

**Question**

Suppose that  $S_t, t \in (a, b)$  is a family of sets indexed by  $t$ . Suppose also that  $t_1 < t_2 \Rightarrow S_{t_1} \subseteq S_{t_2}$ . Prove that if  $S_t$  is measurable for each  $t \in (a, b)$ , then

$$\bigcup_{t \in (a, b)} S_t \text{ is measurable, and that } m \left( \bigcup_{t \in (a, b)} S_t \right) = \lim_{t \rightarrow b^-} m(S_t)$$

Formulate and prove a corresponding result involving intersections.

**Answer**

Let  $\{t_n\}$  be an arbitrary increasing sequence converging to  $b^-$ .

Then  $S_{t_1} \subseteq S_{t_2} \subseteq \dots \subseteq S_{t_n} \subseteq \dots$

$$\text{and so } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(S_{t_n}) = m \left( \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} S_{t_n} \right)$$

$$\text{Now } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(S_{t_n}) = \lim_{t \rightarrow b^-} m(S_t)$$

Since  $t_n$  is an arbitrary sequence.

$$\text{Also } \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} S_{t_n} = \bigcup_{t \in (a, b)} S_t, \text{ for } \subseteq \text{ obvious}$$

if  $x \in \bigcup_{t \in (a, b)} S_t$ , there exists  $t \in (a, b)$ ,  $x \in S_t$

there exists  $n$ , with  $t_n > t$ , therefore  $x \in S_{t_n}$  therefore  $x \in \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} S_{t_n}$  therefore  $\supseteq$ .

Hence equality

$$\text{Thus } m \left( \bigcup_{t \in (a, b)} S_t \right) = \lim_{t \rightarrow b^-} m(S_t)$$

For intersections

$$m \left( \bigcap_{t \in (a, b)} S_t \right) = \lim_{t \rightarrow a^+} m(S_t)$$