

Recall The outer measure  $m^*(S)$  of  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is

$$m^*(S) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{I \in \mathcal{B}} l(I) \mid \mathcal{B} = \text{cover of } S \text{ by open intervals} \right\}$$

This gives us a function  $m^*: \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  so that

32.3 (1)  $m^*(\emptyset) = 0$

(2) if  $S \subseteq T$  then  $m^*(S) \leq m^*(T)$

(3)  $m^*\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} S_n\right) \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} m^*(S_n)$

Def A set  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is (Lebesgue) measurable if  $\forall T \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

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

(We saw:

- $E$  is measurable  $\Leftrightarrow m^*(T) \geq m^*(E \cap T) + m^*(E^c \cap T)$
- $\emptyset$  is measurable
- $E$  is measurable  $\Leftrightarrow E^c$  is measurable

Prop 32.4 if  $E, F \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  are measurable then so is  $E \cup F$ .

Proof Let  $T$  be a set. Since  $E$  is measurable,

(1)  $m^*(T) = m^*(T \cap E) + m^*(T \cap E^c)$  and

(2)  $m^*\left(\underbrace{T \cap (E \cup F)}_{T'}\right) = m^*\left(\underbrace{(T \cap (E \cup F)) \cap E}_{T'}\right) + m^*\left(\underbrace{(T \cap (E \cup F)) \cap E^c}_{T'}\right)$   
 $= m^*(T \cap E) + m^*(T \cap F \cap E^c)$

Since  $F$  is measurable,

(3)  $m^*(T \cap E^c) = m^*\left(\underbrace{(T \cap E^c) \cap F}_{m^*(T \cap E) \text{ from (2)}}\right) + m^*\left((T \cap E^c) \cap F^c\right)$

Therefore  $m^*(T) = \left(m^*(T \cap (E \cup F)) - m^*(T \cap F \cap E^c)\right)$   
 $+ \underbrace{m^*(T \cap E^c \cap F) + m^*(T \cap E^c \cap F^c)}_{m^*(T \cap E^c) \text{ from (3)}}$

$$= m^*(T \cap (E \cup F)) + m^*(T \cap (E \cup F)^c)$$

$\therefore E \cup F$  is measurable

Cor 33.1 If  $E, F$  are measurable then so is  $E \cap F$ .

Proof  $(E \cap F)^c = E^c \cup F^c$ .  $E, F$  measurable  $\Rightarrow E^c, F^c$  measurable  
(32.4)  $\Rightarrow E^c \cup F^c$  is measurable.

□

Proposition 33.2  $m$  is countably additive. That is if  $\{E_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a collection of measurable sets with  $E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$  then

$$\bigcup_k E_k = \bigsqcup_k E_k \text{ is measurable and}$$

$$m\left(\bigsqcup_k E_k\right) = \sum_k m(E_k).$$

Proof We need to show:  $\forall T \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

$$m^*(T) \geq m^*(T \cap U) + m^*(T \cap U^c) \quad \text{where } U := \bigcup_k E_k.$$

For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let

$$U_n := \bigcup_{k=1}^n E_k = \bigsqcup_{k=1}^n E_k.$$

By 32.4 (and induction) each  $U_n$  is measurable, so

$$m^*(T) = m^*(T \cap U_n) + m^*(T \cap (U_n)^c)$$

Since  $U_n \subseteq U$ ,  $(U_n)^c \supseteq U^c \Rightarrow T \cap (U_n)^c \supseteq T \cap U^c \Rightarrow m^*(T \cap (U_n)^c) \geq m^*(T \cap U^c)$ .

$$\Rightarrow m^*(T) \geq m^*(T \cap U_n) + m^*(T \cap U^c)$$

Claim  $m^*(T \cap U_n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} m^*(T \cap U)$ .

Proof of claim:

$$m^*(T \cap U_k) = m^*((T \cap U_k) \cap E_k) + m^*(T \cap U_k \cap E_k^c) \quad (\text{since } E_k \text{ is measurable})$$

$$= m^*(T \cap E_k) + m^*(T \cap U_{k-1})$$

Induction on  $k \Rightarrow$

$$m^*(T \cap U_n) = \sum_{k=1}^n m^*(T \cap E_k)$$

Next observe

$$\sum_{k=1}^n m^*(T \cap E_k) = m^*(T \cap U_n) \leq m^*(T \cap U) \leq m^*\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} (T \cap E_k)\right)$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} m^*(T \cap E_k)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} m^*(T \cap E_k) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\left(\sum_{k=1}^n m^*(T \cap E_k)\right)}_{m^*(T \cap U_n)} \leq m^*(T \cap U) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} m^*(T \cap E_k)$$

It follows  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m^*(T \cap U_n) = m^*(T \cap U)$ , which proves the claim.

Since  $m^*(T) \geq m^*(T \cap U_n) + m^*(T \cap U_n^c)$   
 and since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m^*(T \cap U_n) = m^*(T \cap U)$   
 we get  $m^*(T) \geq m^*(T \cap U) + m^*(T \cap U^c)$   
 $\Rightarrow U$  is measurable.  $\square$

Finally let  $T = \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$m\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right) = m(U \cap \mathbb{R}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m^*(U_n \cap \mathbb{R}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n m^*(\overbrace{E_k}^{= E_k} \cap \mathbb{R}) \\ = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} m^*(E_k)$$

Corollary 33.3 For any sequence  $\{E_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  of measurable sets the union  $\bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} E_k$  is measurable.

Proof

Let  $U_n = \bigcup_{k=1}^n E_k$ ,  $F_1 = U_1$ ,  $F_2 = U_2 \setminus U_1$ , ...,  $F_n = U_n \setminus U_{n-1}$ .

By 32.4 (and induction)  $U_n$ 's are measurable.

Since  $F_n = U_n \setminus U_{n-1} = U_n \cap (U_{n-1})^c$ ,  $F_n$ 's are measurable.

Also  $F_i \cap F_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$  and

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j$$

By 33.2  $\bigcup F_i$  is measurable.  $\Rightarrow \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j$  is measurable.  $\square$

Remains to prove: intervals are measurable and for an interval  $I$   
 $m(I) = l(I)$

Aside In the course we're following an interval is a connected bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , i.e. a set of the form  $[a, b]$  or  $(a, b]$  or  $[a, b)$  or  $(a, b)$ . Similarly a ray



is a set of the form  $[a, +\infty)$ ,  $(a, +\infty)$ ,  $(-\infty, b]$ ,  $(-\infty, b)$ .

Note Any interval is an intersection of two rays.

To prove that intervals are measurable it's enough to prove

Proposition 34.4 A ray  $R \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is measurable.

Proof We need to show that  $\forall T \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

$$(*) \quad m^*(T) \geq m^*(T \cap R) + m^*(T \cap R^c)$$

If  $m^*(T) = \infty$ , there is nothing to prove. So suppose  $m^*(T) < \infty$ .

Then  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists$  a cover  $\mathcal{G}$  of  $T$  by open intervals so that

$$\sum_{I \in \mathcal{G}} \ell(I) \leq m^*(T) + \varepsilon/2.$$

Since  $\sum_{I \in \mathcal{G}} \ell(I)$  is finite,  $\ell(I) \neq 0$  only for countably many  $I$ .

If  $I \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $\ell(I) = 0$ ,  $I = \emptyset$ . Discard empty elements of  $\mathcal{G}$ .

Therefore we may assume:  $\mathcal{G}$  is countable. If  $\mathcal{G}$  is finite

$$\mathcal{G} = \{I_1, \dots, I_N\} \text{ for some } N. \text{ Otherwise } \mathcal{G} = \{I_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}.$$

$\forall n$ ,  $I_n \cap R$ ,  $I_n \cap R^c$  are intervals and

$$\ell(I_n \cap R) + \ell(I_n \cap R^c) = \ell(I_n).$$

For each  $n$  choose open intervals  $J_n, K_n$  so that

$$I_n \cap R \subseteq J_n, I_n \cap R^c \subseteq K_n \text{ and } \ell(J_n) \leq \ell(I_n \cap R) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{n+2}}$$

$$\ell(K_n) \leq \ell(I_n \cap R^c) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{n+2}}.$$

Then  $\{J_n\}$  is an open cover of  $T \cap R$ ,  $\{K_n\}$  open cover of  $T \cap R^c$ .

$$\Rightarrow m^*(T \cap R) + m^*(T \cap R^c) \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \ell(J_n) + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \ell(K_n)$$

$$\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \ell(I_n \cap R) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{n+2}} \right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ell(I_n \cap R^c) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{n+2}}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \ell(I_n \cap R) + \ell(I_n \cap R^c) \right) + \varepsilon \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n+2}}$$

$$\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ell(I_n) + \varepsilon/2 \leq m^*(T) + \varepsilon/2 + \varepsilon/2.$$

□

$\therefore (*)$  holds  $\forall T$  and  $R$  is measurable.