

# Lemma 7.2.5

**Lemma 7.2.5** (Properties of outer measure). Outer measure has the following six properties:

(v) (Empty set) The empty set  $\emptyset$  has outer measure  $m^*(\emptyset) = 0$ .

← no box is needed to cover

(vi) (Positivity) We have  $0 \leq m^*(\Omega) \leq +\infty$  for every measurable set  $\Omega$ .

← inf over nonnegative #

(vii) (Monotonicity) If  $A \subseteq B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $m^*(A) \leq m^*(B)$ .

**[PF]** For any open cover  $\{B_i\}$  of  $B$ , it is also an open cover of  $A$ .

And if  $M, N \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,  $M \supset N$ , then

$$\inf M \leq \inf N$$

$$\text{Thus } m^*(A) \leq m^*(B)$$

(viii) (Finite sub-additivity) If  $(A_j)_{j \in J}$  are a finite collection of subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $m^*(\bigcup_{j \in J} A_j) \leq \sum_{j \in J} m^*(A_j)$ .

**[PF]** Show:  $m^*(A \cup B) \leq m^*(A) + m^*(B)$

Idea: Try proving  $m^*(A) + m^*(B) \geq \text{Area (covering of } A) + \text{Area (covering of } B) - \epsilon$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Total area} \geq m^*(A \cup B)$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0, m^*(A) + m^*(B) \geq m^*(A \cup B) - \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow m^*(A) + m^*(B) \geq m^*(A \cup B)$$

By definition,  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists$  covering  $\{B_i\}$  s.t.

$$\sum_i |B_i| \leq m^*(A) + \epsilon/2$$

Same for  $B$ , then union the 2 countable covers to get a cover of  $A \cup B$ .

(x) (Countable sub-additivity) If  $(A_j)_{j \in J}$  are a countable collection of subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $m^*(\bigcup_{j \in J} A_j) \leq \sum_{j \in J} m^*(A_j)$ .

**[PF]** W.T.S.:  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists$  a collection of open covers,

$\{B_i^{(j)}\}$  for  $A_j$  s.t.

$$m^*(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j) \leq \sum_j m^*(A_j) + \epsilon = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (m^*(A_j) + \frac{\epsilon}{2^j})$$

Can find open cover  $\{B_i^{(j)}\}$  for  $A_j$  s.t.

$$m^*(A_j) + \frac{\epsilon}{2^j} \geq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |B_i^{(j)}|$$

$$\text{And } \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |B_i^{(j)}|) \geq m^*(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j)$$

(xiii) (Translation invariance) If  $\Omega$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $m^*(x + \Omega) = m^*(\Omega)$ .

← translate the cover

**Proposition 7.2.6** (Outer measure of closed box). For any closed box

$$B = \prod_{i=1}^n [a_i, b_i] := \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_i \in [a_i, b_i] \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq n\},$$

we have

$$m^*(B) = \prod_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i).$$

Recall: • compact set in  $\mathbb{R}^n \iff$  closed & bounded

• Riemann integral:

$$- \text{vol}([a, b]) = b - a = \int_a^b 1 \, dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{1}_{[a, b]}(x) \, dx, \text{ where}$$

$$\mathbb{1}_{[a, b]}(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \in [a, b] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

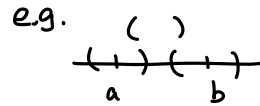
$$- n\text{-dim: } \text{vol}(\underbrace{[a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times [a_n, b_n]}_B) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \mathbb{1}_B(x) \, dx$$

\* same for open boxes

[Pf] obs: can choose an open box, slightly larger than  $B$  to cover  $B$ , thus  $m^*(B) \leq \text{vol}(B) + \varepsilon \forall \varepsilon > 0 \implies m^*(B) \leq \text{vol}(B)$

( $n=1$ ) case: b/c  $B = [a, b]$  is compact, hence any open cover of  $B$  can be reduced to a finite subcover

Let  $\{B_i\}_{i=1}^N$  be a finite open cover of  $B$



w.t.s.:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N |B_i| \geq \text{vol}(B)$$

Let  $f_i(x) = \mathbb{1}_{B_i}(x)$ , then

$$\sum_{i=1}^N |B_i| = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_i \, dx \right) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N f_i}_{f(x)} \, dx \geq \int \mathbb{1}_B(x) \, dx = \text{vol}(B) \quad (?)$$

Claim:  $f(x) \geq \mathbb{1}_B$

Indeed,  $B \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^N B_i$ , thus  $\mathbb{1}_B \leq \sum \mathbb{1}_{B_i}$

( $n=2$ ) case: w.t.s. given any finite cover  $\{B_i\}_{i=1}^N$  of  $B$  that  $\sum_{i=1}^N |B_i| > |B|$

Again  $|B_i| = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \mathbb{1}_{B_i}(x_1, x_2) \, dx_1 \, dx_2$ , integrate along  $x_2$  w.r.  $\{B_i\}$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}} w_i \cdot \mathbb{1}_{B_{i,1}}(x) dx_1$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \int \mathbb{1}_{B_i}(x) dx_1 dx_2$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}_{B_i}(x) dx_1 dx_2$$

$$\stackrel{②}{=} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \underbrace{\left( \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}_{B_i}(x_1, x_2) dx_2 \right)}_{f(x_1)} dx_1$$

$$\text{claim: } f(x_1) \geq \mathbb{1}_{[a_1, b_1]}(x_1) \cdot \underbrace{(b_2 - a_2)}_{\text{height of } B}$$

$$\iff \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{if } x_1 \in [a_1, b_1], f(x_1) \geq |b_2 - a_2| \\ \text{if } x_2 \notin [a_2, b_2], f(x_1) \geq 0 \text{ is true} \end{array} \right\}$$

follows by induction hypothesis ( $n=1$  case) applied to the line w/ the given  $x_1$ .

$$\rightarrow \geq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{1}_{[a_1, b_1]}(x_1) (b_2 - a_2) dx_1 = (b_2 - a_2) (b_1 - a_1) = \text{vol}(B)$$

General  $n$ : by induction

Pugh: divide  $B$  into grids of smaller boxes so that ea. small box is contained in some  $B_i$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \text{vol}(B) &= \sum \text{vol}(\text{grid of small boxes}) \\ &\leq \sum \text{vol}(\text{open cover } B_i) \end{aligned}$$

Corollary Outer measure of any box (open, closed, half & half) = vol(box)  
e.g.  $[a_1, b_1] \times [a_2, b_2]$

We then have

$$\bullet m^*(\mathbb{N}) = 0 \text{ (by countable sub-additivity)}$$

$$m^*(\mathbb{N}) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} m^*(\{i\}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 0 = 0$$

$$\bullet \text{Similarly, } m^*(\mathbb{Q}) = 0$$

$$\bullet m^*_1(\mathbb{R}) = \infty \text{ by monotonicity}$$

$$\hookrightarrow m^*_1((-R, R)) = 2R \Rightarrow m^*_1(\mathbb{R}) \geq 2R \quad \forall R > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m_1^*(\mathbb{R}) = \infty$$

### Skip Tao 7.3

Idea: • construct a "weird" subset  $E \subset [0, 1]$

•  $[0, 2] \supset \bigsqcup_{q \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}} q + E \supset [0, 1]$   
disjoint union

• trouble: additivity would fail

$$m^* \left( \bigsqcup_{q \in [-1, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}} q + E \right) = \sum_{\sim} m^*(q + E) = \sum_{\sim} m^*(E) = 0! \quad \infty!$$

$$\Rightarrow m^*([0, 1]) \leq m^* \left( \bigsqcup_q q + E \right) \leq m^*([-1, 2]) = 3$$

$$\{W_n \leq k\} \text{ exclude } \{W_n \leq k-1\} = \{W_n = k\}$$

