

- pages 3-4 Tuesday, for Hausdorff measure & dimension

- Theorem 1: Let  $\mu$  be an outer measure on  $X$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{E \subset X \text{ s.t. } E \text{ is measurable}\}.$

Then  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

Furthermore, for any  $A \subset X$ , and  $\{E_k\} \subset \mathcal{F}$  disjoint,

$$\mu(A \cap (\bigcup_k E_k)) = \sum_k \mu(A \cap E_k).$$

proof: We did this (thinking we were dealing with  $\mu = m^*$ , and Lebesgue measurable sets)

in two stages. First (p.5 March 30) show the measurable sets form a Boolean algebra, then (p.1-2 April), show  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra, and the countable additivity.

consider it an uncollected class exercise to go back through this theorem.

- Theorem 2: Let  $\mu$  be a metric outer measure. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the  $\mu$ -measurable subsets of  $X$ .

Then the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{F}$ .

pf: below (and in Strichartz).

Corollary: If  $\mu$  is a metric outer measure, then  $\mu$  restricted to  $\mathcal{B}$ , or  $\mu$  restricted to  $\mathcal{F}$ , is a measure.

### proof of Theorem 2

It suffices to prove that if  $E \subset X$  is closed, then  $E$  is measurable.

So, let  $E \subset X$  closed.

Let  $B \subset X$ . We must show

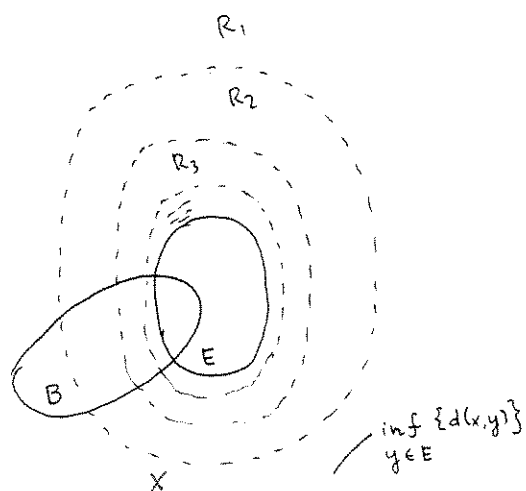
$$\mu(B) = \mu(B \cap E) + \mu(B \setminus E)$$

suffices to show " $\geq$ ".

May assume

$$\mu(B) < \infty.$$

Partition  $X$  into  $E$ , and rings around  $E$ , using the distance function



$$R_1 = \{x \in X \text{ s.t. } d(x, E) \geq 1\}$$

$$j > 1: R_j = \{x \in X \text{ s.t. } \frac{1}{j} \leq d(x, E) < \frac{1}{j-1}\}.$$

Notice (because  $E$  is closed!)  
that  $x \in E$  iff  $d(x, E) = 0$

Therefore  $E \cup \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} R_j$  partitions  $X$  (into disjoint subsets).

Notice each ring  $R_j$  is separated from  $E_j$  (by distance  $\frac{1}{j}$ )  
and if  $(j-k) \geq 2$ , then  $R_j$  is separated from  $R_k$  by  $\frac{1}{k-1} - \frac{1}{j} > 0$   
 $j \geq k+2$  (reverse  $\Delta$  ineq.)

Therefore, by the metric outer measure property, (and containment ineq.)

$$(1) \mu(B \setminus E) \geq \mu(B \cap \bigcup_{\substack{j \text{ odd} \\ j \in \mathbb{N}}} R_j) = \sum_{\substack{j \text{ odd} \\ j \in \mathbb{N}}} \mu(B \cap R_j)$$

$$(2) \mu(B \setminus E) \geq \mu(B \cap \bigcup_{\substack{j \text{ even} \\ j \in \mathbb{N}}} R_j) = \sum_{\substack{j \text{ even} \\ j \in \mathbb{N}}} \mu(B \cap R_j)$$

$$(1), (2) \Rightarrow \boxed{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(B \cap R_j) \leq 2\mu(B \setminus E) \leq 2\mu(B) < \infty.}$$

Finally,

$$\mu(B) \geq \mu(B \cap (E \cup \bigcup_{j=1}^N R_j)) \overset{\text{separated by } \frac{1}{N}}{\downarrow} = \mu(B \cap E) + \mu(B \cap \bigcup_{j=1}^N R_j)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{if}}{=} \boxed{\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mu(B \cap \bigcup_{j=1}^N R_j) \geq \mu(B \cap E^c)}, \text{ we deduce the desired inequality.}$$

$$\text{But, } \mu(B \cap E^c) = \mu\left[B \cap \bigcup_{j=1}^N R_j \cup (B \cap \bigcup_{j=N+1}^{\infty} R_j)\right]$$

$$\text{so } \mu(B \cap E^c) \leq \mu(B \cap \bigcup_{j=1}^N R_j) + \mu(B \cap \bigcup_{j=N+1}^{\infty} R_j)$$

$$\text{so } \mu(B \cap E^c) \leq \mu(B \cap \bigcup_{j=1}^N R_j) + \underbrace{\sum_{j=N+1}^{\infty} \mu(B \cap R_j)}_{\text{Subadditivity}}$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} : \mu(B \cap E^c) \leq \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mu(B \cap \bigcup_{j=1}^N R_j) + 0 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty \text{ since it's tail of conv. series.}$$



More discussion about Hausdorff measure:

### Scaling and Hausdorff measure

If  $(X, d)$  is a normed vector space,  $A \subset X$ , then for  $t > 0, \vec{b} \in X$

$$tA + \vec{b} := \{x = t\vec{a} + \vec{b} \text{ s.t. } \vec{a} \in A\}.$$

Theorem Let  $\alpha > 0$ . Then

$$\mu_\alpha(tA + \vec{b}) = t^\alpha \mu_\alpha(A)$$

proof: Every cover of  $A$  by sets  $\{F_k\}$  of  $\text{diam} < \varepsilon$  corresponds to a cover of  $tA + \vec{b}$  by sets  $\{G_k\}$  ( $G_k = tF_k + \vec{b}$ ) of  $\text{diam} < t\varepsilon$ .  
 $F_k = \frac{1}{t}(G_k - \vec{b})$

$$\text{And, } \sum_k \text{diam}(G_k)^\alpha = \sum_k t^\alpha \text{diam}(F_k)^\alpha = t^\alpha \sum_k \text{diam}(F_k)^\alpha$$

$$\text{Thus } \mu_\alpha^{t\varepsilon}(tA + \vec{b}) = t^\alpha \mu_\alpha^\varepsilon(A)$$

$$\downarrow \varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \qquad \downarrow \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$$

$$\mu_\alpha(tA + \vec{b}) = t^\alpha \mu_\alpha(A) \quad \blacksquare$$

example: Let  $C$  be the Cantor set, then  $C = (\frac{1}{3}C) \cup (\frac{1}{3}C + \frac{2}{3})$  is a disjoint separated union

$$\text{so } \mu_\alpha(C) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^\alpha \cdot 2 \cdot \mu_\alpha(C)$$

So the only  $\alpha$  for which  $0 < \mu_\alpha(C) < \infty$  could be possible is

$$2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^\alpha = 1 \quad ; \quad 2 = 3^\alpha \quad \alpha = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3}$$

(This  $\alpha$  is called the scaling dimension of  $C$ , & it turns out to be the Hausdorff dimension in this case - scaling dimension is always  $\geq$  Hausdorff dimension)

example: Scaling dimension of Sierpinski triangle?

Finite covers for closed sets:

Let  $A \subset X$ ,  $(X, d)$  metric

Let  $A$  compact,  $\alpha > 0$

$$\text{Define } \tilde{\mu}_\alpha^\varepsilon(A) = \inf_{\substack{A \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^N F_k \\ F_k \text{ closed} \\ \text{diam}(F_k) \leq \varepsilon}} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^N \text{diam}(F_k)^\alpha \right\}$$

i.e. only finite covers

Then

$$\mu_\alpha^{\varepsilon/2}(A) \geq \tilde{\mu}_\alpha^\varepsilon(A) \geq \mu_\alpha^\varepsilon(A)$$

, so also  $\tilde{\mu}_\alpha^\varepsilon(A) \rightarrow \mu_\alpha(A)$

$$\downarrow \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$$

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clear by  
set containment

$$\text{Let } A \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k \\ F_k \text{ closed} \\ \text{diam}(F_k) \leq \varepsilon/2.$$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Pick  $F_k \subset \mathcal{O}_k$  open,  $\mathcal{O}_k = N_{\delta_k}(F_k)$ , open nbhd, i.e.  
 $\{x \in X \text{ s.t. } d(x, F_k) < \delta_k\}$

$$\text{Note, } \text{diam}(\mathcal{O}_k) \leq 2\delta_k + \text{diam}(F_k)$$

Pick  $\delta_k$  small s.t.

$$\text{diam}(\mathcal{O}_k) \leq \varepsilon \\ (\text{diam}(\mathcal{O}_k))^\alpha \leq (1+\varepsilon)(\text{diam}(F_k))^\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_k \text{diam}(\mathcal{O}_k)^\alpha \leq (1+\varepsilon) \sum_k \text{diam}(F_k)^\alpha$$

furthermore, since  $A$  is compact,  $\exists$  finite subcover  $\mathcal{O}_1, \dots, \mathcal{O}_N$ , (so also  $\overline{\mathcal{O}}_1, \dots, \overline{\mathcal{O}}_N$ )  
and

$$\sum_{k=1}^N (\text{diam}(\overline{\mathcal{O}}_k))^\alpha \leq (1+\varepsilon) \sum \text{diam}(F_k)^\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\mu}_\alpha^\varepsilon(A) \leq (1+\varepsilon) \mu_\alpha^{\varepsilon/2}(A). \text{ Let } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \quad \blacksquare$$