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# Chapter 1. MEASURE THEORY

## Preliminaries

A point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  consists of a d-tuple of real numbers

$$x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d), \text{ where each } x_i \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, d.$$

**NOTE:**

- For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$   
Let,  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)$  and  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_d)$ , addition, subtraction and scalar multiplication are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots, x_d + y_d), \\ x - y &= (x_1 - y_1, x_2 - y_2, \dots, x_d - y_d), \\ \alpha x &= (\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2, \dots, \alpha x_d). \end{aligned}$$

So, addition, subtraction and scalar multiplication are defined component-wise.

- The norm of  $x$  is denoted by  $|x|$  and is defined by

$$|x| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_d^2}.$$

- The distance between two points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is denoted by  $|x - y|$  and defined as

$$|x - y| = \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + \dots + (x_d - y_d)^2}.$$

### DEFINITIONS

Let  $E$  is subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$

- Compliment of a set:**

The complement of set  $E$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is denoted by  $E^c$  and defined by

$$E^c = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d | x \notin E\}.$$

If  $E$  and  $F$  are two subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , we denote the compliment of  $F$  in  $E$  by  $E - F$  and defined by

$$E - F = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d | x \in E \text{ and } x \notin F\}.$$

Distance between two set  $E$  and  $F$  defined by

$$d(E, F) = \inf |x - y|,$$

where, infimum is taken over all  $x \in E, y \in F$ .

- Open ball in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ :**

Open ball in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  centered at  $x$  and of radius  $r$  is defined by

$$B(x, r) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid |y - x| < r\}.$$

**3. Open set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ :**

A subset  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  is open set if for every  $x \in E$  there exist  $r > 0$  such that

$$B(x, r) \subset E.$$

$E$  is a closed subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  if  $E^c$  is open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

**4. Bounded set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ :**

A set  $E$  is bounded if it is contained in some ball of finite radius.

**5. Compact set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ :**

A set  $E$  is compact if and only if  $E$  is closed and bounded in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

**6. Limit point in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ :**

A point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is a limit point of the set  $E$  if for every  $r > 0$ , the ball  $B(x, r)$  contains points of  $E$  other than  $x$ .

**7. Isolated point in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ :**

A point  $x \in E$  is an isolated point of set  $E$  if there exists an  $r > 0$ , where  $B(x, r) \cap E = \{x\}$ .

**8. Interior point in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ :**

A point  $x \in E$  is an interior point of set  $E$  if there exist  $r > 0$  such that  $B(x, r) \subset E$ .

Set of all points in  $E$  is denoted by  $E^\circ$ .

A point  $x$  is exterior point of a set  $E$  if there exist  $r > 0$ , where  $B(x, r) \cap E = \phi$ .

**9. Closure of set  $E$ :**

It is denoted by  $\overline{E}$  and defined as, union of set  $E$  and its limit points.

**10. Boundary of set  $E$ :**

It is denoted by  $\delta E$  and defined as set of points which are in closure of  $E$  but not in interior of  $E$ .

$$\delta E = \overline{E} - E^\circ$$

**11. Perfect Set:**

A closed set  $E$  is perfect if  $E$  does not have any isolated points.

**NOTE:**

(a) Closure of set is closed set.

(b) Set  $E$  is closed if and only if it contains all its limit points.

**EXAMPLES:**

1. For set  $E = \mathbb{Q} \cap \mathbb{R}$ , Here set  $E$  is set of rationals.

Find limit points, interior points, closure of  $E$ , boundary of  $E$ , is  $E$  closed?

**Answer :** Set of limit points of  $E$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ , it has no interior points, closure of  $E$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ , boundary of  $E$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $E$  is not closed because it does not contains all its limit points.

2. Let  $E = \mathbb{Z}$ .  
Find limit points, interior points, closure of  $E$ , boundary of  $E$ , Is  $E$  closed?
3. Let  $S = \{(x, y) | y > x^2\}$   
Is  $S$  bounded? Find boundary points of  $S$  and closure of  $S$ .  
**Answer:** Set  $S$  is not bounded,  
Boundary of  $S = \delta S = \{(x, y) | y = x^2\}$   
Closure of  $S = \bar{S} = \{(x, y) | y \geq x^2\}$
4. Let  $S = \{(x, y) | y > 1/x\}$   
Is  $S$  bounded?, Find boundary points of  $S$  and closure of  $S$ .
5. Let  $S = \{(x, \sin x) | x \in [0, \pi]\}$   
Is  $S$  open? Is  $S$  bounded? Is  $S$  compact?
6. Show that set of integers is closed.  
**Answer:** To show set  $\mathbb{Z}$  is closed it is enough to show its complement  $\mathbb{Z}^c$  is open.  
 $\mathbb{Z}^c = \dots \cup (-2, -1) \cup (-1, 0) \cup (0, 1) \cup \dots$   
As countable union of open sets is open.  
Hence  $\mathbb{Z}^c$  is open. Implies  $\mathbb{Z}$  is closed set.

**THE CANTOR SET:**

Cantor set is a set of real numbers in  $[0, 1]$  whose ternary expansion contains either 0 or 2.

**CONSTRUCTION OF THE CANTOR SET :**

**STEP 0:** Consider closed unit interval  $C_0 = [0, 1]$ .

**STEP 1:** Let  $C_1$  denote the set obtained from deleting the middle one third open interval from  $[0, 1]$ .

Hence,  $C_1 = [0, 1/3] \cup [2/3, 1]$ .

**STEP 2:** Repeat this process for each subinterval in  $C_1$ .

We get  $C_2 = [0, 1/9] \cup [2/9, 1/3] \cup [2/3, 7/9] \cup [8/9, 1]$ .

**STEP 3:** Repeat this process for each subinterval in  $C_2$  and so on. So This

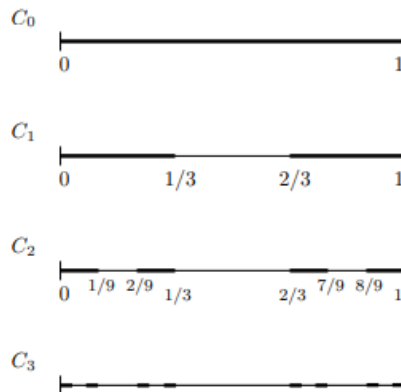


Figure 1: Construction of Cantor set

process gives us a sequence  $C_k, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  of compact sets with

$$C_0 \supset C_1 \supset C_2 \supset \dots \supset C_k \supset C_{k+1} \supset \dots$$

The cantor set  $C$  is defined as intersection of all  $C'_k$ 's :

$$C = \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k$$

The Cantor set  $C$  is non empty, because all end points of intervals in  $C_k$  belongs to  $C$ .

As  $C$  is closed and bounded , Hence compact.

$C_k$  is disjoint union of  $2^k$  intervals of length  $3^{-k}$ , hence total length of cantor set is  $(2/3)^k$  and  $(2/3)^k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

Roughly, Cantor set has length 0.

**Rectangles:** A closed rectangle  $R$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is given by the product of  $d$  one dimensional closed and bounded intervals

$$R = [a_1, b_1] \times [a_2, b_2] \times \dots \times [a_d, b_d],$$

where  $a_j \leq b_j$  are real numbers,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, d$

**Cube:** It is rectangle in which all sides are same.

i.e.  $b_1 - a_1 = b_2 - a_2 = b_3 - a_3 = \dots = b_d - a_d = l$

**Volume of Rectangle R:** It is denoted by  $|R|$ , and defined to be

$$|R| = (b_1 - a_1)(b_2 - a_2) \dots (b_d - a_d).$$

1. Volume of rectangle in  $\mathbb{R}$  is nothing but length of interval. If  $R = [a, b]$  then  $|R| = b - a$
2. Volume of rectangle in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is equal to area of that rectangle. If  $R = [a, b] \times [x, y]$  then  $|R| = (b - a)(y - x)$ .
3. Volume of rectangle in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is equal to volume of that parallelogram in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
4. If  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  is cube of common side length  $l$  then  $|Q| = l^d$ .

**Almost Disjoint :** A union of rectangles is said to be almost disjoint if interior of rectangles are disjoint.

Interior of rectangle  $R = [a_1, b_1] \times [a_2, b_2] \times \dots \times [a_d, b_d]$  is  $(b_1 - a_1) \times (b_2 - a_2) \times \dots \times (b_d - a_d)$

**Lemma 1.1:** If a rectangle is almost disjoint union of finitely many other

rectangles, say  $R = \bigcup_{k=1}^N R_k$  then

$$|R| = \sum_{k=1}^N |R_k|.$$

**Proof:** Consider the grid formed by extending infinitely the sides of all rectangles  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_N$ .

So that we get finitely many rectangles  $\tilde{R}_1, \tilde{R}_2, \dots, \tilde{R}_M$  and partition  $J_1, J_2, \dots, J_N$  of integers between 1 and  $M$  such that below unions are almost disjoint.

$$R = \bigcup_{j=1}^M \tilde{R}_j \quad \text{and} \quad R_k = \bigcup_{j \in J_k} \tilde{R}_j, \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N.$$

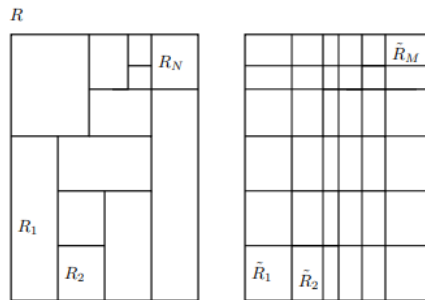


Figure 2: The grid formed by rectangles  $R_k$

Hence,  $|R| = \sum_{j=1}^M |\tilde{R}_j| = \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{k \in J_j} |\tilde{R}_j| = \sum_{k=1}^N |R_k|.$

**Lemma 1.2:** If  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_N$  are rectangles, and  $R \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^N R_k$  then

$$|R| \leq \sum_{k=1}^N |R_k|.$$

**Proof:** We know that union of rectangles need not be a rectangle (As below

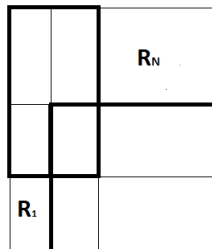


Figure 3:

diagram). Now, Extend the sides of all rectangles  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_N$  so that we get grid and finitely many rectangles  $\tilde{R}_1, \tilde{R}_2, \dots, \tilde{R}_M$  and partition  $J_1, J_2, \dots, J_M$  of integers 1 and  $M$  such that

$$R_i = \bigcup_{j \in J_k} \tilde{R}_j, \quad J_k \subset \{1, 2, \dots, M\} \text{ and } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$$

Let  $R \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^N R_k$  then  $\widetilde{R}_j = R \cap R_j$  where  $\widetilde{R}_j$  is some rectangle among  $\tilde{R}_1, \tilde{R}_2, \dots, \tilde{R}_M.$

Hence  $R = \bigcup_{j=1}^N \widetilde{R}_j$

This implies R is almost disjoint union of finitely many other rectangles.

Hence , By Lemma 1.1,  $|R| = \sum_{j=1}^N |\widetilde{R}_j| \leq \sum_{j=1}^N |R_j|$ .

Hence  $|R| \leq \sum_{j=1}^N |R_j|$ .

**THEOREM 1.3:** Every open subset  $\mathcal{O}$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  can be written as countable union of disjoint open intervals.

**Proof:** Let  $\mathcal{O}$  is open subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , for each  $x \in \mathcal{O}$ . Since,  $\mathcal{O}$  is open,  $x$  is contained in some small interval.

Suppose that,  $I_x$  denote the largest open interval containing  $x$  and contained in  $\mathcal{O}$ . If

$$a_x = \inf \{a < x \mid (a, x) \subset \mathcal{O}\} \quad \text{and} \quad b_x = \sup \{x < b \mid (x, b) \subset \mathcal{O}\}$$

Therefore,  $a_x < x < b_x$ ,  $I_x = (a_x, b_x)$  this is our required largest interval containing  $x$  and contained in  $\mathcal{O}$

Hence

$$\mathcal{O} = \bigcup_{x_j \in \mathcal{O}} I_{x_j}$$

**claim 1:**  $I_x = I_y$  or  $I_x \cap I_y = \phi$ , for  $x, y \in \mathcal{O}$ .

Suppose that  $I_x \cap I_y \neq \phi$  and  $x \in I_x \cap I_y$  then  $x \in I_x \cup I_y$  and  $I_x \cup I_y \subset \mathcal{O}$ , since  $I_x$  is maximal, we must have  $I_x = (I_x \cup I_y)$ . Similarly  $I_y = (I_x \cup I_y)$ , Hence  $I_y = I_x$  or  $I_x \cap I_y = \phi$

**claim 2:**  $\{I_x\}_{x \in \mathcal{O}}$  is countable.

We know that  $\mathcal{O} = \bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{O}} I_x = \bigcup_{r_x \in I_x \in \mathcal{O}} I_x$ , where  $r_x$  are rational numbers in  $I_x$ .

But rational numbers are countable, hence union contains countable intervals.

**THEOREM 1.4 :** Every open subset  $\mathcal{O}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $d \geq 1$  can be written as countable union of almost disjoint closed cubes .

**Proof:** Let  $\mathcal{O}$  is open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $d \geq 1$

**claim:** There is countable collection  $\mathcal{A}$  of closed cubes whose interiors are disjoint and  $\mathcal{O} = \bigcup_{Q \in \mathcal{A}} Q$ .

Procedure for collecting closed cubes of to form  $\mathcal{A}$  is as follows:

1. Consider grid in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  formed by taking all closed cubes of side length 1 whose vertices have integer co-ordinates.
2. Accept cubes as part of  $\mathcal{A}$  if cube  $Q$  is entirely contained in  $\mathcal{O}$ .
3. Tentatively accept cube  $Q$  if it intersect both  $\mathcal{O}$  and  $\mathcal{O}^c$ .
4. Reject cube  $Q$  if it is entirely contained in  $\mathcal{O}^c$ .
5. Bisect tentatively accepted cubes into  $2^d$  cubes of side length  $1/2$ .
6. Then accept those smaller cubes or reject them or tentatively accept them as earlier.
7. Repeat this procedure infinitely many times, we get collection  $\mathcal{A}$  of accepted cubes  $Q$ .

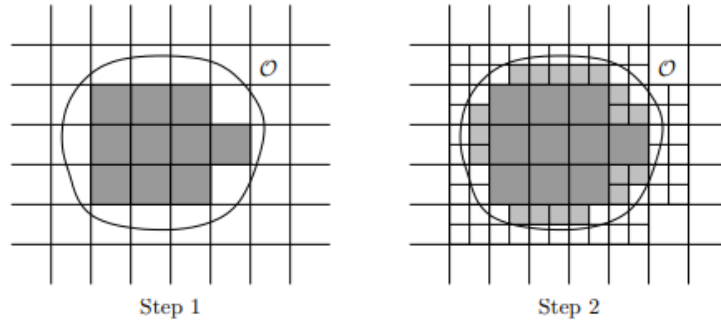


Figure 4: Decomposition of  $\mathcal{O}$  into almost disjoint cubes

As every cube contains a point with rational co-ordinates implies that collection  $\mathcal{A}$  is countable and consists of almost disjoint cubes.

Claim:  $\mathcal{O} = \bigcup_{Q \in \mathcal{A}} Q$

We are considering cube  $Q$  contained in  $\mathcal{O}$  then  $\mathcal{O} \supset \bigcup_{Q \in \mathcal{A}} Q$  [1]

Now, Let  $x \in \mathcal{O}$ , there exists a cube of side length  $2^{-N}$  containing  $x$  and that is entirely contained in  $\mathcal{O}$ . hence  $\mathcal{O} \subset \bigcup_{Q \in \mathcal{A}} Q$  [2]

Hence from [1] and [2],  $\mathcal{O} = \bigcup_{Q \in \mathcal{A}} Q$

**Exterior Measure:**

Definition: Let  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , the exterior measure of  $E$  is denoted by  $m_*E$  and defined as  $m_*E = \inf \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j|$ , where infimum is taken over all countable covering

$E \subset \cup_{j=1}^{\infty} Q_j$  by closed cubes in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

**Note:**  $0 \leq m_*E \leq \infty$

EXAMPLE 1: The exterior measure of a point in  $\mathbb{R}$  is zero.

Let,  $E = \{x\}, x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $r > 0$ ,  $\{x\} \subset [x - r, x + r] = Q$  then,  $m_*E = \inf \{2r | E \subseteq Q\}$  where, infimum taken over non-negative  $2r$ , Hence  $m_*E = 0$  as  $r$  tends to 0.

EXAMPLE 2: The exterior measure of empty set is zero.

EXAMPLE 3: The exterior measure of a point in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is zero.

EXAMPLE 4: The exterior measure of closed cube is equal to its volume in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Let  $Q = [a_1, b_1] \times [a_2, b_2] \times \dots \times [a_d, b_d]$  be a closed cube in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , then  $(b_1 - a_1) = (b_2 - a_2) = \dots = (b_d - a_d) = k$ , for some constant  $k$ . Hence volume of cube =  $|Q| = k^d$ .  $Q$  covers itself, we must have  $m_*Q \leq |Q|$ . Therefore, it suffices to prove the reverse inequality.

Consider an arbitrary covering  $Q \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} Q_j$  by cubes, and note that it suffices to prove that

$$|Q| \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j|$$



For a fixed  $\epsilon > 0$  we choose for each  $j$  an open cube  $S_j$  which contains  $Q_j$ , and such that

$$|S_j| \leq (1 + \epsilon) |Q_j|.$$

From the open covering  $\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} S_j$  of the compact set  $Q$ , we may select a finite

sub-covering like  $Q \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^N S_j$ . Taking the closure of the cubes  $S_j$ , we may apply

Lemma 1.2 to conclude  $|Q| \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |S_j|$

Hence,

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

Since  $\epsilon$  is arbitrary, we get  $m_*Q \geq |Q|$ .

EXAMPLE 5: The exterior measure of  $\mathbb{R}$  is infinite.

EXAMPLE 6: If  $Q$  is an open cube then  $m_*(Q) = |Q|$ .

As  $Q$  is covered by its closure  $\bar{Q}$  and  $|\bar{Q}| = |Q|$ , implies  $m_*(Q) \leq |Q|$ . To prove reverse inequality, If  $Q_0 \subseteq Q$  and  $Q_0$  is closed cube then  $m_*(Q_0) \leq m_*(Q)$ . Since any covering of  $Q$  by a countable number of closed cubes is also a covering of  $Q_0$ , hence  $|Q_0| \leq m_*(Q)$ .

EXAMPLE 7: The exterior measure of rectangle  $R$  is equal to its volume.

EXAMPLE 8: The exterior measure of  $\mathbb{R}$  is infinite.

EXAMPLE 9: Cantor set has exterior measure zero.

**Remark:** For every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a covering  $E \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} Q_j$  with

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} m_*(Q_j) \leq m_*(E) + \epsilon.$$

**Properties of the exterior measure:**

**Property 1: (Monotonicity)** If  $E_1 \subseteq E_2$  then  $m_*(E_1) \leq m_*(E_2)$ .

Let  $\{Q_j\}$  be a covering of  $E_2$  by closed cubes,

$$E_1 \subseteq E_2 \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} Q_j.$$

Hence  $\{Q_j\}$  is also covering of  $E_1$ , implies  $m_*(E_1) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j|$ . Now taking infimum on RHS of above inequality over all such  $\{Q_j\}$  covering  $E_2$  we get,

$$m_*(E_1) \leq \inf \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j| \mid E_2 \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} Q_j \right\} \leq m_*(E_2)$$

Hence  $m_*(E_1) \leq m_*(E_2)$

**Property 2: (Countable sub-additivity)** If  $E = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j$ , then  $m_*(E) \leq$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} m_*(E_j).$$

First, we may assume that each  $m_*(E_j) < \infty$ , for otherwise the inequality clearly holds. For any  $\epsilon > 0$ , the definition of the exterior measure yields for each  $j$  a covering  $E_j \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} Q_{k,j}$  by closed cubes with

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |Q_{k,j}| \leq m_*(E_j) + \frac{\epsilon}{2^j}.$$

. Then,  $E \subset \bigcup_{j,k=1}^{\infty} Q_{k,j}$  is a covering of  $E$  by closed cubes, and therefore

$$m_*(E) \leq \sum_{j,k} |Q_{k,j}| = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |Q_{k,j}|$$

Since this holds true for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , the second observation is proved.

**Property 3:** If  $E \subset R^d$ , then  $m_*(E) = \inf m_*(\mathcal{O})$ , where the infimum is taken over all open sets  $\mathcal{O}$  containing  $E$ .

By monotonicity on  $E \subset \mathcal{O}$ , it is clear that the inequality  $m_*(E) \leq \inf m_*(\mathcal{O})$  holds. For the reverse inequality, let  $\epsilon > 0$  and choose cubes  $Q_j$  such that  $E \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} Q_j$ , with

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j| \leq m_*(E) + \frac{\epsilon}{2}.$$

Let  $Q_j^0$  denote an open cube containing  $Q_j$ , and such that  $|Q_j^0| \leq |Q_j| + \epsilon/2^{j+1}$ .

Then  $\mathcal{O} = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} Q_j^0$  is open, and by property 2

$$\begin{aligned} m_*(\mathcal{O}) &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} m_*(Q_j^0) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j^0| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (|Q_j| + \epsilon/2^{j+1}) \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j| + \epsilon/2 \\ &\leq m_*(E) + \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

. Hence  $\inf m_*(\mathcal{O}) \leq m_*(E)$ .

**Property 4:** If  $E = E_1 \cup E_2$ , and  $d(E_1, E_2) > 0$ , then  $m_*(E) = m_*(E_1) + m_*(E_2)$ .

By property 2, we know that,  $m_*(E) \leq m_*(E_1) + m_*(E_2)$ , so it suffices to prove the reverse inequality. We first select  $\delta$  such that  $d(E_1, E_2) > \delta > 0$  and choose a covering  $E \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} Q_j$  by closed cubes, with

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j| \leq m_*(E) + \epsilon.$$

Now subdividing the cubes  $Q_j$ , assume that each  $Q_j$  has a diameter less than  $\delta$ . In this case, each  $Q_j$  can intersect at most one of the two sets  $E_1$  or  $E_2$ . If we denote by  $J_1$  and  $J_2$  the sets of those indices  $j$  for which  $Q_j$  intersects  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  respectively, then  $J_1 \cap J_2$  is empty, and we have  $E_1 \subset \bigcup_{j \in J_1} Q_j$  as well as

$E_2 \subset \bigcup_{j \in J_2} Q_j$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} m_*(E_1) + m_*(E_2) &\leq \sum_{j \in J_1} |Q_j| + \sum_{j \in J_2} |Q_j| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j| \\ &\leq m_*(E) + \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\epsilon$  is arbitrary, we get  $m_*(E_1) + m_*(E_2) \leq m_*(E)$

. **Property 5:** If a set  $E$  is the countable union of almost disjoint cubes  $E = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} Q_j$ , then

$$m_*(E) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j|.$$

. By property 2,  $m_*(E) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} m_*(Q_j)$ , here  $Q_j$  are closed cubes, so  $m_*(Q_j) = |Q_j|$  hence,

$$m_*(E) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j|$$

For reverse inequality consider  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\widetilde{Q}_j$  be a cube strictly contained in  $Q_j$  such that

$$|Q_j| \leq |\widetilde{Q}_j| + \frac{\epsilon}{2^j}$$

where  $\epsilon$  is arbitrary but fixed. Then, for every  $N$ , the cubes  $\widetilde{Q}_1, \widetilde{Q}_2, \dots, \widetilde{Q}_N$  are disjoint, hence at a finite distance from one another, and repeated applications

of Property 4 imply

$$\begin{aligned} m_*\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^N \widetilde{Q}_j\right) &= \sum_{j=1}^N m_*(\widetilde{Q}_j) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^N |\widetilde{Q}_j| \\ &\geq \sum_{j=1}^N \left\{ |Q_j| - \frac{\epsilon}{2^j} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

As limit  $N$  tends to infinity we get,  $m_*\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \widetilde{Q}_j\right) \geq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j| - \epsilon$  and monotonicity

on  $\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \widetilde{Q}_j \subset E$  gives,  $m_*(E) + \epsilon \geq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j|$

So as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  we get,

$$m_*(E) \geq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j|.$$

### Measurable Sets and the Lebesgue Measure:

**Definition:** A subset  $E$  of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is **Lebesgue measurable** or **measurable**, if for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists an open set  $\mathcal{O}$  with  $E \subset \mathcal{O}$  and  $m_*(\mathcal{O} - E) \leq \epsilon$ .

If  $E$  is measurable, then  $m(E) = m_*(E)$ .

**Property 1:** Every open set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is measurable.

Hint: Consider  $\mathcal{O} = E$ .

**Property 2:** If  $m_*(E) = 0$  then  $E$  is measurable. In particular, if  $F$  is a subset of a set of exterior measure 0, then  $F$  is measurable.

We know for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists an open set  $\mathcal{O}$  with  $E \subset \mathcal{O}$  and  $m_*(\mathcal{O} - E) \leq \epsilon$ .

**Property 3:** A countable union of measurable sets is measurable.

Let  $E_1, E_2, \dots$  are measurable sets and  $E = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j$ . Given  $\epsilon > 0$  there exist

open set  $\mathcal{O}_j$  with  $E_j \subset \mathcal{O}_j$  and  $m_*(\mathcal{O}_j - E_j) \leq \epsilon/2^j$ . Then the union  $\mathcal{O} = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{O}_j$

is open, as  $\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{O}_j$  hence  $E \subset \mathcal{O}$  and  $(\mathcal{O} - E) \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} (\mathcal{O}_j - E_j)$ ,

so monotonicity and sub-additivity of the exterior measure imply,

$$m_*(\mathcal{O} - E) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} m_*(\mathcal{O}_j - E_j) \leq \epsilon.$$

Hence,  $E$  is measurable set.

**Property 4:** Closed sets are measurable.

Every closed set  $F$  can be written as the union of compact sets, say

$$F = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} (F \cap B_k),$$

where  $B_k$  denotes the closed ball of radius  $k$  centered at the origin; so, it is enough to prove every compact set is measurable.

So, suppose  $F$  is compact set, let  $\epsilon > 0$  then there exist open set  $\mathcal{O}$  with  $F \subset \mathcal{O}$  and  $m_*(\mathcal{O}) \leq m_*(F) + \epsilon$ . Since  $F$  is closed,  $\mathcal{O} - F$  is open, and by Theorem 1.4 we may write this difference as a countable union of almost disjoint closed cubes.

Hence,  $\mathcal{O} - F = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} Q_j$ . Now for a fixed  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , the finite union  $K = \bigcup_{j=1}^N Q_j$  is compact; therefore  $d(K, F) > 0$ . Since  $(K \cup F) \subset \mathcal{O}$  Observations 1, 4, and 5 of the exterior measure imply

$$\begin{aligned} m_*(\mathcal{O}) &\geq m_*(F) + m_*(K) \\ &= m_*(F) + \sum_{j=1}^N m_*(Q_j). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\sum_{j=1}^N m_*(Q_j) \leq m_*(\mathcal{O}) - m_*(F) \leq \epsilon$  implies  $F$  is measurable set.

**Lemma 1.5:** If  $F$  is closed,  $K$  is compact, and these sets are disjoint, then  $d(F, K) > 0$ .

**Proof:** As  $F$  is closed, for each point  $x \in K$ , there exists  $\delta_x > 0$  so that  $d(x, F) > 3\delta_x$ . Since  $\bigcup_{x \in K} B_{2\delta_x}(x)$  covers  $K$ , and  $K$  is compact, so we may find a finite subcover of  $K$ ,

$$K \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^N B_{2\delta_j}(x_j)$$

Let  $\delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_N)$ , then our claim is  $d(K, F) \geq \delta > 0$ . If  $x \in K$  then  $x \in B_{2\delta_i}(x_i)$ , for some  $i$  and  $y \in F$ , then for all  $i$  we have  $|x_i - x| \leq 2\delta_j$ , and by construction  $|y - x_i| \geq 3\delta_i$ . Therefore

$$|y - x| \geq |y - x_i| - |x_j - x| \geq 3\delta_i - 2\delta_j$$

$$|y - x| \geq \delta$$

Hence  $d(F, K) > 0$ .

**EXAMPLE 1:** Give an example of two subsets  $E$  and  $F$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $E \cap F = \phi$  and  $d(E, F) = 0$ .

**EXAMPLE 2:** Give an example of two sets  $E$  and  $F$  such that  $E \cap F = \phi$  and both are bounded but still  $d(E, F) = 0$ .

Hint:  $E = \{0\}$  and  $F = \{1/n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

**EXAMPLE 3:** Give an example of two sets  $E$  and  $F$  such that  $E \cap F = \phi$  and both are closed but still  $d(E, F) = 0$ .

**Property 5:** The complement of a measurable set is measurable.

If  $E$  is measurable, then for every positive integer  $n$  we may choose an open set  $\mathcal{O}_n$  with  $E \subseteq \mathcal{O}_n$  and

$$m_*(\mathcal{O}_n - E) \leq 1/n.$$

The complement  $\mathcal{O}_n^c$  is closed set, hence by property (4),  $\mathcal{O}_n^c$  measurable, which implies that the union  $S = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{O}_n^c$  is also measurable by Property (3). Now  $E \subseteq \mathcal{O}_n$  implies  $S \subseteq E^c$  and  $S$  is measurable.

$$(E^c - S) \subset (\mathcal{O}_n - E),$$

such that

$$m_*(E^c - S) \leq \frac{1}{n}, \quad \text{for all } n.$$

Therefore,  $m_*(E^c - S) = 0$ , Hence by Property (2)  $E^c - S$  is measurable. We know union of two measurable sets is measurable,

$$(E^c - S) \cup S = E^c.$$

Hence,  $E^c$  is measurable.

**Property 6:** A countable intersection of measurable sets is measurable.

Let for each  $j$ ,  $E_j$  be measurable set then by property (5),  $E_j^c$  is also measurable set. Hence by property (3) there union  $\bigcup E_j^c$  is also measurable. Again by property (5),

$$(\bigcup E_j^c)^c = \bigcap E_j$$

is measurable.

**Theorem 1.6:** If  $E_1, E_2, \dots$  are disjoint measurable sets and  $E = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j$  then

$$m(E) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} m(E_j)$$

**Notations:**

1.  $E_k \nearrow E$ :  $E_1, E_2, \dots$  is countable collection of subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  that increases to  $E$ , and  $E_k \subseteq E_{k+1}, \forall k$  and  $E = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$ .
2.  $E_k \searrow E$ :  $E_1, E_2, \dots$  is countable collection of subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  that decreases to  $E$ , and  $E_k \supseteq E_{k+1}, \forall k$  and  $E = \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$ .

**Theorem 1.7:** Suppose  $E_1, E_2, \dots$  are measurable subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^d$

1. If  $E_k \nearrow E$ , then  $m(E) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} m(E_N)$ .
2. If  $E_k \searrow E$  and  $m(E_k) < \infty$  for some  $K$ , then  $m(E) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} m(E_N)$ .

**Proof 1:** Let  $G_1 = E_1, G_2 = E_2 - E_1 = E_2 \cap E_1^c$ , and in general

$$G_k = E_k - E_{k-1} = E_k \cap E_{k-1}^c, \quad \text{for } k \geq 2.$$

By their construction, the sets  $G_k$  are measurable, disjoint, and

$$E = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} G_k.$$

Hence by theorem (1.6),

$$\begin{aligned} m(E) &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} m(G_j) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^N m(G_j) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} m\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^N G_k\right) \\ &\therefore m(E) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} m(E_N). \end{aligned}$$

2. Let  $E_k \searrow E$  and  $m(E_1) < \infty$  and

$$G_k = E_k - E_{k+1}, \quad \forall k$$

$G_k$  and  $E$  are disjoint measurable sets. and

$$E_1 = E \cup \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} G_k$$

By theorem (1.6)

$$\begin{aligned} m(E_1) &= m(E) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} m(G_k) = m(E) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} m(E_k - E_{k+1}) \\ &= m(E) + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^N (mE_k - mE_{k+1}) \\ &= mE + mE_1 - \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} mE_{N+1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$m(E) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} m(E_N).$$

Give counterexample for theorem 1.7.2

**Symmetric Difference:** Let  $E$  and  $F$  be two sets, then symmetric difference between  $E$  and  $F$  is denoted by  $E \Delta F$  and defined as

$$E \Delta F = (E - F) \cup (F - E)$$

**Theorem 1.8:** Suppose  $E$  is a measurable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Then, for every  $\epsilon > 0$ :

1. There exists an open set  $\mathcal{O}$  with  $E \subset \mathcal{O}$  and  $m(\mathcal{O} - E) \leq \epsilon$ .
2. There exists a closed set  $F$  with  $F \subset E$  and  $m(E - F) \leq \epsilon$ .
3. If  $m(E)$  is finite, there exists a compact set  $K$  with

$$K \subset E \text{ and } m(E - K) \leq \epsilon.$$

4. If  $m(E)$  is finite, there exists a finite union  $F = \bigcup_{j=1}^N Q_j$  of closed cubes such that  $m(E \Delta F) \leq \epsilon$ .

**Proof 1.:**  $E$  is measurable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , hence by definition of measurable set there exist open set  $\mathcal{O}$  with  $E \subset \mathcal{O}$  and  $m(\mathcal{O} - E) \leq \epsilon$ .

**2.**  $E$  is measurable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , then  $E^c$  is also measurable. Apply part 1. on  $E^c$ , there exist open set  $\mathcal{O}$  with  $E^c \subset \mathcal{O}$  and  $m(\mathcal{O} - E^c) \leq \epsilon$ . If we let  $F = \mathcal{O}^c$  then  $F$  is a closed set such that  $F \subset E$  and  $E - F = \mathcal{O} - E^c$ , Hence  $m(E - F) \leq \epsilon$ .

**3.** Let  $E$  is measurable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and  $m(E) < \infty$ , according to part 2. we get closed set  $F$  containing  $E$  such that  $m(E - F) \leq \epsilon$ .

For each  $n$ , we let  $B_n(0)$  denote the ball centered at the origin of radius  $n$ , we approximate  $F$  by compact sets define as  $K_n = F \cap B_n$ . Then  $E - K_n$  is a sequence of measurable sets that decreases to  $E - F$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(E - K_n) = m(E - F) \leq \epsilon.$$

and since  $m(E) < \infty$ . So  $K = K_n$  is our required compact set.

**4.** Let  $E$  is measurable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , choose a family of closed cubes  $\{Q_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$

such that  $E \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} Q_j$  and For  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j| \leq m(E) + \epsilon/2.$$

Since  $m(E) < \infty$ , the series converges and there exists  $N > 0$  such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j| < \epsilon/2.$$

If  $F = \bigcup_{j=1}^N Q_j$ , then

$$m(E \Delta F) = m(E - F) + m(F - E) = m\left(\bigcup_{j=N+1}^{\infty} Q_j\right) + m\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^N Q_j - E\right)$$

Hence,

$$m(E \Delta F) = \sum_{j=N+1}^{\infty} |Q_j| + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j| - m(E) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$$\therefore m(E \Delta F) \leq \epsilon.$$

### Invariance Properties of Lebesgue Measure:

**1. Translation Invariance:** If  $E$  is measurable set and  $h \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , then the set  $E_h = E + h = \{x + h | x \in E\}$  is also measurable, and  $m(E) = m(E_h)$ .

Let  $E$  be a measurable set, then for  $\epsilon > 0$  by Theorem 1.8.1, there exist open set  $\mathcal{O}$  with  $E \subset \mathcal{O}$  and  $m(\mathcal{O} - E) \leq \epsilon$ , then for set  $E + h$  consider open set  $\mathcal{O} + h$  such that

$$m(\mathcal{O} + h - (E + h)) = m(\mathcal{O} - E) < \epsilon.$$



which gives  $E + h$  set is measurable. Now we will prove that  $m(E + h) = m(E)$ , as  $E + h$  set is measurable  $m(E + h) = m_*(E)$

$$\begin{aligned} m(E + h) &= \inf\left\{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j + h| \mid E + h \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} Q_j + h\right\} \\ &= \inf\left\{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j| \mid E \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} Q_j\right\} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $m(E_h) = m_*(E) = m(E)$ .

**2. Dilation Invariance:** If  $E$  is measurable set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\delta > 0$  then

$$m(\delta E) = \delta^d m(E).$$

Let  $E$  is measurable set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  then for  $\epsilon > 0$  by Theorem 1.8.1, there exist open set  $\mathcal{O}$  with  $E \subset \mathcal{O}$  and  $m(\mathcal{O} - E) \leq \epsilon$ , then for set  $\delta E$  consider open set  $\delta \mathcal{O}$  such that

$$m(\delta \mathcal{O} - \delta E) < \epsilon. \text{ and } \delta E \subseteq \delta \mathcal{O}$$

which gives  $\delta E$  set is measurable.

$$\begin{aligned} m(\delta E) &= m_*(\delta E) \\ &= \inf\left\{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\delta \mathcal{O}_j| \mid \delta E \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \delta \mathcal{O}_j\right\} \\ &= \inf\left\{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \delta^d |\mathcal{O}_j| \mid \delta E \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \delta \mathcal{O}_j\right\} \\ &= \delta^d \inf\left\{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\mathcal{O}_j| \mid E \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{O}_j\right\} \\ &= \delta^d m_*(E) \end{aligned}$$

$$m(\delta E) = \delta^d m(E)$$

**3. Reflection Invariance:** If  $E$  is measurable set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  then  $-E$  is also measurable set and  $m(-E) = m(E)$ .

### $\sigma$ -Algebra and Borel Sets:

A  $\sigma$  algebra of a set is collection of subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  that is closed under countable unions, countable intersection and complements.

**Question 1.:** Check collection of open sets in  $\mathbb{R}$  is  $\sigma$  algebra?

**Question 2.:** Check collection of all measurable sets in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is  $\sigma$  algebra?

**Borel  $\sigma$ -Algebra:** Smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  which contains all open set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , or Intersection of all  $\sigma$ -algebra that contain the open sets.

Elements of this  $\sigma$ -algebra are called as Borel sets.

**$G_\delta$  Sets:** A set  $G$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is said to be  $G_\delta$  set if  $G$  can be expressed as intersection of countable number of open sets.

**$F_\sigma$  Sets:** A set  $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  is said to be  $F_\sigma$ , if  $F_\sigma$  can be expressed as countable union of closed sets.

Every  $F_\sigma$  and  $G_\delta$  sets are Borel sets.

**MEASURABLE FUNCTIONS:**

**Characteristic function on set  $E$  :** Let  $E \subseteq X$  then characteristic function on  $E$  is defined as

$$\chi_E(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in E \\ 0 & x \notin E. \end{cases}$$

**Step Function:** A step function  $f(x)$  is finite linear characteristic function on rectangle in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^N c_j \chi_{R_j}(x).$$

**Simple Function:** Let  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$  be measurable set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  be real constants then simple function  $\phi$  is defined as

$$\phi(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \chi_{E_i}(x).$$

Note: Each step function is simple function.

**Measurable function:** A function  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  is said to be measurable function if

$$f_a = \{x \in E | f(x) < a\} = f^{-1}[-\infty, a)$$

is measurable set for every  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Example 1.**  $f(x) = x^2, x \in \mathbb{R}$  is a measurable function.

**Example 2.** Characteristic function on interval  $[0, 1]$  is a measurable function.

**Example 3.** Every continuous function from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  is a measurable function.

**Example 4.** Constant functions are measurable functions.

**Lemma 1.9:** Following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is a measurable function.
- (ii)  $\forall a; \{x | f(x) \leq a\}$  is measurable set.
- (iii)  $\forall a; \{x | f(x) > a\}$  is measurable set.
- (iv)  $\forall a; \{x | f(x) \geq a\}$  is measurable set.

(i)  $\implies$  (ii)

Let  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a measurable function. implies set  $\forall a; \{x | f(x) < a\}$  is a measurable set. Hence for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  set

$$E_n = \{x \in E | f(x) < a + \frac{1}{n}\}$$

is a measurable set, and so there intersection is also measurable set, and intersection is

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n = \{x \in E | f(x) \leq a\}, \text{ for all } a$$

(ii)  $\implies$  (iii)

$\{x \in E | f(x) \leq a\}$ , for all  $a$  is measurable set, so there complement is also measurable,

$$\{x \in E | f(x) \leq a\}^c = \{x \in E | f(x) > a\}.$$

(iii)  $\implies$  (iv)

Suppose  $\{x \in E | f(x) > a\}$  is a measurable set, so for each  $n$  the set

$$E_n = \{x \in E | f(x) > a - \frac{1}{n}\}$$

is measurable set, so their intersection is also measurable and their intersection is

$$\forall a; \quad \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{x \in E | f(x) > a - \frac{1}{n}\} = \{x | f(x) \geq a\}$$

(iv)  $\implies$  (i)

Let  $\{x | f(x) \geq a\}$  is a measurable set, then its complement is also measurable set and its complement is

$$\{x | f(x) \geq a\}^c = \{x | f(x) < a\}$$

Hence,  $f$  is measurable function.

**Remark:** Let  $f$  be a measurable function then inverse image of interval  $(a, b)$  is also measurable.

Let  $f$  be a measurable function, then

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(a, b) &= \{x | f(x) \in (a, b)\} \\ &= \{x | a < f(x)\} \cap \{x | f(x) < b\} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $f^{-1}(a, b)$  is intersection of measurable sets, so  $f^{-1}(a, b)$  is measurable.

**property 1:** The finite-valued function  $f$  is measurable if and only if  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{O})$  is measurable for every open set  $\mathcal{O}$ , and if and only if  $f^{-1}(F)$  is measurable for every closed set  $F$ .

**property 2:** Any continuous function is measurable,

Let  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous function and  $\mathcal{O}$  be open set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . If  $f$  is continuous function then inverse image of  $\mathcal{O}$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . but every open set is measurable in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Hence,  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{O})$  is measurable set hence by property 1,  $f$  is measurable function. But, every measurable function need not be continuous. Counterexample is characteristic function on interval  $[0, 1]$ .

**property 3:** If  $f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  then  $f$  is measurable. If  $f$  is measurable and finite-valued, and  $\Phi$  is continuous, then  $\Phi \circ f$  is measurable.

Let  $f : S \rightarrow T$  and  $\phi : T \rightarrow R$  then  $\phi \circ f : S \rightarrow R$  Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be open set in  $R$  then  $\phi^{-1}(\mathcal{O})$  is open set in  $T$  and measurable set. Then by property (1) we get

$$f^{-1}(\phi^{-1}(\mathcal{O})) = (\phi \circ f)^{-1}(\mathcal{O}), \quad \forall \mathcal{O} \subset R$$

is measurable set in  $S$ . Hence  $\phi \circ f$  is a measurable function.

**property 4:** Suppose  $\{f_n\}$  is a sequence of measurable functions then

(a)  $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_n(x)$  and  $\inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_n(x)$  are measurable functions.

(b)  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$  and  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$  are measurable functions.

Let  $h(x) = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_n(x)$  so we have to prove in part (a) that  $h$  is measurable function, where  $f_n$  is sequence of measurable function, observe that

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d | h(x) > a\} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d | f_n(x) > a\}.$$

Let  $E_n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d | f_n(x) > a\}$ , then  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d | h(x) > a\}$

Each set  $E_n$  is measurable set, then their union is also measurable set, Hence

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d | h(x) > a\}$$

is measurable set. Implies that  $h$  is a measurable function.

Let  $g(x) = \inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_n(x)$ , and set below is measurable

$$E_n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d | f_n(x) < a\}$$

Then their intersection is also measurable,

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d | g(x) < a\}$$

Hence, function  $g$  is measurable.  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = \lim_{m \geq 1} \sup_{n \geq m} f_n(x)$  Let  $f_n$  be a sequence of measurable functions, then

$$t_i = \sup\{f_i(x), f_{i+1}(x), \dots\}$$

are measurable sets, so  $\inf(t_i)$  is also measurable function. Hence  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$  is a measurable function.

Similarly,  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$  is a measurable function.

**Property 5:** Limit of measurable functions is measurable function.

Since

$$f(x) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x),$$

then by property 3. we get  $f$  is a measurable function.

**Question:** Show that  $f_n(x) = \arctan(nx), x \in \mathbb{R}$  converges to measurable function.

**Property 6:** If  $f$  and  $g$  are measurable, then

- (i) The integer powers  $f^k, k \geq 1$  are measurable.
- (ii)  $f + g$  and  $fg$  are measurable if both  $f$  and  $g$  are finite-valued.

For part (i), Let  $f$  be a measurable function, If  $k$  is odd then

$$\{x | f^k(x) > a\} = \{x | f(x) > a^{1/k}\}$$

As  $f$  is measurable function, set  $\{x | f(x) > a^{1/k}\}$  is measurable. Implies set  $\{x | f^k(x) > a\}, \forall a$  is also measurable, hence  $f^k, k \geq 1$  is a measurable function.

For part (ii), Let  $f$  and  $g$  are finite-valued measurable functions. to prove  $f + g$  is a measurable function consider,

$$\begin{aligned} \{x | (f + g)(x) > a\} &= \{x | f(x) + g(x) > a\} \\ &= \{x | f(x) > a - g(x)\} \\ &= \bigcup_{r \in \mathbb{Q}} [\{x | f(x) > a - x\} \cap \{x | g(x) > r\}] \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\{x|(f+g)(x) > a\}$  is a countable union of measurable sets so measurable, from this we get  $f+g$  is a measurable function.

Now to prove  $fg$  is a measurable function, we know that

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

If  $f$  and  $g$  are measurable functions then  $-g, f+g$  and  $f-g$  are measurable function. Use part (i) for  $k=2$  we get  $(f+g)^2$  and  $(f-g)^2$  are measurable, hence  $fg$  is a measurable function.

**Question:** If  $f$  and  $g$  are measurable functions then show that

(a)  $|f|$  is a measurable function.

(b)  $\max\{f, g\}$  and  $\min\{f, g\}$  are measurable functions.

**Note:**  $f = g$  almost everywhere if and only if the set  $\{x|f(x) \neq g(x)\}$  is set of measure zero.

**property 7:** Suppose  $f$  is measurable, and  $f(x) = g(x)$  for almost every  $x$  then  $g$  is measurable.

**Approximation by simple functions or step functions:**

**Theorem 1.10:** Suppose  $f$  is a non-negative measurable function on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  then there exist an increasing sequence of non-negative simple functions  $\{\phi_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  that converges pointwise to  $f$ , such that

$$\phi_k(x) \leq \phi_{k+1}(x) \text{ and } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \phi_k(x) = f(x, ) \text{ for all } x.$$

**Theorem 1.11:** Suppose  $f$  is a measurable function on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  then there exist a sequence of simple functions  $\{\phi_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  that satisfies

$$|\phi_k(x)| \leq |\phi_{k+1}(x)| \text{ and } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \phi_k(x) = f(x, ) \text{ for all } x.$$

**Theorem 1.12:** Suppose  $f$  is measurable function on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  then there exist a sequence of step functions  $\{\chi_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  that converges pointwise to  $f(x)$ , for almost every  $x$ .

**Littlewood's three principles:** For measurable sets and measurable functions,

- (i) Every set is nearly a finite union of intervals.
- (ii) Every function is nearly continuous.
- (iii) Every convergent sequence is nearly uniformly convergent.

**Theorem 1.12 (Egorov's Theorem)** Suppose  $\{f_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence of measurable functions defined on a measurable set  $E$  with  $m(E) < \infty$ , and assume that  $f_k \rightarrow f$  almost everywhere on  $E$ . Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , we can find a closed set  $A_\epsilon \subset E$  such that  $m(E - A_\epsilon) \leq \epsilon$  and  $f_k \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $A_\epsilon$ .

**Theorem 1.12 (Lusin's Theorem)** Suppose  $f$  is measurable and finite valued on  $E$  with  $E$  of finite measure, then for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exist a closed set  $F_\epsilon$  with

$$F_\epsilon \subset E \text{ and } m(E - F_\epsilon) \leq \epsilon$$

and such that  $f|_{F_\epsilon}$  is continuous.

**Theorem 5.1:** Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are measurable sets in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and their sum  $A + B$  is also measurable.

