

Least time:

Analogies between  
cts. f<sup>n</sup>s and msble  
f<sup>n</sup>s

Prop<sup>n</sup>: f msble

iff  $f^{-1}(0) \in \mathcal{M}$   $\forall$  open  $\mathcal{O}$

iff  $f^{-1}(C) \in \mathcal{M} \forall$  closed  $C$

Cor: f cts  $\Rightarrow$  f msble.

Converse is false:

$\chi_{[0,1]}$  is msble,  
but not cts.

Pf:

$$\{\chi_{[0,1]} \geq y\} = \begin{cases} \emptyset & y > 1 \\ [0,1] & 0 < y \leq 1 \\ \mathbb{R} & y \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Since  $\emptyset, [0,1], \mathbb{R} \in \mathcal{M}$

$\chi_{[0,1]}$  is msble.  $\square$

More generally,

when is  $\chi_A$  msble?

$$\{\chi_A \geq y\} = \begin{cases} \emptyset & y > 1 \\ A & 0 < y \leq 1 \\ \mathbb{R} & y \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

So:

Prop<sup>n</sup>:  $\chi_A$  is msble f<sup>n</sup>  
iff  $A$  is a msble set.

(Hence name "msble f<sup>n</sup>".)

Quasi-analogous:

Prop<sup>n</sup>: cts + msble = msble.

But opposite is false!

Non-analogous:

Prop<sup>n</sup>: Given any sequence

of  $\blacksquare$  msble f<sup>n</sup>s  $\{f_n\}$ ,

then  $\sup \{f_n\}$  is msble.

"  $\inf \{f_n\}$  is msble.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \{f_n\}$  is msble.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf f_n$  is msble.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n$  is msble

(assuming exists)

Q: Do msble f<sup>n</sup>s

map msble sets to  
msble sets?

No! Even a cts  
f<sup>n</sup> doesn't do that!

e.g. if  $N$  is Vitali set

and  $F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0,1]$

is Cantor-Lebesgue,

then  $\mu(F^{-1}(N)) = 0$

$\Rightarrow F^{-1}(N) \in \mathcal{M}$

but  $F(F^{-1}(N)) = N \notin \mathcal{M}$

Q: If  $f$  msble,

must  $f^{-1}(\text{msble set}) = \text{msble set}$ ?

~~$f(x) = 0 \forall x$~~

~~$f(x) = 0$~~

$$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \mapsto 0 \quad ?$$

Then  $f^{-1}(0) = \mathbb{N}$

What about  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ? 2

No:  $\exists$  msble  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

and  $A \in \mathcal{M}$  s.t.

$$f^{-1}(A) \notin \mathcal{M}.$$

This is annoying b/c

in the literature,

$f: X \rightarrow Y$  is defined to be msble iff

In general, a measure space

is any set  $X$  w/

a set  $\Sigma \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$

s.t.  $\Sigma = \sigma\text{-algebra}$ .

So when discussing

msble fns, we need

$$f: (X, \Sigma) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{T})$$

Def<sup>n</sup>:  $f$  is msble

iff  $f^{-1}(\text{msble set}) = \text{msble set}$

i.e.  $f^{-1}(A) \in \Sigma$

$\forall A \in \mathcal{T}$ .

Our def<sup>n</sup> is ~~not~~ in

the context of  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

isn't  $f: (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{M}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{M})$

$f^{-1}(\text{msble set})$  is msble set. 3

WTF?

In general, given  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  to discuss measurability we need to know which sets in  $X$  and  $Y$  we're allowed to measure.

It's actually

$$f: (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{M}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$$

When we say

$f$  is msble, we're really saying  $f$  is "Lebesgue-to-Borel" msble.

This asymmetry

causes some problems,  
e.g. cts = measurable = integrable  
but measurable cts  $\neq$  integrable;

We don't have such  
nonsense in measurable  $f_n$ 's  
 $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$ .

But Lebesgue  $\rightarrow$  Borel

the  $f_n$ 's are a  
larger class of  $f_n$ 's  
and Lebesgue integration  
works for all these.

Back to our down-to-earth  
def<sup>n</sup> of measurable  $f_n$  ...

Continuity analogies  
b/w cts. and measurable:

Then (Cauchy, 1821):

Suppose  $f_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  all  
cts, and that  
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x)$  exists  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x)$  is cts.

Pf idea: Let  
 $S_N(x) := \sum_{n=1}^N f_n(x)$

$$R_N(x) := \sum_{n>N} f_n(x).$$

Want:  $S_N(x) + R_N(x)$  is  
cts. @  $a$ , i.e.

WTF  $\delta > 0$  s.t.  $|x-a| < \delta$

$$\Rightarrow \left| (S_N(x) + R_N(x)) - (S_N(a) + R_N(a)) \right| < \epsilon.$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \leq |S_N(x) - S_N(a) + R_N(x) - R_N(a)| \\ & \leq |S_N(x) - S_N(a)| + |R_N(x)| + |R_N(a)| \end{aligned}$$

Cauchy's Proof:

Given  $\epsilon > 0$ .

Step 1:  $S_N(x)$  is cts. ~~xxx~~  
@  $a$

$\Rightarrow \exists \delta > 0$  s.t.

$$|x-a| < \delta \Rightarrow |S_N(x) - S_N(a)| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$$

Step 2:  $\forall x$ ,  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N(x)$  exists

$\Rightarrow \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} R_N(x) = 0$ , i.e.

$\exists M$  s.t.  $N > M \Rightarrow |R_N(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$

Step 3: WIN!

Pick any  $x \in (a-\delta, a+\delta)$ .

Step 1  $\Rightarrow |S_N(x) - S_N(a)| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$

Step 2  $\Rightarrow \exists M$  s.t.

$$|R_N(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$$

$\forall N > M$

And  $\exists M'$  s.t.  $|R_N(a)| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$

$\forall N > M'$ .

Thus  
 $|S_N(x) + R_N(x) - (S_N(a) + R_N(a))| < \epsilon.$

Cauchy was wrong!

~~Abel~~ discovered  
a counterexample,

But: can be fixed.

Q: ~~what~~ How can  
we fix Cauchy's  
proof?

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