

## Math 564: Adv. Analysis 1

## HOMEWORK 3

Due: Oct 15 (Sun), 11:59pm

1. Let  $\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2, \dots, \mathcal{A}_d$  be  $\sigma$ -algebras on sets  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d$ , and denote by  $\mathcal{A}_1 \otimes \mathcal{A}_2 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{A}_d$  the  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_d$  generated by the sets of the form  $A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_d$ .
- (a) Prove that for all second countable topological spaces  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d$ ,

$$\mathcal{B}(\prod_{i=1}^d X_i) = \bigotimes_{i=1}^d \mathcal{B}(X_i).$$

(Here  $\prod_{i=1}^d X_i$  is the product topology.) In particular,  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d) = \bigotimes_{i=1}^d \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ .

- (b) Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  and  $(Y_i, \mathcal{B}_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , be measurable spaces, i.e., sets equipped with  $\sigma$ -algebras. Prove that for  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}_i)$ -measurable functions  $f_i : X \rightarrow Y_i$ , the function  $(f_1, f_2) : X \rightarrow Y_1 \times Y_2$  defined by  $x \mapsto (f_1(x), f_2(x))$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}_1 \otimes \mathcal{B}_2)$ -measurable.
- (c) Now let  $(X, \mu)$  be a measure space<sup>1</sup> and conclude that if  $f_1, f_2 : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are  $\mu$ -measurable and  $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Borel, then  $g(f_1, f_2) : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $\mu$ -measurable. In particular,  $f_1 + f_2$  and  $f_1 \cdot f_2$  are  $\mu$ -measurable.

2. For an equivalence relation  $E$  on a set  $X$ , a **selector** is a function  $s : X \rightarrow X$  that picks a point from each  $E$ -class, more precisely,  $s(x)Ex$  and  $xEy \Leftrightarrow s(x) = s(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . By a selector/transversal for a group action, we mean that for its orbit equivalence relation.

Let  $\Gamma$  be a countable group and  $(X, \mu)$  be a second countable metric space equipped with a Borel measure  $\mu$ . Let  $\alpha : \Gamma \curvearrowright X$  be a Borel action of  $\Gamma$ , i.e. each group element  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  acts as a Borel function from  $X$  to  $X$ . Prove:

- (a)  $\alpha$  admits a Borel transversal if and only if it admits a Borel selector.

HINT: For  $\Leftarrow$ , note that a selector is an idempotent, so  $s(X) = \{x \in X : s(x) = x\}$  and note that the diagonal  $\{(x, x) : x \in X\}$  is in  $\mathcal{B}(X) \otimes \mathcal{B}(X)$  by Question 1(a).

- (b) If  $\mu$  is atomless (as in Sierpinski's theorem) and non-zero (i.e.  $\mu(X) > 0$ ), and the action  $\alpha$  is  $\mu$ -null-preserving<sup>2</sup> and  $\mu$ -ergodic, then  $\alpha$  does not admit a  $\mu$ -measurable transversal or a  $\mu$ -measurable selector.

REMARK: This is a generalization of what we proved for  $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  and  $\mathbb{E}_0$ .

- (c) If  $\alpha$  is  $\mu$ -ergodic, then for every second countable Hausdorff topological space  $Y$ , every  $\alpha$ -invariant<sup>3</sup>  $\mu$ -measurable function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is constant a.e., i.e., there a conull set  $X' \subseteq X$  such that  $f|_{X'}$  is constant.

HINT: Define an appropriate notion of "heaviness" for open subsets of  $Y$  in some countable open basis and intersect all heavy basic open sets: you will get down to a point (like in the proof of König's lemma).

<sup>1</sup>We suppress the  $\sigma$ -algebra from the notation if it is not important.

<sup>2</sup>This means that for each  $\mu$ -measurable set  $A \subseteq X$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , the set  $\gamma A$  is  $\mu$ -null if and only if  $A$  is  $\mu$ -null.

<sup>3</sup>This means that the function is constant on each  $\alpha$ -orbit.

3. Prove that universally measurable functions are closed under compositions. More precisely, if  $X, Y, Z$  are topological spaces, and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  are universally measurable functions, then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is universally measurable.
4. Prove the main case of the Measure Isomorphism Theorem, namely: every atomless Borel probability measure  $\mu$  on  $[0, 1]$  is isomorphic to the Lebesgue measure  $\lambda$  on  $[0, 1]$ .  
HINT: The function  $f_\mu$  associated to  $\mu$  is an isomorphism from  $([0, 1], \mu)$  to  $([0, 1], \lambda)$ .
5. Prove that the atoms of  $\sigma$ -finite Borel measures on second countable Hausdorff topological spaces (e.g., separable metric spaces) are points, more precisely, each atom is of the form  $\{x\} \cup Z$ , where  $x$  is a point and  $Z$  is a null set.

HINT: Fix an atom and define an appropriate notion of smallness for basic open sets (in some fixed countable basis), so that removing the small ones we are left with a point.

REMARK: This statement has nothing to do with topology, the general statement (proven similarly) is: In a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space  $(X, \mathcal{B}, \mu)$ , where  $\mathcal{B}$  is countably generated and separates points<sup>4</sup>, the atoms are points.

6. (Cantor sets<sup>5</sup>) In a topological space  $X$ , a **Cantor set** is a set  $C \subseteq X$  homeomorphic to the Cantor space  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ . (In particular,  $C$  is a compact subset of  $X$  of size continuum.)
  - (a) In a connected<sup>6</sup> metric space  $X$  (such as  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ), prove every Cantor set has is closed and has empty interior; in particular, it is nowhere dense.
  - (b) The standard Cantor set in  $[0, 1]$  is the set  $C := \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup_{s \in 2^n} C_s$ , where each  $C_s$  is a closed interval defined inductively by setting  $C_\emptyset := [0, 1]$  and letting  $C_{s0}$  and  $C_{s1}$  be the bottom third and top third closed subintervals of the closed interval  $C_s$  (in particular,  $\text{lh}(C_{si}) = \frac{1}{3} \text{lh}(C_s)$ ), for each  $s \in 2^{<\mathbb{N}}$ . In particular,  $C_0 := [0, \frac{1}{3}]$  and  $C_1 := [\frac{2}{3}, 1]$ ,  $C_{00} := [0, \frac{1}{3^2}]$ ,  $C_{01} := [\frac{2}{3^2}, \frac{1}{3}]$ ,  $C_{10} := [\frac{2}{3}, \frac{7}{3^2}]$ , and  $C_{11} := [\frac{8}{3^2}, 1]$ , etc. Prove that  $C$  is indeed a Cantor set and that  $C$  is Lebesgue null.
  - (c) Define a Cantor subset of  $[0, 1]$  of positive Lebesgue measure.

HINT: Note that in the standard Cantor set,  $C_{s0} \sqcup C_{s1}$  occupies  $2/3$  of  $C_s$  regardless of  $n := \text{lh}(s)$ . Change the construction so that for each  $n$ , the  $(n + 1)^{\text{th}}$  level occupies the  $p_n$  proportion of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  level and the sequence  $(p_n)$  goes to 1 fast enough.

7. Follow the steps below to build an example of a Borel (in fact, continuous) function  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and a Lebesgue measurable function  $g : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that the composition  $g \circ f$  is not Lebesgue measurable.
  - (i) Prove that every Lebesgue measurable set  $A$  of positive measure contains a non-measurable subset.

HINT: Any transversal of  $E_{\mathbb{Q}}|_A$ , the proof is the same as for  $A := [0, 1]$  done in class.

<sup>4</sup>We say that a collection  $\mathcal{C}$  of subsets of  $X$  **separates points** if for each pair  $x, y$  of distinct points, there is a set  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  containing exactly one of the points  $x, y$ .

<sup>5</sup>Most of this question was meant for Homework 1, but I forgot.

<sup>6</sup>A topological space is **connected** if it has no clopen sets, other than the whole space and  $\emptyset$ .

(ii) Let  $C_0$  and  $C_+$  be Cantor sets in  $[0, 1]$  where  $C_0$  is Lebesgue null, while  $C_+$  has positive Lebesgue measure. Let  $h : C_+ \rightarrow C_0$  be a homeomorphism and extend it to a Borel function  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  so that  $f(C_+) = C_0$  and  $f(C_+^c)$  are disjoint.

REMARK: If  $C_0$  and  $C_+$  are constructed by removing middle open intervals at every step, like in Question 6(b), then  $f$  can be taken to be continuous, think how.

(iii) Let  $Y \subseteq C_+$  be a Lebesgue non-measurable set and put  $g := \mathbb{1}_{f(Y)}$ . Observe that  $g$  is Lebesgue measurable, however  $g \circ f$  is not.

8. Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a measure space. Prove that the integral of simple functions is well-defined, i.e. for all  $\mu$ -measurable sets  $A_i, B_j \subseteq X$  and  $a_i, b_j \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\sum_{i < n} a_i \mathbb{1}_{A_i} = \sum_{j < m} b_j \mathbb{1}_{B_j} \text{ implies } \sum_{i < n} a_i \mu(A_i) = \sum_{j < m} b_j \mu(B_j).$$