

5. The Riesz representation theorem.

(Bauer, Chapter IV)

In this chapter, all top. spaces are assumed to be Hausdorff, because: Compact sets will play an important role in the construction of measures. In a Hausdorff space, all cpt subsets are closed, hence Borel sets.

5.1. Borel and Radon measures.

Definition 5.1.  $X$  top. space.

$\mathcal{B}(X) :=$  Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$   
 $= \sigma$ -algebra on  $X$  generated by all open sets in  $X$ .

Observation. Other generators of  $\mathcal{B}(X)$ :  $\{A \subseteq X \mid A \text{ closed}\}$

Example. (Extended real line)

$\overline{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$ , with convention:  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R} \quad a < \infty, a > -\infty$ .  
Let topology on  $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$  be generated by  $\{(a,b), (a,\infty], [-\infty, b) \mid a,b \in \mathbb{R}\}$   
 $\rightarrow$  subspace topology on  $\mathbb{R} =$  usual topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
 $\mathcal{B}(\overline{\mathbb{R}}) = \{ \emptyset, \overline{\mathbb{R}}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}, \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}, \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty, -\infty\} \mid M \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \}$ .

Definition 5.2.  $X$  Hausdorff space. A measure  $\mu: \mathcal{B}(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is called

- i) Borel measure on  $X$  if  $\mu(K) < \infty$  for all cpt sets  $K \subseteq X$
- ii) locally finite if every  $x_0 \in X$  has a neighbourhood  $V_{x_0}$  with  $\mu(V_{x_0}) < \infty$
- iii) inner regular if  $\forall B \in \mathcal{B}(X) \quad \mu(B) = \sup \{ \mu(K) \mid K \subseteq B, K \text{ cpt} \}$  (\*)
- iv) outer regular if  $\forall B \in \mathcal{B}(X) \quad \mu(B) = \inf \{ \mu(V) \mid V \supseteq B, V \text{ open} \}$  (\*\*)
- v) regular if it is inner regular and outer regular.

A set  $B \in \mathcal{B}(X)$  is called inner regular / outer regular, if (\*) / (\*\*) holds.

Abstract:  $\mu: \mathcal{B}(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  Borel  $\Leftrightarrow \mu$  locally finite.  
 $\mu: \mathcal{B}(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  Radon measure  $\Leftrightarrow \mu$  locally finite and inner regular.

Remark:  $B \in \mathcal{B}(X)$  inner regular  $\Leftrightarrow (\mu(B) < \infty$  or  $B$  open) and (\*) holds.

- Borel measure only defined for locally cpt. top. spaces
- $\rightarrow$  every measure  $\mu: \mathcal{B}(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is called a Borel measure.

Observations 5.3.

- a) ii) - v) also make sense for measures defined on a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $\mathcal{A} \supseteq \mathcal{B}(X)$ .
- b)  $\mu$  finite measure on  $\mathcal{B}(X) \Rightarrow \mu$  Borel measure.
- c)  $\mu$  locally finite measure  $\Rightarrow \mu$  Borel measure

Proof.  $K \in \mathcal{A}$  cpt.  $\forall x \in K$  choose neighbourhood  $V_x$  with  $\mu(V_x) < \infty$ .  
Since  $K$  cpt and  $K \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in K} V_x$  with  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in K$  st.  $K \subseteq \bigcup_{m=1}^n V_{x_m}$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \mu(K) \leq \sum_{m=1}^n \mu(V_{x_m}) < \infty$ .

- d)  $\mu$  locally finite  $\Rightarrow \forall K \in \mathcal{A}$  cpt.  $\exists V \in \mathcal{A}$  open with  $K \subseteq V$  and  $\mu(V) < \infty$ .  
Proof: as above. (If in addition,  $\mu$  inner regular  $\rightarrow$  see Prop 5.7)

- e)  $X$  locally compact. (that is: every  $x_0 \in X$  has a compact neighbourhood)  
Then:  $\mu$  is locally finite  $\Leftrightarrow \mu(K) < \infty$  ( $K$  cpt).

Examples.

- i) Dirac measure:  $X$  Hausdorff space,  $a \in X$ ;  $\mu_a(B) := \begin{cases} 1, & a \in B \\ 0, & a \notin B \end{cases}$   
 $\rightarrow \mu_a$  is locally finite, inner regular and outer regular.
- ii)  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}), \mu)$  with  $\mu =$  counting measure.
  - $\mu$  is not a Borel measure because it is not locally finite (every open set has measure  $\infty$ !)
  - $\mu$  is inner regular
  - $\mu$  is not outer regular (let  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \mu(\{x_0\}) = 1$ , but  $\mu(V) = \infty$  for every neighbourhood of  $x_0$ ).
- iii) It can be shown: Every Borel measure on  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n))$  is regular, in particular  $\mu^n$  is regular.

(Bauer, Thm 26.3. On a Polish space  $X$  every locally finite Borel measure is a  $\sigma$ -finite Radon measure.

$\mathbb{R}$  is Polish and every Borel measure is locally finite (because  $\mathbb{R}$  is locally cpt)  $\rightarrow$  every Borel measure on  $\mathbb{R}$  is a Radon measure.

By Cor. 26.4, every Radon measure on a Polish space is outer regular.

In summary: Every Borel measure on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is regular.

Definition 5.4.  $X$  Hausdorff space,  $\mu: \mathcal{B}(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  measure.

$\mu$  is a Radon measure on  $X \iff \mu$  is locally finite and inner regular.

(If  $X$  additionally locally cpl, then a Radon measure is an inner regular Borel measure)

Recall.  $X$  top space is first countable

$\iff$  every  $x \in X$  has a countable neighbourhood basis

$\iff \exists (V_j)_{j=1}^{\infty}$  sequence of neighbourhoods of  $x$  st. for every neighbourhood  $W$  of  $x \exists j_0$  st.  $V_{j_0} \subseteq W$ .

Obviously:  $\bullet$  the  $V_j$  can be chosen to be open since every neighbourhood  $V_j$  contains an open set  $W_j$  with  $x \in W_j \subseteq V_j$

$\bullet$  the  $V_j$  can be chosen such that  $V_1 \supseteq V_2 \supseteq V_3 \supseteq \dots$   
(take  $V_1' = V_1, V_2' = V_1 \cap V_2, V_3' = V_1 \cap V_2 \cap V_3 \dots$ )

Lemma 5.5.  $X$  Hausdorff space, first countable,  $\mu: \mathcal{B}(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  Borel measure.

If  $\mu$  is inner regular, then  $\mu$  is locally finite (hence a Radon measure).

(It suffices to assume that every open set in  $X$  is inner regular).

Proof. Assume  $\mu$  is not locally finite.

$\implies \exists x \in X$  st.  $\forall V$  neighbourhood of  $x \mu(V) = \infty$ .

Let  $(V_j)_{j=1}^{\infty}$  be an open neighbourhood basis of  $x$ . Without restriction  $V_1 \supseteq V_2 \supseteq \dots$

Then:  $\bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} V_j = \{x\}$  (" $\subseteq$ " because  $x \in V_j$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ .)  
" $\supseteq$ " because: assume  $\exists y \neq x, y \in \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} V_j$ .

$X$  Hausdorff  $\implies \exists W_x, W_y$  open, st.  $x \in W_x, y \in W_y, W_x \cap W_y = \emptyset$ .

$W_x$  neighbourhood of  $x \implies \exists j_0: V_{j_0} \subseteq W_x$

$\implies V_{j_0} \cap W_y = \emptyset \implies y \notin V_{j_0} \implies y \notin \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} V_j$   $\square$ )

By assumption:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \mu(V_n) = \infty$

$\implies \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \exists K_n$  cpl. st.  $K_n \subseteq V_n, \mu(K_n) > n$ .

Let  $K = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n \cup \{x\}$ .

Then  $K$  is cpl. because: let  $\mathcal{U} = (U_\alpha)_{\alpha \in I}$  an open cover of  $K$ .

$\implies \exists \lambda_0$  st.  $x \in U_{\lambda_0}$

$\implies \exists j_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  st.  $V_{j_0} \subseteq U_{\lambda_0}$ , in particular  $\bigcup_{j \geq j_0} K_n \subseteq U_{\lambda_0}$ .

Since  $\bigcup_{j=1}^{j_0-1} K_n$  is compact, there ex.

$\lambda_1 \rightarrow \lambda$  st.  $\bigcup_{j=0}^{j_0-1} K_n \subseteq U_{\lambda_1}$ .

$\implies K \subseteq \bigcup_{j=0}^m U_{\lambda_j} \implies K$  cpl.

$\implies \mu(K) < \infty$ .

On the other hand:  $\forall n: K_n \subseteq K \implies \forall n \mu(K) \geq \mu(K_n) > n$   $\square$ .

Definition 5.6.  $X$  top space,  $A \subseteq X$  is called  $\sigma$ -compact.

$\iff \exists (K_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  s.t.  $K_n \subseteq X$  cpl st.  $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n$

Proposition 5.7.  $X$  top space,  $\mu: \mathcal{B}(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  measure.

i)  $A \subseteq X$   $\sigma$ -cpl  $\implies A$  inner regular.

ii)  $\mu$  finite Radon measure  $\implies \mu$  regular.

iii)  $\mu$  Radon measure,  $K \subseteq X$  cpl  $\implies K$  outer regular.

In particular:  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists U$  open st.  $K \subseteq U$  and  $\mu(U) \leq \mu(K) + \epsilon$

Proof.

i) Let  $K_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  cpl. sets st.  $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n$ . Since finite unions of cpl sets are cpl, we can assume  $K_1 \subseteq K_2 \subseteq \dots$

$\implies \mu(A) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(K_n)$ .

$\implies \mu(A) \leq \sup \{ \mu(K) \mid K \text{ cpl}, K \subseteq A \}$ ; " $\geq$ " is clear.

ii)  $A \in \mathcal{B}(X) \implies X \setminus A \in \mathcal{B}(X) \implies \exists K_1, K_2, \dots$  cpl,  $\subseteq X \setminus A$ , st.

$\mu(X \setminus A) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(K_n)$

$\implies \mu(A) = \mu(X) - \mu(X \setminus A) = \mu(X) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(K_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(X \setminus K_n)$ .

$\implies A$  outer regular because:  $\forall n X \setminus K_n$  open and  $A \subseteq X \setminus K_n$ .

iii)  $\mu$  Radon measure and  $K$  cpl. ( $\implies \mu$  locally finite).

By Observation 5.3. d):  $\exists U \subseteq X$  open, st.  $K \subseteq U, \mu(U) < \infty$ .

$U \setminus K$  open &  $\mu$  inner regular.

$\implies \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists L_\epsilon \subseteq U \setminus K, L_\epsilon$  cpl. st.  $\mu(L_\epsilon) \geq \mu(U \setminus K) - \epsilon$ .

$\implies U \setminus L_\epsilon$  is open,  $K \subseteq U \setminus L_\epsilon$ , and  $\mu(U \setminus L_\epsilon) = \mu(U) - \mu(L_\epsilon) \leq \mu(U) - \mu(U \setminus K) + \epsilon = \mu(K) + \epsilon$   $\square$



$$\mu^*(\emptyset) = 0, \mu^*(A) \leq \mu^*(B) \text{ if } A \subseteq B \text{ and } \mu^*(\cup_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_j) \quad (17)$$

Lemma 5.8.  $X$  Hausdorff space,  $\mu^*$  outer measure on  $X$

Assume that:

$$\begin{cases} \text{i)} \forall A \subseteq X & \mu^*(A) = \inf \{ \mu^*(U) \mid A \subseteq U, U \text{ open} \} \\ \text{ii)} \forall U \subseteq X, U \text{ open} & \mu^*(U) = \sup \{ \mu^*(K) \mid K \subseteq U, K \text{ cpt} \} \\ \text{iii)} \forall K_1, K_2 \subseteq X \text{ cpt with } K_1 \cap K_2 = \emptyset & \mu^*(K_1 \cup K_2) = \mu^*(K_1) + \mu^*(K_2) \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow \mu^*|_{\mathcal{L}(X)}$  is a measure.

Proof. Let  $\mathcal{A}^* := \sigma$ -algebra of all  $\mu^*$ -measurable sets, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} A \in \mathcal{A}^* &\Leftrightarrow \forall M \subseteq X & \mu^*(M) &= \mu^*(M \cap A) + \mu^*(M \setminus A) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \forall M \subseteq X & \mu^*(M) &\geq \mu^*(M \cap A) + \mu^*(M \setminus A) \quad (*) \\ &\uparrow & & \\ &\text{because "}\leq\text{" follows from subadditivity of } \mu^*. \end{aligned}$$

We know:  $\mu^*|_{\mathcal{A}^*}$  is a measure, so we only have to show:  $\mathcal{L}(X) \subseteq \mathcal{A}^*$

Since the open sets generate  $\mathcal{L}(X)$ , we only have to show:

Every open set  $U$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}^*$  (i.e. satisfies (\*)).

This will be done in two steps.

$$\textcircled{1} A \in \mathcal{A}^* \Leftrightarrow \forall U \subseteq X, U \text{ open} \quad \mu^*(U) \geq \mu^*(U \cap A) + \mu^*(U \setminus A).$$

Proof. " $\Rightarrow$ " is clear.

" $\Leftarrow$ " Assume (\*) holds for all open sets. Let  $M \subseteq X$  arbitrary.

By isotonicity of  $\mu^*$ , we have for all  $U \subseteq X$  open with  $M \subseteq U$ :

$$\mu^*(U) \geq \underbrace{\mu^*(U \cap A)}_{\text{assumption}} + \mu^*(U \setminus A) \geq \mu^*(M \cap A) + \mu^*(M \setminus A)$$

Taking the infimum over all open sets  $U$  containing  $M$ , we obtain by i):

$$\mu^*(M) \geq \mu^*(M \cap A) + \mu^*(M \setminus A). \quad \square$$

$$\textcircled{2} W \subseteq X \text{ open} \Rightarrow W \in \mathcal{A}^*.$$

Proof. Let  $W \subseteq X$  open; by  $\textcircled{1}$  we have to show:

$$\forall U \subseteq X \text{ open: } \mu^*(U) \geq \mu^*(U \cap W) + \mu^*(U \setminus W)$$

Choose  $K_1 \subseteq U \cap W$  cpt and  $K_2 \subseteq \underbrace{U \setminus K_1}_{\text{open!}}$  cpt.

$$\Rightarrow \mu^*(U) \geq \underbrace{\mu^*(K_1 \cup K_2)}_{\text{iii)} \text{ of } \mu^*} = \mu^*(K_1) + \mu^*(K_2) \quad (**)$$

Since  $\sup \{ \mu^*(K_2) \mid K_2 \text{ cpt}, K_2 \subseteq U \setminus K_1 \} = \mu^*(U \setminus K_1)$  by ii)

and  $\mu^*(U \setminus K_1) \geq \mu^*(U \setminus W)$  (because  $U \setminus K_1 \supseteq U \setminus W$ )

$$(**) \Rightarrow \mu^*(U) \geq \mu^*(K_1) + \mu^*(U \setminus W)$$

Taking the supremum over all  $K_1 \subseteq U \cap W$ ,  $K_1$  cpt, ii) gives

$$\mu^*(U) \geq \mu^*(U \cap W) + \mu^*(U \setminus W).$$

5.2. Locally compact Hausdorff spaces.



$$K_1 \cap K_2 = \emptyset.$$