

## Lesson 6.

We have the following:

Theorem 1: Suppose  $\mathcal{B}$  is a family of subsets of a topological space  $X$  that contains all open and all closed subsets of  $X$ . Suppose also that  $\mathcal{B}$  is closed under countable unions and countable intersections. Then  $\mathcal{B}$  contains all Borel sets.

Proof: Let  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{B} \cap \{A : A^c \in \mathcal{B}\}$

Note: \*  $\mathcal{H}$  contains all closed sets

Let  $C$  a closed set. Then  $C \in \mathcal{B}$ . Since  $C^c$  is "open", then  $C^c \in \mathcal{B}$  and hence  $C \in \{A : A^c \in \mathcal{B}\}$ . Thus  $C \in \mathcal{H}$

\*  $E \in \mathcal{H} \Rightarrow E^c \in \mathcal{H}$ .

Let  $E \in \mathcal{H}$ . Then  $E \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $E^c \in \mathcal{B}$ .  
Now  $(E^c)^c = E \in \mathcal{B}$  and hence  $E^c \in \{A : A^c \in \mathcal{B}\}$ .  
Thus,  $E^c \in \mathcal{H}$

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$$\bullet \{E_i\} \in \mathcal{H} \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \in \mathcal{H}$$

Since  $\mathcal{B}$  is closed under countable unions we obtain

$$\underline{\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i} \in \mathcal{B} \quad (1)$$

Since  $E_i \in \mathcal{H}$ , then  $E_i^c \in \mathcal{B}$ . Since  $\mathcal{B}$  is closed under countable intersection we have:

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i^c \in \mathcal{B}$$
$$\therefore \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \right)^c \in \mathcal{B}$$

Hence:

$$\underline{\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \{E_i\}} \in \{A : A^c \in \mathcal{B}\} \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2):

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \in \mathcal{H}$$

We have shown that  $\mathcal{H}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra that contains all open sets. Let  $\mathcal{B}_s$  be the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra that contains all open sets.

Recall that the elements of  $\mathcal{B}_s$  are exactly all the Borel sets. (6.3)

Since,

$$\mathcal{B}_s = \bigcap_{\substack{\mathcal{F} \text{ is } \sigma\text{-algebra} \\ \{O \in \mathcal{F}, \forall O \text{ open}\}}} \mathcal{F} \rightarrow (3)$$

we obtain

$$\mathcal{B}_s \subset \mathcal{H}$$

that is:

$$\mathcal{B}_s \subset \mathcal{B},$$

and we conclude that  $\mathcal{B}$  contains all Borel sets.

Corollary: Let  $\nu$  be a Caratheodory outer measure on a metric space  $X$ , then the Borel sets of  $X$  are  $\nu$ -measurable.

Proof: Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be the set of all  $\nu$ -measurable sets.  $\mathcal{M}$  satisfies the hypothesis of Theorem 1 and hence  $\mathcal{B}_s \subset \mathcal{M}$ .

We can also obtain this Corollary directly from (3), since we proved earlier that  $\mathcal{M}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra and hence is one of the  $\mathcal{F}$ 's in (3).

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### 4.3 Lebesgue Measure.

We want to define a Carathéodory outer measure in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Consider closed  $n$ -dimensional intervals.

$$I = \{x : a_i \leq x_i \leq b_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}.$$

and their volumes

$$v(I) = \prod_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow I &= [a_1, b_1] \times [a_2, b_2] \times \dots \times [a_n, b_n] \\ &= I_1 \times I_2 \times \dots \times I_n. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that  $n$ -dimensional intervals have their edges parallel to the coordinate axes of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Def: If  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  define

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$$\lambda^*(E) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{I \in S} v(I) \right\}$$

where the infimum is taken over all countable collections  $S$  of closed intervals  $I$  such that

$$E \subset \bigcup_{I \in S} I$$

Thm: For a closed interval  $I \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\lambda^*(I) = v(I)$ .

Proof:

clearly:  $\lambda^*(I) \leq v(I)$

(By taking  $S = \{I\}$ )

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Let  $\{I_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of closed intervals such that

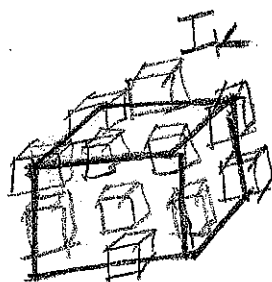
$$I \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} I_k \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} v(I_k) < \lambda^*(I) + \varepsilon$$

For each  $k$ , let  $J_k$  an interval  
whose interior contains  $I_k$  and

(6.6)

$$v(J_k) \leq v(I_k) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} v(J_k) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} v(I_k) + \varepsilon$$



$$I_k \subset \text{Int}(J_k)$$

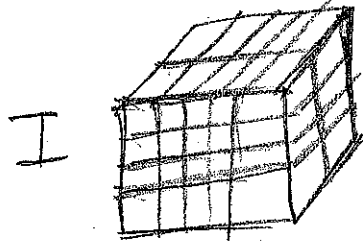
$$\Rightarrow I \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \text{Int}(J_k)$$

Note: (Problem 3.35). For each open  
cover  $\mathcal{F}$  of a compact set in a  
metric space,  $\exists \eta > 0$  s.t.

$$x, y \in X, \rho(x, y) < \eta \Rightarrow \exists V \in \mathcal{F} \text{ s.t. } x, y \in V$$

Let  $\eta$  be the Lebesgue number  
for  $\{\text{Int}(J_k) : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$

(6.7)



Partition  $I$  into subintervals  
 $K_1, K_2, \dots, K_m$ ,  $\text{diam}(K_i) < \bar{\eta}$   
 s.t.

$$I = \bigcup_{i=1}^m K_i \quad \text{and} \quad v(I) = \sum_{i=1}^m v(K_i)$$

Each  $K_i$  is contained in the interior of some  $J_k$ , same  $J_{k_i}$ , although more than one  $K_i$  may belong to the same  $J_{k_i}$ . Let  $N_m$  be the smallest number of the  $J_{k_i}$ 's that contain the  $K_i$ 's, we have  $N_m \leq m$  and.

$$v(I) = \sum_{i=1}^m v(K_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} v(J_{k_i}) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} v(J_k)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow v(I) &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} v(I_k) + \varepsilon \\ &\leq \lambda^*(I) + 2\varepsilon\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary:

$$v(I) \leq \lambda^*(I) \quad \square$$

Thm:  $\lambda^*$  is a Carathéodory outer measure.

Proof: We proof first that  $\lambda^*$  is an outer measure:

(i)  $\lambda^*(\emptyset) = 0 \quad \checkmark$

(ii)  $0 \leq \lambda^*(E) \leq \infty \quad \checkmark$

(iii)  $E_1 \subset E_2 \Rightarrow \lambda^*(E_1) \leq \lambda^*(E_2)$

Because:

$$E_1 \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} I_k \Rightarrow E_1 \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} I_k$$

and hence:

$$\left\{ \sum_{I \in S} v(I) : S = \bigcup I \text{ covers } E_2 \right\} \subset \left\{ \sum_{I \in S} v(I) : S = \bigcup I \text{ covers } E_1 \right\}$$

Hence the infimum of the left,  $\lambda^*(E_1)$  is less or equal than the infimum on the right,  $\lambda^*(E_2)$ .