

Oxtoby: Measure and Category

Notes from [O].

1 Measure and Category on the Line

Countable sets, sets of first category, nullsets, the theorems of Cantor, Baire and Borel

Theorem (Cantor). (1.1) *For any sequence $\{a_n\}$ of real numbers and for any interval I there exists a point p in I such that $p \neq a_n$ for every n .*

This proof involves infinitely many choices. ... All choices can be specified, and we have a well defined function of (I, a_1, a_2, \dots) whose value is a point of I different from all the a_n .

A is nowhere dense $\Leftrightarrow A'$ contains a dense open set.

Theorem. (1.2) *Any subset of a nowhere dense set is nowhere dense. The union of two (or any finite number) of nowhere dense sets is nowhere dense. The closure of a nowhere dense set is nowhere dense.*

Theorem (Baire). (1.3) *The complement of any set of first category on the line is dense. No interval in R is of first category. The intersection of any sequence of dense open sets is dense.*

Theorem. (1.4) *Any subset of a set of first category is of first category. The union of any countable family of first category sets is of first category.*

nullset (or a set of *measure zero*) $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ there exists a sequence of intervals I_n such that $A \subset \bigcup I_n$ and $\sum |I_n| < \varepsilon$.

Nullsets form a σ -ideal

Theorem (Borel). (1.5) *If a finite or infinite sequence of intervals I_n covers an interval I , then $\sum |I_n| \geq |I|$.*

A is of first category $\not\Rightarrow \bar{A}$ is of first category

\bar{A} is of first category $\Rightarrow A$ is nowhere dense

Cantor set C = numbers in $[0, 1]$ that admit a ternary development in which the digit 1 does not appear. It can be constructed by deleting the open middle third of the interval

C is closed, nowhere dense, first category set, nullset, uncountable

Theorem. (1.6) *The line can be decomposed into two complementary sets A and B such that A is of first category and B is of measure zero.*

Corollary. (1.7) *Every subset of the line can be represented as the union of a nullset and a set of first category.*

2 Liouville Numbers

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3 Lebesgue Measure in r -Space

By an *interval* I in Euclidean r -space is meant a rectangular parallelepiped with edges parallel to the axes.

outer measure $m^*(I) = \inf\{\sum |I_i|; A \subset \bigcup I_i\}$ (infimum over all *sequences*)

Definition. (3.8) A set A is *measurable* (in the sense of Lebesgue) if for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a closed set F and an open set G such that $F \subset A \subset G$ and $m^*(G - F) < \varepsilon$.

ring of subsets = union, difference

σ -*ring* = countable unions

Theorem. (3.15) A set A is measurable if and only if it can be represented as an F_σ set plus a nullset (or as a G_δ set minus a nullset).

σ -additivity, translation

A measurable set $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ is said to have density d at x if

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{m(E \cap \langle x - h, x + h \rangle)}{2h} = d.$$

$\phi(E)$ = all points of \mathbb{R} at which E has density 1

Theorem. (3.20) For any measurable set $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, $m(E \Delta \phi(E)) = 0$.

Theorem. (3.21) For any measurable set A , let $\phi(A)$ denote the set of points of \mathbb{R} at which E has density 1. Then ϕ has the following properties, where $A \sim B$ means that $A \Delta B$ is a nullset.

- (i) $\phi(A) \sim A$
- (ii) $A \sim B$ implies $\phi(A) \sim \phi(B)$
- (iii) $\phi(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ and $\phi(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}$
- (iv) $\phi(A \cap B) = \phi(A) \cap \phi(B)$
- (v) $A \subset B$ implies $\phi(A) \subset \phi(B)$

4 The Property of Baire

5 Non-Measurable Sets

Theorem (Ulam). (5.6) A finite measure μ defined for all subsets of a set X of power \aleph_1 vanishes identically if it is equal to zero for every one-element subset.

A limit cardinal is said to be *weakly inaccessible* if (i) it is greater than \aleph_0 , and (ii) it cannot be represented as a sum of fewer smaller cardinals. It is called inaccessible if, in addition, (iii) it exceeds the number of subsets of any set of smaller cardinality. By a continuation of the above reasoning, Ulam showed that in Theorem 5.6 it is sufficient to assume that no cardinal less than or equal to that of X is weakly inaccessible.

6 The Banach-Mazur Game

Winning strategies, category and local category, indeterminate games

7 Functions of First Class

Oscillation, the limit of a sequence of continuous functions, Riemann integrability

oscillation

Theorem. (7.1) *If f is a real-valued function on \mathbb{R} , then the set of points of discontinuity of f is an F_σ .*

Theorem. (7.2) *For any F_σ set E there exists a bounded function f having E for its set of points of discontinuity.*

Theorem. (7.3) *If f can be represented as the limit of an everywhere convergent sequence of continuous functions, then f is continuous except at a set of points of first category.*

Theorem. (7.4) *Let f be a real-valued function on \mathbb{R} . The set of points of discontinuity of f is of first category if and only if f is continuous at a dense set of points.*

Theorem. (7.5) *In order that a function f be Riemann-integrable on every finite interval it is necessary and sufficient that f be bounded on every finite interval and that its set of points of discontinuity be a nullset.*

Corollary. (7.7) *Any continuous function on a closed interval is integrable.*

Theorem. (7.8) *The set of points of discontinuity of any monotone function f is countable. Any countable set is the set of points of discontinuity of some monotone function.*

8 The Theorems of Lusin and Egoroff

Continuity of measurable functions and of functions having the property of Baire, uniform convergence on subsets

A real-valued function f on \mathbb{R} is called measurable if $f^{-1}(U)$ is measurable for every open set U in \mathbb{R} . f is said to have the property of Baire if $f^{-1}(U)$ has the property of Baire for every open set U in \mathbb{R} .¹

Theorem. (8.1) *A real-valued function f on \mathbb{R} has the property of Baire if and only if there exists a set P of first category such that the restriction of f to $\mathbb{R} - P$ is continuous.*²

Theorem (Lusin). (8.2) *A real-valued function f on \mathbb{R} is measurable if and only if for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a set E with $m(E) < \varepsilon$ such that the restriction of f to $\mathbb{R} - E$ is continuous.*

Theorem (Egoroff). (8.3) *If a sequence of measurable functions f_n converges to f at each point of a set E of finite measure, then for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a set $F \subset E$ with $m(F) < \varepsilon$ such that f_n converges to f uniformly on $E - F$.*

9 Metric and topological spaces

Definitions, complete and topologically complete spaces, the Baire category theorem

A metric space (X, ρ) is *topologically complete* if it is homeomorphic to some complete space. An important property of such spaces is that the Baire category theorem still holds.

Theorem. (9.1) *If X is a topologically complete metric space, and if A is of first category in X , then $X - A$ is dense in X .*

A topological space X is called a *Baire space* if every non-empty open set in X is of second category, or equivalently, if the complement of every set of first category is dense. In a Baire space, the complement of any set of first category is called a *residual set*.

Theorem. (9.2) *In a Baire space X , a set E is residual if and only if E contains a dense G_δ subset of X .*

15 The Kuratowski-Ulam Theorem

Sections of plane sets having the property of Baire, product sets, reducibility to Fubini's theorem by means of a product transformation

Theorem (Kuratowski-Ulam). (15.1) *If E is a plane set of first category, then E_x is a linear set of first category for all x except a set of first category. If E is a nowhere dense subset of the plane $X \times Y$, then E_x is a nowhere dense subset of Y for all x except a set of first category in X .*

¹Question: Is this related to Baire hierarchy of functions? Answer: Functions belonging to some Baire class are precisely Borel measurable functions. Every Borel set has property of Baire, hence every Borel measurable function is Baire function.

²I think that almost the same proof would work for: f is (Lebesgue) measurable $\Leftrightarrow f|_{\mathbb{R} \setminus P}$ is Borel measurable for some nullset P
Have a look at [M, 2.H.10]

16 The Banach Category Theorem

Open sets of first category or measure zero, Montgomery's lemma, the theorems of Marczewski and Sikorski, cardinals of measure zero, decomposition into a nullset and a set of first category

Theorem (Banach Category Theorem). (16.1) *In a topological space X , the union of any family of open sets of first category is of first category.*

To discuss the analogue of Theorem 16.1 for open sets of measure zero, we need the following lemma, which is due to Montgomery [K, §30.10].

Lemma (Montgomery). (16.2) *Let $\{G_\alpha; \alpha \in A\}$ be a well-ordered family of open subsets of a metric space X , and for each $\alpha \in A$ let F_α be a closed subset of*

$$H_\alpha = G_\alpha - \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} G_\beta.$$

Then the set $E = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} F_\alpha$ is an F_σ .

A cardinal is said to have *measure zero* if every finite measure defined for all subsets of a set of that cardinality vanishes identically if it is zero for points.

A measure μ defined on the class of Borel subsets of a space X is called a *Borel measure*. It is *normalized* if $\mu(X) = 1$, and *nonatomic* if it is zero for points.

Theorem. (16.3) *Let μ be a finite Borel measure in a metric space X . If G is the union of a family \mathcal{G} of open sets of measure zero, and if $\text{card } \mathcal{G}$ has measure zero, then $\mu(G) = 0$.*

Theorem. (16.4) *If X is a metric space with a base whose cardinal has measure zero, and if μ is a finite Borel measure in X , then the union of any family of open sets of measure zero has measure zero.*

Metrizability cannot be omitted – using example from [KM].

The following theorem is perhaps the ultimate generalization of Theorem 1.6.

Theorem. (16.5) *Let X be a metric space with a base whose cardinal has measure zero. Let μ be a nonatomic Borel measure in X such that*

- (i) *every set of infinite measure has a subset with positive finite measure, and*
- (ii) *every set of measure zero is contained in a G_δ set of measure zero.*

Then X can be represented as the union of a G_δ set of measure zero and a set of first category.

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Spaces in which measure and category agree, topologies generated by lower densities, the Lebesgue density topology

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Supplementary notes

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Chapter 3

For an alternative proof of the Lebesgue density theorem (3.20), see [Z].

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