

**Exercise 7.1. ♣**

Let  $\mu$  be a measure on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  a  $\mu$ -measurable set. Which of the following statements are true?

(a) If  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $\mu$ -measurable and  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a Borel function<sup>1</sup>, then  $g \circ f$  is  $\mu$ -measurable. ✓

(b) Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and suppose that for every  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , the set  $\{x \in [0, 1] : f(x) = c\}$  is  $\mathcal{L}^1$ -measurable. Then  $f$  is  $\mathcal{L}^1$ -measurable. ✗

(c) Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function which is continuous  $\mathcal{L}^1$ -almost everywhere. Then  $f$  is  $\mathcal{L}^1$ -measurable. ✓

(d) Let  $(f_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of  $\mu$ -measurable functions  $f_k : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then the set

$$E := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k(x) \text{ exists and is finite}\}$$

is  $\mu$ -measurable. ✓

**Exercise 7.2.**

Let  $f : \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Show that the following statements are equivalent.

(i)  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $\mu$ -measurable for every open set  $U \subset \mathbb{R}$ .

(ii)  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $\mu$ -measurable for every Borel set  $B \subset \mathbb{R}$ .

(iii)  $f^{-1}((-\infty, a))$  is  $\mu$ -measurable for every  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Solution:** (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii): As all open subsets  $U \subset \mathbb{R}$  are Borel, it is obvious that (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). On the other hand, the following collection  $\{B \subset \mathbb{R} \mid f^{-1}(B) \text{ } \mu\text{-measurable}\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra, see Exercise 1.4 (b). If this  $\sigma$ -algebra contains all open subsets, then it contains all Borel sets, which proves that (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii).

(ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii): Once more, it is clear that (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii), because the intervals  $(-\infty, a)$  are Borel sets for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . On the other hand, we know that  $((-\infty, a))_{a \in \mathbb{R}}$  generates the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra, which proves the other implication.  $\square$

**Exercise 7.3.**

Let  $(X, \mu, \Sigma)$  be a measure space and  $f, g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  two measurable functions on  $X$ . Show that the sets  $\{x \mid f(x) = g(x)\}$  and  $\{x \mid f(x) < g(x)\}$  are measurable.

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<sup>1</sup>A function  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Borel iff  $g^{-1}(U)$  is a Borel set for every open set  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .

**Solution:** Since  $f$  and  $g$  are measurable, then  $h := f - g$  is measurable as well. As a result, we know that

$$\{x \mid f(x) = g(x)\} = h^{-1}(\{0\})$$

is measurable and the same holds for

$$\{x \mid f(x) < g(x)\} = h^{-1}((-\infty, 0)). \quad \square$$

**Exercise 7.4. ★**

In this exercise, we construct a set which is Lebesgue measurable but not Borel, and use the construction to give an example of a continuous  $G : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and a Lebesgue measurable function  $H : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $H \circ G$  is not Lebesgue measurable.

(a) Let  $h : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be the Cantor function, which is the unique monotonically increasing extension of the function  $F : C \rightarrow [0, 1]$  seen in Exercise 5.2, where  $C \subset [0, 1]$  is the Cantor set. Define  $g : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 2]$  by  $g(x) := h(x) + x$ . Show that  $g$  is strictly monotone and a homeomorphism.

**Solution:** Strict monotonicity is a direct consequence of  $h$  being monotonically increasing and  $x \mapsto x$  being strictly increasing. We just have to check whether  $g^{-1}$  is continuous. As  $[0, 1]$  is compact, the image under  $g$  of each closed subset is a compact subset of  $[0, 2]$ , hence closed. By bijectivity, this implies that  $g$  is open and thus a homeomorphism.  $\square$

(b) Show that  $\mathcal{L}^1(g(C)) = 1$ .

**Hint:** Use the natural decomposition of  $[0, 1] \setminus C$  to deduce the result.

**Solution:** Observe that

$$[0, 1] \setminus C = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{k=1}^{2^{n-1}} I_{n,k},$$

where  $I_{n,k}$  is the  $k$ -th interval removed in the  $n$ -th step of the construction of  $C$  and has length  $3^{-n}$ . Hence we have

$$\mathcal{L}^1([0, 2] \setminus g(C)) = \mathcal{L}^1(g([0, 1] \setminus C)) = \mathcal{L}^1\left(g\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{k=1}^{2^{n-1}} I_{n,k}\right)\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{2^{n-1}} \mathcal{L}^1(g(I_{n,k})).$$

To conclude, notice that  $h$  is constant on each  $I_{n,k}$ . Therefore, we easily deduce  $\mathcal{L}^1(g(I_{n,k})) = \mathcal{L}^1(I_{n,k}) = 3^{-n}$ . Inserting this into the sequence of equations above, we conclude

$$\mathcal{L}^1([0, 2] \setminus g(C)) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}}{3^n} = 1,$$

which implies

$$1 + \mathcal{L}^1(g(C)) = \mathcal{L}^1([0, 2] \setminus g(C)) + \mathcal{L}^1(g(C)) = \mathcal{L}^1([0, 2]) = 2,$$

and this implies the desired result.  $\square$

(c) Use Exercise 4.3 (a) to find a non-measurable subset  $E \subset g(C)$  and define  $A := g^{-1}(E)$ . Show that  $A$  is a Lebesgue zero set and thus Lebesgue measurable.

**Solution:** Observe that  $A = g^{-1}(E) \subset g^{-1}(g(C)) = C$ . As  $C$  is a Lebesgue zero set, so is  $A$ , and consequently  $A$  is Lebesgue measurable.  $\square$

(d) Show that  $A$  is not a Borel set.

**Hint:** Otherwise, the preimage of  $A$  with respect to continuous maps would necessarily be Borel and thus Lebesgue measurable as well.

**Solution:** Assume  $A$  were Borel. Then, due to  $g^{-1}$  being continuous by the first part of this exercise, we know

$$(g^{-1})^{-1}(A) = g(A) = g(g^{-1}(E)) = E \text{ is a Borel set.}$$

However,  $E$  is not Lebesgue measurable and hence not Borel, contradicting the conclusion. Therefore,  $A$  is not Borel.  $\square$

(e) Find appropriate  $H, G$  as outlined above such that  $H \circ G$  is not Lebesgue measurable, using the sets and functions introduced in the previous subtasks.

**Solution:** Let us take  $H = \chi_A$  and  $G = g^{-1}$ , where  $g$  and  $A$  are as previously introduced. We have thus seen that  $H$  is Lebesgue measurable and  $G$  is continuous. Assume that  $H \circ G$  is Lebesgue measurable. Note that  $\{1\}$  is a closed subset and thus,  $(H \circ G)^{-1}(\{1\})$  would be Lebesgue measurable. But

$$(H \circ G)^{-1}(\{1\}) = G^{-1}(H^{-1}(\{1\})) = G^{-1}(A) = g(A) = E,$$

which is not Lebesgue measurable, contradiction.  $\square$

### Exercise 7.5.

Let  $\mu$  be a Borel measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show that every monotone function  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $\mu$ -measurable.

**Solution:** As  $f^{-1}((-\infty, c))$  is either an interval in  $[a, b]$  or the empty set (when  $c \notin f([a, b])$ ),  $f$  is  $\mu$ -measurable according to Exercise 7.2.  $\square$