

**Measure Theory**  
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**Lebesgue measurable class versus Caratheodory extension of usual outer measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$**

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So now we are in the position to answer the following question is  $C_m \text{ star } \mathbb{R}^d = L \text{ } \mathbb{R}^d$  meaning this the left hand side is the collection of caratheodory measurable sets with respect to the Lebesgue outer measure  $m \text{ star}$  and on the right hand side we have the collection of Lebesgue measurable sets as we have defined them before. So the question rises whether if you use the Lebesgue outer measure  $m \text{ star}$  and define the caratheodory measurability condition and get a sigma algebra this sigma algebra whether it is the same as the Lebesgue sigma algebra or not.

And they answer to this question is yes answer is yes. And we will prove it shortly using some abstract nonsense if you want. So for this let me make a quick definition this is of a complete measure space. So if  $X, \mathcal{B}, \mu$  is measure space such that every subset of a  $\mu$  null set is also measurable and hence null then  $X, \mathcal{B}, \mu$  is called a complete measure space. So this is to say that if  $E$  is an element of the sigma algebra  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\mu(E) = 0$ . So  $E$  is a null set and if  $N$  is a subset of  $E$  then this should imply that  $N$  belong to  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mu(N)$  is also equal to 0.

So this is the condition that should be satisfied for a measure space to be called a complete measure space. So of course an example we already know is the Lebesgue collection of Lebesgue measurable sets this is with the of course the Lebesgue measure so  $\mathbb{R}^d$   $\mathcal{L}$   $\mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\mu$  the Lebesgue measure  $\mu$  is a complete measure space. Because when you have a Lebesgue outer measure  $\mu^*$  then a set becomes measurable. So the prototypical example of a measure space given by the Lebesgue outer measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is a complete measure space.

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Consider  $\mathcal{B}$  as a Boolean algebra, and  $\mu$  as a pre-measure on  $\mathcal{B}$ .

Hahn-Kolmogorov extension thm.  $\longrightarrow$  a  $\sigma$ -alg  $\mathcal{B}' \supseteq \mathcal{B}$  and a measure  $\mu'$  on  $\mathcal{B}'$  s.t.  $\mu'|_{\mathcal{B}} = \mu$ .

Lemma: A measure space obtained via the Carathéodory extension thm. is a complete measure space. [Exercise]

Lemma: If  $X$  is  $\sigma$ -finite, i.e.  $X = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} X_j$ ,  $X_j \subseteq X$  for each  $j$ , s.t.  $\mu(X_j) < \infty$  for each  $j \geq 1$ , then  $\mathcal{B}' = \mathcal{B}$ , provided  $(X, \mathcal{B}, \mu)$  is a complete measure space.

Now consider  $\mathcal{B}$  the sigma algebra  $\mathcal{B}$  has a Boolean algebra and  $\mu$  has a premeasure. So of course, a Boolean algebra is sigma algebra is a Boolean algebra and a pre measure, a measure is a pre measure. So let me repeat sigma algebra is a Boolean algebra and a measure is a premeasure. So you can consider  $\mathcal{B}$  as a Boolean algebra and  $\mu$  as a pre measure on  $\mathcal{B}$  ok. Then the Hahn Kolmogorov extension theorem gives another sigma algebra a sigma algebra  $\mathcal{B}'$  containing  $\mathcal{B}$  and a measure  $\mu'$  on  $\mathcal{B}'$  such that  $\mu'$  restricted to  $\mathcal{B}$  equals  $\mu$ .

So we are using Hahn Kolmogorov extension theorem for the specific case when you already have a measure and sigma algebra  $\mathcal{B}$ . Then we can generate another sigma algebra  $\mathcal{B}'$  and a measure  $\mu'$  such that  $\mu'$  equals  $\mu$ . Now note that anything that you get from the Carathéodory extension theorem is going to be a complete measure space. So I will put this as a lemma to check for you. So a measure space obtained via the Carathéodory measurability condition or the Carathéodory extension theorem is a complete measure space.

So this you can check now the question arises whether  $\mathcal{B}$  prime is equal to  $\mathcal{B}$  or not. And this is answered in the following lemma. So this is left as an exercise for you. And this lemma says that if  $\mathcal{X}$  is sigma finite meaning that  $\mathcal{X}$  is a union of countability many subset  $\mathcal{X}_j$  is a subset of each  $\mathcal{J}$ . Such that  $\mu$  of  $\mathcal{X}_j$  is finite or each  $\mathcal{J}$  then you can say that  $\mathcal{B}$  prime is equal to  $\mathcal{B}$ . So when you already have a complete measure space on a sigma finite space then you have  $\mathcal{B}$  prime is going to be equal to  $\mathcal{B}$ . So here we are assuming so provided that  $\mathcal{X}$   $\mathcal{B}$   $\mu$  is a complete measure space.

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Lemma  $\Rightarrow C_m(\mathbb{R}^d) = L(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

$(\mathbb{R}^d, L(\mathbb{R}^d), \mu)$  is a complete measure space.

and  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is  $\sigma$ -finite since  $\mathbb{R}^d = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B(0,n)$   
and  $\mu(B(0,n)) < \infty$ .

Exercise: Check the details, in particular show that

for any set  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ :  $\inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(B_i) : E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i \right\} = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i) : E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i, E_i \in L(\mathbb{R}^d) \right\}$   
for each  $i$ .

So let us see why this lemma imply that I claim that this lemma implies that  $C_m$  star  $\mathbb{R}^d$  equals  $L$   $\mathbb{R}^d$  because when you take the start with the measure space  $\mathbb{R}^d$   $L$   $\mathbb{R}^d$  so this is our  $\mathcal{X}$  this is our  $\mathcal{B}$  and this is our  $\mu$ . This is our complete measure space and then we note that an  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is sigma finite since  $\mathbb{R}^d$  can be written as the union of Euclidean balls with center 0 and radius  $n$ . And of course the Lebesgue measure of these balls  $B(0, n)$  is finite.

So  $\mathbb{R}^d$  sigma finite with respect to the Lebesgue measure and so both these condition for our lemma are satisfied which is that  $\mathcal{X}$  be a sigma finite and that it should be a complete measure space. So this implies that this  $\mathcal{B}$  prime when so  $\mathcal{B}$  prime is nothing but this  $C_m$   $\mathbb{R}^d$  this is  $\mathcal{B}$  prime and this is  $\mathcal{B}$ . So the lemma says exactly that  $\mathcal{B}$  prime is equal to  $\mathcal{B}$ . So we would have shown that once we show the lemma we would have shown that the caratheodory collection of caratheodory measurable sets is equal to the collection of Lebesgue measurable sets.

So I leave it to you as an exercise to check the details of this implication that the lemma implies this check the details in particular show that we have the infimum of so for any set  $E$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  the infimum of the elementary measures of boxes such that  $E$  is covered by the union of the boxes is equal to so this is nothing but of course the Lebesgue outer measure  $E$ . But this is also equal to the infimum of the sums when you replace boxes by measurable sets rather than. So you replace boxes by measurable sets in general.

So here  $B_i$  are boxes and here  $E_i$  belong to the Lebesgue sigma algebra for each  $i$ . So one has to show this equality to conclude that because the left hand side is the Lebesgue outer measure and the right hand side is the outer measure. So here I should rather write now it is ok. So this is the Hahn Kolmogorov prescription when you go from pre measure to an outer measure and then use the Carathéodory measurability.

So we have to show that the 2 outer measures given by these 2 formulas are exactly the same. So once you show this then the lemma implies that the collection of Carathéodory measurable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with respect to the Lebesgue outer measure is the same as the collection of Lebesgue measurable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

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Proof of Lemma: We have to show that if  $X = \sigma$ -finite, then  $E \in \mathcal{B}'$  then  $E \in \mathcal{B} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{B}' \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ .

Recall:  $(X, \mathcal{B}, \mu)$  a complete measure  $\xrightarrow{\text{Hahn-Kolmogorov}}$   $(X, \mathcal{B}', \mu')$  s.t.  $\mu'|_{\mathcal{B}} = \mu$ .

$\mathcal{B}' = \mathcal{C}_{\mu'}(X)$ .  
( $\mu'$  is defined via  $\mu$ )

Suppose first that  $\mu(E) < \infty$ .

Claim:  $\exists$  a set  $A \in \mathcal{B}$  s.t.  $E \subseteq A$  and  $\mu'(E) = \mu(A)$ .

So now let us see the proof of this lemma. So we have to show that if  $E$  belongs to  $\mathcal{B}'$  then  $E$  belongs to  $\mathcal{B}$ . So remember that  $\mathcal{B}'$  prime so remember that we had  $X \in \mathcal{B}$   $\mu$  a complete measure space which gave via the Hahn Kolmogorov extension theorem. Another sigma algebra

$\mathcal{B}'$  prime and  $\mu'$  prime on  $\mathcal{B}'$  such that  $\mu'$  when restricted to  $\mathcal{B}$  is exactly  $\mu$ . And so we can write  $\mathcal{B}'$  here as  $\mathcal{C}$   $\mu$  of well not  $\mu$  but  $\mu^*$  which is generated the outer measure induced by the pre measure  $\mu$ . So this  $\mu^*$  is defined via  $\mu$ .

It is a premeasure defined via  $\mu$  this is the Hahn Kolmogorov procedure to go from Boolean algebra and a premeasure to a complete measure space. Now we have already starting with the complete measure space and we have to show that whenever we have  $\mu$  is sigma finite then  $\mathcal{B}'$  prime is a sub collection of  $\mathcal{B}$ . And so  $\mathcal{B}'$  prime is equal to  $\mathcal{B}$ . So how do we show this? So, if suppose first that the measure of  $E$  is finite.

Then I will claim that there exist a set  $A$  in  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $E$  is a subset of  $A$  and  $\mu'$  of  $E$  is equal to  $\mu$  of  $A$ . So this is for any set  $E$  in the bigger sigma algebra  $\mathcal{B}'$ . So let see how to prove this.

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For each  $n \geq 1$ , let  $\{A_i^{(n)}\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathcal{B}$ ,  $E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i^{(n)}$  s.t.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i^{(n)}) \leq \mu(E) + \frac{1}{n}$$

Set  $\mathcal{B} \ni A_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i^{(n)} \Rightarrow E \subseteq A_n$  and

$$\mu(A_n) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i^{(n)}) \leq \mu(E) + \frac{1}{n}$$

Define  $A = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$  then  $E \subseteq A$  so  $\mu'(E) \leq \mu'(A) = \mu(A)$

$$\mu(A) \leq \mu(A_n) \leq \mu(E) + \frac{1}{n} \text{ for any } n \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(A) \leq \mu'(E) \Rightarrow \mu'(E) = \mu(A). \quad (E \in \mathcal{B}', A \in \mathcal{B})$$

So to prove this claim to proceed as follows so for each  $n$  greater than or equal to 1 let  $A_i$  be a collection of elements in  $\mathcal{B}$  covering  $E$ . So  $A_i$   $n$   $i = 1$  to infinity such that the sum  $\mu A_i$   $n$   $i = 1$  to infinity less than or equal to  $\mu$  prime  $E + 1$  over  $n$ . So set  $A_n$  to be the union of  $A_i$   $n$ 's which means that  $E$  is a subset of  $A_n$  and  $\mu$   $A_n$ . So this belongs to  $\mathcal{B}$  so we can write  $\mu$   $A_n$  is bounded above by this sum  $\mu A_i$   $n$ . And then this bounded by  $\mu$  prime  $E + 1$  over  $n$ .



So  $E - A$  belongs to  $B$ . So here actually I should rather take  $A - E$  rather than  $E - A$  because  $E$  is a subset of  $A$ . So we have  $A - E$  everywhere rather than  $E - A$ . So now  $E$  also here  $A - E$  so  $E$  can be written as  $A - (A - E)$  and so this belongs to  $B$ . So this proves the statement when  $E$  has finite measure. So if  $\mu E$  is infinite then  $E$  can be written as countable union  $n = 1$  to infinity of the intersection with  $X_n$ .

Where  $x$  is the union of  $x_n$   $n = 1$  to infinity with  $\mu x_n$  finite for all  $n$ . So now we can say that even if  $E$  has infinite measure then each of these is finite measure  $\mu$  of  $E$  intersection  $x_n$  is finite. And so therefore this each of these sets belongs to  $B$  and so the union belong to  $B$  and then we have done. So we showed that any completion that you get for a complete measure space via the Carathéodory extension theorem gives you nothing extra and you get the same sigma as you brought back when  $X$  is sigma finite.