

Measure Theory
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Examples of Jordan Measureable Sets:

(i) Elementary subsets of \mathbb{R}^d : Suppose $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ is an elementary subset, then

$$m^{\#}(A) = \inf_{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A \subseteq B \\ B \text{ elementary} \end{array} \right\}} m(B) \leq m(A)$$

$$m_{\#}(A) = \sup_{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} C \subseteq A \\ C \text{ elementary} \end{array} \right\}} m(C) \geq m(A).$$

In this lecture we will look at examples of Jordan measureable sets so our first example is simply the elementary subsets of the E clearing space \mathbb{R}^d . So these are Jordan measureable so let us see why so suppose that A is an elementary subset of \mathbb{R}^d then we can estimate the outer Jordan measure and inner Jordan measure as follows. So the outer Jordan measure is by definition they are supremum sorry infimum of elementary subsets B which are super sets of A and you take the elementary measure here of B .

Followed that A itself is included in this collection of elementary sets that cover A so therefore this is less than or equal to the elementary measure of A . Now on the other hand the inner Jordan measure is the supremum of elementary sets which are inside A and you take the elementary measure or subsets C which are inside A . Now again in this collection A itself is a member and so therefore this is greater than or equal to the elementary measure of A .

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$$m(A) \leq m_J(A) \leq m^J(A) \leq m(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow m_J(A) = m^J(A) = m(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow A \text{ is Jordan measurable with Jordan measure } \underline{m(A)} \text{ (elementary measure)}$$

(ii) A line segment in \mathbb{R}^2 is Jordan measurable.
 (Note: A line segment is not elementary in general).

So these 2 are equal is taking together being that the elementary measure is less than or equal to the inner Jordan measure is less than or equal to outer Jordan measure and this is bounded again by the elementary measure of A. Which; implies that the inner Jordan measure and the outer Jordan measure are the same and they are equal to the elementary measure of A. So this means that A is Jordan measurable with Jordan measure given by the elementary measure of A.

So this justifies our notation m of A initially we only defined it if our elementary subsets of \mathbb{R}^d and then we denoted m of A as well for the Jordan measure of Jordan measurable subsets of \mathbb{R}^d . So since this for any elementary subset which we are now seen is Jordan measurable the Jordan measure is same as the elementary measure. Therefore we can this justifies our use for this notation of this m of A for both elementary measure as well as Jordan measure.

So this means that once we have seen that there are Jordan measurable subsets which are not elementary subset. Then this would mean that our Jordan measure is the strict generalization for the elementary measure and so we could say that we have actually enlarge the glass of subsets of \mathbb{R}^d which are which can be given a notion of measures okay. So having completed our proof of elementary measures next we come to the following example.

A line segment in \mathbb{R}^2 is Jordan measure so this is probably our first example of a Jordan measurable set which is not elementary. So note that a line segment is not elementary in general because even though the each point is elementary a line segment contains uncountable many

such points. Therefore you cannot express it as a finite union of elementary sets so let us see why the align segment in \mathbb{R}^2 is Jordan measureable.

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Grid method:

Define for any $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$,

$$\xi_k = \frac{(y_1 - y_0)}{n} \cdot k + y_0$$

where $0 \leq k \leq n, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Similarly, $\eta_k = \frac{(x_1 - x_0)}{n} \cdot k + x_0, \quad 0 \leq k \leq n.$

$$\square_{(j,k)} := \left\{ (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \eta_k \leq x \leq \eta_{k+1}, \xi_k \leq y \leq \xi_{k+1} \right\}$$

Q: How many boxes are sufficient to cover L ?
 (hint: that each box has area $\frac{(y_1 - y_0)(x_1 - x_0)}{n^2}$)

So let me go to another page so here is our line segment let us call it L and suppose that our initial point is x_0, y_0 and our final point is x_1, y_1 . So we will use the grid method to determine the Jordan measure for such spaces such sets. So what the grid method says is that you can partition this box so this is the line $y = y_0$ this is the horizontal line is $y = y_0$ of the vertical line is $x = x_1$.

Similarly here the vertical line is $x = x_0$ then the horizontal line is $y = y_1$ so our line segment is contained in this box. Now we can divide our box into smaller boxes so we have this smaller boxes here this is any vertical, any horizontal line is given by $y = \sum c_k$ where so it is defined for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ a natural number C_k to be $y_1 - y_0$ over n times $k + y_0$ where k ranges between 0 and n . So k here k is a positive integer between 0 and n .

So similarly all of these vertical lines are some $x = \eta_k$ and we can define η_k to be $x_1 - x_0$ over n and $\eta_{k+1} = x_0 + \eta_k$ again here k ranges from 0 to n . So this gives us a decomposition of our big box from $x = x_0$ to $x = x_1$ and $y = y_0$ to $y = y_1$ into this smaller pieces. So I will let me call this box j, k with index j, k to be the set of points x, y in \mathbb{R}^2 such that $\eta_k \leq x \leq \eta_{k+1}$ and $\xi_k \leq y \leq \xi_{k+1}$.

So for example this is one of our boxes box j, k given by this partitions η_k and ξ_k 's. So now we have to count how many boxes are sufficient to cover this line L . So question is how many boxes are sufficient to cover L and note that each such box has area which is the same as Jordan measure because it is the elementary measure this is given by $(y_1 - y_0) \cdot (x_1 - x_0) / n^2$ or n square.

So each of this box has area equal to this and now if we can count how many boxes are sufficient to cover L then we can have estimate for the outer Jordan measure for L .

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Grid method:

Define for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\xi_k = \frac{(y_1 - y_0)}{n} \cdot k + y_0$$

where $0 \leq k \leq n, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Similarly, $\eta_k = \frac{(x_1 - x_0)}{n} \cdot k + x_0, \quad 0 \leq k \leq n.$

$$\square_{(j,k)} := \left\{ (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \eta_k \leq x \leq \eta_{k+1}, \xi_k \leq y \leq \xi_{k+1} \right\}$$

Q: How many boxes are sufficient to cover L ?
 (Note that each box has area $\frac{(y_1 - y_0)(x_1 - x_0)}{n^2}$)

So my claim is that the outer Jordan measure of $L = 0$ so this is what we would expect because the area of a line is by definition 0. So once we have proved that the outer Jordan measure is 0 by our one of our previous claimer it will show that L is Jordan measureable and in fact Jordan measureable is 0. So we still have to count how many grids squares or grid boxes are required to cover base lines against L .

So note that for any point let us call it $x^* y^*$ in this line segment we can choose the maximum k such that $\eta_k \leq x^* \leq \eta_{k+1}$. So if you so this is basically if we take if we look at this picture let us suppose that our star is our point $x^* y^*$ then our first we take the indices k for which extra lies in box or strip and then we will try to find out the index in the y direction for which it lies in the horizon position

So once we have been identified vertical strip and horizontal strip then it indices unique box and that will be our box in which x^* y^* lies.

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Claim: $m^2(L) = 0$

Note that for any point $(x^*, y^*) \in L$,
we can choose the maximum k s.t.

$$\eta_k \leq x^* \leq \eta_{k+1}$$

$$\eta_k \leq x^*$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(x_1 - x_0)}{n} \cdot k + x_0 \leq x^*$$

$$\Leftrightarrow k \leq n \cdot \frac{(x^* - x_0)}{(x_1 - x_0)}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \left\lfloor n \cdot \frac{(x^* - x_0)}{(x_1 - x_0)} \right\rfloor$$

So let us do this algebraically so for example if you take $\eta_k \leq x^*$. So η_k this is equivalent to saying that $x_1 - x_0$ over n times $k + x_0$ equals is less than equal to x^* which is the same as saying if the k is less than or equal to n times $x^* - x_0$ over $x_1 - x_0$. So the maximum value of k for which this holds is simply the floor function for this value from the right hand side of our inequalities.

So this is the maximum integer less than or equal to this value and now so we have identified our k for which x^* lies in the vertical strip.

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Since $y = mx + c$ for the line L ,

then $n \cdot \frac{(y^* - y_0)}{(y_1 - y_0)} = n \cdot \frac{(x^* - x_0)}{(x_1 - x_0)}$

(since $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1)$ and (x^*, y^*) are in L).

$\Rightarrow (x^*, y^*) \in \square_{(k,k)}$ for each k in $\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$

\Rightarrow We can cover L with $(n+1)$ boxes

$$m^J(L) \leq m\left(\bigcup_{k=0}^n \square_{(k,k)}\right) \leq \sum_{k=0}^n m(\square_{(k,k)}) = \sum_{k=0}^n \left(\frac{(y_1 - y_0)(x_1 - x_0)}{n^2} \right) = \frac{(y_1 - y_0)(x_1 - x_0)}{n^2} \cdot (n+1)$$

elementary set

And now we see that since $y = mx + c$ this is just the equation of the line for the line L for some m and c . Then if you take n times $y_1 - y^* - y_0 / y_1 - y_0$ this is nothing but n times $x^* - x_0 / x_1 - x_0$ because both our points x^*, y^*, x_0, y_0 as well as x_1, y_1 all lie in this line $y = mx + c$. Since; x_0, y_0, x_1, y_1 and x^*, y^* are in L .

So therefore we have that this is given by the same formula and so to choose our horizontal strip we see that it is given by the same index k for which we have chosen the horizontal strip or in the for the x coordinate. So this implies that x^*, y^* belongs to the box k, k for each k in $0, 1$ up to n . So therefore we see that they maximum of we can cover L with $n+1$ boxes in our grid. So now we are ready to estimate the outer Jordan measure of L and we see that L is subset of this union k, k box $k, k = 0$ to n

So since this is an elementary set so outer Jordan measure is less than or equal to the elementary measure of the union $k, k = 0$ to n . And now I can use the finite sub-additivity for the elementary measure to write this as the sum from $k = 0$ to n and elementary measure for each box and we know that this is nothing but $y_1 - y_0$ times $x_1 - x_0$ over m square. So therefore this is equal to $y_1 - y_0$ times $x_1 - x_0$ over m square and then.

So this is a constant in the summation formula so first we can write it as this sum $k = 0$ to n of this term. But this term it is not contain $n \in k$ so it can be taken out of n summation sign. So this

is nothing but $y_1 - y_0$ times $x_1 - x_0$ over n square times then the number of time the number of indices in the summation.

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$$m^J(L) \leq \frac{(y_1 - y_0)(x_1 - x_0)}{\text{constant}} \underbrace{(n+1)}_{\frac{1}{n^2}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

Take the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ $(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2}) \rightarrow 0$

$$\Rightarrow m^J(L) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow L$ is Jordan measurable with Jordan measure 0.

So this is nothing but $n+1$ so in the end we get that the outer Jordan measure is less than or equal to $y_1 - y_0$ times $x_1 - x_0$ over n square. So since n is arbitrary you can take the limit as n goes infinity in the limit as n goes to infinity and this gives you that the auto measure auto Jordan measure of L is 0 because this still goes to 0 as n goes to infinity. Because this is a constant and here you have 1 over $n + 1$ over n square.

So this goes to 0 as n goes to infinity so we see that our outer Jordan measure is 0 therefore L is Jordan measurable with Jordan measure 0. A similar argument once; we can understand what we have done algebraically in this example a similar argument goes on to show that if we have.

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(iii) The region D in \mathbb{R}^d defined by the equation $\sum_{j=1}^d \mu_j x_j = \alpha$, not all μ_j 's are zero. $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $\mu_j \in \mathbb{R}$.

and $a_i \leq x_i \leq b_i$ for each $i=1, 2, \dots, d$.

Define for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\xi_k^{(i)} = \frac{(b_i - a_i)k}{n} + a_i$$

for each i in $\{1, 2, \dots, d-1\}$, and $k \in \{0, \dots, n\}$.

$$\text{Define } \square_{(k_1, \dots, k_{d-1})} = \left\{ (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid \xi_{k_i}^{(i)} \leq x_i \leq \xi_{k_i+1}^{(i)} \right\}$$

Q: How many $\square_{(k_1, \dots, k_{d-1})}$ are sufficient to cover D ?

So this is my third example so the region in \mathbb{R}^d defined by the equation so now this is an equation of a hyperplane given by $j = 1$ to d $\mu_j x_j$ equal to sum constant α . So here we have not all μ_j 's are 0 and α with some constant fixed constant R that was all μ_j 's are also R . So here we have equation of hyperplane and again we use the grid method so here sorry so first we have to define so this hyperchromic plane can go and indefinitely so we have to define some finite limits.

So define by the equations and this equation and a_i less than or equal to x_i less than equal to b_i for each i in between 1 and d for the each coordinate you have some fixed bound finite interval between a_i and b_i okay. So we do this same thing as before so we define for each n k for the i th coordinate which is nothing but $b_i - a_i$ over n times $k + a_i$ okay so each i for each i in 1 to d and k in 0 to, n .

So when $k = 0$ this is nothing but a_i and when $k = 1$ this is nothing but b_i so it ranges between so we have partition each such interval into sub intervals of length $(b_i - a_i) / n$. So now sorry I am going to do up to $d - 1$ not d so let me rewrite it so this is that for each i in 1 up to $d - 1$ and for each i k ranges between 0 and n . So I have chosen here only until $d - 1$ because once we have decided the (k_1, \dots, k_{d-1}) then our any point in this hyperplane will lie for exactly 1 index for the d th coordinate for the last coordinate x_d .

Let us see this so now we can define hyper a box in our d so this will be dependent upon k_1, k_2, \dots, k_d indices. So this will be x_1, x_2 up to $x_d \in \mathbb{R}^d$ such that $c_{ki} \leq x_i \leq c_{k_i+1}$. So this is the box between the indices k_i and k_i+1 in the i th coordinate. So now we ask our question again how many such boxes k_1, k_2, \dots, k_d are needed are sufficient to cover our region let me call it D here the region cover D okay.

So how many such boxes are required are sufficient to cover this region D and we will use this argument as we did for the line segment in \mathbb{R}^2 .

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Similarly

$$\frac{n \cdot (x_d^* - a_d)}{(b_d - a_d)} \leq \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{d-1} (k_j + 1) \mu_j (b_j - a_j)}{\sum_{j=1}^{d-1} \mu_j (b_j - a_j)}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{d-1} k_j \mu_j (b_j - a_j)}{\sum_{j=1}^{d-1} \mu_j (b_j - a_j)} \right) + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow k_d = \left\lfloor \frac{n \cdot (x_d^* - a_d)}{(b_d - a_d)} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{d-1} k_j \mu_j (b_j - a_j)}{\sum_{j=1}^{d-1} \mu_j (b_j - a_j)} \right\rfloor$$

$\Rightarrow k_d$ is determined uniquely by (k_1, \dots, k_{d-1})

So let us see how this is done so suppose that you have a point $x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots, x_d^*$ in this region D and you can choose k_1, k_2 up to k_{d-1} such that $x_1^* \in [c_{k_1}, c_{k_1+1}]$ let me write it like this such that this point x_1^* is in the box. So such that $c_{k_i} \leq x_i^* \leq c_{k_i+1}$ for i in 1 up to $d-1$ and now we have this equation for the hyper plane $\mu_j x_j = \alpha$ from $j = 1$ to b .

So once we have determined $d - 1$ such indices my claim is that there is only one such index k_d for which this point lies in D . So since this equation holds there is only one index k_d such that $x_1^*, x_2^*, x_3^*, \dots, x_d^*$ belongs to the so this is because we can write now we know that our index k_d can be written as the floor of $x_d^* - a_d$ over $b_d - a_d$. So this is the same formula as we use for the line segment but we have this expression $b_d - a_d$.

This is nothing but the sum of so we can write x_d and a_d in terms of coordinates in the lower dimension and so you will have a sum from 1 to $d-1$ $\mu_j x_j - a_j$ divided by the same thing here with x_j replace by b_j . And now this is greater than or equal to by our choice of k_1, k_2 up to k_d . So this is greater than or equal to because remember that k_j is the flow function of n times $x_j - a_j$ over $b_j - a_j$.

So we can write n times $x_j - a_j$ is greater than or equal to $\mu_j b_j - a_j$ so here they should be $d-1$ μ_j times $b_j - a_j$ $j=1$ to $d-1$ divided by $\mu_j b_j - a_j$ $j=1$ to $d-1$ So therefore if we take the slope function of this expression on the right. And similarly we have that this expression is bounded above by k_j the sum over $k_j + 1$ $\mu_j b_j - a_j$ divided by the same denominator as we had before.

But now notice that this is nothing but $j=1$ to $d-1$ $k_j \mu_j b_j - a_j$ over so this is $j=1$ to $d-1$ $k_j \mu_j b_j - a_j$ over $j=1$ to $d-1$ $\mu_j b_j - a_j + 1$ okay. Because there is a $+1$ here and the denominator and the numerator are same will have $+1$, which means that the flow function for this quantity d star $- a_d / b_d - a_d$ is the same as the floor of this come here this term written by $d-1$ $k_j \mu_j b_j - a_j$ over $\mu_j b_j - a_j$ $j=1$ to $d-1$.

This implies now that we have of course this term on the left is this k_d this implies that k_d is determined uniquely by this choice of indices from 1 to $k_d - 1$.

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$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \# \{ \square_{(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_d)} \text{ sufficient to cover } D \} \\ \quad \quad \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ (n+1) & (n+1) & 1-d \cdot a. \\ \text{choice} & \text{choice} & \end{matrix} \\ = (n+1)^{d-1} \\ m^3(D) \leq \sum_{k_1=0}^n \sum_{k_2=0}^n \dots \sum_{k_{d-1}=0}^n \frac{\prod_{i=1}^d (b_i - a_i)}{n^d} \\ \leq \prod_{i=1}^d (b_i - a_i) \cdot \frac{1}{n^d} \cdot (n+1)^{d-1} \\ \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0. \quad \Rightarrow m^3(D) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the number of boxes therefore the number of boxes k_1, k_2, \dots, k_d sufficient to cover this region D is nothing but so for each index k_i from 1 to $d - 1$ you will have $n+1$ choices. So for each one you will have $n + 1$ choices because k_1 for each k_i various from 0 to n but for k_d you will have just 1 choice. So this is nothing but $n + 1$ to the power $d - 1$ so now we can estimate the outer measure for this and this is again nothing but the sum from $k_1 = 0$ to n , $k_2 = 0$ to n and so on $k_{d-1} = 0$ to n .

And here you have in the numerator you will have the volume of the big box which this region is in closed 1 to d over n to the power d . And this is nothing but $\prod_{i=1}^d (b_i - a_i) / n^d$. And this is nothing but $\prod_{i=1}^d (b_i - a_i) / n^d$ times $n + 1$ to the power $d-1$ and again 1 can check that as n goes to infinity this goes to 0. This implies that the outer measure is 0 and we have shown that d is Jordan measureable with Jordan measure is 0.

So the algebra is the bit tedious once you go to higher dimensions but you can be worked out ((34:11)) for low dimensional cases. So in many examples solving the lower dimensional case first is very good idea of how to close the higher dimension case where visualization is not possible. So first solve it for 2 or 3 dimensions and then; using the same algebraic techniques you can go to higher dimensions.