

## Measure and Integration

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### Outer Measure and Its Properties

Welcome to lecture number 10 on measure and integration. Let us recall that in the previous lecture, we started looking at the notion of outer measure. Let us recall, how the outer measure was defined and what are the properties the outer measure.

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**Outer measure**


- Given a measure  $\mu : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ ,  
The **outer measure induced by  $\mu$**  is  
 $\mu^* : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$

is

$$\mu^*(E) := \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i) \mid A_i \in \mathcal{A}, \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \supseteq E \right\}$$

$\mu^*$  is monotone, countably sub additive and

$$\mu^*(A) = \mu(A) \text{ if } A \in \mathcal{A}.$$

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Given a measure  $\mu$  on algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of subsets of a set  $X$ . The outer measure induced by this measure is a set function defined on the class of all subsets of the set  $X$ . So, it is a function defined by the power set of  $X$ ; of course, taking non-negative values. It is defined as for a set  $E$  in subset of  $X$ , look at a countable disjoint - a countable covering of the set  $E$  by elements of the algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Now, look at the size, the measure of the set  $A_i$ , so that is  $\mu(A_i)$ . Add the measures of all the sets  $A_i$ , so that this union covers, so that gives you a number, which we can

think of as approximate measure of the set  $E$ . Look at the infimum for all such possible coverings of  $E$ . So,  $\mu^*$  of  $E$  is the infimum of all summation  $\mu$  of  $A_i$  such that union of  $A_i$  is cover  $E$ . We proved properties of this set function - the outer measure namely  $\mu^*$  is monotone, it is countably sub additive. On the sets, in the algebra,  $\mu^*$  is same as  $\mu$ . So,  $\mu^*$  extends the measure  $\mu$ , but it is only monotone and countably sub additive.

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**Example:**

- Let
 
$$\mathcal{A} := \{A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \mid \text{Either } A \text{ or } A^c \text{ is finite}\}.$$
 We have seen that  $\mathcal{A}$  is an algebra of subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
 For  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , let
 
$$\mu(A) = 0 \text{ if } A \text{ is finite}$$
 and
 
$$\mu(A) = 1 \text{ if } A^c \text{ is finite.}$$
 Then,  $\mu$  is a measure on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

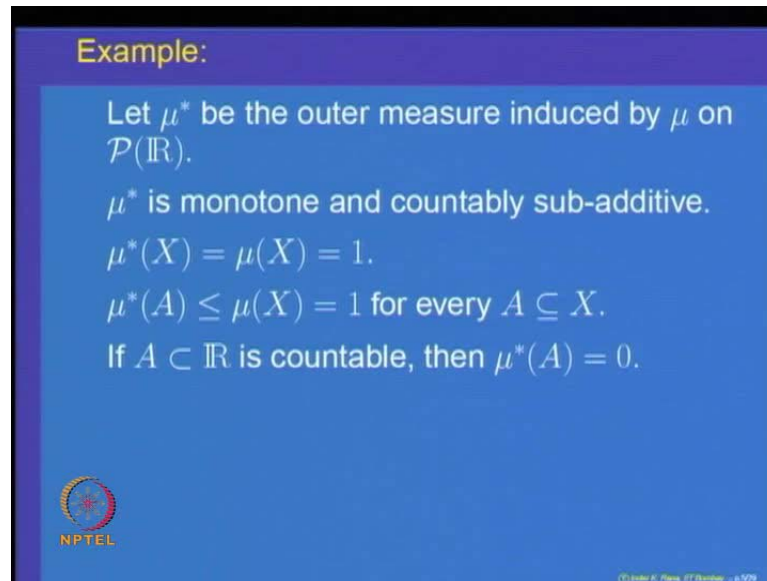
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Let us look at an example of this outer measure. In this example, we will start with the collection  $\mathcal{A}$  of all subsets of the real line, which are either finite or their complements are finite. Recall, in the beginning of the lectures, we have shown that this collection  $\mathcal{A}$  is algebra of subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ . So, this collection  $\mathcal{A}$  forms algebra of subsets of the set  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Let us define a set function  $\mu$  on this;  $\mu$  of the set  $A$  is equal to 0, if the set is finite. If the set in the algebra is not finite, then you know complement is finite. So, in that case, we define  $\mu$  of  $A$  to be equal to 1 if  $A$  complement is finite. We have also checked for this example that  $\mu$  is a measure on this algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ . I would strongly say that you try to prove it yourself once again that this  $\mu$  is a measure - that is  $\mu$  on the algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is countably additive.

Let us denote by  $\mu^*$  - the outer measure induced by  $\mu$  on all subsets of the real line. So,  $\mu^*$  is the outer measure given by this particular measure.

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**Example:**


Let  $\mu^*$  be the outer measure induced by  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ .

$\mu^*$  is monotone and countably sub-additive.

$\mu^*(X) = \mu(X) = 1$ .

$\mu^*(A) \leq \mu(X) = 1$  for every  $A \subseteq X$ .

If  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  is countable, then  $\mu^*(A) = 0$ .

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We want to correct, find some properties of this  $\mu^*$  of this outer measure  $\mu$ . If you recall, just now we said, outer measure always is monotone and it is countably sub additive. So, these properties are true for any outer measure, in particular to this outer measure also.

We want to do something more; let us note that  $\mu^*$  of  $X$  the whole space is same as  $\mu$  of  $X$  and that is equal to 1. Because,  $\mu^*$  extends,  $X$  belongs to the algebra. Actually,  $X$  complement is empty set, which is finite. So, by definition,  $\mu^*$  of  $X$  should be equal to  $\mu$  of  $X$ , which is equal to 1.

If  $A$  is any subset of  $X$  and  $\mu^*$  being monotone, so we know that  $\mu^*$  of  $A$  is less than or equal to  $\mu^*$  of  $X$  and that is less than that is equal to 1. So,  $\mu^*$  of every set is going to be between 0 and 1. So, this is a property we have reduced from the general facts that  $\mu$  is monotone and  $\mu^*$  of the whole space is equal to 1.

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Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A$  countable

$$A = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$$
$$A = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \{x_i\}$$

And  $\mu(\{x_i\}) = 0 \forall i$

Thus  $\mu^*(A) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(\{x_i\}) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \mu^*(A) = 0$$

if  $A$  is countable.

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We want to show that if  $A$  is a countable set in real line, then  $\mu^*$  of  $A$  is equal to 0. Let us see how do we show that? Let us take a set  $A$ . So, let  $A$  contained in  $\mathbb{R}$   $A$  countable; that means, I can write  $A$  as a sequence  $x_1, x_2$  and so on. So, I can write  $A$  is actually equal to union of singletons  $x_i, i$  equal to 1 to  $n$ . By definition,  $\mu$  of the singleton  $x_i$ , it is a finite set, so that is equal to 0 for every  $i$ .

Thus,  $\mu^*$  of  $A$ , which is less than or equal to summation  $\mu$  of  $x_i$ , this is one covering measure of each one of them being equal to 0, so this is equal to 0. So,  $\mu^*$  of  $A$  is less than or equal to 0, we know it is always bigger than or equal to 0. That implies that  $\mu^*$  of  $A$  equal to 0, if  $A$  is countable.

We have shown that for a countable subset in the real line, the outer measure which we define is going to be 0, whenever  $A$  is countable.

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**Example:**

Let  $\mu^*$  be the outer measure induced by  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ .


$\mu^*$  is monotone and countably sub-additive.

$\mu^*(X) = \mu(X) = 1$ .

$\mu^*(A) \leq \mu(X) = 1$  for every  $A \subseteq X$ .

If  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  is countable, then  $\mu^*(A) = 0$ .

$\mu^*(A) = 1$  iff  $A$  is uncountable.



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Let us go further and look at some other properties of this outer measure. We want to show that  $\mu^*(A)$  is equal to 1 if and only if  $A$  is uncountable, so let us prove that.

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Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A$  uncountable (2)

Claim  $\mu^*(A) = 1$

Note  $\mu^*(A) \leq 1 = \mu^*(X)$

To show  $\mu^*(A) \geq 1$ .

Note  $A$  uncountable, let  
 $\Rightarrow \cancel{A} \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ ,  $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$   
 $A$  uncountable  $\Rightarrow$  at least one  
 $A_i$  is uncountable, say  $A_{i_0}$  is  
uncountable.

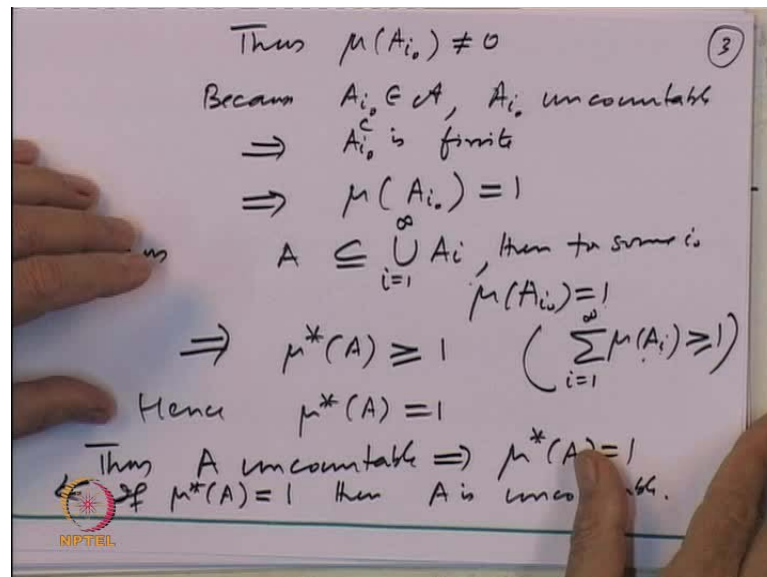


Let  $A$  contained in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $A$  uncountable; claim  $\mu^*(A)$  is equal to 1. So, note  $\mu^*(A)$  is less than or equal to 1 that is obviously right. That is by the definition we said,  $\mu^*$  is monotone, which is equal to  $\mu$  of  $X$ , anyway  $\mu^*(X)$ . So,  $\mu^*(A)$  is always less than or equal to 1. To show that  $\mu^*(A)$  is also bigger than or equal to 1, let us note  $A$  uncountable. Look at  $A$  is uncountable, so what can you say about a

complement of the set. If  $A$  is uncountable, let us take a covering of  $A$   $i, i$  equal to 1 to infinity. Let us take a covering, where  $A_i$  belongs to the algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Now, note, in this covering,  $A$  uncountable implies at least one  $A_i$  is uncountable. So, this is the observation, which is going to be crucial.  $A$  is a sub set of unions  $A_i$ , which are in the algebra. If  $A$  is uncountable, then each one of them cannot be countable, because if each one of them is countable, then countable union of countable sets will be countable (Refer Slide Time: 08:50). So,  $A$  will be countable. That means, there is at least one  $A_i$ , which is uncountable; say  $A_{i_0}$  is uncountable.

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But that will be what?  $A_{i_0}$  is uncountable, means we have got that  $\mu A_{i_0}$  is uncountable, so  $\mu$  of  $A_{i_0}$ . What we can we say about that? So that cannot be equal to 0; can we say that cannot be equal to 0? Let us see. One of the  $A_{i_0}$  is uncountable, so that means, it is not finite.

This is because,  $A_{i_0}$  belongs to the algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  that is a crucial thing. So that means, either  $A_{i_0}$  is finite or its complement is finite, but we know that  $A_{i_0}$  is uncountable. **So that means  $A_{i_0}$  is uncountable**, so that implies that  $A_{i_0}$  complement is finite. Because, it belongs to the algebra, so either  $A_{i_0}$  has to be finite or its complement has to be finite. So, this is finite that implies that  $\mu$  of  $A_{i_0}$  by definition is equal to 1.

Thus, what we have shown? If  $A$  is contained in union  $A_i$  1 to infinity, then for some  $i$   $\mu(A_i)$  is equal to 1. So, that automatically implies the fact that  $\mu^*$  of  $A$  - any covering will have at least one of the elements, so implies this is bigger than or equal 1. Because,  $\mu^*$  of  $A$  is the infimum of  $\sum \mu(A_i)$  - because  $\mu^*$  of  $A$  the summation  $i$  equal to 1 to infinity  $\mu(A_i)$  is going to be bigger than or equal to 1, because  $A_i$  is the 1, at least one of the term is 1.

For every covering,  $\sum \mu(A_i)$  of  $A$  is bigger than or equal to 1, so the infimum has to be bigger than or equal to 1. Hence,  $\mu^*$  of  $A$  is equal to 1. We have proved thus  $A$  uncountable implies  $\mu^*$  of  $A$  is equal to 1. The converse is obvious, because, conversely, if  $\mu^*$  of  $A$  is equal to 1, then  $A$  is uncountable, because for countable sets we already shown  $\mu^*$  of  $A$  is equal to 0.

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**Example:**

Let  $\mu^*$  be the outer measure induced by  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ .

$\mu^*$  is monotone and countably sub-additive.


$\mu^*(X) = \mu(X) = 1$ .

$\mu^*(A) \leq \mu(X) = 1$  for every  $A \subseteq X$ .

If  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  is countable, then  $\mu^*(A) = 0$ .

$\mu^*(A) = 1$  iff  $A$  is uncountable.

If  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  is such that  $A^c$  is countable, then  $\mu^*(A) = 1$ .

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So,  $A$  is uncountable if and only if we have shown, we have characterized all sets for which outer measure is going to be equal to 1. We have shown the fact that  $\mu^*$ , the outer measure induced by the measure that we are looking at, namely  $\mu$ , if  $\mu$  of  $A$  is equal to 0, whenever  $A$  is finite and  $\mu$  of  $A$  is equal to 1, when  $A$  complement is finite. If we look at the outer measure induced by this measure, then that has the property that  $\mu^*$  of every countable set is equal to 0.  $\mu^*$  of a set is equal to 1, if and only if, the set is uncountable, so that is the property that we have. So,  $\mu^*$  of  $A$  is equal to 1 if and only if,  $A$  is uncountable.

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**Example:**

$\mu^*$  is not finitely additive:  
 $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, 0] \cup (0, \infty)$  and  
Then,  
$$\mu(-\infty, 0] = 1 = \mu(0, \infty).$$
  
Thus,  
$$\mu^*(\mathbb{R}) = 1 < 2 = \mu(-\infty, 0] + \mu(0, \infty).$$
  
This shows that  $\mu^*$  need not be even finitely additive on all subsets.



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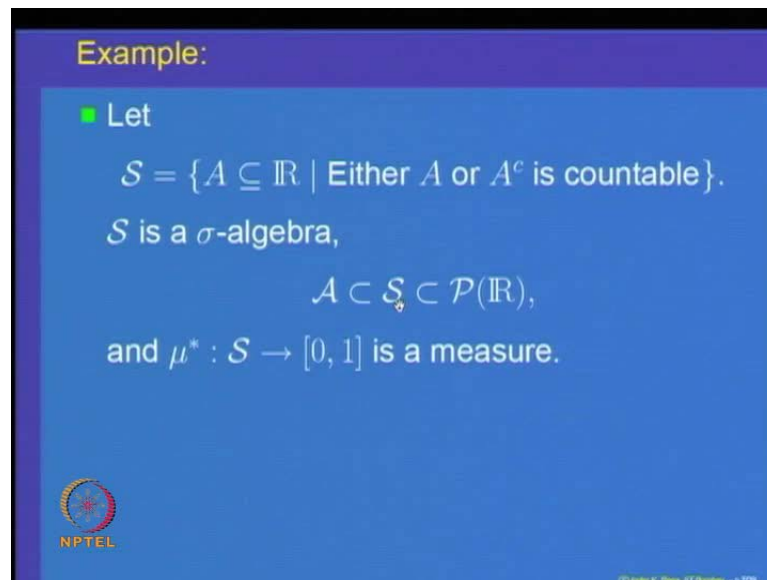
Now, we already know that  $\mu^*$  is countably sub additive. We want to know if  $\mu^*$  is additive. So, we will show that it is not the case that  $\mu^*$  is not even finitely additive. To show that let us observe that the real line,  $\mathbb{R}$ , can be decomposed into two disjoint sets,  $(-\infty, 0]$  and  $(0, \infty)$ .

The real line is written as a union of two subsets. Now, the outer measure of the set  $(-\infty, 0]$  is equal to 1 and the outer measure of  $(0, \infty)$  is also equal to 1.

So, the outer measure of both of these sets is equal to 1, their union is  $\mathbb{R}$ . So, we get  $\mu^*(\mathbb{R}) = 1$ , which is strictly less than  $2 = \mu^*(\mathbb{R}) = \mu^*(\mathbb{R})$  equal to some of the outer measures of each one of them. So that says  $\mu^*(\mathbb{R})$  is strictly less than  $\mu^*(\mathbb{R}) = \mu^*(\mathbb{R})$  plus  $\mu^*(\mathbb{R})$ . So, this should be  $\mu^*(\mathbb{R})$  and this also should be  $\mu^*(\mathbb{R})$ . So that says that  $\mu^*$  - the set functions  $\mu^*$  is not even finitely additive.



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**Example:**

- Let  $S = \{A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \mid \text{Either } A \text{ or } A^c \text{ is countable}\}.$

$S$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra,

$$\mathcal{A} \subset S \subset \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}),$$

and  $\mu^* : S \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a measure.

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But, let us observe more facts about this outer measure. This outer measure on all subsets is not finitely additive, but it has some nice property. It is countably additive on a subclass. So, let us look at the subclass to be  $S$ , which is a subclass of  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  - all those subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ , where either  $A$  or  $A$  complement is countable.

So, keep in mind,  $A$  or  $A$  complement is countable. We had shown that this collection forms sigma algebra. Our given algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , which was the collection of all sets for which  $A$  or  $A$  complement is finite, obviously is a subset of this class  $S$  of subsets which  $A$  or  $A$  complement is countable and that is of course a subset of all subsets.

Algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  contained  $S$  - this sigma algebra  $S$ , and which is inside of  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ . It is actually - we have also shown that  $\mu^*$ , so what is  $\mu^*$  on  $S$ ? If a set  $A$  is countable, then  $\mu^*$  of  $A$  is 0. If it not countable, but then  $A$  complement is countable, **then  $\mu^*$**  if  $A$  complement is countable, then the set  $A$  cannot be countable, it has to be uncountable and for uncountable sets  $\mu^*$  of  $A$  is equal to 1.

So,  $\mu^*$  restricted to  $S$  is the set function, which is  $\mu^*$  of a set  $A$  is 0 if  $A$  is countable and  $\mu^*$  of a set  $A$  complement of  $A$  is equal to 1 if its complement is countable. That we have already shown is a measure on the class of all sets in the sigma algebra  $S$ .

Given that measure in our example - given the measure on the algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , when we define the outer measure, which is defined on all subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ , is not even finitely additive, but if we restricted to the collection of sets  $\mathcal{S}$ , which is  $\mathcal{A}$  or  $\mathcal{A}$  complement countable, then on that class it is a measure and it extends. So, the given measure on the algebra does not extend to all subsets, but at least it extends to a sub collection of all subsets and that includes the original algebra.

This is a situation which we are going to see very common in our extension process. So, we are starting with a measure  $\mu$  on algebra. Just now we said in the process of extension let us define outer measure on all subsets. Here is an example, which says on all subsets outer measure may not be even finitely additive.

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**Exercise**

- Show that for a measure  $\mu : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ , outer measure can also be defined as

$$\mu^*(E) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i) \mid \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \supseteq E \text{ where } A_i \in \mathcal{A}, A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset \text{ for } i \neq j \right\}.$$

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At least this example says that we can probably find a subclass of all subsets of that set  $X$ , which includes the given algebra and on that probably it is countably additive. So, the problem is to look for a collection of subsets on which it is going to be countably additive.

Before we go over to that process, let me give you an exercise, which all of you should try. Namely, if  $\mu$  is a measure on algebra, then we define the outer measure as infimum. Look at all coverings and look at summation  $\mu$  of  $A_i$ , there was no condition input on the sets  $A_i$ . The exercise says if you take only those coverings of  $E$  by elements

of the algebra, which is pair wise disjoint and then take the infimum over only such coverings that also will give you the outer measure.

The exercise is that outer measure for a set E can be defined in terms of countable disjoint coverings of E. Namely, take coverings of E by elements of the algebra, the elements of the covering are pair wise disjoint. Look at the sum  $\sum \mu(A_i)$  and take the infimum over such covering.

So, infimum is taken over all countable disjoint coverings. In the original definition, we did not put this condition. In the exercise, both of these are same. The answer lies on the simple observation that when a measure  $\mu$  is defined on algebra and you look at the union of elements in the algebra, any union can also be written as a union of pair wise disjoint sets. Union of elements of the algebra can be represented in terms of pair wise disjoint sets that fact we have used earlier also. Using that you can try to prove this exercise.

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**Exercise**

- Let  $X$  be any nonempty set and let  $\mathcal{A}$  be any algebra of subsets of  $X$ . Let  $x_0 \in X$  be fixed. For  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , define
 
$$\mu(A) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x_0 \notin A, \\ 1 & \text{if } x_0 \in A. \end{cases}$$

Show that  $\mu$  is countably additive.

Let  $\mu^*$  be the outer measure induced by  $\mu$ . Show that  $\mu^*(A)$  is either 0 or 1 for every  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $\mu^*(A) = 1$  if  $x_0 \in A$ .

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Here is another exercise, which you should try to prove, to get familiarize with the concept of outer measure. Let us take  $X$  and a nonempty set,  $\mathcal{A}$  is algebra of subsets of a set  $X$  and let us fix any element  $x_0$  in  $X$  - any arbitrary element. Now, given any subset  $A$  in the algebra, either  $x_0$  will belong to  $A$  or  $x_0$  will not belong to  $A$  - two possibilities.

So, if  $x_0$  does not belong to  $A$  that particular element that you have fixed does not belong to  $A$  put  $\mu$  of  $A$  - define  $\mu$  of  $A$  to be equal to 0 and define  $\mu$  of  $A$  equal to 1 if  $x_0$  belongs to  $A$ . So, whenever  $x_0$  is in the measure of that set is 1, otherwise it is equal to 0. Show that this is a countable additive set function, namely it is a measure, because your empty set is automatically 0.

We would like you to characterize, show that the outer measure - look at the outer measure induced by this measure. Show that the outer measure has the property that outer measure of every set is either 0 or 1 again. Outer measure of a set is equal to 1, if the element  $x_0$  belongs to  $A$  that is a property of  $\mu$  also. So, we want you to show that  $\mu^*(A)$  is equal to 1 if  $x_0$  belongs to  $A$ .

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**Exercise**

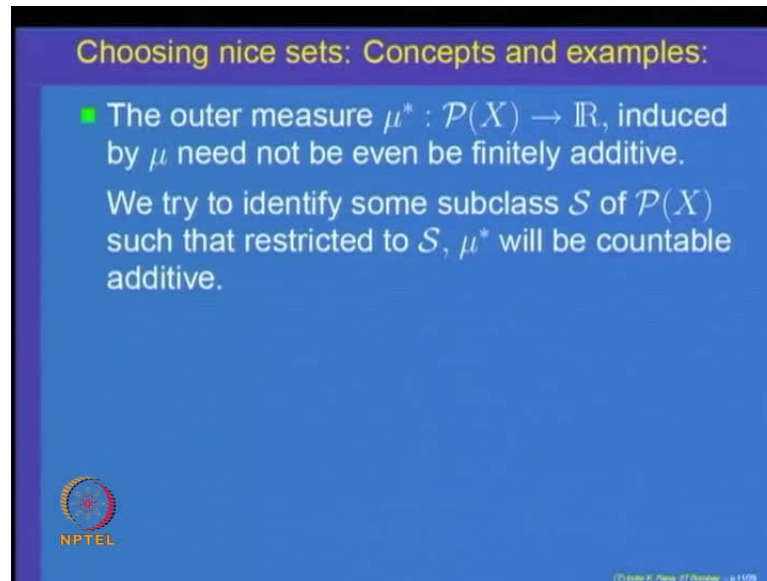
Show that  $\mu^*(A) = 1$  implies  $x_0 \in A$  if  $\{x_0\} \in \mathcal{A}$ .

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Can you say that the converse is true, namely we would like you to also show that  $\mu^*(A)$  is equal to 1 implies  $x_0$  belongs to  $A$ , but you need the condition that if  $x_0$  belongs to  $A$ , because  $x_0$ , the singleton  $x_0$  may not be in the algebra, so that makes the difference. So, look at this exercise and try to prove the fact asks for. That will help you to understand what is an outer measure? How does the outer measure of a set change with given conditions?


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**Choosing nice sets: Concepts and examples:**

- The outer measure  $\mu^* : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , induced by  $\mu$  need not be even be finitely additive.

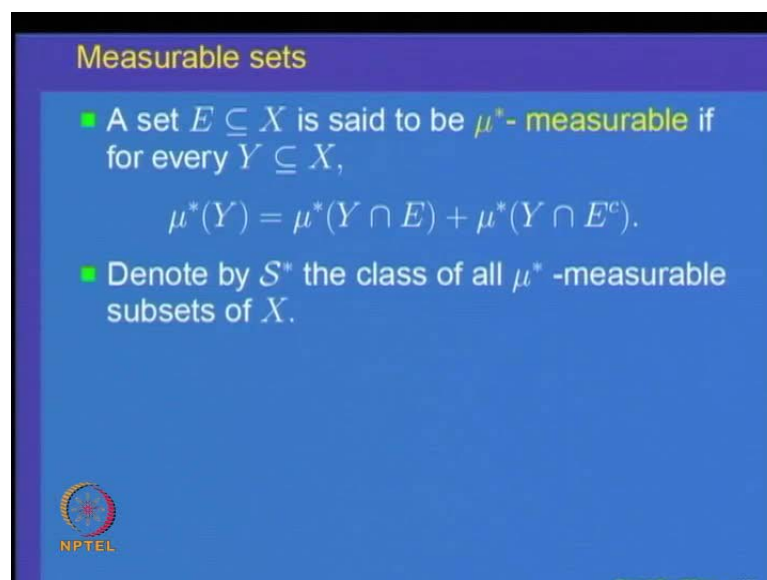
We try to identify some subclass  $\mathcal{S}$  of  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  such that restricted to  $\mathcal{S}$ ,  $\mu^*$  will be countable additive.

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Now, let us look at the problem. You are given a measure  $\mu$  on algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of subsets of a set  $X$ . You had defined the outer measure, which in general is countably sub additive. How to pick up sets, how to pick up those subsets of  $X$  such that  $\mu^*$  restricted to them will become countably additive as add point in the previous example that we discuss?

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**Measurable sets**

- A set  $E \subseteq X$  is said to be  $\mu^*$ -measurable if for every  $Y \subseteq X$ ,

$$\mu^*(Y) = \mu^*(Y \cap E) + \mu^*(Y \cap E^c).$$

- Denote by  $\mathcal{S}^*$  the class of all  $\mu^*$ -measurable subsets of  $X$ .

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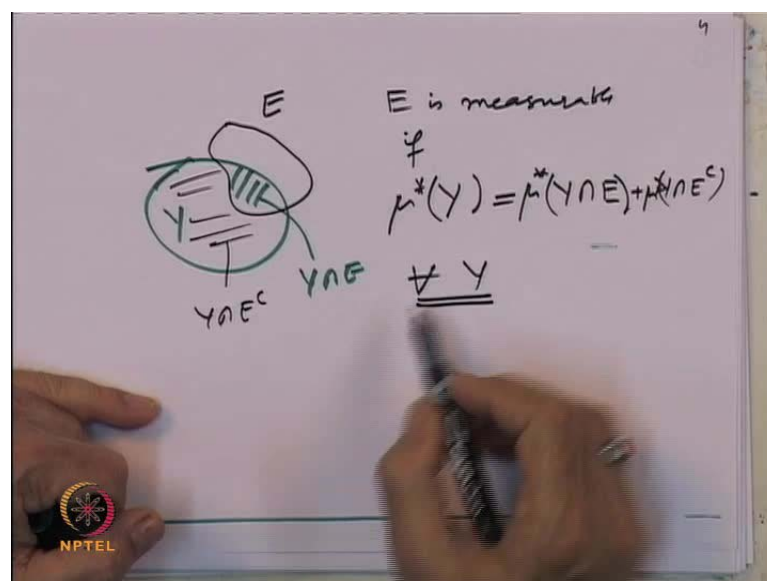
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For that what is called the concept of a measurable set. A subset  $E$  of  $X$  - so  $\mu$  on the algebra is fixed,  $\mu^*$  is defined via that measure  $\mu$ . So,  $\mu$  is fixed, we are saying

that a set  $E$  is  $\mu^*$  measurable;  $\mu^*$  is the outer measure induced by that measure is called measurable if for every  $Y$  in  $X$   $\mu^*$  of  $Y$  can be written as  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$  intersection  $E$  plus  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$  intersection  $E$  complement.

So, be careful. We are saying  $E$  is measurable, so  $E$  measurable means, take the set  $E$ , which you want to test whether it is measurable or not. So, divide any set  $Y$  into two parts  $Y$  intersection  $E$  and  $Y$  intersection  $E$  complement, then measure of that two pieces should add up to give you the size of a  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$ .

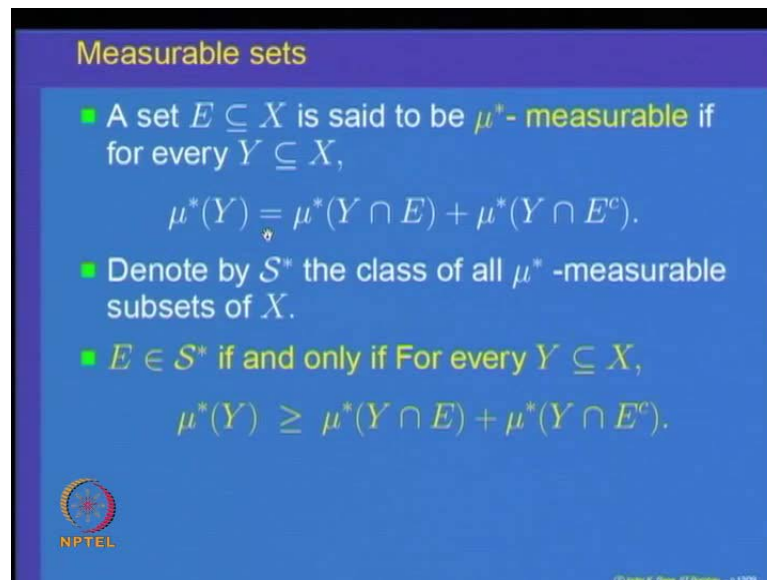
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This is the picture here that you have got. This is my set  $E$ ; I want to check whether it is measurable or not, so take any set  $Y$ . So, this is my  $Y$  that gives me this piece, which is  $Y$  intersection  $E$  and this is the part that is  $Y$  intersection  $E$  complement.


So, the requirement is, we are saying that  $E$  is measurable. Using  $E$ ,  $Y$  is the set, cut it into two parts  $Y$  intersection  $E$  and  $Y$  intersection  $E$  complement. So, they are two disjoint pieces of  $Y$ , we should have  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$  is equal to  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$  intersection  $E$  plus  $\mu^*$  of the other part.

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**Measurable sets**

- A set  $E \subseteq X$  is said to be  $\mu^*$ -measurable if for every  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  
$$\mu^*(Y) = \mu^*(Y \cap E) + \mu^*(Y \cap E^c).$$
- Denote by  $\mathcal{S}^*$  the class of all  $\mu^*$ -measurable subsets of  $X$ .
- $E \in \mathcal{S}^*$  if and only if For every  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  
$$\mu^*(Y) \geq \mu^*(Y \cap E) + \mu^*(Y \cap E^c).$$

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That should happen for every Y; it should happen for every Y that is important. We say that E is measurable, for any subset Y divide Y into two parts, Y intersection E and Y intersection E complement. We want measure outer measure of Y, should be sum of these two outer measures. So that we say set E is measurable.

Let us denote by S star, the collection of all mu star measurable subsets. So, whenever set E satisfies this condition, we say that is measurable. Let us put all the measurable sets in a collection and call that as S upper star. So, S upper star is the collection of all mu star measurable subsets of X.

Here is one observation that a set is measurable if and only if mu star of Y - definition says, it should be equal to the sum of the pieces, but it is enough to say that mu star of Y is bigger than or equal to mu star of Y intersection E plus mu star of Y intersection E complement. That is, because for every set Y; Y is equal to Y intersection E plus Y intersection E complement and mu star is always sub additive, so that means, mu star of Y is always less than or equal to mu star of Y intersection E plus mu star.

The inequality less than or equal to is always true, because mu is monotone, so to verify whether a set is measurable or not one has to check only that mu star of Y should be bigger than or equal to mu star of Y intersection E plus mu star of Y intersection E complement, for every set Y. So, only bigger than or equal to has to be checked.

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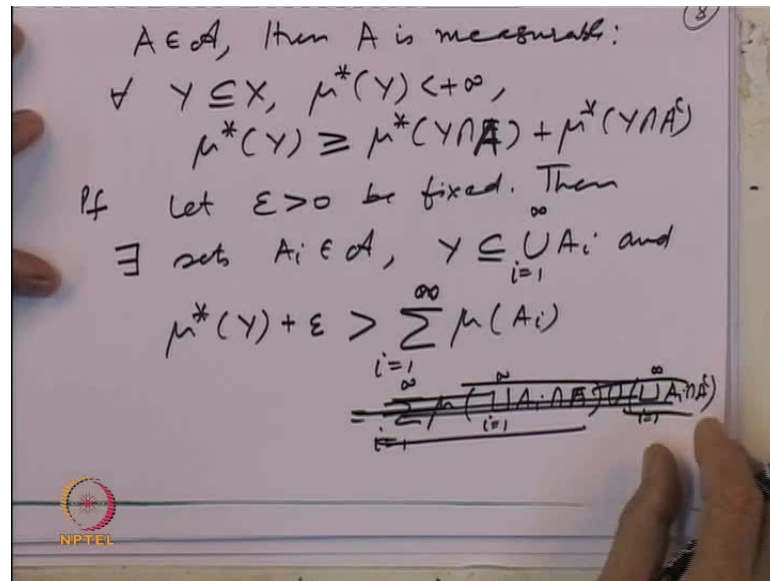
The slide has a purple header with the text "Properties of measurable sets". Below the header, there are two bullet points. The first bullet point states: "■  $E \in \mathcal{S}^*$  if and only if For every  $Y \subseteq X$ , with  $\mu^*(Y) < +\infty$ , 
$$\mu^*(Y) \geq \mu^*(Y \cap E) + \mu^*(Y \cap E^c).$$
" The second bullet point states: "■  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{S}^*$ , i.e., every element of  $\mathcal{A}$  is measurable." In the bottom left corner, there is a circular logo with a star and the text "NPTEL". In the bottom right corner, there is a small copyright notice: "© 2009 NPTEL".

We have to check only bigger than or equal to. In case, mu star of a set is infinity, then this inequality is obvious. That means one has to check this inequality only for sets, for which mu star of Y is finite. So, that gives us simplification saying that a set E is measurable, if and only if for every subset Y of X, with the property that mu of mu star of Y is finite. One has to verify that mu star of Y is bigger than or equal to mu star of Y intersection E plus mu star of Y intersection E complement, for every subset Y, with mu star of Y finite.

So, this is the condition we are going to use again and again, to prove or check whether a set E is mu star measurable or not. We are going to now understand the properties of this class S star. What are the properties of this collection of measurable sets?



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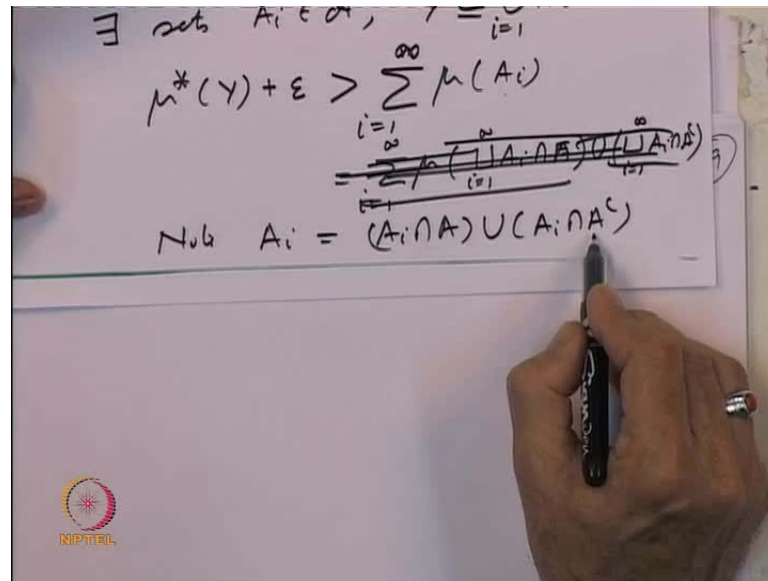


The first observation is that every set in the given algebra is measurable; that means, if  $A$  belongs to the algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , then this condition is always going to be true. So, Let us verify that. Let us show that if  $A$  belongs to the algebra, then  $A$  is measurable. That is for every  $Y$  is subset of  $X$  with  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$  finite. We should have  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$  is bigger than or equal to  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$  intersection  $A$ , so  $Y$  intersection  $A$  plus  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$  intersection  $A$  complement. So, this is what we have to show? Let us look at the proof of this.

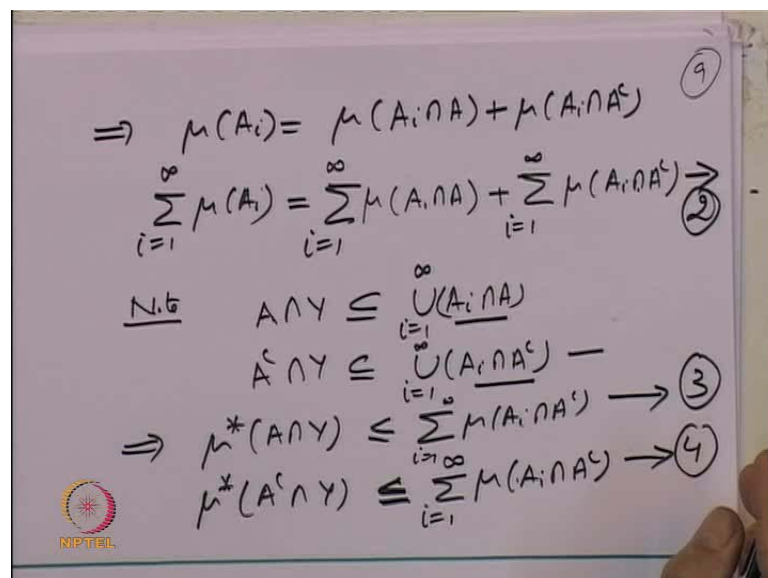
Now, we are going to use the fact that  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$  is finite.  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$  finite means that it is a infimum of some th quantities. So that crucial definition - what is definition of infimum, we are going to use?

Let  $\epsilon$  greater than 0 be fixed, then by definition of infimum, there exist a covering, so their exist sets  $A_i$  belonging to  $\mathcal{A}$  with the fact that the set  $Y$  is covered by union of  $A_i, i$  equal to 1 to infinity.  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$ , which is infimum plus a small number does not remain the infimum, so it is bigger than or equal to  $\mu^*$  of  $A_i, i$  equal to 1 to infinity. So, here, we are using the fact that  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$  is infimum and that is a finite quantity.

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Now,  $\mathcal{A}$  is in the algebra, so I can write this as - this is equal to sigma I equal to 1 to infinity mu of union  $A_i \cap A$ , the set is  $A_1$  to infinity union of the sets, union i equal to 1 to infinity  $A_i \cap A$  union  $A_i \cap A^c$ . So, what I am saying is - sorry, not the union, this is wrong. So, let me just simply write it as. Let us observe what we are saying. We are saying, because of this each set  $A_i$  - so let us note;  $A_i$  - I can write as  $A_i \cap A$  union  $A_i \cap A^c$ . These are two disjoint sets and mu is a measure, all the  $A_i$ ,  $A$  everything is in the algebra. So, using the fact that mu is a

measure, I can write it as - so implies that  $\mu$  of  $A_i$  is equal to  $\mu$  of  $A_i \cap A$  plus  $\mu$  of  $A_i \cap A^c$ .

Now,  $\mu$  of  $A_i \cap A^c$ . So that means summation  $\mu$  of  $A_i$ ,  $i$  equal to 1 to infinity is equal to summation  $i$  equal to 1 to infinity  $\mu$  of  $A_i \cap A$  plus summation  $i$  equal to 1 to infinity  $\mu$  of  $A_i \cap A^c$ . Now, let us note that the set  $A \cap Y$  is covered by union of  $A_i \cap A$ ,  $i$  equal to 1 to infinity, because  $Y$  is covered by union of  $A_i$ , so  $A \cap Y$  is covered by this.  $A^c \cap Y$  is covered by union of  $i$  equal to 1 to infinity  $A_i \cap A^c$ .

These are sets in the algebra, because  $A$  belongs to the algebra; that is the crucial thing. This will imply that  $\mu^*$  of  $A \cap Y$  is less than or equal to summation of  $\mu$  of  $A_i \cap A$ ,  $i$  equal to 1 to infinity.  $\mu^*$  of  $A^c \cap Y$  is also less than or equal to - using this summation  $i$  equal to 1 to infinity  $\mu$  of  $A_i \cap A^c$ .

Look at this equation, look at this equation, and look at this equation (Refer Slide Time: 33:20). So, summation  $\mu^*$  of  $A_i$  is bigger than this sum and that sum is bigger than or equal to  $\mu^*$  of  $A \cap Y$ . This sum is bigger than or equal to  $\mu^*$  of  $A^c \cap Y$ . We had  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$  plus epsilon was bigger than this summation - so that summation.

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$$\begin{aligned} \mu^*(Y) + \epsilon &\geq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_i) \\ &\geq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_i \cap A) + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_i \cap A^c) \\ &\geq \mu^*(Y \cap A) + \mu^*(Y \cap A^c) \end{aligned}$$

$\epsilon$  is arbitrary. Let  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$\Rightarrow \mu^*(Y) \geq \mu^*(Y \cap A) + \mu^*(Y \cap A^c)$$

$A \in \mathcal{S}^*$   
 $A^c \in \mathcal{S}^*$

Putting these three equations together, so if you call that earlier equation as 1, call this equation as 2, call this equation as 3 and call this equation as 4, then putting all these four equations together what we have is the following. That  $\mu^*(Y) + \epsilon$ , which was bigger than or equal to  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_i)$  that is equal to  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_i \cap A) + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_i \cap A^c)$ . That is bigger than or equal to  $\mu^*(Y \cap A) + \mu^*(Y \cap A^c)$ .

Now,  $\epsilon$  is arbitrary, so let  $\epsilon$  go to 0. This inequality will be still maintained, will imply that  $\mu^*(Y) \geq \mu^*(Y \cap A) + \mu^*(Y \cap A^c)$ . That will imply that  $A$  belongs to  $\mathcal{S}^*$  that is  $A$  is a measurable set.

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**Properties of measurable sets**

- $E \in \mathcal{S}^*$  if and only if For every  $Y \subseteq X$ , with  $\mu^*(Y) < +\infty$ ,
 
$$\mu^*(Y) \geq \mu^*(Y \cap E) + \mu^*(Y \cap E^c).$$
- $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{S}^*$ , i.e., every element of  $\mathcal{A}$  is measurable.
- A set  $E$  is measurable iff  $E^c$  is measurable, i.e.,
 
$$E \in \mathcal{S}^* \text{ iff } E^c \in \mathcal{S}^*.$$

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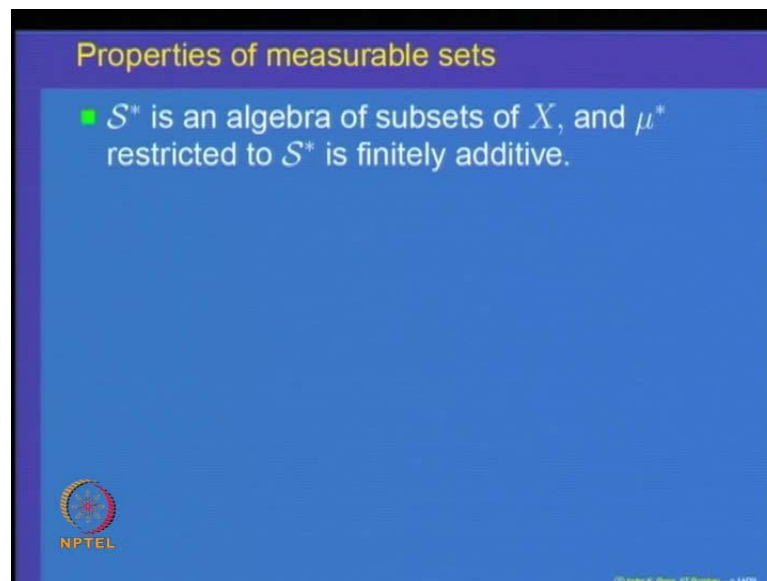
Hence, we have proved that the algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is included in the collection  $\mathcal{S}^*$ . That is what we wanted to prove, so this is the proof of the fact that the algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is contained in  $\mathcal{S}^*$ , every element of  $\mathcal{A}$  is measurable.

The next property that the class of measurable sets is closed under complementation, namely, if  $E$  is measurable, then  $E^c$  is also measurable. That is obvious, because in this current area if you want to check, if  $E$  is measurable, then this is what we required. To check  $E^c$  is measurable, the same thing is required, because this

will become  $E$  complement and  $E$  complement of complement is  $E$ . So, it is the same criteria, same equation to be verified.

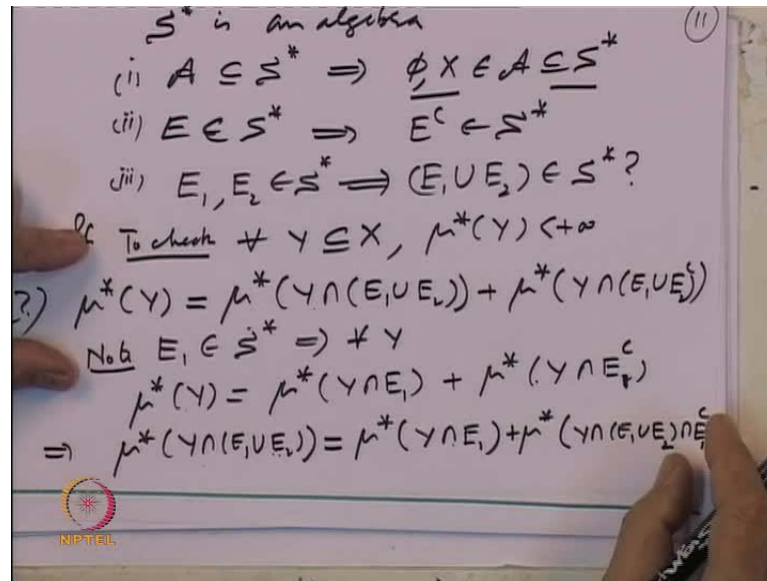
Obviously, because the definition is inbuilt,  $E$  and  $E$  complement symmetric with respect to  $E$  and  $E$  complement. That says the set  $E$  is measurable if and only if, its complement is measurable or the collection  $S^*$  of measurable sets is closed under complements.

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Next, we want to check the property. So, the collection of all measurable sets one, it includes the class of all subsets in the original algebra  $A$ . We want to check that now; it is algebra of subsets of  $X$ . That means a  $\mu^*$  restricted to  $S^*$  is finitely additive. So, two things we want to check, one  $S^*$  is algebra and  $\mu^*$  restricted to  $S^*$  is finitely additive.

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Let us see what we have to check for these? First of all, we want to check that S star is algebra. We have already shown A is inside S star, so that implies the empty set and the whole space that belong to A and hence A is in s star. So, empty set and the whole space belong to it.

We just now observed that E belonging to S star implies E complement belongs to S star. If E is measurable, E complement is measurable that also we have checked. Let us check the third property, namely if E1 and E2 belong to S star, we want to check - this implies E1 union E2 also belongs to S star. That means union of measurable sets is again measurable. So, this is what we want to check.

Let us look at a proof of this. To check that E1 E2 is measurable, we have to check - to check for every Y contained in X, mu star of Y finite. We have to check that mu star of Y can be written as mu star of Y intersection the set that is E1 union E2 plus mu star of Y intersection E1 union E2 complement. So, this is the property that we have to check.

So what we will do is, we will compute each one of the term and show it is equal to mu star of Y. For that we start - note E1 is measurable, so that implies mu star of Y, we can write it as mu star - implies for every Y, mu star of Y is mu star of Y intersection E1 plus mu star of Y intersection E2.

Now, this is important that this happens for every  $Y$ , so you can change  $Y$  according to my requirements. What I want to do is I will change this  $Y$  to  $Y \cap E_1$ . So, I want to compute  $Y \cap E_1 \cup E_2$ , so let us change this  $Y$  to that.

So that implies that  $\mu^*(Y \cap E_1 \cup E_2)$  is equal to - here I should replace  $Y$  by  $Y \cap E_1$ , so  $\mu^*(Y \cap E_1 \cap E_1 \cup E_2)$ , but  $E_1$  is the subset of  $E_1 \cup E_2$ , so that is just  $Y \cap E_1$ ; is that clear. Because, if I replace  $Y$  by  $Y \cap E_1 \cup E_2$ , then this intersection with  $E_1$  is just  $Y \cap E_1$  plus - what is the second thing, let us write,  $\mu^*$  of - sorry, this one is  $E_1$  complement, I am sorry we made a mistake saying it is measurable -  $Y$  is  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_1$  plus  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_1^c$ .

Now, when we replace  $Y$  by  $Y \cap E_1 \cup E_2$ , so this is same as this plus the second term is  $Y \cap E_1 \cup E_2 \cap E_1^c$ .

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$$\mu^*(Y) = \mu^*(Y \cap E_1) + \mu^*(Y \cap E_1^c)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu^*(Y \cap (E_1 \cup E_2)) = \mu^*(Y \cap E_1) + \mu^*(Y \cap E_2 \cap E_1^c)$$

$$\mu^*(Y \cap (E_1 \cup E_2)^c) = \mu^*(Y \cap (E_1^c \cap E_2^c))$$

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Let us simplify that. So, what we have got is the following that  $\mu^*(Y \cap E_1 \cup E_2)$  in the left hand side is equal to  $\mu^*(Y \cap E_1)$  plus - what is this, now  $E_1 \cup E_2 \cap E_1^c$ , so when I take  $E_1$ ,  $E_1$  complement that is going to be empty set, so this set is nothing but  $\mu^*(Y \cap E_2 \cap E_1^c)$ . So, we have computed  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_1 \cup E_2$  to be equal to this.

Now, I also want to compute what is mu star of Y intersection complement of this. So, what is the complement of this? E1 union E2 complement, so what is that going to be? That is going to be mu star of Y intersection -we are using our De Morgan's laws for set theory, this is E1 complement intersection E2 complement.

So, I want to compute mu star of E1 complement intersection E2 complement. How can we compute that? Recall saying that E1 was measurable, we had that so you may replace Y by Y intersection E2 complement, then I will get the required set here.

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Handwritten mathematical derivation on a slide:

$$\mu^*(Y \cap (E_1 \cup E_2)^c) = \mu^*(Y \cap E_1^c \cap E_2^c)$$

Since  $E_1$  is measurable,

$$\mu^*(Y \cap E_2^c) = \mu^*(Y \cap E_1 \cap E_2^c) + \mu^*(Y \cap E_1^c \cap E_2^c)$$

$$\mu^*(Y \cap E_1^c \cap E_2^c) = \mu^*(Y \cap E_2^c) - \mu^*(Y \cap E_1 \cap E_2^c)$$

Add (1) and (2)

$$\mu^*(Y \cap (E_1 \cup E_2)^c) + \mu^*(Y \cap E_1^c \cap E_2^c) = \mu^*(Y \cap E_1) + \mu^*(Y \cap E_2 \cap E_1^c) + \mu^*(Y \cap E_2^c) - \mu^*(Y \cap E_1 \cap E_2^c)$$

So, use this equation, since E1 is measurable, we have mu star of Y - we will just keep it here to follow - so mu star of Y intersection, instead of this we want Y intersection E2 complement. So, let us look at Y intersection E2 complement is equal to mu star of Y intersection E1 intersection E2 complement plus mu star of - what will be this set, Y intersection E2 complement intersection E1 complement. So, that is what we will have, so this is what I wanted.

Let us observe, in this equation, all the numbers are real numbers, because of the assumption that mu star of Y is finite. So this is a subset, so this finite, this is finite, this is finite and all are finite numbers, so I can interchange them. I can take one term on the other side, if required (Refer Slide Time: 43:50).

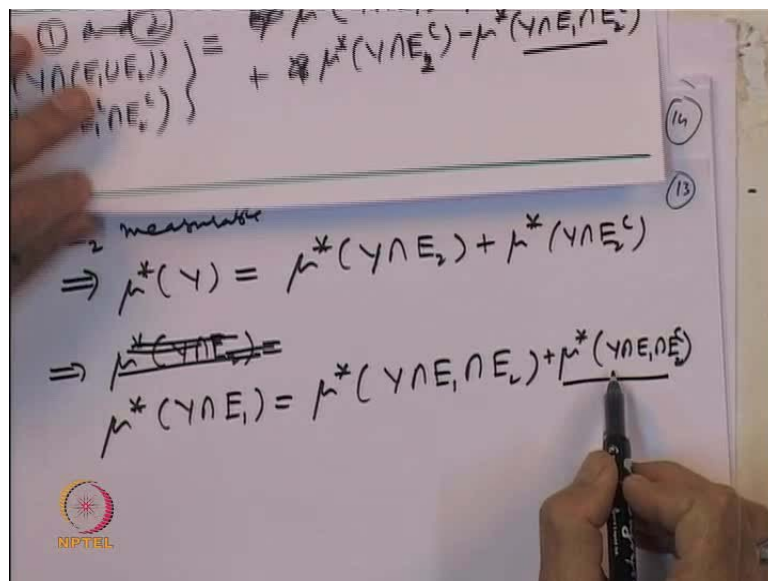


Let us do that, so from here we compute, implies mu star of Y intersection E1 complement intersection E2 complement, this set is equal to mu star of Y intersection E2 complement minus - take it on the other side, it is mu star of Y intersection E1 intersection E2 complement. So, we have gotten the required quantities. We wanted what is mu star of Y intersection E1 union E2, so that is lying here (Refer Slide Time: 44:49). We wanted that is lying here - the second term.

Let us add these two terms, so add it. Call this equation as 1, call this equation as 2, add 1 and 2 and that will give you that mu star of Y intersection E1 union E2 plus mu star of Y intersection E1 complement intersection E2 complement, so this is equal to - there we have got mu star of Y intersection E1 plus mu star of Y intersection E2 intersection E1 complement plus Y mu star of Y intersection E2 complement minus mu star of Y intersection E1 intersection E2 complement. So, this is what we have got and we want to check that this should come out to be equal to mu star of Y.

Let us again try to use, so this is mu of intersection E2 complement here and that is E1 intersection E2 complement. Let us observe, till now we have not used anywhere the fact that E2 is measurable. So, let us try to use that fact that E2 is also measurable and so that we can simplify this quantity.

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Now, observe E2 is measurable implies the following fact; we want to simplify this. So, let us look at, what is going to be Y intersection E2 and Y intersection E2 complement.

So,  $E_2$  measurable means, for every  $Y$  we have got  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$  is equal to  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_2$  plus  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_2^c$ , because of measurability.

Now, I want to use this to compute one of the terms here. Let us replace  $Y$  by  $Y \cap E_2$ , so that implies - I can replace this by  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_2$ , will be equal to that will not give us anything. Let us replace this by  $Y \cap E_1$ , so implies  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_1$  is equal to  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_1 \cap E_2$  plus  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_1 \cap E_2^c$ .

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The image shows a whiteboard with handwritten mathematical equations. At the top, it states  $\mu^*(Y) = \mu^*(Y \cap E_2) + \mu^*(Y \cap E_2^c)$ . Below this, it shows  $\mu^*(Y \cap E_1) = \mu^*(Y \cap E_1 \cap E_2) + \mu^*(Y \cap E_1 \cap E_2^c)$ . Then, it shows  $-\mu^*(Y \cap E_1 \cap E_2^c) = -\mu^*(Y \cap E_1) + \mu^*(Y \cap E_1 \cap E_2)$ . A bracket groups the last two equations, leading to  $\mu^*(Y \cap E_1 \cap E_2^c) = \mu^*(Y \cap E_1) - \mu^*(Y \cap E_1 \cap E_2)$ . Finally, it concludes with  $\mu^*(Y \cap E_1 \cap E_2^c) + \mu^*(Y \cap E_1 \cap E_2) = \mu^*(Y \cap E_1)$ .

What is  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_1 \cap E_2^c$ ? That term is here. So that we want with a negative sign, so if I take it on the other side; that means minus  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_1 \cap E_2^c$  is equal to - I bring it on the other side that is minus  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_1$  plus  $\mu^*$  of this term, which is  $Y \cap E_1 \cap E_2$ .

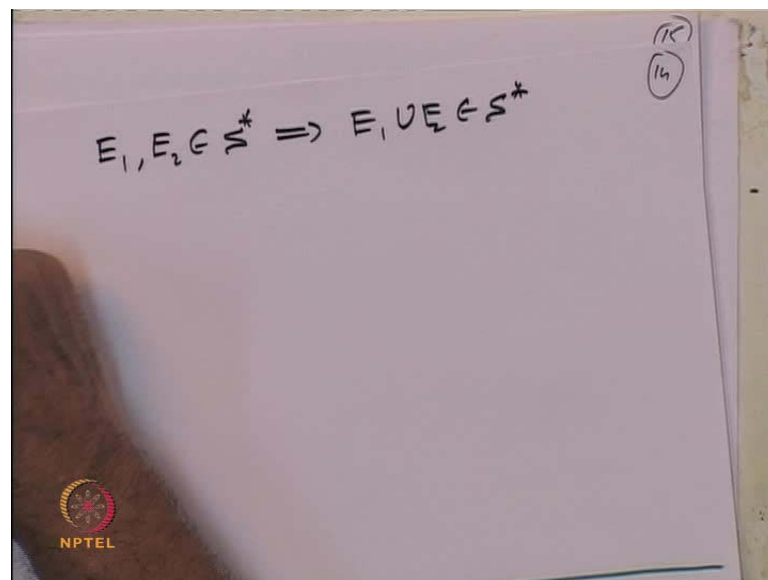
Now, this is what we have reached here. So, this is the value that I was looking for (Refer Slide Time: 49:16). Let us put in this value, so this required quantity I will just take it here, is equal to  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$  and here is minus  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$ , so those two terms will cancel out. Let me just write that is  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_1 \cap E_2^c$  plus  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_1 \cap E_2$  that we already had, plus  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_2^c$  and minus  $\mu^*$  of from here,  $Y \cap E_1 \cap E_2$  plus  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_1 \cap E_2$ .

Now, these two terms cancel out. What we have left with this, so this is equal to  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_2 \cap E_1^c$  and  $Y \cap E_2 \cap E_1$ . Look at these two terms, so these two terms with this  $Y \cap E_2 \cap E_1^c$  plus  $Y \cap E_2 \cap E_1$ ; that means, these two terms are nothing but  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_2$  and one term is here. So, this is  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_2$  plus - what I am saying is this plus this term is nothing but  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$ , so this is  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_2$ , is that clear? This terms as it is (Refer Slide Time: 49:40).

Now, look at the fact that  $E_1$  is measurable, so  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_2$  is  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_2 \cap E_1^c$  plus  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_2 \cap E_1$  and now, once again using the fact that  $E_2$  measurable that is equal to  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$ .

We have proved the required condition that  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$  is equal to  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_1 \cup E_2$ , so we have proved that this is  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$  is equal to  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_1 \cup E_2$  plus  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_1^c \cap E_2^c$ .

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That means we have proved the fact that  $\mathcal{S}$  is algebra of subsets of the set  $X$ . What we have shown is,  $E_1, E_2 \in \mathcal{S}^*$  implies  $E_1 \cup E_2 \in \mathcal{S}^*$ .

Here, let me just comment that this proof looks a bit technical, but it is not so difficult.  $E_1$  measurable gives you one condition that  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$  is equal to something.  $E_2$  measurable gives you  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$  is equal to something. Now, these sets  $Y$  are arbitrary. We have given  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are measurable means,  $\mu^*$  of  $Y$  is equal to  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_1$  plus  $\mu^*$  of  $Y \cap E_2^c$ .

So, you can change this  $Y$  to  $Y \cap E_1$ ,  $Y \cap E_2$  and so on. So, write down what are equations which are given; write down the equation, the equality that we proved and just manipulate, this is only a simple algebra, which is required.

Today, what we have done is, we have looked at, we have defined the concept of what is called a measurable set for an outer measure  $\mu$ . We have shown that the original elements of the algebra are already measurable sets and the class of all measurable sets forms algebra. So, we will continue the analysis of this class  $\mathcal{S}^*$  in our next lecture; thank you.