

**Functions of Real Variables II (62052/72052)**  
**Home Work 4, due on Wednesday, March 6.**  
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**Problem 1.** Let  $X$  be a set and  $M$  be a non-empty collection of subsets of  $X$ . It is true that if  $M$  is closed under complements and countable unions of disjoint sets, then  $M$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra?

**Problem 2.** Let  $S$  be a collection of subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  that are countable or have countable complement. Prove that  $S$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

**Problem 3.** Find all  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  for which  $d_p(x, y) = |x - y|^p$  gives a metric on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Problem 4.** Consider  $d_p(x, y) = (\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|^p)^{1/p}$ , for  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $1 \leq p \leq q < \infty$ , prove that

$$d_q(x, y) \leq d_p(x, y) \leq n^{\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}} d_q(x, y).$$

Use this remark to show that Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , defined with respect to  $d_p(x, y)$  is independent of  $p$ .

**Problem 5.** For each  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  let

$$m_*(E) = \inf \sum_{j=1}^n |Q_j|,$$

where the infimum is taken over all countable coverings of  $E$  by closed cubes. Prove that  $m_*(E)$  is an exterior measure.

**Problem 6.** We say that  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is Lebesgue measurable, if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists open set  $O \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $E \subset O$  and  $m_*(O - E) \leq \varepsilon$ . Please, prove that the  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is Lebesgue measurable if and only if it is Caratheodory measurable.