

Oxtoby: Measure and Category

Some notes made when reading [O]. (E.g. problems in some proofs, some steps in the proofs that were not obvious (for me) immediately.)

16 The Banach Category Theorem

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.*

In the proof of Theorem 16.1:

$\overline{G} - \bigcup \mathcal{F}$ is nowhere dense: If $U \subseteq \overline{G}$, $U \neq \emptyset$ open, then $U \cap G \neq \emptyset$. (Since if $x \in U$ then $x \in \overline{G}$, which means that every neighborhood of x has a non-empty intersection with G . In particular, $U \cap G \neq \emptyset$.) Then $U \cap G \subseteq G$ would be an open set disjoint from all sets belonging to \mathcal{F} , contradicting the maximality of \mathcal{F} .

Similar argument can be used to show that $U \cap \overline{G} \neq \emptyset$ (U open) $\Rightarrow U \cap G \neq \emptyset$.

Every space is union of open (closed) Baire subspace and a set of first category. (See [BK, Lemma 4.1])

Let \mathcal{G} be a system of all meager open subsets of X . Then $G = \bigcup \mathcal{G}$ is an open subset of first category and $Y := X \setminus G$ is a Baire space.

(Since Y is closed, we have $\overline{A}^Y = \overline{A}^X$ for any $A \subseteq Y$. Also $\text{Int}_X(A) \subseteq \text{Int}_Y(A)$. Hence every nowhere dense subset of Y is nowhere dense in X and every meager subset of Y is meager in X . If $U \neq \emptyset$ would be an open meager subset of Y , then $U \cup G$ would be an open meager in X , contradicting the definition of G .)

Now if we put $G' = G \cup \partial G = G \cup (\overline{G} \cap \overline{X \setminus G})$, then G' is meager (since boundary of any open set is nowhere-dense) and closed (since for open set $\partial G = \overline{G} \setminus \text{Int } G = \overline{G} \setminus G$ and $G \cup \partial G = \overline{G}$). The subspace $X \setminus G'$ is a Baire space.

(Now $Y := X \setminus G'$ is open, thus we have $\text{Int}_X(A) = \text{Int}_Y(A)$ and $\overline{A}^Y = \overline{A}^X \cap X \subseteq \overline{A}^X$ for any $A \subseteq Y$. If A is nowhere dense in Y , then $\text{Int}_Y \overline{A}^Y = \text{Int}_X(\overline{A}^X \cap Y) = \emptyset \Rightarrow A \cup G \subseteq A \cup G' \subseteq \overline{A}^X \cup G'$ is meager in $X \Rightarrow A \cup G$ is meager in X . Consequently, if A is meager in Y , then $A \cup G$ is meager in X . Thus for any open meager subset U of Y the set $U \cap G$ is meager in X . Again, $U \neq \emptyset$ would contradict the maximality of G .)

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We are dealing with a metric space \Rightarrow closed subsets are $G_\delta \Rightarrow$ this σ -algebra contains all closed sets.

¹ We will show that

$$\mathcal{S} = \{A \subseteq X; (\exists F \subseteq A \subseteq G)\mu(G \setminus F) = 0, F \text{ is } F_\sigma, G \text{ is } G_\delta\}$$

is a σ -algebra.

Complements. $F \subseteq A \subseteq G \Rightarrow X \setminus G \subseteq X \setminus A \subseteq X \setminus F$.

Countable unions. There are several equivalent characterizations of \mathcal{S} . (Note that here we are using that μ is finite measure.)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S} &= \{A \subseteq X; (\forall \varepsilon > 0)(\exists V \subseteq A \subseteq U)\mu(U \setminus V) < \varepsilon, V \text{ is closed}, U \text{ is open}\} \\ \mathcal{S} &= \{A \subseteq X; (\forall \varepsilon > 0)(\exists F \subseteq A \subseteq U)\mu(U \setminus F) < \varepsilon, F \text{ is } F_\sigma, U \text{ is open}\} \end{aligned}$$

For a system $\{A_i; i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ of sets from \mathcal{S} we choose $F_i \subseteq A_i \subseteq U_i$ such that $\mu(U_i \setminus F_i) < \varepsilon \cdot 2^{-i}$, U_i is open, F_i is F_σ . Let $U := \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} U_i$ and $F := \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i$. Then U is open, F is F_σ and

$$U \setminus F = \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} U_i\right) \setminus \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i\right) \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (U_i \setminus F_i),$$

hence $\mu(U \setminus F) < \varepsilon$. We also have

$$F = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} U_i = U,$$

which implies $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in \mathcal{S}$.

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