

2.6 Claim: The supremum of an uncountable family of measurable $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$ -valued functions X can fail to be measurable.

Proof: Define

$$g = \sup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} f_{\alpha}(x)$$

where \mathcal{A} is an uncountable index set. Then we have that

$$g^{-1}((a, \infty]) = \bigcup_{\alpha} f_{\alpha}^{-1}((a, \infty])$$

but in general, $f_{\alpha}^{-1}((a, \infty]) \in \mathcal{M}$ and \mathcal{M} , being a σ -algebra, is not necessarily closed under uncountable unions. For instance, if $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$ and $f_{\alpha}^{-1}((a, \infty])$ is a closed set for each α , then $g^{-1}((a, \infty])$ is an uncountable union of closed sets and so not in $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$. Thus, in general, g as defined above is not measurable.

2.7 Claim: Suppose that for each $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ we are given a set $E_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $E_{\alpha} \subset E_{\beta}$ whenever $\alpha < \beta$, $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}} E_{\alpha} = X$, and $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}} E_{\alpha} = \emptyset$. Then there is a measurable function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x) \leq \alpha$ on E_{α} and $f(x) \geq \alpha$ on E_{α}^c for every α .

Proof: Let $f(x) = \inf \{q \in \mathbb{Q} : x \in E_q\}$. By definition $f^{-1}((q, \infty]) = E_q \in \mathcal{M}$ for any $q \in \mathbb{Q}$. By the result of exercise 2.4, this tells us that f is measurable.

Given some $x \in E_{\alpha}$ for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, it holds that $x \in E_q$ for every rational $q \geq \alpha$. But $f(x) \leq q$ for all such q and, as \mathbb{Q} is dense in \mathbb{R} , $f(x) \leq \alpha$ must also hold. Likewise, for any $q' \leq \alpha$, $x \in E_{\alpha}^c$ implies that $x \in E_{q'}^c$. Thus $f(x) > q'$ for all $q' \leq \alpha$ implying $f(x) \geq \alpha$ on E_{α}^c .

2.8 Claim: If $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is monotone, then f is Borel measurable.

Proof: By Propositions 2.6 we know that if f is measurable then $-f$ is measurable, so assume that f is increasing.

Take a finite open interval (a, b) . For any $x \in f^{-1}((a, b))$, $a < f(x) < b$ holds, meaning we can always find c, d such that $a < c < f(x) < d < b$. But then $f^{-1}(a) < f^{-1}(c) < x < f^{-1}(d) < f^{-1}(b)$ by the monotonicity of f . So then for any $x \in f^{-1}((a, b))$ we can always find some open interval $(f^{-1}(c), f^{-1}(d)) \subset f^{-1}((a, b))$ which contains x . Thus $f^{-1}((a, b))$ is an open set and an element of $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$. Since $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$ is generated by the set of all open intervals on \mathbb{R} , this means that f is measurable.

2.11 Claim: Suppose f is a function on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^k$ such that $f(x, \cdot)$ is Borel measurable for each $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f(\cdot, y)$ is continuous for each $y \in \mathbb{R}^k$. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, define f_n as follows. For $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ let $a_i = i/n$, and for $a_i \leq x \leq a_{i+1}$ let

$$f_n(x, y) = \frac{f(a_{i+1}, y)(x - a_i) - f(a_i, y)(x - a_{i+1})}{a_{i+1} - a_i}$$

Then f_n is Borel measurable on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^k$ and $f_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise; hence f is Borel measurable on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^k$. Also, every function on \mathbb{R}^n that is continuous in each variable separately is Borel measurable.

Proof: $f(\cdot, y)$ is continuous function between metric spaces and so is Borel measurable. Thus $f_n(x, y)$ is Borel measurable on any $[a_i, a_{i+1}]$ as it is the sum and product of Borel measurable functions. In general, this means that for any $E \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$, the intersection $f_n^{-1}(E) \cap [a_i, a_{i+1}]$ is

Borel measurable. But $f_n^{-1}(E) = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (E \cap [a_i, a_i + 1])$, which is just a countable union of Borel sets, and so $f_n^{-1}(E)$ is Borel measurable on its entire domain.

For any $\epsilon > 0$ we can find $\delta > 0$ (for a point $x \in \mathbb{R}$) such that $|f(x', y) - f(x, y)| < \epsilon$ whenever $|x' - x| < \delta$. For any delta, we can also find an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\frac{1}{n} < \delta$ for all $n > N$. Thus at any point $x \in [a_i, a_{i+1}]$, with fixed ϵ, δ , and N such that $a_i, a_{i+1} \in (x - \delta, x + \delta)$ for all $n > N$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f_n(x, y) - f(x, y)| &= \left| \frac{f(a_{i+1}, y)(x - a_i) - f(a_i, y)(x - a_{i+1}) - (a_{i+1} - a_i)f(x, y)}{a_{i+1} - a_i} \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{f(a_{i+1}, y)(x - a_i) - f(a_i, y)(x - a_{i+1}) - (a_{i+1} - x + x - a_i)f(x, y)}{a_{i+1} - a_i} \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{(f(a_{i+1}, y) - f(x, y))(x - a_i) - (f(a_i, y) - f(x, y))(x - a_{i+1})}{a_{i+1} - a_i} \right| \\
 &\leq \left| \frac{(f(a_{i+1}, y) - f(x, y))(x - a_i)}{a_{i+1} - a_i} \right| + \left| \frac{(f(a_i, y) - f(x, y))(x - a_{i+1})}{a_{i+1} - a_i} \right| \\
 &\leq \frac{\epsilon(x - a_i)}{a_{i+1} - a_i} + \frac{\epsilon(a_{i+1} - x)}{a_{i+1} - a_i} = \epsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

So for any ϵ we can find N such that $|f_n(x, y) - f(x, y)| < \epsilon$ and thus f_n converges pointwise to f . This along with Proposition 2.7 implies that f is Borel measurable.

Finally, we know that functions on \mathbb{R} that are continuous are Borel measurable. Now assume that every function on \mathbb{R}^k which is continuous in each variable separately is also Borel measurable. If we're given a function f on $\mathbb{R}^{k+1} = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^k$ that is continuous in each variable separately, we know that $f(\cdot, y) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function and hence Borel measurable. Also, $f(x, \cdot) : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous in each variable separately and so, by our assumption, it is Borel measurable. As we've just proved, this means that f is Borel measurable on \mathbb{R}^{K+1} . So, in general, functions on any finite dimensional space \mathbb{R}^n which are continuous in each variable separately are also Borel measurable.

2.14 Claim: If $f \in L^+$, let $\lambda(E) = \int_E f d\mu$ for $E \in \mathcal{M}$. Then λ is a measure on \mathcal{M} , and for any $g \in L^+$, $\int g d\lambda = \int fg d\mu$.

Proof: Theorem 2.10 tells us that we can construct a sequence $\{\phi_n\}$ of increasing simple functions which converge pointwise to f . For any disjoint sequence $\{E_j\} \subset \mathcal{M}$ such that $\bigcup_j E_j = E$ we have

$$\int_E f = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E \phi_n$$

by the monotone convergence theorem. By theorem 2.13(d) we already know that restrictions of integrals of simple functions to sets in \mathcal{M} define measures on \mathcal{M} . Thus

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E \phi_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_j \int_{E_j} \phi_n = \sum_j \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{E_j} \phi_n$$

Again by the monotone convergence theorem, the simple functions ϕ_n are still increasing and approaching f when restricted to E_j , so

$$\sum_j \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{E_j} \phi_n = \sum_j \int_{E_j} f$$

and so

$$\lambda(E) = \int_E f = \sum_j \int_{E_j} f = \sum_j \lambda(E_j)$$

establishing that λ is a measure on \mathcal{M} . \square

Now suppose we have a simple function $g \in L^+$ defined over a collection of measures $\{E_j\}_1^N$. Then

$$\int g \lambda = \sum_j a_j \lambda(E_j) = \sum_j a_j \int_{E_j} f d\mu = \sum_j \int a_j f \chi_{E_j} d\mu = \int f \sum_j a_j \chi_{E_j} d\mu = \int f g d\mu$$

More generally, if g is any function in L^+ , prop 2.10 tells us that we can create a sequence of increasing simple functions $\{\psi_n\}$ that approach g pointwise. Therefore $\{f\psi_n\}$ approaches fg pointwise and we can apply the monotone convergence theorem twice to get

$$\int g d\lambda = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int \psi_n \lambda = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f \psi_n d\mu = \int f g d\mu \quad \square$$

2.16 Claim: If $f \in L^+$ and $\int f < \infty$, for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $E \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $\mu(E) < \infty$ and $\int_E f > (\int f) - \epsilon$.

Proof: We know by proposition 2.10 that there exists a series of increasing simple functions $\{\phi_n\}$ which approach f pointwise and that (by the MCT)

$$\int f = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int \phi_n$$

Thus for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a simple function ϕ such that $0 \leq \phi \leq f$ and

$$\int \phi > (\int f) - \epsilon$$

But each $\phi = \sum_j a_j \chi_{E_j}$ for some finite collection of sets $\{E_j\}_1^N \subset \mathcal{M}$. This being the standard representation of ϕ , only one a_j , let's assume a_1 can equal zero. Furthermore, $\int \phi < \infty$ implies that $E = E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_N$ must have finite measure since

$$\int \phi = \sum_{j=2}^N a_j \mu(E_j) \geq \min\{a_j\}_2^N \mu(E)$$

So E is a set such that $E \in \mathcal{M}$, $\mu(E) < \infty$, and

$$\int_E f \geq \int_E \phi = \int \phi > (\int f) - \epsilon$$