

## The notion of a measure

Q0 (Exercise 0.1)

Show that the three reasonable properties for a measure are inconsistent in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Q1 (Exercise 1.2)

Show that an algebra (resp.  $\sigma$ -algebra) is closed under finite (resp. countable) intersections.

Q2 (Exercise 1.5)

(1) If  $\Sigma$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $S$ , then  $S \in \Sigma$  and  $\emptyset \in \Sigma$ .

(2) If a function  $\mu: \Sigma \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is countably additive and  $\mu(A) \in [0, \infty)$  for all  $A \in \Sigma$ , then  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ .

Q3 (Exercise 1.7)

Show that Dirac measure, “All or nothing” measure and counting measure are measures on  $\mathcal{P}(S)$ .

Q4 (Exercise 1.9)

(1) The extended reals,  $\mathbb{R}^*$ , with the given topology are a compact topological space.

(2) There is a metric  $d^*$  on  $\mathbb{R}^*$  such that

(a)  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^*$  is open if and only if  $A$  is open with respect to  $d^*$ ,

(b)  $a_k \rightarrow a \in \mathbb{R}^*$  if and only if  $d^*(a_k, a) \rightarrow 0$ .

Q5 (Exercise 1.11)

(1) The intersection of any family of  $\sigma$ -algebras on set  $S$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $S$ .

(2) If  $E \subseteq \Sigma(F)$ , then  $\Sigma(E) \subseteq \Sigma(F)$ .

Q6 (Exercise 1.24)

Let  $\lambda$  be an outer measure on  $\mathcal{P}(S)$ ,  $\Sigma$  be the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all  $\lambda$ -measurable sets,  $\mu = \lambda|_{\Sigma}$ , and let  $\lambda^*$  be the outer measure induced by  $\mu$ .

(a) If  $A \subseteq S$ ,  $\lambda(A) \leq \lambda^*(A)$ . Moreover, equality holds if and only if there is  $E \in \Sigma$  such that  $A \subseteq E$  and  $\lambda(A) = \lambda(E)$ .

(b) If  $\lambda$  is induced from a pre-measure, then  $\lambda = \lambda^*$ .

Q7 (Exercise 1.25)

Let  $(S, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a measure space and  $\lambda$  be the outer measure induced by  $\mu$ . Denote  $\Sigma^*$  the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all  $\lambda$ -measurable sets and  $\mu^* = \lambda|_{\Sigma^*}$ .

Show that if  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite, then  $(S, \Sigma^*, \mu^*)$  is the completion of  $(S, \Sigma, \mu)$ .

(In general,  $(S, \Sigma^*, \mu^*)$  is the saturation of the completion of  $(S, \Sigma, \mu)$ ; you can look up the definitions and do this exercise as well, if you must.)

Q8 Consider  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}), m)$ , where  $m$  is Lebesgue measure.

- (a) Show that for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $m(\{x\}) = 0$ .
- (b) Conclude that  $m([a, b]) = m((a, b)) = m([a, b)) = m((a, b]) = b - a$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (c) Show that if  $A$  is a countable subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $m(A) = 0$ .

Q9 Variations on the Cantor construction based on the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

- (a) Show that if one iteratively removes the open middle tenth (first from  $[0, 1]$ , then from  $[0, \frac{9}{20}]$  and  $[\frac{11}{20}, 1]$ , etc.), one obtains a Lebesgue measurable set of measure 0, which is not contained in the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra.
- (b) Show that if one instead iteratively removes the open middle  $\frac{1}{10^k}$ th at step  $k$  (first the open middle tenth from  $[0, 1]$ , then the open middle hundredth from  $[0, \frac{9}{20}]$  and  $[\frac{11}{20}, 1]$ , etc.), one obtains a Lebesgue measurable set of positive measure, which is not contained in the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra.

Q10 This questions rounds off the discussion of the constructive characterisation of  $\sigma$ -algebras generated by subsets.

- (a) Let  $\Sigma$  be an infinite  $\sigma$ -algebra. Show that  $\Sigma$  contains an infinite sequence of pairwise disjoint sets, and that  $\text{card}(\Sigma) \geq \text{card}(\mathbb{R})$ .
- (b) Let  $S$  be a set and  $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{P}(S)$ . Show that if  $\text{card}(\mathbb{N}) \leq \text{card}(\mathcal{E}) \leq \text{card}(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $\text{card}(\Sigma(\mathcal{E})) = \text{card}(\mathbb{R})$ .

Q11 Let  $m$  be Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and suppose  $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  are Lebesgue measurable.

- (a) Suppose  $d(A, B) = \inf\{d(x, y) \mid x \in A, y \in B\} > 0$ . Show that  $m(A \cup B) = m(A) + m(B)$ .
- (b) Suppose  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Given an example where  $d(A, B) = 0$  and  $m(A \cup B) = m(A) + m(B)$ .
- (c) Give an example, where  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$  and  $m(A \cup B) = m(A) + m(B)$ .

Q12 Let  $m^*$  be the outer measure induced by Lebesgue measure on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Show that  $m^*(S^{n-1}) = 0$ . What is the outer measure of the set  $\{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \mid \max\{x_k\} = 1\}$ ?