

(X, ρ) metric space

An outer measure $\mu^*: \mathcal{P}(X) \longrightarrow [0, \infty]$ is a metric outer measure if

$$\rho(A, B) > 0 \Rightarrow \mu^*(A \cup B) = \mu^*(A) + \mu^*(B).$$

Prop if μ^* is a metric outer measure on (X, ρ) ,
then $\mathcal{B}_\rho \subset \mathcal{M}^*$.

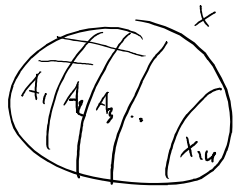
pf Let $U \subset X$ be open.

Step 1: we may assume $\rho(U, X \setminus U) = 0$.

otherwise, $\forall F \subset X$, $\rho(F \cap U, F \setminus U) > 0$, so

$$\mu^*(F) = \mu^*(U \cap F) + \mu^*(F \setminus U),$$

so $U \in \mathcal{M}^*$.



Step 2: For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, define $A_n = \{x \in U \mid \rho(x, X \setminus U) > \frac{1}{n}\}$

Then $A_n \subset A_{n+1}$ $\forall n$ and $U = \bigcup A_n$.

Set $A_0 = \emptyset$, define $B_n = A_n \setminus A_{n-1}$ $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

then $\bigsqcup B_n = U$, and $B_n \neq \emptyset$ frequently \leftarrow infinitely many times

Step 3: If $|m-n| > 1$ & $B_m \neq \emptyset \neq B_n$, then $\rho(B_m, B_n) > 0$.

Suppose w.o.l.o.g. $1 \leq m < n-1$. let

$x \in B_m$, $y \in B_n$. Then $y \notin A_{n-1} \supset A_{m+1}$, so

$\exists z \in X \setminus U$ s.t. $\rho(y, z) \leq \frac{1}{m+1}$.

But $x \in B_m$, so $\rho(x, z) > \frac{1}{m}$. by Δ -ineq,

$$\rho(x, y) \geq \rho(x, z) - \rho(y, z) > \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{m+1} = \frac{1}{m(m+1)}.$$

Hence $\rho(B_m, B_n) \geq \frac{1}{m(m+1)} > 0$.

Step 4: let $F \subset X$. If $\mu^*(F) = \infty$, then

$\mu^*(F) \geq \mu^*(F \cap U) + \mu^*(F \setminus U)$, so assume $\mu^*(F) < \infty$.

Then $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \mu^*(F \cap B_n) \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

pf by step 3, $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\sum_1^k \mu^*(F \cap B_{2n}) = \mu^*\left(\bigsqcup_1^k (F \cap B_{2n})\right) \leq \mu^*(F).$$

$$\sum_1^k \mu^*(F \cap B_{2n+1}) = \mu^*\left(\bigsqcup_1^k (F \cap B_{2n+1})\right) \leq \mu^*(F).$$

So taking $k \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\sum \mu^*(F \cap B_n) \leq 2\mu^*(F) < \infty,$$

So tail $\rightarrow 0$.

Step 5: Now $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\mu^*(F \cap U) + \mu^*(F \setminus U) \leq \mu^*(F \cap A_n) + \mu^*(F \cap (U \setminus A_n)) + \mu^*(F \setminus U)$$

$$\rho(F \cap A_n, F \setminus U) \geq \rho(A_n, X \setminus U) \geq \frac{1}{n} > 0.$$

$$\text{So RHS} = \mu^*(F \cap (A_n \cup F \setminus U)) + \mu^*(F \cap (U \setminus A_n))$$

$$\underbrace{\quad}_{\substack{\text{"} \\ \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k}}$$

$$\leq \mu^*(F) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(F \cap B_k) \rightarrow \mu^*(F) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad \square$$

(X, ρ) metric space. $p \geq 0, \epsilon > 0$, define $\forall E \subset X$

$$\eta_{p, \epsilon}^*(E) := \inf \left\{ \sum_1^{\infty} (\text{diam } B_n)^p \mid \begin{array}{l} (B_n) \text{ set of open balls} \\ \text{with } \text{diam } B_n \leq \epsilon \\ \text{such that } E \subset \bigcup B_n \end{array} \right\}$$

(convention: $\inf \emptyset = \infty$)

Claim $\eta_{p, \epsilon}^*$ is an outer measure $\forall \epsilon > 0$.

Observe: if $\epsilon < \epsilon'$ then $\eta_{p, \epsilon}^*(E) \geq \eta_{p, \epsilon'}^*(E)$

Define $\eta_p^*(E) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \eta_{p, \epsilon}^*(E)$. This is well defined.

$$L = \sup_{\epsilon > 0} \eta_{p, \epsilon}^*(E)$$

Lemma: Suppose $(\mu_i^*)_{i \in I}$ is a family of outer measures on X . Then $\mu^*(E) := \sup_{i \in I} \mu_i^*(E)$ is an outer measure

maybe not true, think about this

→ moreover, if $S \subset \mathcal{M}_i^*$ $\forall i \in I$, then $S \subset \mathcal{M}^*$ for μ^* .

Pf Exercise.

Prop: γ_p^* is a metric outer measure

Pf suppose $\rho(E, F) > \varepsilon > 0$.

Choose an ε -covering (B_n) of $E \cup F$.

Then $\forall n$, B_n intersects at most one of E or F .

→ partition (B_n) into (B_n^E) & (B_n^F) s.t.

$E \subset \bigcup B_n^E$ and $B_n^E \cap F = \emptyset \forall n$ (and vice versa).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } \gamma_{p, \varepsilon}^*(E) + \gamma_{p, \varepsilon}^*(F) &\leq \sum (\text{diam } B_n^E)^p + \sum (\text{diam } B_n^F)^p \\ &= \sum (\text{diam } B_n)^p \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \forall \varepsilon < \rho(E, F), \quad \gamma_{p, \varepsilon}^*(E) + \gamma_{p, \varepsilon}^*(F) &\leq \gamma_{p, \varepsilon}^*(E \cup F) \\ &\leq \gamma_{p, \varepsilon}^*(E) + \gamma_{p, \varepsilon}^*(F). \end{aligned}$$

Let $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.

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Def let $\eta_p := \eta_p^*|_{B_p \subset \mathcal{M}^*}$ for η_p^*

Called p -dimensional Hausdorff measure

Properties:

① \forall isometry $f: X \rightarrow X$, $\eta_p(E) = \eta_p(f(E))$

pf $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, $\eta_{p,\varepsilon}^*(E) = \eta_{p,\varepsilon}^*(f(E))$ $\Leftrightarrow E \subset \cup B_n \Leftrightarrow f(E) \subset \cup f(B_n) \dots$

② η_1 on B_R is $\lambda|_{B_R}$

pf follow by ① & uniqueness of λ on B_R .

③ if $\eta_p(E) < \infty$ then $\eta_q(E) = 0 \quad \forall q > p$

pf let $\varepsilon > 0$. $\exists (B_n)$ s.t. $E \subset \cup B_n$, $\text{diam } B_n \leq \varepsilon$, and $\sum (\text{diam } B_n)^p \leq \eta_p(E) + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But if } q > p \text{ then } \sum (\text{diam } B_n)^q &= \sum \underbrace{(\text{diam } B_n)^{q-p}}_{\leq \varepsilon^{q-p}} (\text{diam } B_n)^p \\ &\leq \varepsilon^{q-p} \sum (\text{diam } B_n)^p \\ &\leq \varepsilon^{q-p} (\eta_p(E) + 1) \end{aligned}$$

So $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, $\eta_{q,\varepsilon}^*(E) \leq \varepsilon^{q-p} (\eta_p(E) + 1) \rightarrow 0$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.

④ if $\eta_p(E) > 0$, then $\eta_q(E) = \infty \quad \forall q < p$

pf contrapositive of ③.

Def if $E \in B_p$, its Hausdorff dimension is

$$\inf \{p \geq 0 \mid \eta_p(E) = 0\} = \sup \{p \geq 0 \mid \eta_p(E) = \infty\}$$

example Hausdorff dim of C is $\frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3}$.