

## Lecture 4.

### Completions.

If  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  is a measure space, and  $E \in \mathcal{M} + \mu(E) = 0$ , then  $E$  is a null set. Thus, if

$F \subseteq E$  and  $F \in \mathcal{M}$ , then  $\mu(F) = 0$

so  $F$  is null. However, in general not all subsets of null sets need to be in  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Def. 1. A measure space  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  is complete if all subsets of null sets are measurable.

Every measure space can be completed.

Thm 1. Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  be measure space,  
 $\mathcal{N} = \{N \in \mathcal{M} : \mu(N) = 0\}$  and define  
 $\overline{\mathcal{M}} = \{E \cup F : E \in \mathcal{M}, F \subseteq N \in \mathcal{N}\}$ .

Then,  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra and there  
exist unique, complete measure  
 $\overline{\mu}$  on  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$  s.t.  $\overline{\mu} = \mu$  on  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Pf. Note that  $\mathcal{N}$  is closed under  
countable unions.  $\Rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}$  is closed  
under countable unions. To see  
that  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$  is also closed under  
complements, consider  $E \cup F$  as  
above. Let  $F \subseteq N \in \mathcal{N}$ . WLOG  
assume  $E \cap N = \emptyset$ . (if not,  $N \rightarrow N \cap E, F \rightarrow F \cap E$ )

$$\Rightarrow (E \cup F)^c = (E^c \cap N^c) \cup (N \setminus F)$$

$\in \mathcal{M}$                        $\in \mathcal{N}$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  closed under complement

$\Rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}$   $\sigma$ -algebra.

To define  $\overline{\mu}$ , we set

$$\overline{\mu}(E \cup F) = \mu(E).$$

Well defined? Suppose

$$E \cup F = E' \cup F', \quad F \subseteq N \in \mathcal{N}, F' \subseteq N' \in \mathcal{N}.$$

$$\Rightarrow E \subseteq E' \cup N' \Rightarrow \mu(E) \leq \mu(E')$$

and similarly  $\mu(E') \leq \mu(E) \Rightarrow$   
 $\mu(E') = \mu(E).$

Checking  $\overline{\mu}$  is complete measure is

HW for next week.

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## Outer measures.

This is a useful tool for constructing measures.

Def. 2 An outer measure is a function  $\mu^*: \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  s.t.

$$(i) \mu^*(\emptyset) = 0$$

$$(ii) E \subseteq F \Rightarrow \mu^*(E) \leq \mu^*(F)$$

$$(iii) \mu^*\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(E_k).$$

Thm 2. Let  $\mathcal{E} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  be s.t.  $\emptyset, X \in \mathcal{E}$

and  $\rho: \mathcal{E} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  s.t.  $\rho(\emptyset) = 0$ . Set

$$\mu^*(A) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \rho(E_k) : A \subseteq \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k, E_k \in \mathcal{E} \right\}$$

Then,  $\mu^*: \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is an outer measure.

Pf. Clearly,  $\mu^*(\emptyset) = 0$  since  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{E}$ .  
 Monotonicity is similarly trivial,  
 if  $A \subseteq B$ , " $B \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \Rightarrow A \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \Rightarrow$   
 $\mu^*(A) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \rho(E_n) \Rightarrow \mu^*(A) \leq \mu^*(B)$   
 $= \inf \{ \dots \}$ .

To check subadditivity, let  $\{E_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$   
 be subcollection of  $\mathcal{E}$  s.t.  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$ .  
 Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and choose  $\{E_{n,l}\}_{l=1}^{\infty}$   
 be in  $\mathcal{E}$  s.t.  $\mu^*(E_n) \geq \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \rho(E_{n,l}) -$   
 $\frac{\varepsilon}{2^{n+1}}$

By def, since  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{n,l} E_{n,l}$   
 $\mu^*(A) \leq \sum_{n,l} \rho(E_{n,l}) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\mu^*(E_n) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{n+1}})$   
 $= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(E_n) + \varepsilon$ . Since  $\varepsilon > 0$

arb.  $\Rightarrow$  subadditivity.  $\square$

