

**Proposition 1.13:** Let  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  be an algebra of sets and  $\mu_0$  be a premeasure on  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $\mu^*$  is the outer measure from  $\mu_0$  and  $\mathcal{M}_\mu = \{A : A \text{ is } \mu^*\text{-measurable}\}$ , then:

- (a)  $\mu^*(A) = \mu_0(A)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$
- (b) Every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  is  $\mu^*$ -measurable, that is  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_\mu$ .

Proof of (a): First  $A = A \cup \emptyset \cup \emptyset \cup \dots$ , so  $\mu^*(A) \leq \mu(A) + \mu(\emptyset) + \mu(\emptyset) + \dots = \mu(A)$ . Thus,  $\mu^*(A) \leq \mu(A)$ .

[Now, show that it does not get any smaller.]

Let  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$  where each  $A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ . Let  $B_n = A \cap (A_n \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^{n-1} A_j)$ .

Then,  $B_n \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $B_n$ s are all disjoint. Also, notice that  $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n$ . Thus,  $\mu(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(B_n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_n)$ , and so  $\mu(A) \leq$

$\inf \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_n) : A \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \text{ and } A_n \in \mathcal{A} \right\} \equiv \mu^*(A)$ . Thus,

$\mu^*(A) = \mu(A)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Proof of (b): Let  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $E \in X$ . (We need to show that  $\mu^*(E) \geq \mu^*(E \cap A) + \mu^*(E \cap A^c)$ .)

Let  $B_j \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $E \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} B_j$  and  $\mu^*(E) \leq$

$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(B_j) \leq \mu^*(E) + \epsilon$ . Now,  $\mu(B_j) = \mu(B_j \cap A) +$

$\mu(B_j \cap A^c)$ . So,  $\mu^*(E) + \epsilon \geq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(B_j) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(B_j \cap A) +$

$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(B_j \cap A^c) \geq \mu^*\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} (B_j \cap A)\right) + \mu^*\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} (B_j \cap A^c)\right) \geq$

$\mu^*(E \cap A) + \mu^*(E \cap A^c)$ . Thus,  $\mu^*(E) = \mu^*(E \cap A) + \mu^*(E \cap A^c)$ , and so every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  is  $\mu^*$ -measurable.

**Theorem 1.14:** Let  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  be an algebra of sets,  $\mu$  be a premeasure on  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then,  $\bar{\mu} = \mu^*|_{\mathcal{M}}$  is a measure on  $\mathcal{M}$  such that  $\bar{\mu}(A) = \mu(A)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ .

[Uniqueness] If  $\nu : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$  is a measure such that  $\nu(A) = \mu(A)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , then  $\nu(E) \leq \bar{\mu}(E)$  and  $\nu(E) = \bar{\mu}(E)$  when  $\bar{\mu}(E) < +\infty$  for all  $E \in \mathcal{M}$ . If  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite, then  $\nu(E) = \bar{\mu}(E)$  for all  $E \in \mathcal{M}$ .

Proof: By Proposition 1.13-(b), we know that every set in  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $\mu^*$ -measurable. A collection of  $\mu^*$ -measurable sets is a  $\sigma$ -algebra by Caratheodory's Theorem.

### 1.5 Borel Measures on $\mathbb{R}$

**Motivation:** Suppose that we had a finite measure on the Borel sets of  $\mathbb{R}$ , denoted by  $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$ . Say,  $\mu : \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$  is a finite measure.

Let  $F(x) = \mu((-\infty, x])$  which is called the **(cumulative) distribution function of  $\mu$** .

If  $x_n \searrow x$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu((-\infty, x_n]) = \mu(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (-\infty, x_n]) = \mu((-\infty, x]) = F(x)$ . Thus,  $F$  is continuous from the right at  $x$ .

If  $x_n \nearrow x$ , then  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (-\infty, x_n] = (-\infty, x)$ . So,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_n) =$

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Now,  $(-\infty, x) = (-\infty, x) \cup \{x\}$ , so  $\mu((-\infty, x)) = \mu((-\infty, x)) \cup \mu(\{x\})$ . Thus, if  $\mu(\{x\}) \neq 0$ , then  $F$  is not continuous from the left at  $x$ .

So, when we do Lebesgue-Stieltjes outer measure, we will really only look at  $F$  right continuous.

Let  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be increasing and right continuous. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an algebra generated by sets of the form  $(a, b]$ ,  $(-\infty, b]$  and  $(a, +\infty)$ . (Note that they are called **h-intervals**.) Set  $F(+\infty) = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F(x)$  and  $F(-\infty) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x)$ .

Now, for any h-interval, set  $\mu_0((a, b]) = F(b) - F(a)$ ,  $\mu_0((a, +\infty)) = F(+\infty) - F(a)$  and  $\mu_0((-\infty, b]) = F(b) - F(-\infty)$ .

**Proposition 1.15:** Let  $F$  be right continuous and increasing. For  $\bigcup_{j=1}^n (a_j, b_j]$

$\in \mathcal{A}$ , algebra, which are all disjoint, set  $\mu_0(\bigcup_{j=1}^n (a_j, b_j]) = \sum_{j=1}^n F(b_j) - F(a_j)$ .

Then,  $\mu_0$  is well-defined, and is a premeasure on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Proof: [Show that  $\mu_0$  is well-defined.]

First suppose that  $(a, b] = \bigcup_{j=1}^n (a_j, b_j]$  where each  $(a_j, b_j]$  is

$a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \leq a_n$  disjoint. After relabeling  $(a_j, b_j]$  as  $a = a_1, b_1 = a_2, b_2 = a_3,$

$\dots, b_{n-1} = a_n, b_n = b$ ,  $\mu_0(\bigcup_{j=1}^n (a_j, b_j]) = \sum_{j=1}^n F(b_j) - F(a_j) =$

$F(b_1) - F(a_1) + F(b_2) - F(a_2) + \dots + F(b_n) - F(a_n) = F(b_n) - F(a_1) = F(b) - F(a)$ .

Next, let  $A = \bigcup_{j=1}^n (a_j, b_j] = \bigcup_{i=1}^m (c_i, d_i]$ . Let  $J_j = (a_j, b_j]$  and  $I_i = (c_i, d_i]$ , then  $\{J_j \cap I_i : i, j\}$  is a collection of disjoint sets.

Now,  $J_j = \bigcup_{i=1}^m (J_j \cap I_i)$ , and let  $J_j \cap I_i = (e_{ij}, f_{ij}]$ . By the first

case,  $F(b_j) - F(a_j) = \mu_0(\bigcup_{i=1}^m (J_j \cap I_i)) = \sum_{i=1}^m F(f_{ij}) - F(e_{ij})$ .

Thus,  $\sum_{j=1}^n F(b_j) - F(a_j) = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^m F(f_{ij}) - F(e_{ij}) =$

$\sum_{i=1}^m F(d_i) - F(c_i)$ . Thus,  $\mu_0$  is well-defined.

[Show that  $\mu_0$  is a premeasure on  $\mathcal{A}$ .]

Case:  $(a, b] = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n, b_n]$

Since  $b \in (a, b]$ , there exists  $i_0$  such that  $b \in (a_{i_0}, b_{i_0}]$ , that is  $b = b_{i_0}$ . Relabel  $i_0$  with 1 so that  $b_1 = b_{i_0} = b$ ,  $a_1 = a_{i_0}$  and  $a \leq a_1$ . Now,  $a_1 \in (a, b]$  implies that there exists  $i_1$  such that  $a_1 \in (a_{i_1}, b_{i_1}]$ , that is  $b_{i_1} = a_1$ . Relabel  $b_{i_1} = b_2$ ,  $a_{i_1} = a_2$  and  $(a_2, b_2]$  with  $b_2 = a_1$ . Continue relabeling with this manner, we

see that  $(a, b] = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n, b_n]$  where  $b_1 = b$ ,  $b_2 = a_1, \dots,$

$b_n = a_{n-1}$  and  $a_1 > a_2 > \dots > a$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$ .

(We need to show that  $\mu_0((a, b]) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_0((a_n, b_n])$ .)

The R.H.S. =  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_0((a_n, b_n]) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_0((a_j, b_j]) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [F(b_1)$

$- F(a_1) + F(b_2) - F(a_2) + \dots + F(b_n) - F(a_n)] =$   
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [F(b_1) - F(a_n)] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [F(b) - F(a_n)] = F(b) - F(a) =$

$\mu_0((a, b])$ . Thus,  $\mu_0$  is a premeasure on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

General case: Use case  $(a, b] = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n, b_n]$ , double indexing

and the similar argument.

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Theorem: Let  $F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be increasing and right continuous. Then there exists a Borel measure  $\mu_F: \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$  such that  $\mu_F((a, b]) = F(b) - F(a)$

Pf: By Carathéodory the outer measure  $\mu_0^*$  where  $\mu_0((a, b]) = F(b) - F(a)$  gives rise to a measure on the  $\mu_0^*$ -measurable sets,  $\mathcal{M}_0$ . Since  $\mu_0$  is a premeasure on  $\mathcal{A}$  we have that  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_0$  and so the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $\mathcal{A}$  is in  $\mathcal{M}_0$ . But the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ . So,  $\mu_F$  is just  $\mu_0^*$  restricted to the Borel sets. Finally,  $\mu_F((a, b]) = \mu_0^*((a, b]) = \mu_0((a, b]) = F(b) - F(a)$ , since for premeasures we know  $\mu_0^*(A) = \mu_0(A)$  when  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ .