

CHAPTER II

MEASURE THEORY

This chapter reviews known results on measure theory. The only new knowledge concerns quaternion measures. In this chapter X will denote a non empty set.

2.1 Definition An extended real valued set function μ defined on a set \mathcal{E} of subsets of X is finitely additive if, for every finite, disjoint set $\{E_1, \dots, E_n\}$ of sets in \mathcal{E} whose union is also in \mathcal{E} , we have

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(E_i).$$

2.2 Definition An extended real valued set function μ defined on a set \mathcal{E} of subsets of X is countably additive if, for every disjoint sequence $(E_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of sets in \mathcal{E} whose union is also in \mathcal{E} , we have

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i).$$

2.3 Definition A positive measure is an extended real valued, non negative, and countably additive set function μ , defined on a ring \mathcal{R} , and such that $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$. If $\mu(E) = 0$ for all $E \in \mathcal{R}$, then μ is called trivial.

2.4 Definition If μ is a positive measure on a ring \mathcal{R} , a set E in \mathcal{R} is said to have finite measure if $\mu(E) < \infty$; the measure of E is σ -finite if there exists a sequence

$(E_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of sets in \mathcal{R} such that

$$E \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \text{ and } \mu(E_n) < \infty, n=1,2,\dots$$

If the measure of every set E in \mathcal{R} is finite (or σ -finite), the measure of μ is called finite (or σ -finite) on \mathcal{R} .

If $X \in \mathcal{R}$ (i.e. if \mathcal{R} is an algebra and $\mu(X)$ is finite or σ -finite, then μ is called totally finite or totally σ -finite respectively. The positive measure μ is called complete if the conditions

$$E \in \mathcal{R}, F \subseteq E, \text{ and } \mu(E) = 0$$

imply that $F \in \mathcal{R}$.

2.5 Definition An extended real valued set function μ defined on a set \mathcal{C} of subsets of X is monotone if, whenever $E \in \mathcal{C}$, $F \in \mathcal{C}$, and $E \subseteq F$, then $\mu(E) \leq \mu(F)$.

2.6 Definition An extended real valued set function μ defined on a set \mathcal{C} of subsets of X is subtractive if, whenever $E \in \mathcal{C}$, $F \in \mathcal{C}$, $E \subseteq F$, $F \setminus E \in \mathcal{C}$, and $|\mu(E)| < \infty$, then

$$\mu(F \setminus E) = \mu(F) - \mu(E).$$

2.7 Theorem If μ is a positive measure on a ring \mathcal{R} , then μ is monotone and subtractive.

Proof [2] If $E \in \mathcal{R}$, $F \in \mathcal{R}$, and $E \subseteq F$, then $F \setminus E \in \mathcal{R}$ and $\mu(F) = \mu(E) + \mu(F \setminus E)$. The fact that μ is monotone follows now from the fact that it is positive; the fact that it is subtractive follows from the fact that $\mu(E)$, if it is finite, may be subtracted from both sides of the last written equation. #

2.8 Theorem If μ is a positive measure on a ring \mathcal{R} , if $E \in \mathcal{R}$, and if $(E_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence of sets in \mathcal{R} such that $E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i$, then

$$\mu(E) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i).$$

Proof [2] By Theorem 1.8, there exists a disjoint sequence $(F_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ in \mathcal{R} such that $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i$ and $F_i \subseteq E_i$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence $E = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (E \cap F_i)$ which is a disjoint union of sets in \mathcal{R} . Hence $\mu(E) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E \cap F_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(F_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i)$. #

2.8.1 Theorem If μ is a positive measure on a ring \mathcal{R} , $E \in \mathcal{R}$, and $(E_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a disjoint sequence of sets in \mathcal{R} such that $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \subseteq E$, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i) \leq \mu(E).$$

Proof [2] For each n , $\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i \in \mathcal{R}$, it follows that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \mu(E_i) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) \leq \mu(E).$$

Hence

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i) \leq \mu(E). \quad \#$$

2.9 Theorem If μ is a positive measure on a ring \mathcal{R} , and if $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an increasing sequence of sets in \mathcal{R} for which $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{R}$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right).$$

Proof [2] Put $B_1 = A_1$ and $B_n = A_n \setminus A_{n-1}$ for $n \geq 2$. Then $B_n \in \mathcal{R}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$ if $i \neq j$, and $A_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i$. Hence $\mu(A_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(B_i)$.

Thus $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(B_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(B_i) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i\right) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right)$. #

2.10 Theorem If μ is a positive measure on a ring \mathcal{R} , and if $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a decreasing sequence of sets in \mathcal{R} for which $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{R}$, and $\mu(A_1) < \infty$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) = \mu\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right).$$

Proof[2] Let $C_n = A_1 \setminus A_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $C_1 \subseteq C_2 \subseteq \dots$ and $C_i \in \mathcal{R}$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$, also for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\mu(C_n) = \mu(A_1) - \mu(A_n)$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(A_1) - \mu\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) &= \mu\left(A_1 \setminus \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) \\ &= \mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_1 \setminus A_n)\right) \\ &= \mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n\right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(C_n) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mu(A_1) - \mu(A_n)) \\ &= \mu(A_1) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\mu(A_1) < \infty$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) = \mu\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right). \quad \#$$

2.11 Definition An extended real valued set function μ^* on a set \mathcal{C} of subsets of X is finitely subadditive if, for every finite set $\{E_1, \dots, E_n\}$ of sets in \mathcal{C} whose union is also in \mathcal{C} , we have

$$\mu^*\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \mu^*(E_i).$$

2.12 Definition An extended real valued set function μ^* on set \mathcal{C} of subsets of X is countably subadditive if, for every sequence $(E_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ of sets in \mathcal{C} whose union is also in \mathcal{C} , we have

$$\mu^*\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(E_i).$$

2.13 Definition An outer measure is an extended real valued, non negative, monotone and countably subadditive set function μ^* , defined on a hereditary σ -ring \mathcal{H} , and such that $\mu^*(\emptyset) = 0$.

Observe that an outer measure is necessarily finitely subadditive.

2.14 Theorem If μ is a positive measure on a ring \mathcal{R} and if, for every E in $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R})$,

$$\mu^*(E) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n) \mid E_n \in \mathcal{R}, n=1,2,\dots, E \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \right\},$$

then μ^* is an extension of μ to an outer measure on $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R})$; if μ is σ -finite, then so is μ^* .

The outer measure μ^* is called the outer measure induced by the positive measure μ .

Proof[2] If $E \in \mathcal{R}$, then $E \subseteq E \cup \emptyset \cup \emptyset \cup \dots$ and therefore $\mu^*(E) \leq \mu(E) + \mu(\emptyset) + \mu(\emptyset) + \dots = \mu(E)$. On the other hand if $E \in \mathcal{R}$, $E_n \in \mathcal{R}$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $E \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$, then, by Theorem 2.8, $\mu(E) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n)$, so that $\mu(E) \leq \mu^*(E)$. This proves that μ^* is an extension of μ , i.e., that if $E \in \mathcal{R}$, then $\mu^*(E) = \mu(E)$; it follows in particular that $\mu^*(\emptyset) = 0$.

If $E \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R})$, $F \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R})$, $E \subseteq F$, and $(E_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence of sets in \mathcal{R} which covers F , then $(E_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ also covers E , and therefore $\mu^*(E) \leq \mu^*(F)$, so μ^* is monotone.

To prove that μ^* is countably subadditive, suppose that E and E_i are sets in $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R})$ such that $E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i$.

To prove this, let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given, and choose, for each $i = 1, 2, \dots$, a sequence $(E_{ij})_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ of sets in \mathcal{R} such that

$$E_i \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_{ij} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_{ij}) < \mu^*(E_i) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^i}.$$

Then, since the sets E_{ij} form a countable set of sets in \mathcal{R} which cover E ,

$$\mu^*(E) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_{ij}) < \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(E_i) + \varepsilon.$$

The arbitrariness of ε implies that

$$\mu^*(E) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(E_i).$$

Suppose, finally, that μ is σ -finite and let E be any set in $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R})$. Then by the definition of $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R})$, there exists a sequence $(E_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ of sets in \mathcal{R} such that $E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i$. Since μ is σ -finite, there exists, for each $i = 1, 2, \dots$, a sequence $(E_{ij})_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ of sets in \mathcal{R} such that

$$E_i \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_{ij} \quad \text{and} \quad \mu(E_{ij}) < \infty.$$

Consequently

$$E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_{ij} \quad \text{and} \quad \mu^*(E_{ij}) = \mu(E_{ij}) < \infty. \quad \#$$

2.15 Definition Let μ^* be an outer measure on a hereditary σ -ring \mathcal{H} . A set E in \mathcal{H} is μ^* -measurable if, for every set A in \mathcal{H} ,

$$\mu^*(A) = \mu^*(A \cap E) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c).$$

2.16 Theorem If μ^* is an outer measure on a hereditary σ -ring \mathcal{H} and if $\overline{\mathcal{H}}$ is the set of all μ^* -measurable sets, then $\overline{\mathcal{H}}$ is a ring.

Proof [2] If E and F are in $\overline{\mathcal{H}}$ and $A \in \mathcal{H}$, then

$$(1) \quad \mu^*(A) = \mu^*(A \cap E) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c),$$

$$(2) \quad \mu^*(A \cap E) = \mu^*(A \cap E \cap F) + \mu^*(A \cap E \cap F^c),$$

$$(3) \quad \mu^*(A \cap E^c) = \mu^*(A \cap E^c \cap F) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c \cap F^c).$$

Substituting (2) and (3) into (1) we obtain for all $A \in \mathcal{H}$

$$(4) \quad \mu^*(A) = \mu^*(A \cap E \cap F) + \mu^*(A \cap E \cap F^c) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c \cap F) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c \cap F^c).$$

If in equation (4) we replace A by $A \cap (E \cup F)$, the first three terms of the right hand side remain unaltered and the last term drops out; we get that

$$(5) \quad \mu^*(A \cap (E \cup F)) = \mu^*(A \cap E \cap F) + \mu^*(A \cap E \cap F^c) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c \cap F).$$

Since $E^c \cap F^c = (E \cup F)^c$, substituting (5) into (4) yields

$$(6) \quad \mu^*(A) = \mu^*(A \cap (E \cup F)) + \mu^*(A \cap (E \cup F)^c),$$

which proves that $E \cup F \in \bar{\mathcal{G}}$.

If, similarly, we replace A in equation (4) by $A \cap (E \setminus F)^c = A \cap (E^c \cup F)$, we get that

$$(7) \quad \mu^*(A \cap (E \setminus F)^c) = \mu^*(A \cap E \cap F) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c \cap F) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c \cap F^c).$$

Since $E \cap F^c = E \setminus F$, substituting (7) into (4) yields

$$(8) \quad \mu^*(A) = \mu^*(A \cap (E \setminus F)) + \mu^*(A \cap (E \setminus F)^c),$$

which proves that $E \setminus F \in \bar{\mathcal{G}}$. Since it is clear that $E = \emptyset$ satisfies (1), it follows that $\bar{\mathcal{G}}$ is a ring. #

Observe that if μ^* is an outer measure on a hereditary σ -ring \mathcal{H} and if a set E in \mathcal{H} is such that, for every A in \mathcal{H} ,

$$\mu^*(A) \geq \mu^*(A \cap E) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c),$$

then E is μ^* -measurable.

2.17 Theorem If μ^* is an outer measure on a hereditary σ -ring \mathcal{H} and if $\bar{\mathcal{G}}$ is the set of all μ^* -measurable sets, then $\bar{\mathcal{G}}$ is a σ -ring. If $A \in \mathcal{H}$ and if $(E_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a disjoint sequence of sets in $\bar{\mathcal{G}}$ with $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n = A$, then



$$\mu^*(A \cap E) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A \cap E_n).$$

Proof[2] Replacing E and F in (5) of Theorem 2.16 by E_1 and E_2 respectively, we see that for all $A \in \mathcal{H}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^*(A \cap (E_1 \cup E_2)) &= \mu^*(A \cap E_1 \cap E_2) + \mu^*(A \cap E_1 \cap E_2^c) + \mu^*(A \cap E_1^c \cap E_2) \\ &= \mu^*(A \cap E_1) + \mu^*(A \cap E_2), \end{aligned}$$

since $E_1 \cap E_2 = \emptyset$. It follows that by mathematical induction that

$$\mu^*(A \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i)) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu^*(A \cap E_i)$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If we write

$$F_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

then it follows from Theorem 2.16 that for all $A \in \mathcal{H}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^*(A) &= \mu^*(A \cap F_n) + \mu^*(A \cap F_n^c) \\ &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n \mu^*(A \cap E_i) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c). \end{aligned}$$

Since this is true for every n , we obtain for all $A \in \mathcal{H}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^*(A) &\geq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A \cap E_i) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c) \\ &\geq \mu^*(A \cap E) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c) \\ &\geq \mu^*(A), \end{aligned}$$

since $A = (A \cap E) \cup (A \cap E^c)$ and μ^* is finitely subadditive.

It follows that $E \in \overline{\mathcal{G}}$ (so that, by the way, $\overline{\mathcal{G}}$ is closed under the formation of disjoint countable unions), and also that for all $A \in \mathcal{H}$

$$(1) \quad \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A \cap E_i) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c) = \mu^*(A \cap E) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c).$$

Replacing A by $A \cap E$ in (1), we obtain the second assertion

of the theorem. (Since $\mu^*(A \cap E^c)$ may be infinite, it is not permissible simply to subtract it from both sides of

(1).) Since every countable union of sets in a ring \mathcal{R} may be written as a disjoint countable union of sets in the ring,

we see also that $\bar{\mathcal{G}}$ is a σ -ring. #

2.18 Corollary If μ^* is an outer measure on a hereditary σ -ring \mathcal{H} and if $\bar{\mathcal{G}}$ is the set of all μ^* -measurable sets and if $(E_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a disjoint sequence of sets in $\bar{\mathcal{G}}$, then

$$\mu^*\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(E_n).$$

Proof It follows from Theorem 2.17 by replacing A by $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$. #

2.19 Theorem If μ^* is an outer measure on a hereditary σ -ring \mathcal{H} and if $\bar{\mathcal{G}}$ is the set of all μ^* -measurable sets, then every set of outer measure zero belongs to $\bar{\mathcal{G}}$ and the set function $\bar{\mu}$, defined for E in $\bar{\mathcal{G}}$ by $\bar{\mu}(E) = \mu^*(E)$, is a complete measure on $\bar{\mathcal{G}}$.

Note that the measure $\bar{\mu}$ is called the measure induced by the outer measure μ^* .

Proof [2] If $E \in \mathcal{H}$ and $\mu^*(E) = 0$, then, for every A in \mathcal{H} , we have

$$\mu^*(A) = \mu^*(E) + \mu^*(A) \geq \mu^*(A \cap E) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c),$$

so that indeed $E \in \bar{\mathcal{G}}$. By Corollary 2.18 $\bar{\mu}$ is countably additive on $\bar{\mathcal{G}}$, hence $\bar{\mu}$ is a positive measure on $\bar{\mathcal{G}}$. If

$$E \in \bar{\mathcal{G}}, F \subseteq E, \text{ and } \bar{\mu}(E) = \mu^*(E) = 0,$$

then $\mu^*(F) = 0$, so that $F \in \bar{\mathcal{G}}$, which proves that $\bar{\mu}$ is complete. #

Next, from Theorem 2.20 to Theorem 2.25, we assume that μ is a positive measure on a ring \mathcal{R} , μ^* is the

induced outer measure on $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R})$, and $\bar{\mu}$ is the positive measure induced by μ^* on the σ -ring $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$ of all μ^* -measurable sets.

2.20 Theorem Every set in $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$ is μ^* -measurable.

Proof [2] If $E \in \mathcal{R}$, $A \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R})$, and $\varepsilon > 0$, then, by the definition of μ^* , there exists a sequence $(E_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of sets in \mathcal{R} such that $A \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$ and

$$\mu^*(A) + \varepsilon \geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n).$$

By the addition of μ on \mathcal{R} we have

$$\mu(E_n) = \mu(E_n \cap E) + \mu(E_n \cap E^c),$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^*(A) + \varepsilon &\geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\mu(E_n \cap E) + \mu(E_n \cap E^c)) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n \cap E) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n \cap E^c) \\ &\geq \mu^*(A \cap E) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c), \end{aligned}$$

since

$$A \cap E \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (E_n \cap E)$$

and

$$A \cap E^c \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (E_n \cap E^c).$$

Since this is true for every ε , it follows that E is μ^* -measurable. In other words, we have proved that $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \bar{\mathcal{Y}}$; it follows from the fact $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$ is a σ -ring that $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R}) \subseteq \bar{\mathcal{Y}}$. #

2.21 Theorem If $E \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R})$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^*(E) &= \inf\{\bar{\mu}(F) / E \subseteq F \in \bar{\mathcal{Y}}\} \\ &= \inf\{\bar{\mu}(F) / E \subseteq F \in \mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})\}. \end{aligned}$$

Equivalent to the statement of Theorem 2.21 is the assertion that the outer measure induced by $\bar{\mu}$ on $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$ and the outer

measure induced by $\bar{\mu}$ on $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$ both coincide with μ^* .

Proof[2] Since, for F in \mathcal{R} , $\mu(F) = \bar{\mu}(F)$ (by the definition of $\bar{\mu}$ and Theorem 2.14), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^*(E) &= \inf \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n) / E \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n, E_n \in \mathcal{R}, n=1,2,\dots \right\} \\ &\geq \inf \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{\mu}(E_n) / E \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n, E_n \in \mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R}), n=1,2,\dots \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since every sequence $(E_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of sets in $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$ for which

$$E \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n = F$$

may be replaced by a disjoint sequence with the same property, without increasing the sum of the measures of the terms of the sequence, and since, by the definition of $\bar{\mu}$, $\bar{\mu}(F) = \mu^*(F)$ for F in $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^*(E) &\geq \inf \{ \bar{\mu}(F) / E \subseteq F \in \mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R}) \} \\ &\geq \inf \{ \bar{\mu}(F) / E \subseteq F \in \bar{\mathcal{Y}} \} \\ &\geq \mu^*(E). \quad \# \end{aligned}$$

2.22 Definition If $E \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R})$ and $F \in \mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$, we shall say that F is measurable cover of E if $E \subseteq F$ and if, for every set G in $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$ for which $G \subseteq F - E$, we have $\bar{\mu}(G) = 0$.

2.23 Theorem If a set E in $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R})$ is of finite outer measure, then there exists a set F in $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$ such that $\mu^*(E) = \bar{\mu}(F)$ and such that F is a measurable cover of E .

Proof[2] It follows from Theorem 2.21 that, for every $n = 1, 2, \dots$, there exists a set F_n in $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$ such that

$$E \subseteq F_n \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\mu}(F_n) < \mu^*(E) + \frac{1}{n}.$$

If we write $F = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n$, then

$$E \subseteq F \in \mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R}) \quad \text{and} \quad \mu^*(E) \leq \bar{\mu}(F) \leq \bar{\mu}(F_n) < \mu^*(E) + \frac{1}{n}.$$

Since n is arbitrary, it follows that $\mu^*(E) = \bar{\mu}(F)$.

If $G \in \mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$ and $G \subseteq F \setminus E$, then $E \subseteq F \setminus G$ and therefore

$$\bar{\mu}(F) = \mu^*(E) \leq \mu^*(F \setminus G) = \bar{\mu}(F \setminus G) = \bar{\mu}(F) - \bar{\mu}(G) \leq \bar{\mu}(F);$$

the fact that F is a measurable cover E follows from the finiteness of $\bar{\mu}(F)$. #

2,24 Theorem If $E \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R})$ and F is a measurable cover of E , then $\mu^*(E) = \bar{\mu}(F)$; if both F_1 and F_2 are measurable covers of E , then $\bar{\mu}(F_1 \Delta F_2) = 0$.

Proof[2] Since the relation $E \subseteq F_1 \cap F_2 \subseteq F_1$ implies that $F_1 \setminus (F_1 \cap F_2) \subseteq F_1 \setminus E$, it follows from the fact that F_1 is a measurable cover of E that

$$\bar{\mu}(F_1 \setminus (F_1 \cap F_2)) = 0.$$

Similarly

$$\bar{\mu}(F_2 \setminus (F_1 \cap F_2)) = 0.$$

Hence

$$\bar{\mu}(F_1 \setminus F_2) = \bar{\mu}(F_2 \setminus F_1) = 0,$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mu}(F_1 \Delta F_2) &= \bar{\mu}((F_1 \setminus F_2) \cup (F_2 \setminus F_1)) \\ &= \bar{\mu}(F_1 \setminus F_2) + \bar{\mu}(F_2 \setminus F_1) \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

also

$$\bar{\mu}(F_1 \setminus F_2) + \bar{\mu}(F_1 \cap F_2) = \bar{\mu}(F_2 \setminus F_1) + \bar{\mu}(F_1 \cap F_2),$$

that is

$$\bar{\mu}(F_1) = \bar{\mu}(F_2).$$

If $\mu^*(E) = \infty$, then the relation $\mu^*(E) = \bar{\mu}(F)$

is trivial; if $\mu^*(E) < \infty$, then it follows from Theorem 2.23 that there exists a measurable cover F_0 of E with

$$\bar{\mu}(F_0) = \mu^*(E).$$

By the preceding paragraph, we have that every two measurable covers have the same measure, hence

$$\bar{\mu}(F) = \mu^*(E). \#$$

2.25 Theorem If μ on \mathcal{R} is σ -finite, then so are the measures $\bar{\mu}$ on $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$ and $\bar{\mu}$ on $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$.

Proof[2] According to Theorem 2.14, if μ is σ -finite, then so is μ^* . Hence for every E in $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$ there exists a sequence $(E_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ of sets in $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R})$ such that

$$E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i, \mu^*(E_i) < \infty, i = 1, 2, \dots.$$

By Theorem 2.23, there exists, for each $i = 1, 2, \dots$, a set F_i in $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$ such that $\mu^*(E_i) = \bar{\mu}(F_i)$ and $E_i \subseteq F_i$. Then

$$E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i, \mu^*(E_i) = \bar{\mu}(F_i) < \infty, i = 1, 2, \dots. \#$$

2.26 Theorem (Carathéodory) If μ is a σ -finite positive measure on a ring \mathcal{R} , then there is a unique positive measure $\bar{\mu}$ on the σ -ring $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$ such that, for E in \mathcal{R} , $\bar{\mu}(E) = \mu(E)$; the measure $\bar{\mu}$ is σ -finite.

The measure $\bar{\mu}$ is called the extension of μ ; except when it is likely to lead to confusion, we shall write $\mu(E)$ instead of $\bar{\mu}(E)$ even for sets E in $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$.

Proof[2] The existence of $\bar{\mu}$ (even without the restriction of σ -finiteness) is proved by Theorem 2.19 and Theorem 2.20. If μ is σ -finite on \mathcal{R} , then, by

Theorem 2.25 μ is σ -finite on $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$.

To prove uniqueness, suppose that μ_1 and μ_2 are two positive measures on $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$ such that $\mu_1(E) = \mu_2(E)$ whenever $E \in \mathcal{R}$. Let A be any fixed set in \mathcal{R} such that $\mu_1(A) < \infty$, so $\mu_2(A) < \infty$. Since \mathcal{R} is a ring, $\mathcal{R} \cap A$ is a ring. By Theorem 1.16, we have $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R}) \cap A = \mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R} \cap A)$. Put

$$\mathcal{M} = \{E \in \mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R}) \cap A \mid \mu_1(E) = \mu_2(E)\}.$$

If $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an increasing sequence of sets in $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R}) \cap A$, then, by Theorem 2.9 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_1(A_n) = \mu_1(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n)$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_2(A_n) = \mu_2(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n)$. But $\mu_1(A_n) = \mu_2(A_n)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, so we have $\mu_1(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) = \mu_2(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n)$, that is $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{M}$.

If $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a decreasing sequence of sets in $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R}) \cap A$, then, by Theorem 2.10 we get that $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{M}$. Hence \mathcal{M} is a monotone class. Since \mathcal{M} contains $\mathcal{R} \cap A$, it follows from Theorem 1.22 that \mathcal{M} contains $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R} \cap A)$, i.e., \mathcal{M} contains $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R}) \cap A$ and so $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R}) \cap A$. Now let $E \in \mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$. By Theorem 1.12, we have $E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i$ with $E_i \in \mathcal{R}$. Without loss of generality, we assume $\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i$ is a disjoint union. Since μ is σ -finite on \mathcal{R} , there exists, for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, a sequence $(E_{ij})_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ of sets in \mathcal{R} such that

$$E_i \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_{ij} \text{ and } \mu(E_{ij}) < \infty.$$

Assume without loss of generality that $\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_{ij}$ is a disjoint union, then for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, $E_i = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} (E_i \cap E_{ij})$ is a disjoint union and $\mu(E_i \cap E_{ij}) < \infty$. Let $F_{ij} = E_i \cap E_{ij}$, so $F_{ij} \in \mathcal{R}$ and $\mu(F_{ij}) < \infty$. Then $E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} F_{ij}$ which is a disjoint union, so $E = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} (E \cap F_{ij})$ is a disjoint union.

Since μ_1 and μ_2 are positive measures on $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$, we have

$$\mu_1(E) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu_1(E \cap F_{ij}) \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_2(E) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu_2(E \cap F_{ij}).$$

Since for all $A \in \mathcal{R} \exists \mu(A) < \infty$ $\mu_1(E) = \mu_2(E)$ for all $E \in \mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R}) \cap A$, hence $\mu_1(E \cap F_{ij}) = \mu_2(E \cap F_{ij})$. Therefore $\mu_1(E) = \mu_2(E)$. #

2.27 Theorem If μ is a positive measure on a σ -ring \mathcal{Y} , then the set $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$ of all sets of the form $E \Delta N$, where $E \in \mathcal{Y}$ and N is a subset of set of measure zero in \mathcal{Y} , is a σ -ring, and the set function $\bar{\mu}$ defined by $\bar{\mu}(E \Delta N) = \mu(E)$ is a complete positive measure on $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$.

Proof[2] If $E \in \mathcal{Y}$, $N \subseteq A \in \mathcal{Y}$, and $\mu(A) = 0$, then the relations

$$E \cup N = (E \setminus A) \Delta [A \cap (E \cup N)]$$

and

$$E \Delta N = (E \setminus A) \cup [A \cap (E \Delta N)]$$

shows that the set $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$ may also be described as the set of all sets of the form $E \cup N$, where $E \in \mathcal{Y}$ and N is a subset of a set of measure zero in \mathcal{Y} . So, clearly, $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$ is closed under the formation of countable unions. Claim that $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$ is closed under the formation of symmetric differences, let $E_1, E_2 \in \mathcal{Y}$ and N_1, N_2 are subsets of $A \in \mathcal{Y}$ with $\mu(A) = 0$. Then $E_1 \cup N_1$ and $E_2 \cup N_2$ belong to $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$. Subclaim that

$$(E_1 \cup N_1) \Delta (E_2 \cup N_2) = (E_1 \setminus (A \cup E_2)) \cup (E_2 \setminus (A \cup E_1)) \cup [A \cap ((E_1 \cup N_1) \Delta (E_2 \cup N_2))].$$

let $x \in (E_1 \cup N_1) \Delta (E_2 \cup N_2) = [(E_1 \cup N_1) \setminus (E_2 \cup N_2)] \cup [(E_2 \cup N_2) \setminus (E_1 \cup N_1)]$.

If $x \in (E_1 \cup N_1) \setminus (E_2 \cup N_2)$, then $x \in E_1 \cup N_1$ and $x \notin E_2 \cup N_2$, if $x \in A$, so $x \in [A \cap ((E_1 \cup N_1) \Delta (E_2 \cup N_2))]$, if $x \notin A$, so $x \notin N_1$, hence $x \in E_1$ which implies that $x \in (E_1 \setminus (A \cup E_2))$, therefore

$$\begin{aligned} [(E_1 \cup N_1) \setminus (E_2 \cup N_2)] &\subseteq (E_1 \setminus (A \cup E_2)) \cup [A \cap ((E_1 \cup N_1) \Delta (E_2 \cup N_2))] \\ &\subseteq (E_1 \setminus (A \cup E_2)) \cup (E_2 \setminus (A \cup E_1)) \cup [A \cap ((E_1 \cup N_1) \Delta \\ &\quad (E_2 \cup N_2))]. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$[(E_2 \cup N_1) \setminus (E_1 \cup N_2)] \subseteq (E_1 \setminus (A \cup E_2)) \cup (E_2 \setminus (A \cup E_1)) \cup [A \cap ((E_1 \cup N_1) \Delta (E_2 \cup N_2))],$$

so

$$[(E_1 \cup N_1) \Delta (E_2 \cup N_2)] \subseteq (E_1 \setminus (A \cup E_2)) \cup (E_2 \setminus (A \cup E_1)) \cup [A \cap ((E_1 \cup N_1) \Delta (E_2 \cup N_2))].$$

Next, let $x \in (E_1 \setminus (A \cup E_2)) \cup (E_2 \setminus (A \cup E_1)) \cup [A \cap ((E_1 \cup N_1) \Delta (E_2 \cup N_2))]$. If $x \in (E_1 \setminus (A \cup E_2))$, so $x \notin E_2$ and $x \notin N_2$, hence $x \in ((E_1 \cup N_1) \setminus (E_2 \cup N_2))$. Similarly, if $x \in (E_2 \setminus (A \cup E_1))$, then $x \in ((E_2 \cup N_2) \setminus (E_1 \cup N_1))$. Therefore

$$(E_1 \setminus (A \cup E_2)) \cup (E_2 \setminus (A \cup E_1)) \cup [A \cap ((E_1 \cup N_1) \Delta (E_2 \cup N_2))] \subseteq [(E_1 \cup N_1) \Delta (E_2 \cup N_2)].$$

So we have subclaim. It follows that we have the claim.

By Remark 1.7.6, we have $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$ is a ring. But $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$ is closed under the formation of countable unions, that is, $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$ is a σ -ring.

If

$$E_1 \Delta N_1 = E_2 \Delta N_2$$

where $E_i \in \mathcal{Y}$ and N_i is a subset of a set of measure zero in \mathcal{Y} , $i = 1, 2$, then we claim that

$$E_1 \Delta E_2 = N_1 \Delta N_2.$$

Let $x \in E_1 \Delta E_2 = (E_1 \setminus E_2) \cup (E_2 \setminus E_1)$. If $x \in E_1 \setminus E_2$, then $x \in E_1$ and $x \notin E_2$; if $x \in N_1$, then by $E_1 \Delta N_1 = E_2 \Delta N_2$ we get $x \notin N_2$, so $x \in N_1 \setminus N_2 \subseteq N_1 \Delta N_2$; if $x \notin N_1$, then by $E_1 \Delta N_1 = E_2 \Delta N_2$ we get $x \in N_2$, so $x \in N_2 \setminus N_1 \subseteq N_1 \Delta N_2$; hence $E_1 \setminus E_2 \subseteq N_1 \Delta N_2$. Similarly, $E_2 \setminus E_1 \subseteq N_1 \Delta N_2$, so $E_1 \Delta E_2 \subseteq N_1 \Delta N_2$. Similarly, we have $N_1 \Delta N_2 \subseteq E_1 \Delta E_2$. Therefore $E_1 \Delta E_2 = N_1 \Delta N_2$. Since $\mu(N_1 \Delta N_2) = 0$, $\mu(E_1 \Delta E_2) = 0$. It follows that $\mu(E_1) = \mu(E_2)$, and hence that $\bar{\mu}$ as defined by the relations

$$\bar{\mu}(E \Delta N) = \mu(E)$$

is well-defined, also $\bar{\mu}(E \cup N) = \bar{\mu}((E \setminus A) \Delta [A \cap (E \cup N)]) = \mu(E \setminus A) = \mu(E \cap A) + \mu(E \setminus A) = \mu(E)$ whenever $E \in \mathcal{Y}$ and $N \subseteq A \in \mathcal{Y}$ with $\mu(A) = 0$, therefore

$$\bar{\mu}(E \Delta N) = \bar{\mu}(E \cup N) = \mu(E).$$

Using the union (instead of the symmetric difference) representation of sets in $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$, it is easy to verify that $\bar{\mu}$ is a positive measure. Finally we shall show that $\bar{\mu}$ is complete. To prove this, let $E \in \mathcal{Y}$, $N \subseteq A \in \mathcal{Y}$ with $\mu(A) = 0$ such that $\bar{\mu}(E \cup N) = 0$. Then $\bar{\mu}(E \cup N) = \mu(E) = 0$. Since $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$ contains all subsets of sets of measure zero in \mathcal{Y} , we have every subset of $E \cup N$ belongs to $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$. This shows that $\bar{\mu}$ is complete. #

Remark: It is easy to see that the measure $\bar{\mu}$ on $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$ having the property that $\bar{\mu}(N) = 0$ for all $N \subseteq A \in \mathcal{Y}$ where $\mu(A) = 0$ is unique.

Let μ be a positive measure on a σ -ring \mathcal{Y} . Let $\bar{\mathcal{Y}} = \{E \cup N / E \in \mathcal{Y} \text{ and } N \subseteq A \in \mathcal{Y} \text{ where } \mu(A) = 0\}$. Then Theorem 2.27 shows that $\exists!$ complete positive measure $\bar{\mu}$

on $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$ extending μ . $\bar{\mu}$ is called the completion of μ .

2.28 Theorem If μ is a σ -finite positive measure on a ring \mathcal{R} , and if μ^* is the outer measure induced by μ , then the completion of the extension of μ to $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$ is identical with μ^* on the set of all μ^* -measurable sets.

Proof[2] Let us denote the set of all μ^* -measurable sets by \mathcal{Y}^* and the domain of the completion $\bar{\mu}$ of μ by $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$, that is $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$ is the set of all sets of the form $E \Delta N$, where $E \in \mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$ and N is a subset of a set of measure zero in $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$. Since μ^* on \mathcal{Y}^* is a complete measure and from the proof of Theorem 2.27 it follows that $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$ is contained in \mathcal{Y}^* and that $\bar{\mu}$ and μ^* coincide on $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$. All that we have left to prove is that \mathcal{Y}^* is contained in $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$. Claim that if $E_0 \in \mathcal{Y}^*$ and $\mu^*(E_0) < \infty$, then $E_0 \in \bar{\mathcal{Y}}$. By Theorem 2.23 there exists a set F in $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$ such that $\mu^*(E_0) = \mu^*(F)$ and such that F is a measurable cover of E_0 . It follows from the finiteness of $\mu^*(E_0)$, and the fact that μ^* is a positive measure on \mathcal{Y}^* , that $\mu^*(F \setminus E_0) = 0$. By Theorem 2.23 again, there exists a set G in $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$ such that G is a measurable cover of $F \setminus E_0$ and

$$\mu^*(G) = \mu^*(F \setminus E_0) = 0.$$

The relation

$$E_0 = (F \setminus G) \cup (E_0 \cap G)$$

exhibits E_0 as a union of a set in $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$ and a set which is a subset of a set of measure zero in $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$. This shows that $E_0 \in \bar{\mathcal{Y}}$, and thus we have the claim. Now let $E \in \mathcal{Y}^*$.

Since μ is a σ -finite positive measure on a ring \mathcal{R} , by

Theorem 2.25, we have μ^* on \mathcal{Y}^* is δ -finite. Then there exists a sequence $(E_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ of sets in \mathcal{Y}^* such that

$$E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \text{ and } \mu^*(E_i) < \infty, i = 1, 2, \dots.$$

Without loss of generality we assume $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i$ is a disjoint union. Then $E = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (E \cap E_i)$ is a disjoint union and

$\mu^*(E \cap E_i) < \infty, i = 1, 2, \dots$. Hence $E \cap E_i \in \bar{\mathcal{Y}}$, therefore $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (E \cap E_i) \in \bar{\mathcal{Y}}$, i.e., $E \in \bar{\mathcal{Y}}$. This proves that \mathcal{Y}^* is contained in $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$, and thus completes the proof of theorem. #

2.29 Theorem If μ is a δ -finite positive measure on a ring \mathcal{R} , then, for every set E of finite measure in $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$ and for every positive number ε , there exists a set E_0 in \mathcal{R} such that $\mu(E \Delta E_0) \leq \varepsilon$.

Proof [2] By the definition of μ^* ,

$$\mu^*(E) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i) \mid E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i, E_i \in \mathcal{R}, i = 1, 2, \dots \right\}.$$

We have μ^* on the set of all μ^* -measurable sets is a complete measure, and $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$ is a subset of the set of all μ^* -measurable sets, and by Theorem 2.26 we have that there is a unique positive measure $\bar{\mu}$ on $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$ such that, for E in \mathcal{R} , $\bar{\mu}(E) = \mu(E)$, we shall write μ instead of $\bar{\mu}$.

Since $E \in \mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{R})$, we have $\mu^*(E) = \mu(E)$. Then there exists a sequence $(E_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ of sets in \mathcal{R} such that

$$E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \text{ and } \mu \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \right) \leq \mu(E) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < \infty \quad (\because \mu(E) < \infty).$$

Since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i \right) = \mu \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \right),$$

there exists a positive integer n such that if

$$E_0 = \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i,$$

then

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) - \mu(E_0) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Clearly $E_0 \in \mathcal{R}$. Since

$$\mu(E \setminus E_0) \leq \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \setminus E_0\right) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) - \mu(E_0) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

and

$$\mu(E_0 \setminus E) \leq \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \setminus E\right) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) - \mu(E) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2},$$

then

$$\mu(E \Delta E_0) = \mu(E \setminus E_0) + \mu(E_0 \setminus E) \leq \varepsilon. \quad \#$$

We have seen that if μ is a positive measure on a σ -ring \mathcal{Y} , then the set function μ^* (defined for every E in the hereditary σ -ring $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{Y})$) by

$$\mu^*(E) = \inf\{\mu(F) / E \subseteq F \in \mathcal{Y}\}$$

is an outer measure. Now we shall define the inner measure.

2.30 Definition We define the inner measure μ_* induced by μ ; for every E in $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{Y})$ we write

$$\mu_*(E) = \sup\{\mu(F) / E \supseteq F \in \mathcal{Y}\}.$$

Then μ_* is non negative, monotone, and such that $\mu_*(\emptyset) = 0$.

Now from Theorem 2.31 to Theorem 2.39 we assume that μ is a finite positive measure on a σ -ring \mathcal{Y} , μ^* and μ_* are the outer measure and the inner measure induced by μ , respectively, and $\bar{\mu}$ on $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$ is the completion of μ .

We recall that $\bar{\mu}$ on $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$ coincides with μ^* on the set of all μ^* -measurable sets (by Theorem 2.28).

2.31 Theorem If $E \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{Y})$, then

$$\mu_*(E) = \sup\{\bar{\mu}(F) / E \supseteq F \in \bar{\mathcal{Y}}\}.$$

Proof[2] Since $\mathcal{Y} \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{Y}}$, it is clear from the definition of μ_* that

$$\mu_*(E) \leq \sup\{\bar{\mu}(F) / E \supseteq F \in \overline{\mathcal{Y}}\}.$$

By the proof of Theorem 2.27 implies that, for every F in $\overline{\mathcal{Y}}$, there is a G in \mathcal{Y} with $G \subseteq F$ and $\bar{\mu}(F) = \mu(G)$. Then we have that

$$\{\bar{\mu}(F) / E \supseteq F \in \overline{\mathcal{Y}}\} \subseteq \{\mu(G) / E \supseteq G \in \mathcal{Y}\},$$

the proof of the theorem is complete. #

2.32 Definition If $E \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{Y})$ and $F \in \mathcal{Y}$, we shall say that F is a measurable kernel of E if $F \subseteq E$ and if, for every set G in \mathcal{Y} for which $G \subseteq E \setminus F$, we have $\mu(G) = 0$.

2.33 Theorem Every set E in $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{Y})$ has a measurable kernel.

Proof[2] By Theorem 2.23, let \hat{E} be a measurable cover of E , let N be a measurable cover of $\hat{E} \setminus E$, and write $F = \hat{E} \setminus N$. We have

$$F = \hat{E} \setminus N \subseteq \hat{E} \setminus (\hat{E} \setminus E) = E,$$

and, if G is in \mathcal{Y} such that $G \subseteq E \setminus F$, then

$$G \subseteq E \setminus (\hat{E} \setminus N) = E \cap N \subseteq N \setminus (\hat{E} \setminus E).$$

Since N is a measurable cover of $\hat{E} \setminus E$, $\mu(G) = 0$. Hence F is a measurable kernel of E . #

2.34 Theorem If $E \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{Y})$ and F is a measurable kernel of E , then $\mu(F) = \mu_*(E)$; if both F_1 and F_2 are measurable kernels of E , then $\mu(F_1 \Delta F_2) = 0$.

Proof[2] Since $F \subseteq E$, it is clear that $\mu(F) \leq \mu_*(E)$.

If $\mu(F) < \mu_*(E)$, by the definition of $\mu_*(E)$, there exists a set F_0 in \mathcal{Y} such that $F_0 \subseteq E$ and $\mu(F_0) > \mu(F)$. Since

$$F_0 = (F_0 \cap F) \cup (F_0 \setminus F),$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(F_0) &= \mu(F_0 \cap F) + \mu(F_0 \setminus F) \\ &\leq \mu(F) + \mu(F_0 \setminus F). \end{aligned}$$

Since μ is finite, $\mu(F_0) - \mu(F) \leq \mu(F_0 \setminus F)$. We have

$$F_0 \setminus F \subseteq E \setminus F \text{ and } \mu(F_0 \setminus F) \geq \mu(F_0) - \mu(F) > 0,$$

which contradicts the fact that F is a measurable kernel of E .

Hence $\mu(F) \geq \mu_*(E)$, and thus $\mu(F) = \mu_*(E)$.

Since the relation $F_1 \subseteq F_1 \cup F_2 \subseteq E$ implies that $(F_1 \cup F_2) \setminus F_1 \subseteq E \setminus F_1$, it follows from the fact that F_1 is a measurable kernel of E that

$$\mu((F_1 \cup F_2) \setminus F_1) = 0.$$

But $(F_1 \cup F_2) \setminus F_1 = F_2 \setminus F_1$, so $\mu(F_2 \setminus F_1) = 0$. Similarly we have

$$\mu(F_1 \setminus F_2) = 0.$$

Therefore

$$\mu(F_1 \Delta F_2) = 0. \#$$

2.35 Theorem If $(E_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a disjoint sequence of sets in $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{Y})$, then

$$\mu_*\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right) \geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_*(E_n).$$

Proof[2] For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let F_n be a measurable kernel of E_n . Then $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$ and $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n$ is a disjoint union.

Since μ is a positive measure and by Theorem 2.34, it follows

that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_*(E_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(F_n) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n\right) \leq \mu_*\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right). \quad \#$$

2.36 Theorem If $A \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{Y})$ and if $(E_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a disjoint sequence of sets in $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}$ with $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n = E$, then

$$\mu_*(A \cap E) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_*(A \cap E_n).$$

Proof[2] If F is a measurable kernel of $A \cap E$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_*(A \cap E) &= \mu(F). \text{ Since } F \subseteq A \cap E = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (A \cap E_n), \\ F &= \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (F \cap A \cap E_n) \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (F \cap E_n), \text{ hence } \mu(F) = \bar{\mu}(F) \leq \\ \bar{\mu}\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (F \cap E_n)\right) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{\mu}(F \cap E_n) \text{ (since } (F \cap E_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ disjoint)} \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_*(A \cap E_n) \text{ (by Theorem 2.31 and } A \cap E_n \supseteq F \cap E_n). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\mu_*(A \cap E) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_*(A \cap E_n)$. By Theorem 2.35, the proof of the theorem is complete. #

2.37 Theorem If $E \in \bar{\mathcal{Y}}$, then

$$\mu^*(E) = \mu_*(E) = \bar{\mu}(E),$$

and, conversely, if $E \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{Y})$ and

$$\mu^*(E) = \mu_*(E) < \infty,$$

then $E \in \bar{\mathcal{Y}}$.

Proof[2] If $E \in \bar{\mathcal{Y}}$, then both Theorem 2.21 and Theorem 2.31 we have $\mu^*(E) = \bar{\mu}(E) = \mu_*(E)$. To prove the converse, let A be a measurable kernel of E , so $A \in \mathcal{Y}$ and $\mu(A) = \mu_*(E) < \infty$. Since $\mu^*(E) < \infty$, by Theorem 2.23, then there exists a set B in \mathcal{Y} such that $\mu^*(E) = \mu(B)$ and $E \subseteq B$. Thus $A \subseteq E \subseteq B$, we have

$$\mu(B \setminus A) = \mu(B) - \mu(A) = \mu^*(E) - \mu_*(E) = 0.$$

Since $E = A \cup (E \setminus A)$ and $E \setminus A \subseteq B \setminus A$ with $\mu(B \setminus A) = 0$, by the proof of Theorem 2.27, we have $E \in \bar{\mathcal{Y}}$. #

2.38 Theorem If E and F are disjoint sets in $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{Y})$, then

$$\mu_*(E \cup F) \leq \mu_*(E) + \mu^*(F) \leq \mu^*(E \cup F).$$

Proof[2] By Theorem 2.23, there exists a set A in \mathcal{Y} such that $\mu^*(F) = \mu(A)$ and A is a measurable cover of F . By Theorem 2.33, let B be a measurable kernel of $E \cup F$, so $B \in \mathcal{Y}$ and $\mu(B) = \mu_*(E \cup F)$. Since $F \subseteq A$ and $B \subseteq E \cup F$, $B \setminus A \subseteq E$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_*(E \cup F) = \mu(B) &\leq \mu(B \setminus A) + \mu(A) \quad (\text{since } B \subseteq (B \setminus A) \cup A) \\ &\leq \mu_*(E) + \mu^*(F). \end{aligned}$$

Dually, let A be a measurable kernel of E , so $A \in \mathcal{Y}$ and $\mu_*(A) = \mu(E)$; let B be a measurable cover of $E \cup F$, $B \in \mathcal{Y}$ and $\mu^*(E \cup F) = \mu(B)$. Since $A \subseteq E$ and $E \cup F \subseteq B$, $F \subseteq B \setminus A$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^*(E \cup F) = \mu(B) &= \mu(A) + \mu(B \setminus A) \quad (\text{since } A \subseteq B) \\ &\geq \mu_*(E) + \mu^*(F). \quad \# \end{aligned}$$

2.39 Theorem If $E \in \bar{\mathcal{Y}}$, then, for every subset A of X ,

$$\mu_*(A \cap E) + \mu^*(A^c \cap E) = \bar{\mu}(E).$$

Proof[2] Applying Theorem 2.38 to $A \cap E$ and $A^c \cap E$, we obtain

$$\mu_*(E) \leq \mu_*(A \cap E) + \mu^*(A^c \cap E) \leq \mu^*(E).$$

Since $E \in \bar{\mathcal{Y}}$, we have, by Theorem 2.37, $\mu_*(E) = \mu^*(E) = \bar{\mu}(E)$. #

2.40 Definition Let \mathcal{M} be a σ -algebra of subsets of X and $E \in \mathcal{M}$. $(E_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in \mathcal{M} is called a partition of E if $E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset$ whenever $i \neq j$, and if $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n = E$.

2.41 Definition A quaternion measure on a σ -algebra \mathcal{M} is a quaternion function on \mathcal{M} such that

$$\mu(E) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n) \quad (E \in \mathcal{M})$$

for every partition $(E_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of E .

2.42 Definition We define a set function $|\mu|$ on a σ -algebra \mathcal{M} by

$$|\mu|(E) = \sup \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\mu(E_n)| \right\} \quad (E \in \mathcal{M}),$$

the supremum being taken over all partitions $(E_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of E .

The set function $|\mu|$ is called the total variation of a quaternion measure μ or the total variation quaternion measure. Note that $|\mu|(E) \geq |\mu(E)|$ for all $E \in \mathcal{M}$.

If μ is a positive measure on a σ -algebra \mathcal{M} , then $\mu = |\mu|$.

If μ is a quaternion measure on a σ -algebra \mathcal{M} and λ is a positive measure on \mathcal{M} such that $\lambda(E) \geq |\mu(E)|$ for all $E \in \mathcal{M}$, then $\lambda(E) \geq |\mu|(E)$ for all $E \in \mathcal{M}$. To prove this, let $(E_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a partition of E . Then $\lambda(E) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda(E_n) \geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\mu(E_n)|$. Since $(E_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an arbitrary partition of E , then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(E) &\geq \sup \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\mu(E_n)| \mid (E_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ is a partition of } E \right\} \\ &= |\mu|(E). \end{aligned}$$

2.43 Theorem Let μ be a quaternion measure on a σ -algebra \mathcal{M} . Then

(a) $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$.

(b) If A_1, \dots, A_n are pairwise disjoint members of \mathcal{M} , then $\mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(A_i)$.

(c) For $A, B \in \mathcal{M}$, $A \subseteq B \rightarrow \mu(B \setminus A) = \mu(B) - \mu(A)$.

(d) If $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq \dots$, then $\mu(A_n) \rightarrow \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

(e) If $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq \dots$, then $\mu(A_n) \rightarrow \mu\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof of (a) Let $A \in \mathcal{M}$ and take $A_1 = A, A_2 = A_3 = A_4 = \dots = \emptyset$. Then $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = A$, so $\mu(A) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i) = \mu(A) + \mu(\emptyset) + \mu(\emptyset) + \dots$. Hence $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$.

Proof of (b) Take $A_{n+1} = A_{n+2} = \dots = \emptyset$. Then $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$, so $\mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(A_i)$, since $\mu(A_i) = 0$ for all $i > n$.

Proof of (c) Since $B = (B \setminus A) \cup A$ and by (b), $\mu(B) = \mu(B \setminus A) + \mu(A)$. Since $|\mu(A)| < \infty$, $\mu(B \setminus A) = \mu(B) - \mu(A)$.

Proof of (d) and (e) It is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.9 and Theorem 2.10 respectively. #

2.44 Theorem The total variation $|\mu|$ of a quaternion measure μ on a σ -algebra \mathcal{M} is a positive measure on \mathcal{M} .

Proof Let $E \in \mathcal{M}$ and $(E_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ be an arbitrary partition of E . We must show that $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\mu|(E_i) = |\mu|(E)$. For

each $i \in \mathbb{N}$, let $t_i \in \mathbb{R}$ be such that $t_i < \mu(E_i)$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i$ converges. Then for each i there is a partition $(A_{ij})_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ of E_i such that

$$t_i < \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_{ij}).$$

Since $(A_{ij})_{i,j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a partition of E , it follows that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_{ij}) \leq \mu(E).$$

Hence we see that

$$\forall t_i < \mu(E_i), \quad \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i \leq \mu(E) \quad \text{so}$$

$$(1) \quad \sup \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i / t_i < \mu(E_i) \right\} \leq \mu(E).$$

Claim that $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i) = \sup \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i / t_i < \mu(E_i) \right\}$. Since

$$\forall t_i < \mu(E_i) \quad \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i < \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i), \quad \sup \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i / t_i < \mu(E_i) \right\} \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i).$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Since $\sup \left\{ t_i / t_i < \mu(E_i) \right\} = \mu(E_i)$, for each i there is $t_i^* < \mu(E_i)$ such that

$$\mu(E_i) - \frac{\varepsilon}{2^i} < t_i^*. \quad \text{Hence} \quad \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i) - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varepsilon}{2^i} < \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i^*. \quad \text{Hence}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i) - \varepsilon < \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i \leq \sup \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i / t_i < \mu(E_i) \right\}. \quad \text{Since } \varepsilon > 0$$

is arbitrary, $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i) \leq \sup \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i / t_i < \mu(E_i) \right\}$. So we

have the claim. From (1), we have

$$(2) \quad \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i) \leq \mu(E).$$

Let $(A_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ be an arbitrary partition of E . Then for any fixed j , $(A_j \cap E_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a partition of A_j and for any fixed i , $(A_j \cap E_i)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a partition of E_i . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_j) &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_j \cap E_i) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_j \cap E_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_j \cap E_i) \quad (\text{by Theorem 1.33}) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i). \end{aligned}$$

This holds for any partition $(A_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ of E , we then have

$$(3) \quad \mu(E) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\mu(E_i)|.$$

From (2) and (3),

$$|\mu(E)| = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\mu(E_i)|.$$

Since $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$, $|\mu(\emptyset)| = 0$. #

2.45 Theorem If μ is a quaternion measure on a σ -algebra \mathcal{M} in a set X , then

$$|\mu(X)| < \infty.$$

Proof Step I Suppose there is $E \in \mathcal{M}$ such that

$|\mu(E)| = \infty$. Claim that there exist $A, B \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $E = A \cup B$, $A \cap B = \emptyset$, $|\mu(A)| > 1$ and $|\mu(B)| = \infty$. By the definition of $|\mu|$, for all $t < \infty$ there is a partition $(E_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ of E such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\mu(E_i)| > t.$$

Let $t = 4(2^5)(1 + |\mu(E)|)$. Subclaim that there exists a finite partition $(E_j)_{j=1,2,\dots,n}$ such that $\sum_{j=1}^n |\mu(E_j)| > 4(2^5)(1 + |\mu(E)|)$. To prove this, there exist a partition $(F_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ of E such that $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\mu(F_j)| > t+1$. If $(F_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a finite partition, we are done. Suppose that $(F_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an infinite partition of E . Then there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\sum_{j=n}^{\infty} |\mu(F_j)| < 1$, since $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\mu(F_j)|$ converges. Then $\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} |\mu(F_j)| > t$. Let $E_1 = F_1, \dots, E_{n-1} = F_{n-1}, E_n = \bigcup_{j=n}^{\infty} F_j$. Then $(E_j)_{j=1,\dots,n}$ is a partition of E and $\sum_{j=1}^n |\mu(F_j)| = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} |\mu(F_j)| + |\mu(E_n)| > t$. So we have subclaim. By Theorem 1.3 there exists an $S \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ such that

$$\left| \sum_{j \in S} \mu(E_j) \right| \geq \frac{1}{4(2^5)} \sum_{j=1}^n |\mu(E_j)| > 1 + |\mu(E)|.$$

Let $A = \bigcup_{j \in S} E_j$. Then $A \subseteq E$ and $|\mu(A)| = \left| \sum_{j \in S} \mu(E_j) \right| > 1 + |\mu(E)|$.

≥ 1 . Let $B = E \setminus A$. Then $B \in \mathcal{M}$, $A \cap B = \emptyset$ and $|\mu(B)| =$

$$|\mu(E) - \mu(A)| \geq |\mu(A)| - |\mu(E)| > 1 + |\mu(E)| - |\mu(E)| = 1.$$

Since $|\mu(E)| = |\mu(A) + \mu(B)|$, we have

$$|\mu(A)| = \infty \text{ or } |\mu(B)| = \infty,$$

so we have the claim.

Step II Assume $|\mu|(X) = \infty$. Let $B_0 = X$. By Step I, there

is $A_1, B_1 \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $A_1 \cap B_1 = \emptyset$, $B_0 = A_1 \cup B_1$, $|\mu(A_1)| > 1$ and

$|\mu(B_1)| = \infty$. Suppose $n \geq 0$ and B_n is chosen so that

$|\mu(B_n)| = \infty$. By Step I there is $A_{n+1}, B_{n+1} \in \mathcal{M}$ such that

$B_n = A_{n+1} \cup B_{n+1}$, $A_{n+1} \cap B_{n+1} = \emptyset$, $|\mu(A_{n+1})| > 1$ and $|\mu(B_{n+1})| = \infty$

By induction, we obtain disjoint sets A_1, A_2, \dots with

$|\mu(A_n)| > 1$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $C = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$. Then $C \in \mathcal{M}$ and

$\mu(C) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_n)$. But this series cannot converge, since

$\mu(A_n)$ does not tend to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$. This contradiction

shows that the theorem must hold. #

2.46 Definition Let μ and λ be quaternion measures on a σ -algebra \mathcal{M} . Define $\mu + \lambda$ and $\alpha\mu$ ($\mu\alpha$) by

$$(\mu + \lambda)(E) = \mu(E) + \lambda(E)$$

$$(\alpha\mu)(E) = \alpha\mu(E); \quad [(\mu\alpha)(E) = (\mu(E))\alpha]$$

for all $E \in \mathcal{M}$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{H}$. Then $\mu + \lambda$ and $\alpha\mu$ ($\mu\alpha$) are quaternion

measures on \mathcal{M} . Thus the collection of all quaternion

measures on \mathcal{M} forms a quaternion left(right) vector space.

Let us now specialize and consider a real measure

on a σ -algebra \mathcal{M} . Define $|\mu|$ as before, and define

$$\mu^+ = \frac{1}{2}(|\mu| + \mu), \quad \mu^- = \frac{1}{2}(|\mu| - \mu).$$

Then both μ^+ and μ^- are positive measures on \mathcal{M} and they are bounded by Theorem 2.45. Also

$$\mu = \mu^+ - \mu^-, \quad |\mu| = \mu^+ + \mu^-.$$

The measures μ^+ and μ^- are called the positive and negative variations of μ , respectively.

In this chapter, from now, an arbitrary measure means a positive or a quaternion measure.

2.47 Definition Let μ be a positive measure on a σ -algebra \mathcal{M} , and λ be an arbitrary measure on \mathcal{M} . Then λ is said to be absolutely continuous with respect to μ , and write

$$\lambda \ll \mu$$

if for all $E \in \mathcal{M}$, $\mu(E) = 0 \rightarrow \lambda(E) = 0$.

2.48 Definition Let λ be an arbitrary measure on a σ -algebra \mathcal{M} . If there is $A \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $\lambda(E) = \lambda(A \cap E)$ for all $E \in \mathcal{M}$, we say that λ is concentrated on A .

2.49 Proposition λ is concentrated at A iff

$$\forall E \in \mathcal{M} (E \cap A = \emptyset \rightarrow \lambda(E) = 0).$$

Proof (\Rightarrow) Let $E \in \mathcal{M}$ and $E \cap A = \emptyset$. Then $\lambda(E) = \lambda(E \cap A) = \lambda(\emptyset) = 0$.

(\Leftarrow) Let $E \in \mathcal{M}$. Then $E = (E \cap A) \cup (E \setminus A)$ which is a disjoint union, so $\lambda(E) = \lambda(E \cap A) + \lambda(E \setminus A)$. Since $(E \setminus A) \cap A = \emptyset$, $\lambda(E \setminus A) = 0$. Hence $\lambda(E) = \lambda(E \cap A)$. Thus λ is concentrated at A . #

2.50 Definition Let λ_1 and λ_2 be arbitrary measures on a σ -algebra \mathcal{M} , and suppose that there exists $A, B \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $A \cap B = \emptyset$, λ_1 is concentrated on A and λ_2 is concentrated on B . Then we say that λ_1 and λ_2 are mutually singular, and write

$$\lambda_1 \perp \lambda_2.$$

2.51 Theorem Suppose μ, λ, λ_1 and λ_2 are arbitrary measures on a σ -algebra \mathcal{M} , and μ is positive.

- (a) If λ is concentrated on A , then so is $|\lambda|$.
- (b) If $\lambda_1 \perp \lambda_2$, then $|\lambda_1| \perp |\lambda_2|$.
- (c) If $\lambda_1 \perp \mu$ and $\lambda_2 \perp \mu$, then $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \perp \mu$.
- (d) If $\lambda_1 \ll \mu$ and $\lambda_2 \ll \mu$, then $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \ll \mu$.
- (e) If $\lambda \ll \mu$, then $|\lambda| \ll \mu$.
- (f) If $\lambda_1 \ll \mu$ and $\lambda_2 \perp \mu$, then $\lambda_1 \perp \lambda_2$.
- (g) If $\lambda \ll \mu$ and $\lambda \perp \mu$, then $\lambda = 0$.

Proof of (a) Let $E \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $E \cap A = \emptyset$. Assume $(E_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an arbitrary partition of E . Then $E_j \cap A = \emptyset$ for all j , so $\lambda(E_j) = 0$ for all j , hence $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\lambda(E_j)| = 0$. Thus $|\lambda|(E) = 0$. Hence $|\lambda|$ is concentrated at A .

Proof of (b) Obvious.

Proof of (c) By assumption, there exist $A_1, B_1, A_2, B_2 \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $A_1 \cap B_1 = \emptyset$, $A_2 \cap B_2 = \emptyset$, λ_1 is concentrated on A_1 , μ is concentrated on B_1 , λ_2 is concentrated on A_2 and μ is concentrated on B_2 . Then $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$ is concentrated on $A_1 \cup A_2$. Claim that μ is concentrated on $B_1 \cap B_2$. To prove this, let $E \in \mathcal{M}$ be such that $E \cap (B_1 \cap B_2) = \emptyset$. Since

$(E \cap B_1) \cap B_2 = \emptyset$, $\mu(E \cap B_1) = 0$. But μ is concentrated on B_1 , then $\mu(E) = \mu(E \cap B_1) = 0$. So we have the claim. Since $(A_1 \cup A_2) \cap (B_1 \cap B_2) = \emptyset$, we have that $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \perp \mu$.

Proof of (d) Let $E \in \mathcal{M}$ be such that $\mu(E) = 0$. Since $\lambda_1 \ll \mu$ and $\lambda_2 \ll \mu$, $\lambda_1(E) = 0 = \lambda_2(E)$. Hence $(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)(E) = \lambda_1(E) + \lambda_2(E) = 0$. Then $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \ll \mu$.

Proof of (e) Let $E \in \mathcal{M}$ be such that $\mu(E) = 0$. Since $\lambda \ll \mu$, $\lambda(E) = 0$. Assume $(E_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an arbitrary partition of E . Then $\lambda(E_j) = 0$ for all $j \in \mathbb{N}$, hence $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\lambda(E_j)| = 0$. Hence $|\lambda|(E) = 0$. Hence $|\lambda| \ll \mu$.

Proof of (f) Since $\lambda_2 \perp \mu$, there exist $A, B \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $A \cap B = \emptyset$, λ_2 and μ is concentrated on A and B , respectively. Let $E \in \mathcal{M}$ be such that $E \cap B = \emptyset$. Then $\mu(E) = 0$. Since $\lambda_1 \ll \mu$, $\lambda_1(E) = 0$. Hence λ_1 is concentrated on B . Hence $\lambda_1 \perp \lambda_2$.

Proof of (g) By (f), $\lambda \perp \lambda$. Then there exist $A, B \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $A \cap B = \emptyset$, λ is concentrated on A and λ is concentrated on B . Hence $\lambda(A) = 0 = \lambda(B)$. Let $E \in \mathcal{M}$. Since λ is concentrated on A , $\lambda(E) = \lambda(E \cap A)$. Since $\lambda(A) = 0$, $\lambda(E \cap A) = 0$. Hence $\lambda(E) = 0$. #

2.52 Theorem Suppose μ is a positive measure on a σ -algebra \mathcal{M} in a set X and λ is a quaternion measure on \mathcal{M} . Then the following are equivalent:

(a) $\lambda \ll \mu$.

(b) For all $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta > 0$ such that for all

$E \in \mathcal{M}$ $\mu(E) < \delta$ implies that $|\lambda(E)| < \varepsilon$.

Proof Assume (b) holds. Let $E \in \mathcal{M}$ be such that $\mu(E) = 0$. Then $\mu(E) < \delta$ for all $\delta > 0$. Hence $|\lambda(E)| < \varepsilon$ for all $\varepsilon > 0$, so $|\lambda(E)| = 0$, hence $\lambda(E) = 0$. This shows that (b) implies (a).

Suppose (b) is false. Then there exists an $\varepsilon > 0$ such that for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists $E_n \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $\mu(E_n) < \frac{1}{2^n}$

but $|\lambda(E_n)| \geq \varepsilon$. Put

$$A_n = \bigcup_{i=n}^{\infty} E_i, \quad A = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$$

Then $A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq A_3 \supseteq \dots$ and $\mu(A_n) \leq \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} \mu(E_i) < \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^i} = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$,

so $\mu(A_1) < \frac{1}{2^0} = 1 < \infty$. Thus $0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) = \mu\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \mu(A)$.

Since $|\lambda(A_1)| < \infty$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\lambda(A_n)| = |\lambda(A)|$. Since $|\lambda(E_n)| \geq \varepsilon$,

$|\lambda(E_n)| \geq \varepsilon$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, hence $|\lambda(A_n)| \geq |\lambda(E_n)| \geq \varepsilon$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\lambda(A_n)| \geq \varepsilon$, hence $|\lambda(A)| \geq \varepsilon$. Hence we do

not have $|\lambda| < \mu$. By Theorem 2.51(e), we do not have $\lambda < \mu$. This proves that (a) implies (b). #

2.53 Theorem Let \mathcal{M} be a σ -algebra of X . Then μ is a quaternion measure on \mathcal{M} if and only if $\mu = \mu_1 + i\mu_2 + j\mu_3 + k\mu_4$ for some real measures μ_i on \mathcal{M} for all $i \leq 4$.

Proof Assume μ is a quaternion measure on \mathcal{M} .

Then there exist real functions μ_i on \mathcal{M} for all $i \leq 4$ such that $\mu = \mu_1 + i\mu_2 + j\mu_3 + k\mu_4$. Claim that μ_1, μ_2, μ_3 and μ_4 are real measures on \mathcal{M} . Let $E \in \mathcal{M}$ and $(E_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be an arbitrary partition of E . Then



$$\mu(E) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\mu_1(E_n) + i\mu_2(E_n) + j\mu_3(E_n) + k\mu_4(E_n)).$$

Assume $\mu(E) = a_1 + ia_2 + ja_3 + ka_4$ for some $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$, $i \leq 4$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 + ia_2 + ja_3 + ka_4 &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^m (\mu_1(E_n) + i\mu_2(E_n) + j\mu_3(E_n) + k\mu_4(E_n)) \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{n=1}^m \mu_1(E_n) + i \sum_{n=1}^m \mu_2(E_n) + j \sum_{n=1}^m \mu_3(E_n) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. k \sum_{n=1}^m \mu_4(E_n) \right) \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 1.31, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^m \mu_1(E_n) &= a_1, & \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^m \mu_2(E_n) &= a_2, \\ \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^m \mu_3(E_n) &= a_3 & \text{and } \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^m \mu_4(E_n) &= a_4. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(E) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\mu_1(E_n) + i\mu_2(E_n) + j\mu_3(E_n) + k\mu_4(E_n)) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_1(E_n) + i \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_2(E_n) + j \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_3(E_n) + k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_4(E_n). \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\mu(E) = \mu_1(E) + i\mu_2(E) + j\mu_3(E) + k\mu_4(E).$$

Hence

$$\mu_i(E) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_i(E_n)$$

for all $i \leq 4$. Since $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$, $\mu_i(\emptyset) = 0$ for all $i \leq 4$.

So we have the claim.

Conversely, it is clear that if $\mu = \mu_1 + i\mu_2 + j\mu_3 + k\mu_4$ for some real measures μ_i on \mathcal{M} for all $i \leq 4$, then μ is a quaternion measure on \mathcal{M} . #