.

Exercise 1. Show that any finite subset of \mathbb{R} is meager.

Intuitively, a set is *nowhere dense* if it is full of holes. Recall that a $X \subseteq Y$ is dense in Y iff the closure of X is all of Y . So we'll make the following definition:

Definition 3. A set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is *nowhere dense* if every interval I contains a subinterval $S \subseteq I$ such that $S \subseteq A^c$.

Note that a finite union of nowhere dense sets is also nowhere dense, which is why we're giving a name to such a countable union above. For example, \mathbb{Q} is an infinite, countable union of nowhere dense sets that is not itself nowhere dense.

Equivalently,

- A^c contains a dense, open set.
- The interior of the closure is empty.

We'd like to say something is measure zero exactly when it can be covered by intervals whose lengths sum to less than ε .

Definition 4. Definition: E is a *null set* (or has *measure zero*) if $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, there exists a sequence of intervals $\{I_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$ such that

$$E \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} I_j \text{ and } \sum |I_j| < \varepsilon.$$

Exercise 2. Show that a countable union of null sets is null.

We have several relationships

- Countable \implies Meager, but not the converse.
- Countable \implies Null, but not the converse.

Exercise 3. Show that the “middle third” Cantor set is not countable, but is both null and meager. Key point: the Cantor set does not contain any intervals.

Theorem 5. Every $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ can be written as $E = A \cup B$ where A is null and B is meager.

This gives some information about how nullity and meagerness interact – in particular, \mathbb{R} itself is neither meager nor null. Idea: if meager \implies null, this theorem allows you to write \mathbb{R} as the union of two null sets. This is bad!

Proof. We can assume $E = \mathbb{R}$. Take an enumeration of the rationals, so $\mathbb{Q} = \{q_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$. Around each q_j , put an interval around it of size $1/2^{j+k}$ where we'll allow k to vary, yielding multiple intervals around q_j . To do this, define $I_{j,k} = (q_j - 1/2^{j+k}, q_j + 1/2^{j+k})$. Now let $G_k = \bigcup_j I_{j,k}$. Finally, let $A = \bigcap_k G_k$; we claim that A is null.

Note that $\sum_j |I_{j,k}| = \frac{1}{2^k}$, so just pick k such that $\frac{1}{2^k} < \varepsilon$.

Now we need to show that $A^c := B$ is meager. Note that G_k covers the rationals, and is a countable union of open sets, so it is dense. So G_k is an open and dense set. By one of the equivalent formulations of meagerness, this means that G_k^c is nowhere dense. But then $B = \bigcup_k G_k^c$ is meager. \square

2.2 \mathbb{R} is not small

Theorem 6 (A, Cantor). \mathbb{R} is not countable.

Theorem 7 (B, Baire). \mathbb{R} is not meager. (Baire Category Theorem)

Theorem 8 (C, Borel). \mathbb{R} is not null.

Note that theorems B and C imply theorem A. You can also replace \mathbb{R} with any nonempty interval $I = [a, b]$ where $a < b$. This is a strictly stronger statement – if any subset of \mathbb{R} is not countable, then certainly \mathbb{R} isn't, and so on.

Proof of (A). Begin by thinking of $I = [0, 1]$, then every number here has a unique binary expansion. So we are reduced to showing that the set of all Bernoulli sequences (infinite length strings of 0 or 1) is uncountable. Then you can just apply the usual diagonalization argument by assuming they are countable, constructing the table, and flipping the diagonal bits to produce a sequence differing from every entry. \square

A second proof of (A). Take an interval I , and suppose it is countable so $I = \{x_i\}$. Choose $I_1 \subseteq I$ that avoids x_1 , so $x_1 \notin I_1$. Choose $I_2 \subseteq I_1$ avoiding x_2 and so on to produce a nested sequence of closed intervals. Since \mathbb{R} is complete, the intersection $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$ is nonempty, so say it contains x . But then $x \in I_1 \subseteq I$, for example, but $x \neq x_i$ for any i , so $x \notin I$, a contradiction. \square

Proof of (B). Suppose $I = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ where each A_n is nowhere dense. We'll again construct a nested sequence of closed sets. Let $I_1 \subseteq I$ be a subinterval that misses all of A_1 , so $A_1 \cap I_1 = \emptyset$ using the fact that A_1 is nowhere dense. Repeat the same process, let $I_2 \subset I_1 \setminus A_2$. By the nested interval property, there is some $x \in \bigcap I_i$. \square

Note that we've constructed a meager set here, so this argument shows that the complement of any meager subset of \mathbb{R} is nonempty. Setting up this argument in the right way in fact shows that this set is dense! Taking the contrapositive yields the usual statement of Baire's Category Theorem.

Consider the Thomae function: It is continuous on \mathbb{Q} , but discontinuous on $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$. Can this be switched to get some function f that is continuous on $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ and discontinuous on \mathbb{Q} ? The answer is no. The set of discontinuities of a function is *always* an F_{σ} set, and $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ is not one. Equivalently, the rationals are not a G_{δ} set.

Some facts:

- The pointwise limit of continuous functions has a meager set of discontinuities.
- If f is integrable, the set of discontinuities is null.
- If f is monotone, they are countable.
- There is a continuous nowhere differentiable function: let $f(x) = \sum_n \frac{\|10^n x\|}{10^n}$, and in fact *most* functions are like this.
- If f is continuous and monotone, the discontinuities are null.

Theorem 9. Let $I = [a, b]$. If $I \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i$, then $|I| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |I_i|$.

Proof. The proof is by induction. Assume $I \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{N+1} I_n$, where wlog we can assume that $a < a_{N+1} < b \leq b_{N+1}$, then $[a, a_{N+1}] \subset \bigcup_{n=1}^N I_n$ so the inductive hypothesis applies. But then $b - a \leq b_{N+1} - a = (b_{N+1} - a_{N+1}) + (a_{N+1} - a) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{N+1} |I_n|$. \square

Note that this proves that the reals are uncountable!

3 Lecture 2 (Thursday)

(Find notes for first 15 mins)

- Countable \implies Cantor, all intervals are not countable
- Meager \implies Baire, all intervals are not meager
- Null \implies Borel, all intervals are not null.

Exercise: Verify that f is continuous at x iff $\lim f(x_n) = f(x)$ for every sequence $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$.

Definition: If $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, the *oscillation of f at $x \in X$ is given as

$$\omega_f(x) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \sup_{y \in B_\delta(x)} |f(y) - f(z)|.$$

Exercise: Show that f is continuous at $x \iff \omega_f(x) = 0$.

We can then define points of discontinuity as

$$D_f = \{x \in X \mid \omega_f(x) > 0\} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{x \in X \mid \omega_f(x) \geq \frac{1}{n}\right\}$$

Exercise: show that D_f is closed.

Theorem 1: f is monotone $\implies D_f$ is countable.

Hint: we can't cover \mathbb{R} by uncountable many disjoint intervals.

Theorem 2: D_f is always an F_σ set.

$\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}$ is not an F_σ set, i.e. one can not construct a function that is discontinuous on exactly this set.

Theorem 3: f is "1st class" $\implies D_f$ is meager.

f is first class if $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$ pointwise and each f_n is continuous.

Theorem 4 (Lebesgue Criterion): Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be bounded, then f is Riemann integrable iff D_f is null.

So the Dirichlet function is not Riemann integrable.

Exercise: Prove theorems 1 and 2.

3.1 Proof of Theorem 3

Proof of theorem 3: Want to show that D_f is meager. We know it's some countable union of some sets, and it suffices to show that they are nowhere dense.

So let $F_n = \{x \mid \omega_f(x) \geq \frac{1}{n}\}$ for some fixed n . Let I be an arbitrary closed interval, we will show that there exists a subinterval $J \subseteq I$ with $J \cap F_n = \emptyset$.

Consider

$$E_k = \bigcap_{i,j \leq k} \left\{ x \ni |f_i(x) - f_j(x)| \leq \frac{1}{5n} \right\}$$

Motivation: this comes from working backwards from 4-5 triangle inequalities that will appear later.

Some observations: E_k is closed by the continuity of the f_i (good exercise). We also have $E_k \subseteq E_{k+1}$. Moreover, $\bigcup_k E_k = \mathbb{R}$ because the $f_i \rightarrow f$ are Cauchy.

We'll now look for an interval entirely contained in the complement. Let $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ be an interval, then write $I = \bigcup_k (I \cap E_k)$. Baire tells us that I is not meager, so at least one term appearing in this union is *not* nowhere dense, i.e. there is some k for which $I \cap E_k$ is not nowhere dense, i.e. it contains an open interval (it has a nonempty interior, and its already closed, and thus it contains an interval).

So let J be this open interval. We want to show that $J \subseteq F_n^c$. If $x \in J$, then $x \in E_k$ as well, and so $|f_i(x) - f_j(x)| \leq 1/5n$ for all $i, j \geq k$. So let $i \rightarrow \infty$, so $|f(x) - f_j(x)| \leq 1/5n$ for all $j \geq k$.

Now for any $x \in J$, there exists some interval $I(x) \subseteq J$ depending on x such that $|f(y) - f_k(x)| \leq 2/5n$. (where we will rewrite this as $f(y) - f_k(y) + f_k(y) - f_k(x)$).

This implies that $\omega_f(x) \leq 4/5n$. \square .

3.2 Proof of Theorem 4

Suppose that $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded. Recall that f is Riemann integrable iff for any ε there exists a partition $P_\varepsilon = \{a = x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots x_n = b\}$ of $[a, b]$ such that $U(f, P_\varepsilon) - L(f, \varepsilon) \leq \varepsilon$, where this expression is equal to

$$\sum_n \sup_{y, z \in [x_n, x_{n+1}]} |f(y) - f(z)|(x_{n+1} - x_n)$$

(\Rightarrow): Let $\varepsilon > 0$ and n be fixed, and produce a partition P_ε so that this sum is less than ε/n .

Recall that we want to show that F_n is null.

Now exclude from this sum all intervals that miss F_n , making it no bigger. We also know that in F_n , the sups are no greater than $1/n$,

$$\varepsilon/n \geq \sum \text{stuff} \geq \sum \frac{1}{n} (x_{n+1} - x_n)$$

(\Leftarrow): Suppose D_f is null and let $\varepsilon > 0$ be arbitrary, we want to construct P_ε . Choose $n > 1/\varepsilon$ and $F_n \subseteq D_f$ is closed and bounded and thus compact. But a compact measure zero interval can in fact be covered by *finitely* many open intervals. So F_n is covered by finitely many intervals $\{I_n\}^N$ with $\sum |I_n| \leq \varepsilon$.

Now if $x \notin F_n$, then $\exists \delta(x) > 0$ where $\sup_{y, z \in B_\delta(x)} |f(y) - f(z)| < \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$

Since $(\bigcup_j I_j)^c$ is compact, there's a finite cover $I_{N+1}, \dots, I_{N'}$ covering F_n^c .

4 Lecture 3 (Tuesday)

Recall Baire's theorem: \mathbb{R} can not be written as a countable union of nowhere dense sets. A subset $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is nowhere dense if every interval contains a subinterval which lies entirely in A^c , iff \overline{A} has empty interior iff \overline{A} contains no open intervals.

Exercise: show that these definitions are equivalent.

Corollary: $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ is not an F_σ set. Suppose it was, so $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F_n$ with A_n closed. Then $\mathbb{R} = \bigcup_n F_n \cup \bigcup_i \{q_i\}$ where $\mathbb{Q} = \bigcup \{q_i\}$. This exhibits \mathbb{R} as a countable union of closed sets. But the F_n are nowhere dense, since if they contained an interval they'd also contain a rational.

Exercise: Showing that F_n are nowhere dense by constructing a sequence of elements in F_n that converges to an element in $F_n^c \subset \mathbb{Q}$.

4.1 Riemann Integration

Some good properties:

- Good for approximation (vertical strips)
- Many functions are in \mathcal{R} , e.g. continuous functions.
- $\mathcal{R}([a, b])$ is a vector space
- The integral is an element of \mathcal{R}^\vee .
- FTC
- \mathcal{R} is closed under uniform convergence.

Some bad properties:

- The Dirichlet function $\mathbb{1}_{[x \in \mathbb{Q}]}$ is not in \mathcal{R} (Exercise!)
 - **Exercise:** show that $D_f = \mathbb{R}$ (use sequential continuity)
 - It is in \mathcal{L} (Lebesgue integral).
- \mathcal{R} is not closed under pointwise convergence.
 - Example: $g_n(x) = \mathbb{1}_{[x \in \mathbb{Q}, x = \frac{p}{q}, q \leq n]} \in \mathcal{R}$, but $g_n \not\rightarrow g$. (Exercise)

In fact, there exists a sequence of *continuous* functions $\{f_n\}$ such that

- $0 \leq f_n(x) \leq 1$ for all x, n .
- $f_n(x)$ is decreasing as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for all x .
- $f := \lim f_n \notin \mathcal{R}$.

This seems disturbing! The Lebesgue integral fixes this particular problem. Letting

$$\mathcal{L} = \{f \ni f \text{ is Lebesgue integrable} \},$$

we have the following theorem:

Theorem (Dominated Convergence, Special Case):

Let $\{f_n : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\} \subset \mathcal{L}$, such that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall x, |f_n(x)| \leq M$, if $f_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise then $\int f_n \rightarrow \int f$.

4.2 Measure Theory

Can we assign a “measure” to all subsets of \mathbb{R}^n ?

This should be a function $m : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0} \cup \infty = [0, \infty]$ with some properties (see handout).

- If $\{E_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ are disjoint, then $m(\bigsqcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} E_i) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} m(E_i)$.
- If $E \simeq F$ by translation/rotation/reflection, then $m(E) = m(F)$.
- $m(Q) = 1$ if $Q = [0, 1]^n$.

But so far, this is impossible. There exists a non-measurable set: Define an equivalence relation $x \sim y \iff x - y \in \mathbb{Q}$ on $[0, 1]$. Note that each equivalence class bijects with \mathbb{Q} , so each class is countable and there must be an uncountable number of classes. Use the axiom of choice to construct a set N by choosing exactly one element from each equivalence class.

Now let $\mathbb{Q} \cap [-1, 1] = \{q_j\}$, and define $N_j = N + q_j$. Note $j \neq k \implies N_j \cap N_k = \emptyset$. By translation invariance, $m(N_j) = m(N)$, and $[0, 1] \subseteq \bigcup_j N_j \subseteq [-1, 2]$. But then by taking measures, $1 \leq \sum_j m(N_j) \leq 3$. Using $m(N_i) = m(N)$.

But then $m(N) = 0 \implies 1 > m(N)$, and if $m(N) = \varepsilon$ then $\sum m(N) = \sum \varepsilon > 3$.

Any open set in \mathbb{R} can be written as a *countable* union of intervals (Exercise). But how do you go to closed sets, or to \mathbb{R}^n ? Any open set in \mathbb{R}^n can be written as an *almost disjoint* union of closed cubes. We can then attempt to ascribe measure by approximating an open set from the inside by cubes, although it's not clear that this is unique (although it is).

5 Lecture 4 (Thursday)

Today: 1.2 in Stein, the Lebesgue Outer Measure

Some preliminary results about open sets:

Theorem 1.3 (Stein): Every open subset of \mathbb{R} can be written as a countable union of disjoint open intervals. Moreover, this representation is unique.

Theorem 1.4 (Stein): As a partial analog of 1.3, every subset of \mathbb{R}^n can be written as a countable union of *almost disjoint* closed cubes.

A, B are **almost disjoint** iff $A^\circ \cap B^\circ = \emptyset$.

We'll now attempt to assign a preliminary notion of measure for all subsets of \mathbb{R} which extends the notion of volume.

Definition (Outer Measure): If $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, then the **Lebesgue outer measure** of E , denoted $m_*(E)$, is defined as follows:

$$m_*(E) = \inf_{\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} Q_i \supseteq E, Q_i \text{ closed}} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} |Q_i|$$

i.e. we take the infimum over all coverings of E by countably many closed cubes.

Remarks:

- m_* is well-defined for *all* subsets $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.
- $m_*(E) \in [0, \infty]$
- For all $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a covering $E \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} Q_i$ such that $\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} |Q_i| \leq m_*(E) + \varepsilon$.
- We would not want to merely require coverings by *finite* collections of closed cubes. (See challenge problem and *Jordan content* of sets)

Examples: If E is countable, then $m_*(E) = 0$.

This follows from the fact that any point is a closed cube with zero volume

Example: If $E \subset \mathbb{R}$, then E is null $\iff m_*(E) = 0$. \implies : We can cover by open intervals with lengths summing to $< \varepsilon$, so just close them (which doesn't increase the length).

\impliedby : Easy exercise. Increase the length of the n th open interval by $\varepsilon/2^n$.

Example: If Q is a closed cube, the $m_*(Q) = |Q|$, the usual volume.

Since $Q \subseteq Q$, Q covers itself and $m_*(Q) \leq |Q|$. For the other direction, fix $\varepsilon > 0$; we will show $|Q| \leq m_*(G) + \varepsilon$ for every ε .

Let $\{Q_j\}$ be an arbitrary covering of Q by closed cubes. Idea: enlarge the cubes a bit so they're open, and use compactness to get a finite subcover.

Let S_j denote an open cube with the property that $Q_j \subseteq S_j$ and

$$|Q_j| \leq |S_j| \leq (1 + \varepsilon)|Q_j|$$

Since Q is compact, there is a finite N such that $E \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^N S_j$, and the claim is that $|Q| \leq \sum_{j=1}^N |S_j|$ (Lemma 1.2, Stein).

Recall 1-dimensional setting, we did the same thing to prove that \mathbb{R} was not null.

We then have

$$|Q| \leq \sum_{j=1}^N |S_j| \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \sum_{j=1}^N |Q_j| \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j|,$$

which is what we wanted to show.

Exercise: Let Q be open, show $m_*(Q) = |Q|$.

4. $m_*(\mathbb{R}^n) = \infty$ This would follow if we could show that $|Q| \leq m_*(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for any Q , and we can take Q to be arbitrarily large.

This is because any covering of \mathbb{R}^n is also a covering of Q .

Properties of Outer Measure

1. Monotonicity: If $E_1 \subseteq E_2$ then $m_*(E_1) \leq m_*(E_2)$.
2. Countable Subadditivity: If $E = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} E_i$ for any countable union, then

$$m_*(\bigcup E_i) \leq \sum m_*(E_i)$$

3. If $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ then $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ there exists an *open* set $G \supseteq E$ such that

$$m_*(E) \leq m_*(G) \leq m_*(E) + \varepsilon.$$

Note: This does not imply every set is measurable! It is not the case that $m_*(G) - m_*(E) \neq m_*(G \setminus E)$. If we try to write $G = E \sqcup (G \setminus E)$, we only get an equality if there's a positive distance between these two sets! Otherwise, we only have subadditivity, and $m_*(G \setminus E) \geq m_*(G) - m_*(E)$. But this is the wrong direction if we want to say something like $m_*(G) - m_*(E) \leq \varepsilon$.

4. If $E_1, E_2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ and

$$\text{dist}(E_1, E_2) := \inf_{x \in E_1, y \in E_2} |x - y| > 0 \implies$$

$$m_*(E_1 \cup E_2) = m_*(E_1) + m_*(E_2).$$

5. If $E = \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} Q_j$ with the Q_j *almost disjoint*, then $m_*(E) = \sum |Q_j|$.

Remark: Property 4 does not hold in general if we merely assume that $E_1 \cap E_2 = \emptyset$. It *will* be true if we restrict the collection of sets we consider to be “measurable”, so any counterexample will have to involve a pathological set.

Warning: Any E_j could have $m_*(E) = \infty$, so we have to be careful with our assumptions and how we work with inequalities, particularly when subtracting measures.

Proof:

1. Obvious since any covering of E_2 is also a covering of E_1 . We’re taking infimums over *large* collections of sets, so it could only get smaller.
2. If $m_*(E_j) = \infty$ for any j , this is vacuous, so assume $m_*(E_j) < \infty$ for every j . Let $\varepsilon > 0$. For each j , there exists a covering $E_j \subseteq \bigcup_k Q_{j,k}$ where $\sum_k |Q_{j,k}| \leq m_*(E_j) + \varepsilon/2^j$.

But now $E \subseteq \bigcup_{j,k} Q_{j,k}$, so

$$m_*(E) \leq \sum_{j,k} |Q_{j,k}| = \sum_j \sum_k |Q_{j,k}| \leq \sum_j (m_*(E_j) + \varepsilon/2^j) = \varepsilon + \sum_j m_*(E_j).$$

3. Idea: enlarge open sets in a summable way?

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Then there exists a covering $E \subseteq \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} Q_j$ such that $\sum |Q_j| \leq m_*(E) + \varepsilon/2$. Let S_j be an open cube such that $Q_j \subset S_j$ and $|S_j| \leq |Q_j| + \varepsilon/2^{j+1}$.

So define $G = \bigcup S_j$, which is open. Now using subadditivity, we have

$$m_*(G) \leq \sum_j |S_j| = \sum_j (|Q_j| + \varepsilon/2^{j+1}) \leq m_*(E) + \varepsilon.$$

4. Just need to show $m_*(E_1 \cup E_2) \leq m_*(E_1) + m_*(E_2)$, since the reverse direction follows from (2). Key idea: by subdividing cubes, we can assume that no cube intersects both sets.

Remark: It is possible to construct closed disjoint subsets of \mathbb{R}^n such that the distance between them is still zero. Take $X = \mathbb{N}$ and $Y = \{n + \frac{1}{2n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$.

Exercise (a good one): Show that if F is closed and K is **compact**, then $\text{dist}(X, Y) > 0$.

6 Lecture 5 (Wed 28 Aug 2019, 1:30 PM)

Definition (Lebesgue Outer Measure): For any $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ define

$$m_*(E) = \inf \sum |Q_i|$$

where the inf is taken over all countable coverings of E by closed cubes Q_i .

Proof of property (4): Since we have property (2), we just need to show $m_*(E_1 \cup E_2) \geq m_*(E_1) + m_*(E_2)$. Choose δ such that $0 < \delta < \text{dist}(E_1, E_2)$ and let $\varepsilon > 0$.

Then there exists a covering of $E_1 \cup E_2$ such that

$$m_*(E_1 \cup E_2) \leq \sum |Q_i| \leq m_*(E_1 \cup E_2) + \varepsilon.$$

We can assume (possibly after subdividing) that $\text{diam}(Q_i) < \delta$. Then each Q_i can intersect at most one of E_1, E_2 . Let $J_1 = \{j \ni Q_j \cap E_1 \neq \emptyset\}$ and $J_2 = \{j \ni Q_j \cap E_2 \neq \emptyset\}$. Note that J_1, J_2 are disjoint, and we have $E_1 \subseteq \bigcup_{j \in J_1} Q_j$ and likewise for E_2 .

But then $m_*(E_1) + m_*(E_2) \leq \sum_{j \in J_1} |Q_j| + \sum_{j \in J_2} |Q_j|$ by definition, since m_* is an infimum. But this is less than summing over *all* j , which is the term appearing in the cover we choose above.

Proof of property (5): Let $\varepsilon > 0$, we will show

$$\sum |Q_j| \leq m_*(E) + \varepsilon.$$

Shrink the cubes: choose $\tilde{Q}_j \leq |Q_j| \leq |\tilde{Q}_j| + \varepsilon/2^j$. Then for any finite N , any collection of N different Q_j s are disjoint.

If K is compact, F closed, and $K \cap F = \emptyset$, the $\text{dist}(K, F) > 0$. (Exercise)

Note that although this is certainly true for the *entire* infinite collection, we take finitely many so we can get a δ that uniformly bounds the distance between any two from below.

But then

$$m_*(\bigcup_{j=1}^N \tilde{Q}_j) = \sum_{j=1}^N |\tilde{Q}_j| \geq \sum_{j=1}^N |Q_j| - \varepsilon$$

and since $\bigcup_{j=1}^N \tilde{Q}_j \subseteq E$, for all N we have $\sum_{j=1}^N |Q_j| - \varepsilon \geq m_*(E)$. (Missing details, finish/fill in.)

Definition (Measurable):

A set $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is (Lebesgue) measurable if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists G \text{ open} \ni m_*(G \setminus E) < \varepsilon.$$

Observation: If $m_*(E) = 0$, the E is automatically measurable. If $F \subseteq E$ and $m_*(E) = 0$, then F is measurable.

7 Lecture 6

Recall the definition of the Lebesgue measure:

For any $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, we define

$$\mu(E) = \inf \left\{ \sum |Q_i| \ni E \subset \bigcup Q_i, Q_i \text{ a closed cube} \right\}$$

This satisfies properties (1) through (5).

Note we don't have finite additivity for the outer measure.

E is said to be *measurable* if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists G \supseteq E \text{ open} \ni m_*(G \setminus E) < \varepsilon.$$

Some observations:

- If E is open, E is measurable
- If $m_*(E) = 0$, then E is measurable. (Quite a special property!)
- If E is closed, E is measurable. (Needs a proof.)

Theorem: The collection \mathcal{M} of all measurable sets is a σ -algebra, i.e. \mathcal{M} is closed under

- Countable unions,
- Complements,
- Countable intersections.

Theorem: The Lebesgue measure (on measurable sets) is countably additive, i.e. if $\{E_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a countable collection of *pairwise disjoint* measurable sets, then

$$m(\bigcup E_i) = \sum m(E_i).$$

Proof of Theorem 1:

Part 1: Let $E = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} E_i$ with each E_i measurable; we want to show E is measurable. Given $\varepsilon > 0$, for each j choose $G_j \supseteq E_j$ such that $m_*(G_j \setminus E_j) < \varepsilon/2^j$. Then let $G = \bigcup G_j$, which is open and $G \supseteq E$ and $G \setminus E = \bigcup G_j \setminus E_j$. Using monotonicity, and then subadditivity, we have

$$m_*(G \setminus E) = m_*(\bigcup G_j \setminus E_j) \leq \sum m_*(G_j \setminus E_j) \leq \sum \varepsilon/2^j = \varepsilon.$$

Part 2: Let $E \in \mathcal{M}$. Then for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, there is an open $G_k \supseteq E$ with $m_*(G_k \setminus E) \leq \frac{1}{k}$.

Lemma to prove later: G_k^c is closed and measurable.

By (1), the set $S := \bigcup G_k^c$ is measurable, and $S \subseteq E^c$, since $E^c = S \cup (E^c \setminus S)$. So we just need to show that $E^c \setminus S = E^c \cap S^c$ is measurable.

But where does S live? Since $E^c \setminus S \subset G_k \setminus E = G_k \cap E^c$ for every k , we have $m_*(E^c \setminus S) \leq m_*(G_k \setminus E) < \frac{1}{k}$ for all k , which says that $m_*(E^c \setminus S) = 0$ and thus $E^c \setminus S$ is measurable (think further about why outer measure zero sets should be measurable!)

Next time: closed sets are measurable, proof of theorem 2, and characterizations of measurability.

8 Lecture 7

Recall that a set E is *Lebesgue measurable* iff there exists an open set G with $E \subseteq G$ and $m(G \setminus E) < \varepsilon$ for any $\varepsilon > 0$, and the set \mathcal{M} of all measurable sets forms a σ -algebra.

Fact: If $F, K \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with F closed, K compact, and $F \cap K = \emptyset$, then $\text{Dist}(F, K) > 0$.

Towards a contradiction, suppose the distance is zero. Idea: we'll use sequential compactness. We can produce sequences $\{x_n\} \subset F, \{y_n\} \subset K$ such that $|x_n - y_n| \rightarrow 0$. Since K is compact, it is sequentially compact, so there is a subsequence $\{y_{n_k}\}$ with $y_{n_k} \rightarrow y \in K$.

Then

$$|x_{n_k} - y| \leq |x_{n_k} - y_{n_k}| + |y_{n_k} - y| \rightarrow 0. \quad \square$$

We used the following:

Lemma: Closed sets are measurable.

Proof: Claim: It suffices to prove this for *compact* sets. Let F be closed. Then write $F = \bigcup_k (F \cap B(k, 0))$. But $F \cap B(k, 0)$ is closed and bounded, thus compact. So if we show compact sets are measurable, we've written F as a countable union of measurable sets, which is thus measurable.

So suppose K is compact, we want to show that $m_*(K) < \infty$. Given $\varepsilon > 0$, we can find an open set $G \supseteq K$ such that $m_*(G) < m_*(K) + \varepsilon$. Now, *since K is bounded*, the outer measure is not infinite, and so we have $m_*(G) - m_*(K) < \varepsilon$.

Goal: we now want to show $m_*(G \setminus K) \leq m_*(G) - m_*(K)$.

Since G is open, $G \setminus K$ is open as well. We can write any open set as the union of almost disjoint closed cubes, so we have

$$G \setminus K = \bigcup_j Q_j, \quad \{Q_j\} \text{ a collection of almost disjoint cubes.}$$

Now by property (5), we have $m_*(G \setminus K) = \sum_j |Q_j|$. Since any finite union of closed sets is closed, we have $K \cap (\bigcup_{j=1}^N Q_j) = \emptyset$. But then $\text{dist}(K, \bigcup_{j=1}^N Q_j) > 0$. Using (1) and (4),

$$m_*(G) \geq m_*(K \cup (\bigcup_{j=1}^N Q_j)) = m(K) = m(\bigcup_{j=1}^N Q_j) = m_*(K) + \sum_{j=1}^N |Q_j|,$$

and since K is bounded and thus of finite measure, we obtain

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j| \leq m_*(G) - m_*(K).$$

8.1 Characterizations of Measurability

A set $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is measurable iff

1. For any ε , $\exists F \subseteq E$ with F closed and $m_*(E \setminus F) < \varepsilon$.
2. There exist F closed, G open, $F \subseteq E \subseteq G$ with $m_*(G \setminus F) < \varepsilon$.

We know that E is measurable iff E^c is measurable, so we'll apply the definition to E^c . So we know

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \text{ open } G \supseteq E^c \ni m_*(G \setminus E^c) < \varepsilon.$$

and so

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \text{ closed } G^c \subseteq E \ni m_*(E \setminus G^c) < \varepsilon.$$

since $G \setminus E^c = G \cap E = E \setminus G^c$. So just take $F = G^c$ and we're done.

Definition: A σ -algebra is any collection of sets which is closed under complements and countable unions.

Note that if we intersect σ -algebras, we still get a σ -algebra. Examples:

- $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$
- \mathcal{M} , the collection of all (Lebesgue) measurable sets.
- $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, the *Borel* subsets of \mathbb{R}^n , i.e. the smallest σ -algebra containing the open sets.

We have the inclusions

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n) \supsetneq \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^n) \supsetneq \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

Qual problem alert!

$E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is measurable $\iff E = H \cup Z$ where $H \in F_\sigma$ and Z is null $\iff E = V \setminus Z'$ where $V \in G_\delta$ and Z' is null.

Exercise: show both directions!!

Proof: \Leftarrow is the easy direction.

\Rightarrow : For all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we can find $F_k \subseteq E \subseteq G_k$ with F_k closed, G_k open, and $m_*(G_k \setminus F_k) < \frac{1}{k}$. So let $V = \bigcap G_k$ and $H = \bigcup F_k$. Then $H \subseteq E \subseteq V$. Note that H is an F_σ and V is a G_δ .

Moreover, $V \setminus H \subseteq G_k \setminus F_k$ for all k . By subadditivity, $m_*(V \setminus H) \leq m_*(G_k \setminus F_k) \rightarrow 0$.

Now, $E = H \cup (E \setminus H)$ where $E \setminus H \subseteq V \setminus H$ which is a null set. We also have $E = V \setminus (V \setminus E)$ where $V \setminus E \subseteq V \setminus H$, which is null. \square

Recall that if E is measurable, we define the Lebesgue measure by $m(E) = m_*(E)$.

Theorem 2: The Lebesgue measure is countably additive, i.e.

$$E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset \implies m\left(\bigcup E_i\right) = \sum m(E_i).$$

Proof: Assume each E_j is bounded, so that $m_*(E_j) < \infty$. Given $\varepsilon > 0$, for each j we can find a compact K_j such that $m(E_j \setminus K_j) \leq \varepsilon/2^j$.

Then for any finite N , since the E_j are disjoint, then $\{K_i\}_{i=1}^N$ are also disjoint, so $m(\bigcup^N K_j) = \sum m(K_j)$.

However, we have $m(E_k) - m(K_j) < \varepsilon/2^j$, and so $m(K_j) > m(E_j) - \varepsilon/2^j$. Then

$$m\left(\bigcup^N K_j\right) = \sum m(K_j) \geq \sum m(E_j) - \varepsilon/2^j = \sum m(E_j) - \varepsilon.$$

But since $\bigcup^N K_j \subset E := \bigcup^\infty E_j$, so

$$\begin{aligned}
m(E) &\geq m\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^N K_j\right) \geq \sum_{j=1}^N m(E_j) \implies \\
\sum_{j=1}^n m(E_j) &\leq m(E) + \varepsilon \forall N \implies \\
\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} m(E_j) &\leq m(E) + \varepsilon,
\end{aligned}$$

but $\varepsilon > 0$ was arbitrary, so this shows the bounded case.

In general, let

$$\begin{aligned}
A_1 &= B(1, 0) \\
A_2 &= B(2, 0) \setminus B(1, 0) \\
&\vdots
\end{aligned}$$

Then let $E_{i,j} = E_i \cap A_j$, so $\bigcup_i E_i = \bigcup_{i,j} E_{i,j}$, where all of the $E_{i,j}$ are still disjoint but also now bounded.

Then

$$m\left(\bigcup_j E_j\right) = m\left(\bigcup_{i,j} E_{i,j}\right) = \sum_j \sum_i m(E_{i,j}) = \sum_j m(E_j),$$

where we've applied the special bounded case in the last two equalities.

9 Lecture n: A Brief Introduction to (Actual) Measure Theory

Instead of just \mathbb{R}^n , just consider a set X with a σ -algebra \mathcal{A} . Then the pair (X, \mathcal{A}) is a *measurable space*, i.e. it is ready to be equipped with a measure.

A *measure space* is a measurable space with a *measure*.

Definition: A set function $\mu: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ satisfying

- $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$
- μ is countably additive,

is said to be a *measure*.

What we've done so far is construct something we've called "the Lebesgue measure", then verified that it was actually a measure. We constructed a set function on \mathbb{R}^n called m (the outer measure), then restricted attention to a class of sets \mathcal{M} , and produced a measure space $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{M}, m)$.

Note that countable additivity implies monotonicity and subadditivity, which were what we originally discovered about m_* .

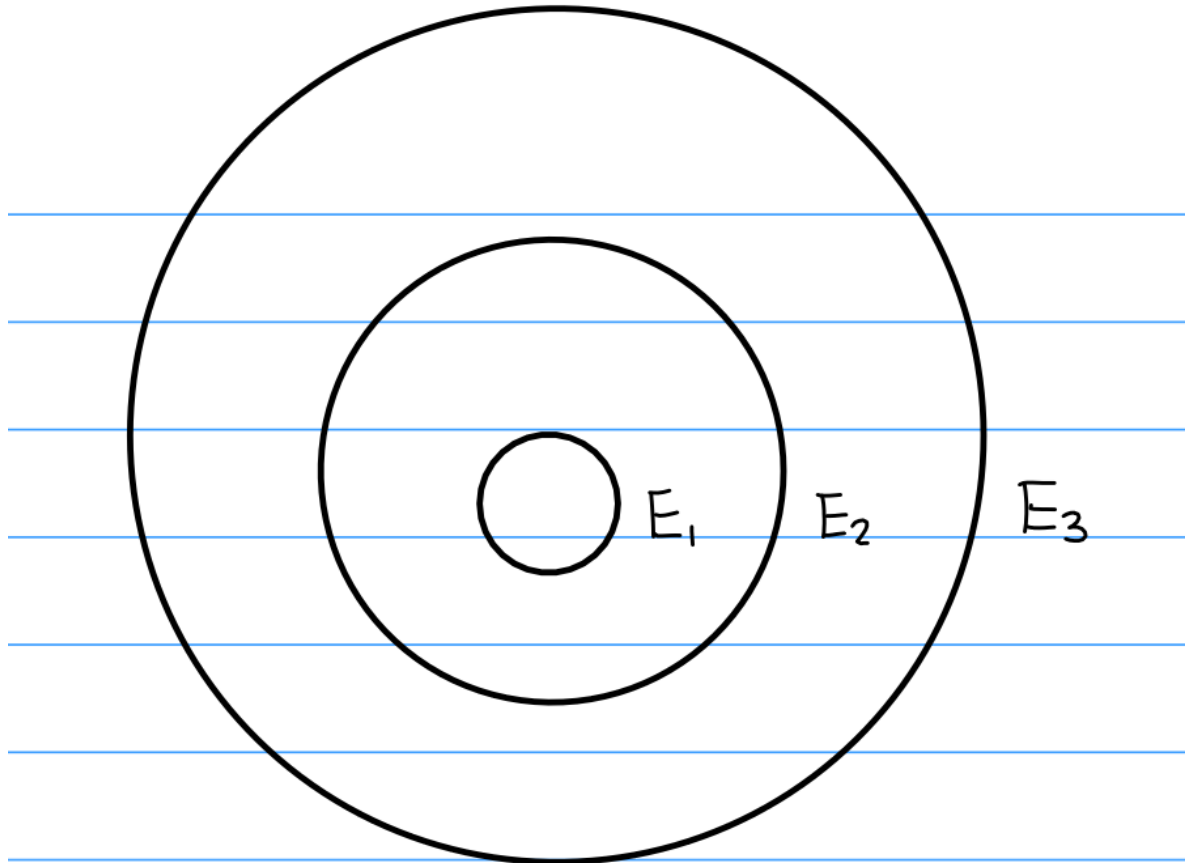
Theorem (Fundamental Theorem of Measure Theory, i.e. continuity from above and below):

Let $\{E_i\} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$.

- If $E_i \nearrow E$, so $E_1 \subseteq E_2 \subseteq \dots$ and $\bigcup E_i = E$, then $\mu(E) = \lim \mu(E_i)$ (continuity from below).
- If $E_i \searrow E$, so $E_1 \supseteq E_2 \supseteq \dots$ and $\bigcap E_i = E$, then $\mu(E) = \lim \mu(E_i)$ as long as $\mu(E_1) < \infty$ (continuity from above).

Exercise: Show that $\mu(E_1) < \infty$ is necessary in the 2nd result above.

Proof:



(1)

Let $A_1 = E_1, A_2 = E_2 \setminus E_1, \dots, A_j = E_j \setminus E_{j-1}$. Then $\{A_j\}$ are disjoint, and $E = \bigsqcup A_j$, so

$$\begin{aligned}
 m(E) &= \sum_j m(A_j) \\
 &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^k \mu(A_j) \\
 &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^k A_j\right) \\
 &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(E_k). \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$



(2)

Let $A_i = E_j \setminus E_{j+1}$, so $\{A_i\}$ are disjoint. Then (important!!) $E_1 = \bigcup A_i \cup E$, which are disjoint and measurable. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu(E_1) &= \sum \mu(A_i) + \mu(E) \\
 &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \mu(A_j) \\
 &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \mu(E_i) - \mu(E_{i+1}) + \mu(E), \quad (\text{which is telescoping}) \\
 &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\mu(E_1) - \mu(E_k)) + \mu(E) \\
 \implies \mu(E_1) &= \mu(E_1) - \lim_k \mu(E_k) + \mu(E) \quad \text{since } \mu(E_1) < \infty \\
 \implies \mu(E) &= \lim_k \mu(E_k) \quad \square.
 \end{aligned}$$

Recall that if $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, then

$$m_*(E) = \inf \{m_*(G) \mid E \subset G \text{ open}\} \\ \iff \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists G \supseteq E \mid m_*(G) \leq m_*(E) + \varepsilon.$$

Note: this says that the measure is *regular*.

Theorem: If $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is measurable, then

$$m(E) = \sup \{m(K) \mid K \subseteq E \text{ and } K \text{ is compact}\} \\ \iff \forall \varepsilon \exists K \subseteq \text{compact} \mid m(K) \geq m(E) - \varepsilon.$$

Proof:

Case 1: Suppose E is bounded.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$, then by the closed characterization of measurability, we have $m(E \setminus F) < \varepsilon$ for some closed set $F \subseteq E$. Since E is bounded, $m(E) < \infty$, and so

$$m(E \setminus F) < \varepsilon \\ m(E) - m(F) < \varepsilon \\ m(F) > m(E) - \varepsilon.$$

where since F is a closed and bounded set in \mathbb{R}^n , F is compact.

Case 2: Suppose E is unbounded. Write $E_j = E \cap B(j, 0)$, so $E_j \nearrow E$. Using continuity from below, we have $m(E) = \lim m(E_j)$.

Suppose $m(E) < \infty$. Then for some j , $m(E_j) \geq m(E) - \varepsilon$. But E_j is bounded. By case 1, there is a compact $K \subseteq E_j$ where $m(K) \geq m(E_j) - \varepsilon$. But then $m(K) \geq m(E) - 2\varepsilon$.

Suppose now that $m(E) = \infty$. For any $M > 0$, we can find an E_j such that $m(E_j) > M$. Since E_j is bounded, by case 1 we get a compact $K \subseteq E_j \subseteq E$ with $m(K) > M$.

Note: Very similar arguments are often used on the quals.

9.1 Caratheodory Characterization

A subset $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is measurable iff for all $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$,

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

Note that this can be interpreted in terms of *inner measures*, in which we're approximating E with cubes from the inside. If we also think of this in terms of probability spaces, we could interpret the RHS as saying that the probability of an event either happening or *not* happening should be 1.

Note: G_δ sets are measurable.



Figure 1: Image

Note that the \leq case is satisfied automatically by subadditivity, and the \geq case comes from if $A \subseteq V$ then

$$m(A) \geq \dots \text{Exercise!}.$$

Theorem: Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be measurable. Then

1. For all $h \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then $E + h$ is measurable, and $\mu(E + h) = \mu(E)$.
2. For every $x \in \mathbb{R}$, the set cE is measurable and $\mu(cE) = |c|^n \mu(E)$.

We can say more, and determine measures of all linear transformations of a set in terms of the determinant. Note that because we're working with cubes in the outer measure, so the only content here is that these new sets are actually measurable.

If E is measurable, $E = H \cup Z$ where $H \in F_\sigma$ and $\mu(Z) = 0$. But then $E + h = (H + h) \cup (Z + h)$, but $H + h$ is still F_σ because shifts of closed sets are still closed. Moreover, $\mu(Z + h) = \mu(Z) = 0$, so were done.

Moral: it suffices to check things on Borel sets.

10 Lecture: Measurable Functions

Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be measurable. Then $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$ is *Lebesgue measurable* iff $\{x \in E : f(x) > a\} = f^{-1}((a, \infty)) \in \mathcal{M}$, the collection of Lebesgue measurable sets, for every $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

Similarly, E is Borel measurable if we replace \mathcal{M} by \mathcal{B} , the collection of all Borel measurable sets.

As usual, there are many different characterizations:

- $f^{-1}((a, \infty)) \in \mathcal{M} \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$, since we can write this as $\bigcap f^{-1}((a - \frac{1}{k}, \infty])$, which are all measurable.
- $f^{-1}([a, \infty)) \in \mathcal{M} \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$, by taking complements
- $f^{-1}((-\infty, a]) \in \mathcal{M} \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem: If $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is finite-valued, then f is measurable $\iff f^{-1}(G) \in \mathcal{M}$ for all open $G \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.

Proof:

\Leftarrow : Easy, since (a, ∞) is always an open set.

\Rightarrow : Suppose f is measurable and let $G \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be open, then $G = \bigsqcup I_i$ where each I_i is an interval. Then $f^{-1}(G) = \bigcup f^{-1}(I_i)$.

But if $I_i = (a, b)$, then $f^{-1}(I_i) = f^{-1}((a, \infty)) \cap f^{-1}((-\infty, b))$, both of which are measurable by definition.

Corollary: Continuous functions are in fact Borel measurable, and in particular Lebesgue measurable.

Proposition: If $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is measurable and $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, then $\varphi \circ f$ is measurable.



Figure 2: Image

Note: This condition can not be relaxed to just φ being measurable. However, this does work if you require that φ is Borel measurable.

Proof: Let $G \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be open. Then $(\varphi \circ f)^{-1}(G) = f^{-1}(\varphi^{-1}(G)) \in \mathcal{M}$. But $\varphi^{-1}(G)$ is open since φ is continuous, and thus measurable, and since f is a measurable function, this pulls back to a measurable set, so the composition is measurable.

Consequences of this proposition: If f is measurable, then so is $|f|, |f|^p, f^2, e^{cf}$, for any constant, etc.

We will show that \mathcal{M} is closed under most algebraic and limiting operations.

Theorem 2: If f, g are \mathbb{R} -valued measurable functions, then fg and $f + g$ are measurable.

Note that we already know this for g a constant, since $x \mapsto x + c$ and $x \mapsto cx$ are continuous functions.

Proof: To come later.

An interesting consequence: if f, g are measurable then $\max(f, g)$ is as well, since

$$\max(f, g) = \frac{(f + g) + |f - g|}{2}.$$

Theorem: If $\{f_n\}$ is a sequence of \mathbb{R} -valued measurable functions, then

1. $\sup_n f_n, \inf_n f_n$ are measurable
2. $\limsup_n f_n := \inf_n \sup_{k \geq n} f_k$ is measurable, as is the $\liminf f_n$.

Note that this implies that if $f_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise and each f_n is measurable, then f is measurable.

Proof of Theorem 2:

Suppose f, g are measurable and finite-valued. Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and consider $S = \{x \ni f(x) + g(x) > a\}$. Then $S = \{x \ni f(x) > -g(x) + a\}$, where f is measurable and so is $-g + a$. With the following lemma, we'll be done.

Lemma: If f, h are measurable, then $S = \{x \ni f(x) > h(x)\}$ is always a measurable set. Since $f(x) > h(x)$, there is a rational q such that $h(x) < q < f(x)$. But then $S = \bigcup_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} \{x \ni f(x) > q > h(x)\} = \{f > q\} \cap \{h < q\}$, both of which are measurable.

For the set equality, just check that $x \in S \implies x \in \bigcup \text{stuff}$, and $x \notin S \implies x \notin \bigcup \text{stuff}$.

Note: $fg = \frac{(f+g)^2 - (f-g)^2}{4}$.

Proof of Theorem 3:

Since $\inf_n f_n(x) = -\sup_n f_n(x)$, we only need to show that $\sup_n f_n$ is measurable.

For any given a , we want to show that $S = \{x \ni \sup_n f_n(x) > a\}$ is measurable. Then there is some n for which $f_n(x) > a$, and the claim is that $S = \bigcup_n \{x \ni f_n(x) > a\}$. But this follows formally by just checking set inclusions. So S is a countable union of measurable sets and thus measurable.