

Exercise 5.1.

Fix some $0 < \beta < 1/3$ and define $I_1 = [0, 1]$. For every $n \geq 1$, let $I_{n+1} \subset I_n$ be the collection of intervals obtained removing from every interval in I_n its centered open subinterval of length β^n . Then define by $C_\beta = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$, the *fat Cantor set* corresponding to β .

Show that:

(a) C_β is Lebesgue measurable with measure $\mathcal{L}^1(C_\beta) = 1 - \frac{\beta}{1-2\beta}$.

(b) C_β is not Jordan measurable. Indeed it holds $\underline{\mu}(C_\beta) = 0$ and $\overline{\mu}(C_\beta) = 1 - \frac{\beta}{1-2\beta} > 0$.

Exercise 5.2.

The goal of this exercise is to show that the Cantor triadic set C is uncountable. For that, recall quickly the construction of C : Every $x \in [0, 1]$ can be expanded in base 3, i.e., can be written as $x = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} d_i(x)3^{-i}$ for $d_i(x) \in \{0, 1, 2\}$. The set C is then defined as the set of those $x \in [0, 1]$ that do not have any digit 1 in their 3-expansion, i.e.:

$$C := \{x \in [0, 1] \mid d_i(x) \in \{0, 2\}, \forall i \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Now, the Cantor-Lebesgue function F is defined by

$$F : C \rightarrow [0, 1], \quad F\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_i}{3^i}\right) := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_i}{2^{i+1}}.$$

(a) Show that $F(0) = 0$ and $F(1) = 1$.

(b) Show that F is well-defined and continuous on C .

(c) Show that F is surjective.

(d) Conclude that C is uncountable.

Exercise 5.3. ♣

Let $A \subseteq [0, 1]$ be a non-measurable set, $B := \{(x, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \in A\}$ and $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a measurable set. Which of the following statements are true?

(a) B is a Lebesgue measurable subset of \mathbb{R}^2 .

(b) B is a closed subset of \mathbb{R}^2

(c) If E has Lebesgue measure zero, then its closure has Lebesgue measure zero.

(d) If the closure of E has Lebesgue measure zero, then E has Lebesgue measure zero.

Exercise 5.4.

In this exercise we want to prove that there is a one-to-one correspondence between the nondecreasing left-continuous¹ functions F on \mathbb{R} with $F(0) = 0$ and the Borel measures on \mathbb{R} that are finite on bounded Borel sets.

(a) Given any nondecreasing left-continuous function $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, show that the Lebesgue-Stieltjes measure Λ_F generated by F is the unique Borel measure on \mathbb{R} that is equal to $F(b) - F(a)$ on $[a, b)$. Namely, for every other Borel measure μ on \mathbb{R} such that $\mu([a, b)) = F(b) - F(a)$ we have that μ coincides with Λ_F on the Borel σ -algebra $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$.

(b) Conversely, given any Borel measure μ on \mathbb{R} that is finite on all bounded Borel sets, the function $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined as

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} \mu([0, x)) & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ -\mu([x, 0)) & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

is nondecreasing and left-continuous and μ coincides with Λ_F on the Borel σ -algebra $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$.

¹A function $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is left-continuous if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} F(x) = F(a)$ for every $a \in \mathbb{R}$.