

Definition 2.2.7 (Lebesgue measurability, Lebesgue measure). A set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is Lebesgue measurable if for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists an open set Λ with $\Omega \subset \Lambda$ and such that

$$m^*(\Lambda \setminus \Omega) \leq \varepsilon.$$

For any Lebesgue measurable set Ω , we define $m(\Omega) := m^*(\Omega)$ and call it the Lebesgue measure of Ω .

1. If Ω is an open set, then Ω is Lebesgue measurable

Proof: $m^*(\Omega \setminus \Omega) = m^*(\emptyset) = 0 < \varepsilon$ for every $\varepsilon > 0$

2. If $m^*(\Omega) = 0$, then Ω is Lebesgue measurable

Proof:

Use

Theorem 2.2.6. Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ with $m^*(\Omega) < \infty$. Then for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists an open set Λ with $\Omega \subset \Lambda$ and such that

$$m^*(\Lambda) \leq m^*(\Omega) + \varepsilon.$$

If $m^*(\Omega) = \infty$, the statement holds with $\Lambda = \mathbb{R}^n$.

Choose open set Λ such that $\Omega \subset \Lambda$

$$\Rightarrow m^*(\Lambda) < m^*(\Omega) + \varepsilon = \varepsilon$$

Since $\Lambda \setminus \Omega \subset \Lambda \Leftrightarrow m^*(\Lambda \setminus \Omega) < m^*(\Lambda)$

$$m^*(\Lambda \setminus \Omega) \leq m^*(\Lambda) < \varepsilon$$

$\Leftrightarrow \Omega$ is Lebesgue measurable

3. If $\Omega := \cup_j \Omega_j$ is a finite or countable union of Lebesgue measurable sets, then Ω is Lebesgue measurable and $m(\Omega) \leq \sum_j m(\Omega_j)$

Proof: For each Ω_j there exist an open set Λ_j , with $\Omega_j \subset \Lambda_j$

$$m^*(\Lambda_j \setminus \Omega_j) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2^j}, \text{ since } \Omega_j \text{ is Lebesgue measurable}$$

Consider now $\Lambda = \cup_j \Lambda_j$, $\Omega \subset \Lambda$

$$m^*(\Lambda \setminus \Omega) = m^*(\cup_j \Lambda_j \setminus \cup_j \Omega_j)$$

$$\leq m^*(\cup_j (\Lambda_j \setminus \Omega_j))$$

$$\leq \sum_j m^*(\Lambda_j \setminus \Omega_j)$$

$$< \sum_j \frac{\varepsilon}{2^j} \leq \varepsilon$$

$\Rightarrow \Omega$ is measurable and $m(\Omega) \leq \sum_j m(\Omega_j)$

4. If $\Omega = \cap_j \Omega_j$ is a finite or countable intersection of Lebesgue measurable sets, then Ω is Lebesgue measurable

Proof: $\Omega^c = (\cap_j \Omega_j)^c = \cup_j \Omega_j^c$

Use

Theorem 2.2.10. If Ω is a Lebesgue measurable set, then its complement Ω^c is also a Lebesgue measurable set.

Due to 3., Ω^c is Lebesgue measurable, so Ω is also Lebesgue measurable

5. Any closed set is Lebesgue measurable, in particular any closed box I is Lebesgue measurable, with $m(I) = v(I)$

Proof: First: Any closed set is Lebesgue measurable

The complement of a closed set is an open set. Since every open set in \mathbb{R}^n is Lebesgue measurable and the complement of a Lebesgue measurable set is also measurable, every closed set in \mathbb{R}^n is Lebesgue measurable.

$$I = \{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid a_1 \leq x_1 \leq b_1, \dots, a_n \leq x_n \leq b_n \}$$

Consider minimal covering of I by rectangular division of I .

Let $a_i = p_{0i} < p_{1i} < \dots < p_{m_i} = b_i$. For $j_i = 1, 2, \dots, m_i$

$$I_{j_1 \dots j_n} = \{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid p_{j_1-1} \leq x_1 \leq p_{j_1}, \dots, p_{j_n-1} \leq x_n \leq p_{j_n} \}$$

$$\text{Volume: } v(I) = \prod_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j_1=1}^{m_1} \dots \sum_{j_n=1}^{m_n} v(I_{j_1 \dots j_n}) &= \sum_{j_1=1}^{m_1} \dots \sum_{j_n=1}^{m_n} \prod_{i=1}^n (p_{j_i} - p_{j_i-1}) \\ &= \sum_{j_1=1}^{m_1} (p_{j_1} - p_{j_1-1}) \cdot \dots \cdot \sum_{j_n=1}^{m_n} (p_{j_n} - p_{j_n-1}) \\ &= (p_{m_1} - p_{01}) \cdot \dots \cdot (p_{m_n} - p_{0n}) \\ &= (b_1 - a_1) \cdot \dots \cdot (b_n - a_n) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i) = v(I) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow m(I) = v(I)$$