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since $A \cap (E_1 \cup E_2) \subseteq A$, by replacing A by $A \cap (E_1 \cup E_2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \mu^*[A \cap (E_1 \cup E_2)] &= \mu^*[(A \cap (E_1 \cup E_2)) \cap E_1] + \mu^*[(A \cap (E_1 \cup E_2)) \cap E_1^c] \\ &= \mu^*[(A \cap E_1) \cup (A \cap E_2)] \cap E_1 + \mu^*[(A \cap E_1) \cup (A \cap E_2)] \cap E_1^c \\ &= \mu^*[(A \cap E_1) \cap E_1 \cup (A \cap E_2) \cap E_1] + \mu^*[(A \cap E_1) \cap E_1^c \cup (A \cap E_2) \cap E_1^c] \\ &= \mu^*(A \cap E_1) + \mu^*(A \cap E_2) \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 3.

Let X be a set and μ^* an outer measure on X . Suppose that (E_n) be a sequence of mutually disjoint sets in Ω (the collection of all μ^* -measurable subsets of X). Then

$$\mu^*(A \cap \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A \cap E_j), \quad \forall A \subseteq X, n \geq 1.$$

Proof.

We prove this lemma by induction.

at $n=1$

$$\mu^*(A \cap E_1) = \sum_{j=1}^1 \mu^*(A \cap E_j) = \mu^*(A \cap E_1) \quad \forall A \subseteq X, E_1 \in \Omega$$

at $n=2$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^*(A \cap \bigcup_{j=1}^2 E_j) &= \mu^*(A \cap (E_1 \cup E_2)) = \mu^*[(A \cap E_1) \cup (A \cap E_2)] \\ &= \mu^*(A \cap E_1) + \mu^*(A \cap E_2) \quad \text{From Lemma 2.} \end{aligned}$$

we assume that

$$\mu^*(A \cap \bigcup_{j=1}^{n-1} E_j) = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \mu^*(A \cap E_j)$$

since E_n is μ^* -measurable,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^*(A \cap \bigcup_{j=1}^n E_j) &= \mu^*[(A \cap \bigcup_{j=1}^{n-1} E_j) \cap E_n] + \mu^*[(A \cap \bigcup_{j=1}^n E_j) \cap E_n^c] \\ &= \mu^*(A \cap E_n) + \mu^*(A \cap (\bigcup_{j=1}^{n-1} E_j)) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \mu^*(A \cap E_n) + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \mu^*(A \cap E_j)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n \mu^*(A \cap E_j)$$

$$\mu((A \cap \bigcup_{j=1}^n E_j) \cap E_n^c) = \mu((A \cap E_n^c) \cap \bigcup_{j=1}^n (E_j \cap E_n^c)) = \mu(A \cap \bigcup_{j=1}^{n-1} E_j)$$

Remark. μ^* is finitely additive on Ω .

By taking $A = X$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^* \left[A \cap \bigcup_{j=1}^n E_j \right] &= \mu^* \left[X \cap \bigcup_{j=1}^n E_j \right] = \mu^* \left[\bigcup_{j=1}^n E_j \right] = \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \mu^*(A \cap E_j) = \sum_{j=1}^n \mu^*(X \cap E_j) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \mu^*(E_j). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem. (Carathéodory's Theorem).

If μ^* is an outer measure on a set X , then the following statements hold.

a) The family

$$\Omega = \{ E \subseteq X : E \text{ is } \mu^* \text{-measurable} \},$$

is a σ -algebra on X .

b) $\mu = \mu^*|_{\Omega}$ is a measure on (X, Ω) .

c) μ is a complete measure. In fact,

$\forall E \subseteq X$, that satisfies $\mu^*(E) = 0$ is μ^* -measurable.

Proof.

(a) ① $\because \mu^*(\emptyset) = 0$, then \emptyset is μ^* -measurable.

and from definition X is μ^* -measurable.

② $\because E$ is μ^* -measurable, we compute that

$$\mu^*(A) = \mu^*(A \cap E) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c) \quad \forall A \subseteq X$$

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

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(Hence) E^c is μ^* -measurable, so $E^c \in \Omega$.

③ we will show that Ω is closed under finite unions?

If $E, F \in \Omega$, then $E \cup F \in \Omega$. From Lemma 1.

(4) Now, we show that \mathcal{L} is closed under countable disjoint unions.

Let (E_n) be a pairwise disjoint sequence of sets in \mathcal{L} and define

$$S = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k \quad \text{and} \quad S_n = \bigcup_{k=1}^n E_k, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Since $S_n \in \mathcal{L}$, since \mathcal{L} is closed under finite unions.

$$\mu^*(A) = \mu^*(A \cap S_n) + \mu^*(A \cap S_n^c)$$

since $S_n \subset S \Rightarrow S^c \subset S_n^c$ and μ^* is monotone

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \mu^*(A) &\geq \mu^*(A \cap S_n) + \mu^*(A \cap S^c) \\ &\geq \sum_{j=1}^n \mu^*(A \cap E_j) + \mu^*(A \cap S^c) \end{aligned}$$

since this is true for every natural number n ,

$$\therefore \mu^*(A) \geq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A \cap E_j) + \mu^*(A \cap S^c)$$

$$\geq \mu^*(A \cap S) + \mu^*(A \cap S^c)$$

(since μ^* is countably subadditive)

Therefore $S = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j \in \mathcal{L}$.

(5) \mathcal{L} is closed under finite intersection

$$E_1 \cap E_2 = (E_1^c \cup E_2^c)^c$$

$$\therefore E_1, E_2 \in \mathcal{L} \Rightarrow E_1^c, E_2^c \in \mathcal{L}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_1^c \cup E_2^c \in \mathcal{L}$$

$$\Rightarrow (E_1^c \cup E_2^c)^c \in \mathcal{L}$$

$$\therefore E_1 \cap E_2 \in \mathcal{L}.$$

Therefore, \mathcal{L} is an σ -algebra.

(b) Let $\mu^* : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow [0, \infty) \Rightarrow \mu^*$ is a measure on \mathcal{L} .

(1) $\mu^*(\emptyset) = 0$, by definition of the outer measure.

(2) Let (E_n) be a pairwise disjoint sequence of sets in \mathcal{L} .

From (4)

$$\mu^*(A) \geq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A \cap E_j) + \mu^*[A \cap (\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j)^c]$$

$$\mu^*(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j) \geq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(\bigcup_{l=1}^{\infty} E_l \cap E_j) + \mu^*[\bigcup_{l=1}^{\infty} E_l \cap (\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j)^c]$$

$$\geq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(E_j) + \mu^*(\emptyset)$$

$$\geq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(E_j)$$

Since μ^* is countable subadditive, we have

$$\mu^*\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j\right) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(E_j)$$

We conclude that

$$\mu^*\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j\right) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(E_j)$$

Thus, μ^* is a measure on Ω .

Lebesgue measure of \mathbb{R} .

We use the approach discussed in the previous section to construct the Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R} . The Lebesgue measure will lead to the definition of the Lebesgue integral in the next chapter. Let \mathcal{I} be a collection of open intervals in \mathbb{R} . For $I \in \mathcal{I}$, let $L(I)$ denote the length of I .

Theorem.

For $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, define $m^*: \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by

$$m^*(A) = \inf \left\{ \sum_n L(I_n) : I_n \in \mathcal{I}, \text{ for each } n \text{ and } A \subseteq \bigcup_n I_n \right\}$$

Then m^* is an outer measure on \mathbb{R} .

Proof.

① Since $\emptyset \subseteq (a, a)$, for any real number a , then

$$0 \leq m^*(\emptyset) \leq a - a = 0 \Rightarrow m^*(\emptyset) = 0.$$

② Let A and B be subsets of \mathbb{R} , $A \subseteq B$. If $B \subseteq \bigcup_n I_n$ (where (I_n) is a sequence of open interval in \mathbb{R})

$$\therefore A \subseteq B \subseteq \bigcup_n I_n \Rightarrow \sum_n L(I_n) \in \mathcal{X}(B) \subset \mathcal{X}(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow m^*(A) = \inf \mathcal{X}(A) \leq \inf \mathcal{X}(B) = m^*(B).$$

$$\mathcal{X}(A) = \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} L(I_n) : A \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n \right\} \quad \mathcal{X}(B) = \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} L(I_n) : B \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n \right\}.$$

③ Let (A_n) be a sequence of subsets of \mathbb{R} .

① If $m^*(A_n) = \infty$ for some n ,

$$m^*\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m^*(A_n)$$

suppose $m^*(A_n) < \infty$ for each n . Then $\forall n$ and given $\epsilon > 0$

there is a sequence $(I_{nk})_k$ of open intervals such that

$$A_n \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} I_{nk} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} L(I_{nk}) < m^*(A_n) + \frac{\epsilon}{2^n}$$

$$\text{Since } \bigcup_n A_n \subset \bigcup_n \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} I_{n,k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore m^*\left(\bigcup_n A_n\right) &\leq \sum_n \sum_k L(I_{n,k}) < \sum_n \left(m^*(A_n) + \frac{\epsilon}{2^n}\right) \\ &= \sum_n m^*(A_n) + \epsilon \sum_n \frac{1}{2^n} \end{aligned}$$

since ϵ is arbitrary, we have that $m^*\left(\bigcup_n A_n\right) \leq \sum_n m^*(A_n)$.

Definition:

A set $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is said to be Lebesgue-measurable (or measurable), if

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

for every $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.

Remark.

* Denote by \mathcal{L} , the set of all Lebesgue-measurable subsets of \mathbb{R} , then \mathcal{L} is a σ -algebra.

* $m = m^*|_{\mathcal{L}}$ is a measure on \mathcal{L} . This measure is called the Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R} .

(c)

properties of the Lebesgue outer measure

Proposition 1.

The outer measure of an interval I is its length.

$$i.e. m^*(I) = L(I).$$

Proof.

① Let $I = [a, b]$, ^{is bounded.} then $[a, b] \subset (a - \epsilon, b + \epsilon) \quad \forall \epsilon > 0$

$$\therefore m^*([a, b]) \leq L(a - \epsilon, b + \epsilon) = b - a + 2\epsilon.$$

(since ϵ is arbitrary)

$$\therefore m^*(I) \leq b - a = L(I).$$

Suppose that $I \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} I_k$, I_k is open for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

since I is compact,

\therefore there is a finite subcollection $\{I_k\}_{k=1}^m$ such that

$$I \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^m I_k.$$

since $a \in I \Rightarrow \exists (a_1, b_1)$ in $\{I_k\}_{k=1}^m$ such that $a_1 < a < b_1$.

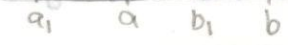
a) if $b \leq b_1 \Rightarrow a_1 < a < b < b_1$ ($b \in (a_1, b_1)$)



$$\therefore \sum_{k=1}^m L(I_k) = \sum_{k=1}^m L(a_1, b_1) \geq b_1 - a_1 \geq b - a$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=1}^m L(I_k) \geq b - a$$

b) if $b_1 < b \Rightarrow b_1 \in (a, b)$ & $b_1 \notin (a_1, b_1)$



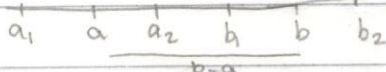
$\therefore b_1 \in [a, b] \Rightarrow \exists (a_2, b_2)$ in $\{I_k\}_{k=1}^m$ such that

$$b_1 \in (a_2, b_2)$$

$$L(I) = b - a \leq b_2 - a_1 = (b_2 - a_2) + (b_1 - a_1)$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^m L(I_k)$$

b') if $b \leq b_2$, then we are done



b'') if $a < b_2 < b$, then $\exists (a_3, b_3)$ in $\{I_k\}_{k=1}^m$ such that

$$b_2 \in (a_3, b_3).$$

Continuing, we obtain a sequence of intervals

$(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2), \dots, (a_5, b_5)$ from $\{I_k\}_{k=1}^m$ such that

$$a_i < b_{i-1} < b_i \quad \forall i = 2, 3, \dots, 5.$$

since $\{I_k\}_{k=1}^m$ is finite, $s \leq m$ steps with $b < b_s$.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} L(I_j) &\geq \sum_{j=1}^m L(I_j) \geq \sum_{j=1}^s L(a_j, b_j) \\ &= (b_s - a_s) + (b_{s-1} - a_{s-1}) + \dots + (b_1 - a_1) \\ &= b_s - (a_s - b_{s-1}) - (a_{s-1} - b_{s-2}) - \dots - (a_2 - b_1) - a_1 \\ &> b_s - a_1 > b - a \geq \\ \therefore m^*(I) &\geq b - a \Rightarrow m^*(I) = L(I). \end{aligned}$$

② Let I be an interval of the form (a, b) , $(a, b]$, $[a, b)$.

Then for each $0 < \varepsilon < b - a$ with

$$(a + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, b - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \subset I \subset (a - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, b + \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} m^*((a + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, b - \frac{\varepsilon}{2})) &\leq m^*(I) \leq m^*((a - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, b + \frac{\varepsilon}{2})) \\ \Leftrightarrow L((a + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, b - \frac{\varepsilon}{2})) &\leq m^*(I) \leq L((a - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, b + \frac{\varepsilon}{2})) \\ \Leftrightarrow b - a - \varepsilon &\leq m^*(I) \leq b - a + \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

since ε is arbitrary $\Rightarrow m^*(I) = b - a = L(I)$.

③ suppose that I is an unbounded interval. \Rightarrow

\exists a closed interval $J \subset I$ such that $L(J) = K$, K real.

Hence,

$$m^*(I) \geq m^*(J) = L(J) = K$$

Thus

$$m^*(I) = \infty, \quad L(I) = \infty$$

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Proof.

$[x] \subset (x - \frac{\epsilon}{2}, x + \frac{\epsilon}{2})$. Thus

$$0 \leq m^*([x]) \leq m^*(x - \frac{\epsilon}{2}, x + \frac{\epsilon}{2}) = L(x - \frac{\epsilon}{2}, x + \frac{\epsilon}{2}) \leq x + \frac{\epsilon}{2} - x + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$$

Since ϵ is arbitrary, we have $m^*([x]) = 0$.

Corollary.

Every Countable subset of \mathbb{R} has outer measure zero.

Proof.

Let A be a Countable subset of \mathbb{R} . Then $A = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{a_n\}$, therefore

$$0 \leq m^*(A) = m^*(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{a_n\}) \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} m^*([a_n])$$

Thus

$$m^*(A) = 0.$$

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$$m^*(A+y) = m^*(A) \quad \forall A \subset \mathbb{R}, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

Proof.

Note that,

- ① $\{I_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ is a cover for A iff $\{I_{k+y}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ is a cover of $A+y$
- ② I_k is open and bound. intervals $\Rightarrow I_{k+y}$ is also open and bounded
- ③ $L(I_k) = L(I_{k+y})$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore m^*(A) &= \inf \left\{ \sum L(I_k) : A \subseteq \bigcup I_k, I_k \text{ is open \& bounded interval} \right\} \\ &= \inf \left\{ \sum L(I_{k+y}) : A+y \subseteq \bigcup I_{k+y}, I_{k+y} \text{ is open \& bounded} \right\} \\ &= m^*(A+y) \quad \forall A \subset \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$