

48. On the Notion of Measurability.

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Our main purpose of this paper is to give another definition of "Measurability" with respect to Carathéodory's outer measure than that which is given by Carathéodory himself.

Let X be a metric space. In this paper we shall consider Carathéodory's outer measure¹⁾ μ defined for all sub-sets of X which satisfies the following condition:

$$(1) \quad \mu(A) < +\infty \quad \text{for every bounded set } A,$$

and call it *conditionally finite outer measure*. The class of sets that are measurable (with respect to μ) in the sense of Carathéodory is denoted by $\mathfrak{C}(\mu)$.

Consider a class \mathfrak{R} of sets which consists of the elements of $\mathfrak{C}(\mu)$ and in which there exists a sequence $\{K_n\}$ of bounded sub-sets such that $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n = X$ and $K_n \subseteq K_{n+1}$ for every n . Let $\mathfrak{R}(\mathfrak{R}, \{K_n\}, \mu)$ be the class of sets A satisfying $\mu(A_n) = \mu(K_n) - \mu(K_n \cap CA_n)$ ²⁾ for every n , where A_n is the common part A and K_n . For instance, for \mathfrak{R} and $\{K_n\}$ we can take the class of circles $S_n(p)$ of n -radius with a fixed point p . We can see at once that the class $\mathfrak{R}(\mathfrak{R}, \{K_n\}, \mu)$ is independent on \mathfrak{R} and $\{K_n\}$ and therefore we denote it by $\mathfrak{R}(\mu)$ and call μ -*modular set* the element of $\mathfrak{R}(\mu)$. When \mathfrak{M} is a completely additive class and μ is completely additive on \mathfrak{M} , we say that \mathfrak{M} is μ -*completely additive class*. Given classes of sets \mathfrak{M} and \mathfrak{N} , we denote by $[\mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{N}]$ the smallest completely additive class containing \mathfrak{M} and \mathfrak{N} .

Definition. Let μ be conditionally finite outer measure given in a metric space X . Let m be an arbitrary regular³⁾ outer measure satisfying the property such that $m(K_n) = \mu(K_n)$ for every K_n and that $m(A) \geq \mu(A)$ for the other sets A . Then, m is termed *dominant measure of μ* and any set A of $\mathfrak{R}(m)$ is said to be *m -dominant measurable set of μ* . Particularly, consider the set function $\mu_0(A) = \inf m_a(A)$, where the infimum is taken over all dominant measure m_a of μ . In this case, if μ_0 is a regular outer measure and therefore a dominant measure of μ , the outer measure μ is called *relatively regular* and any μ_0 -dominant measurable set of μ is called μ -*measurable set*.

1) C. Carathéodory: Vorlesungen über reelle Funktion (1927), § 235.

2) CA is complement of A .

3) C. Carathéodory: Loc. cit. § 253.