

Claim. For finite measure space (X, Σ, μ) , if $\{E_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \Sigma$ and $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \mu(E_n) < \infty$, then $\mu(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n) = 0$.

Proof. By definition, we have

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n = \bigcap_{n=1}^\infty \bigcup_{k=n}^\infty E_k.$$

To tidy things up, we define

$$A_n := \bigcup_{k=n}^\infty E_k,$$

so, substituting we get

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n = \bigcap_{n=1}^\infty A_n.$$

Of course, since we are only removing elements from $\{A_n\}$ as n increases, we have $A_1 \supset A_2 \supset A_3 \dots$. Thus, by continuity from above—a basic property of measure—we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n) &= \mu\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^\infty A_n\right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) && \text{(by continuity from above)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu\left(\bigcup_{k=n}^\infty E_k\right) && \text{(substituting back)} \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{k=n}^\infty \mu(E_k)\right) && \text{(by countable subadditivity property of measure)} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the last step follows from the fact that $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \mu(E_n)$ converges. Meaning, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists some N such that for each $k \geq N$, we have $\sum_{k=N}^\infty \mu(E_k) < \epsilon$. Hence, we can make the tail end of the sum arbitrarily small. Therefore, the limit in the second to last line converges to 0. And lastly, by non-negativity of measure, we have the limit superior bounded above and below by 0. Thus, $\mu(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n) = 0$. \square