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A NOTE ON ABSOLUTELY MEASURABLE SETS

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On a non-empty set X there are given two systems C and U of subsets of X fulfilling a certain system of axioms. Let us take all outer measures γ defined on the smallest hereditary σ -ring H(C) over C such that all sets of C are γ measurable. The sets of H(C) that are γ -measurable for all such outer measures γ are called absolutely measurable. We show (Theorem 2, Theorem 4 and Theorem 5) athat every absolutely measurable set E can be approximated (according to any examined outer measure) by sets of C from within and by sets of U from outside, under the assumption that either γ is finite on C, or

there exist
$$U_n \in U$$
 such that $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n \supset E$, $\gamma(U_n) < \infty$, $n = 1, 2, ...$

From this result we can get particularly the regularity of absolutely measurable sets according to all Carathéodory outer measures in a metric space ([2], Theorem 12, p. 11) and the regularity of absolutely measurable sets according to all Carathéodory outer measures in a locally compact Hausdorff topological space ([3], p. 203).

If X is a non-empty set of elements and **A** is an arbitrary system of subsets of X, then we denote by $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{A})$ the smallest ring, by $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{A})$ the smallest σ -ring, by $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{A})$ the smallest hereditary σ -ring containing the system **A**. We shall use according to [1] the notions ring, σ -ring, hereditary σ -ring, as well as measure and outer measure. If X is a topological space and $A \subset X$, then by \overline{A} we denote the smallest closed set containing the set A.

Let X be any non-empty set of elements. Let C and U be any systems of subsets of X fulfilling the following conditions:

 $V_1. \emptyset \in \mathbf{C}, \ \emptyset \in \mathbf{U}.$

V₂. If $U_i \in U$ for $i = 1, 2, ..., \text{then } \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} U_i \in U$.

V₃. If C_1 , $C_2 \in \mathbf{C}$, then $C_1 \cup C_2 \in \mathbf{C}$.

V₄. For any two sets U and C such that $U \in U$, $C \in C$ we have $U - C \in U$, $C - U \in C$.

V₅. For any set $C \in C$ there exist sets $U \in U$, $C_1 \in C$ such that $C \subset U \subset C_1$. V₆. $U \subset S(C)$. V₇. For any set $C \in \mathbf{C}$ there exist sets $U_i \in \mathbf{U}$ (i = 1, 2, ...) such that $C = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} U_i$.

By γ we shall denote in the present paper an outer measure defined on $H(\mathbf{C})$. In agreement with [1] we shall call a set $E \in H(\mathbf{C})$ γ -measurable if $\gamma(A) = \gamma(A \cap E) + \gamma(A - E)$ for any $A \in H(\mathbf{C})$.

Definition 1. Put $\mathscr{A}_1 = \{\gamma: all \text{ sets of } \mathsf{C} \text{ are } \gamma\text{-measurable}\}, \mathscr{A}_2 = \{\gamma: all \text{ sets of } \mathsf{C} \text{ are } \gamma\text{-measurable and } \gamma \text{ is finite on } \mathsf{C}\}.$

Note 1. The following assertions can be easily proved:

1. H(C) = H(U), S(C) = S(U).

2. $\gamma \in \mathcal{A}_1$ if and only if each set $U \in U$ is γ -measurable.

3. $\gamma \in \mathscr{A}_1$ if and only if $\gamma(A \cup B) = \gamma(A) + \gamma(B)$ for any pair of sets A, $B \in H(C)$ for which there exists $C \in C$ such that $B \subset C$ and $A \cap C = \emptyset$.

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Example 1. If X is a metric space, **C** the system of all closed subsets of X and **U** the system of all open subsets of X, then \mathscr{A}_1 is the set of all Carathéodory outer measures in X.

We easily find out that the systems C and U fulfil the conditions $V_1 - V_7$ and the system H(C) coincides with the system of all subsets of X. An outer measure in X is Carathéodory (i. e. $\gamma(A \cup B) = \gamma(A) + \gamma(B)$ for any $A, B \subset X$ such that $\varrho(A, B) > 0$) if and only if every closed subset of X is γ -emasurable. The proof of this assertion see e. g. in [6].

Example 2. If X is a locally compact Hausdorff topological space, C the system of all compact G_{δ} subsets of X and U the system of all open sets belonging to S(C), then \mathscr{A}_1 is the set of all Carathéodory outer measures defined on the smallest hereditary σ -ring over the system of all compact subsets of X.

We easily find out that the systems C and U fulfil the conditions V_1-V_7 . If C_1 is the system of all compact subsets of X, then $H(C_1) = H(C)$. An outer measure on $H(C_1)$ is Carathéodory (i. e. $\gamma(A \cup B) = \gamma(A) + \gamma(B)$ for any $A, B \in H(C_1)$ such that there exist open U, V such that $\overline{A} \subset U, \overline{B} \subset V,$ $U \cap V = \emptyset$ if and only if each set of C is γ -measurable.

The proof of the assertion that each set of C is measurable according to any Carathéodory outer measure see in [4]. On the contrary we shall show that if γ is an outer measure on $H(C_1)$ such that each set of C is γ -measurable, then γ is a Carathéodory outer measure on $H(C_1)$.

Let $A, B \in \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{C}_1)$ be such sets, that there are open sets U, V for which $\overline{A} \subset U, \overline{B} \subset V, U \cap V = \emptyset$. The set A is evidently σ -bounded, i. e. there exist compact sets K_n (n = 1, 2, ...) such that $A \subset \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n$. We have $\overline{A} \cap$

 $\cap K_n \subset \overline{A} \subset U$ for any *n*. Because X is a locally compact Hausdorff topological space, there are open sets $U_n \in S(C)$ such that $\overline{A} \cap K_n \subset U_n \subset U$. Put $O = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n$. Clearly $O \in S(C)$ i. e. O is γ -measurable and hence $\gamma(A \cup B) = \gamma[(A \cup B) \cap O] + \gamma[(A \cup B) - O] = \gamma(A) + \gamma(B).$

Definition 2. Let γ be an outer measure on H(C), a set $E \in H(C)$ is called: a. outer regular according to γ , if $\gamma(E) = \inf \{\gamma(U) \colon E \subset U \in U\};$

b. inner regular according to γ , if $\gamma(E) = \sup \{\gamma(C) : E \supset C \in \mathbf{C}\}$;

c. regular according to γ , if it is at the same time outer regular and inner regular according to γ .

Definition 3. Put $B_1 = \{E: E \in H(C), E \text{ is } \gamma \text{-measurable according to each } \gamma \in \mathscr{A}_1\},\$ $\mathbf{B}_2 = \{E: E \in \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{C}), E \text{ is } \gamma \text{-measurable according to each } \gamma \in \mathscr{A}_2\}.$

Theorem 1. $B_1 = B_2$.

Proof. Clearly $B_1 \subset B_2$. Let $E \notin B_1$. Then there exists $\gamma \in \mathscr{A}_1$ such that E is not γ -measurable. It means that there is a set $A \in H(C)$ such that $\gamma(A) < \gamma(A)$ $\langle \gamma(A \cap E) + \gamma(A - E)$. Put $\gamma^*(B) = \gamma(B \cap A)$ for any $B \in H(C)$. Clearly $\gamma^* \in \mathscr{A}_2$. We have

$$\gamma^*(E) = \gamma(E \cap A) < \gamma(A) - \gamma(A - E) = \gamma^*(A) - \gamma^*(A - E),$$

hence

$$\gamma^*(A) < \gamma^*(E) + \gamma^*(A - E) = \gamma^*(E \cap A) + \gamma^*(A - E).$$

It means that the set E is not γ^* measurable, i. e. $E \notin B_2$. Therefore $B_1 = B_2$.

Definition 4. A set $E \in H(C)$ is called absolutely measurable, if $E \in B_1 = B_2$.

Theorem 2. Every absolutely measurable set is regular according to each outer measure $\gamma \in \mathscr{A}_2$.

First we shall prove a few lemmas.

Lemma 1. If U_1 , $U_2 \in U$ and there is a set $C \in C$ such that $U_2 \subset C$, then $U_1 \cap U_2 \in \boldsymbol{U}.$

Proof. $U_1 \cap U_2 = U_2 - (C - U_1)$. According to V_4 we have $C - U_1 \in \mathbf{C}$ and U_2 , $U_2 - (C - U_1) \in U$. Hence $U_1 \cap U_2 \in U$.

Lemma 2. If $E \in H(C)$, then there are sets $C_n \in C$ (n = 1, 2, ...) such that $E \subset \bigcup_{n=1}^{n} C_n.$

Proof. Let $\mathbf{B} = \{A : A \subset \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n, C_n \in \mathbf{C}, n = 1, 2, \ldots\}$. **B** is evidently

a hereditary system, closed under countable unions, hence **B** is a hereditary σ -ring. Further $C \subset B$. Hence $H(C) \subset B$.

Lemma 3. If $\gamma \in \mathscr{A}_2$, then all sets of **C** are outer regular according to γ .

Proof. Let $\gamma \in \mathscr{A}_2$ and $C \in \mathbb{C}$. According to V_5 there exist sets $U \in \mathbb{U}$, $D \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $C \subset U \subset D$. According to V_7 there are sets $U_n \in \mathbb{U}(n = 1, 2, ...)$ such that $C = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n$. Hence $C = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (U_n \cap U)$. According to Lemma 1 we have $U_n \cap U \in \mathbb{U}$ for n = 1, 2, ... Further $\gamma(U_n \cap U) \leq \gamma(D) < \infty$ (n = 1, 2, ...). Put $V_n = U_n \cap U$, $W_n = \bigcap_{k=1}^n V_n$. Then $W_n \in \mathbb{U}$, $W_n \supset W_{n+1}$, $\gamma(W_n) < \infty$, n = 1, 2, ... and $C = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} W_n$.

Because the restriction of the function γ on S(C) is a measure on S(C) and by V_6 we have $U \subset S(C)$, then

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\gamma(W_n)=\gamma(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty}W_n)=\gamma(C)<\infty.$$

Choose an arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$. Then there is a positive integer n_0 such that $\gamma(W_{n_0}) < \gamma(C) + \varepsilon$. Thus we showed that $\gamma(C) = \inf\{\gamma(U) : C \subset U \in U\}$.

Lemma 4. If $\gamma \in \mathscr{A}_2$, then all sets of S(C) are regular according to γ .

Proof. Let $\gamma \in \mathscr{A}_2$. Let $\bar{\gamma}$ be the function defined for $A \in S(C)$ by the equality $\bar{\gamma}(A) = \gamma(A)$. Clearly $\bar{\gamma}$ is a measure on S(C), $\bar{\gamma}(C) < \infty$ for $C \in C$ and according to Lemma 3, all sets of C are outer regular according to $\bar{\gamma}$. By theorem 8, [5] all sets of S(C) are regular according to $\bar{\gamma}$ and hence according to γ .

Lemma 5. Let $\gamma \in \mathscr{A}_2$. For any $A \in H(C)$ put

$$\gamma_0(A) = \inf \{ \gamma(U) : A \subset U \subset U \}.$$

Then $\gamma_0 \in \mathscr{A}_2$.

Proof. Let $\gamma \in \mathscr{A}_2$. Then the function $\bar{\gamma}$ defined for $A \in S(C)$ by the equality $\bar{\gamma}(A) = \gamma(A)$ is a measure on S(C). Let γ^* be the outer measure induced by $\bar{\gamma}$ on H(S(C)) = H(C). For $E \in H(C)$ we have

$$\gamma^*(E) = \inf \{\gamma(F) \colon E \subset F \in \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{C})\}.$$

Let us show that $\gamma_0(E) = \gamma^*(E)$ for any $E \in H(C)$. $U \subset S(C)$ by V_6 and hence $\gamma_0(E) \ge \gamma^*(E)$. By the help of the regularity (with respect to γ) of the sets of S(C) of a finite measure, we easily prove that $\gamma^*(E) = \gamma_0(E)$.

We showed that γ_0 is the outer measure induced by a measure on S(C). Hence all sets of S(C) are γ_0 -measurable, therefore $\gamma_0 \in \mathscr{A}_1$. If $C \in C$, then $\gamma_0(C) = \gamma^*(C) = \gamma(C) < \infty$, i. e. $\gamma_0 \in \mathscr{A}_2$. **Lemma 6.** Let $\gamma \in \mathscr{A}_2$. Let for $A \in H(C)$

$$\gamma_0(A) = \inf \{ \gamma(U) \colon A \subset U \in \mathbf{U} \}.$$

Then, if E is γ_0 -measurable and $\gamma_0(E) < \infty$, E is outer regular according to γ .

Proof. According to Lemma 5, $\gamma_0 \in \mathscr{A}_2$. Let E be γ_0 -measurable and $\gamma_0(E) < \infty$. Choose an arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$. Then from the definition of γ_0 it follows that there is $U \in U$ such that $U \supset E$ and

$$\gamma_0(E) + \varepsilon > \gamma(U) = \gamma_0(U) = \gamma_0(U \cap E) + \gamma_0(U - E) \ge \gamma_0(E) + \gamma(U - E),$$

i. e. $\varepsilon > \gamma(U - E)$ and the assertion is evident.

Proof of Theorem 2. Let $\gamma \in \mathscr{A}_2$ and let $E \in H(C)$ be any absolutely measurable set. First we show that E is outer regular according to γ .

According to Lemma 2, there are sets $C_n \in \mathbf{C}$ (n = 1, 2, ...) such that $E \subset \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n$. Put $E_n = E \cap C_n$ (n = 1, 2, ...). Then E_n are absolutely measurable sets for n = 1, 2, ... and we have $E = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$.

Let γ_0 be the outer measure on H(C) defined for $A \in H(C)$ by the equality $\gamma_0(A) = \inf \{\gamma(U): A \subset U \in U\}$. According to Lemma 5 we have $\gamma_0 \in \mathscr{A}_2$ and hence E_n is γ_0 -measurable. Further we have $\gamma_0(E_n) \leq \gamma_0(C_n) < \infty$ for $n = 1, 2, \ldots$ According to Lemma 6 the set E_n is outer regular according to γ and hence $E = \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} E_n$ is outer regular according to γ .

Let us show now that E is also inner regular according to γ , If there is $C \in \mathbf{C}$ such that $E \subset C$, then C - E is absolutely measurable set and according to the first part of proof, C - E is outer regular according to γ . Choose an arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$. Then there is $U \in \mathbf{U}$, $U \supset C - E$ such that $\gamma(C - E) + \varepsilon > \gamma(U)$. Thus $\gamma(U) - \gamma(C - E) < \varepsilon$. Further we have $C - U \subset E$ and according to V_4 we have $C - U \in \mathbf{C}$. We get

$$\gamma(E) - \gamma(C - U) = \gamma[E - (C - U)] \le \gamma[U - (C - E)] =$$

= $\gamma(U) - \gamma(C - E) < \varepsilon.$

Now let E be any absolutely measurable set. According to Lemma 2 and V_3 there are sets $C_n \in \mathbf{C}$, $C_n \subset C_{n+1}$ (n = 1, 2, ...) such that $E \subset \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n$. Hence we have $\gamma(E) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \gamma(E \cap C_n)$. If $c < \gamma(E)$, then there is n_0 such that $c < \gamma(E \cap C_{n_0})$ and by the previous the set $E \cap C_{n_0}$ is inner regular. Hence there exists a set $C \in \mathbf{C}$ such $C \subset E \cap C_{n_0} \subset E$ and $c < \gamma(C)$. Hence E is inner regular according to γ .

Note 2. As a corollary we get from Theorem 2 the theorem on regularity

of absolutely measurable sets according to any Carathéodory outer measure in a locally compact Huasdorff topological space ([3], p. 203).

Theorem 3. Every absolutely measurable set in a metric space X is regular according to any Carathéodory outer measure in X that is finite on the system of all bounded closed sets.

Proof. Let X be a metric space. Let **C** be the system of all closed bounded subsets of X. Let **U** be the system of all open subsets of X. The systems **C** and **U** clearly fulfil the conditions $V_1 - V_5$, V_7 . If A is any closed set, then $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (A \cap C_n^x)$, where $C_n^x = \{y : \varrho(x, y) \leq n\}$, and x is an arbitrary but fixed element of X. Hence $A \in S(C)$ and also every open set belongs to S(C). Hence V_6 is proved. The assertion of Theorem 3 follows from Theorem 2.

Theorem 4. Every absolutely measurable set E_0 is inner regular according to each $\gamma \in \mathcal{A}_1$ for which $\gamma(E_0) < \infty$.

Proof. Put $\gamma^*(E) = \gamma(E \cap E_0)$ for $E \in H(C)$. Then clearly $\gamma^* \in \mathscr{A}_2$, hence E_0 is regular according to γ^* . Further

$$\gamma(E_0) = \gamma^*(E_0) = \sup \left\{ \gamma^*(C) \colon E_0 \supset C \in \mathbf{C} \right\} = \sup \left\{ \gamma(C) \colon E_0 \supset C \in \mathbf{C} \right\}$$

i. e. E_0 is regular according to γ .

Note 3. From Theorem 4 the theorem on the inner regularity of absolutely measurable sets in metric space follows ([2], theorem 12, p. 11). That is why we choose only in Theorem 4 a metric space for X, the system of all closed subsets of X for C and the system of all open subsets of X for U. See also Example 1.

Note 4. The assertion does not hold that every absolutely measurable set E_0 is outer regular according to each $\gamma \in \mathscr{A}_1$ such that $\gamma(E_0) < \infty$.

Let $X = (-\infty, \infty)$ be the metric space with usual topology. For $E \subset X$ we define $\gamma(E)$ as the number of elements of the set E if E is finite and $\gamma(E) =$ $= \infty$ if E is infinite. Let C be the system of all closed subsets of X, U be the system of all open subsets of X. Then evidently C and U fulfill the conditions V_1-V_7 . It is easy to show that $\gamma \in \mathscr{A}_1$. Clearly no finite subset is outer regular according to γ .

Theorem 5. Every absolutely measurable set E is outer regular with respect to each $\gamma \in \mathcal{A}_1$ such that there is $U \in U$, $U \supset E$ and $\gamma(U) < \infty$.

Proof. Let $E \in B_1$. Let $\gamma \in \mathcal{A}_1$ be such that there is $U \in U$, $U \supset E$, $\gamma(U) < < \infty$. For $A \in H(C)$ define

$$\gamma_0(A) = \gamma(A \cap U).$$

Clearly $\gamma_0 \in \mathscr{A}_2$. According to Theorem 2 the set *E* is regular according to γ_0 and hence also according to γ .

Theorem 6. Every absolutely measurable set is regular according to any outer measure $\gamma \in \mathcal{A}_1$ such that for any $C \in C$ there is a sequence of sets $U_n \in U, \gamma(U_n) < \infty$ $< \infty$ (n = 1, 2, ...) and $C \subset \bigcup U_n$.

Proof. Let $\gamma \in \mathscr{A}_1$ have the mentioned property. Let $E \in B_1$. Then there is an ascedent sequence of sets $U_n \in U$ such that $\gamma(U_n) < \infty$ (n = 1, 2, ...)and $E \subset \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n$. According to Theorem 4 and Theorem 5 the sets $E \cap U_n$ are regular according to γ for n = 1, 2, ... Clearly $E = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (E \cap U_n)$ and $\gamma(E) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \gamma(E \cap U_n)$. The regularity of the set E follows immediately from this fact.

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