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Let  $\mathcal{M}$  denotes the  $\sigma$ -algebra of measurable sets in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Prove:

1. Let the function  $f$  be a real-valued function defined on a measurable set  $E$ . Then  $f$  is measurable if and only if for each open set  $O$ , the inverse image of  $O$  under  $f$ ,  $f^{-1}(O) = \{x \in E \mid f(x) \in O\}$ , is measurable.
2. Let  $g$  be a measurable real-valued function defined on  $E$  and  $f$  a continuous real-valued function defined on all of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then the composition  $f \circ g$  is a measurable function on  $E$ .
3. Show that the following functions are measurable on their respective domains.

$$(a) f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & x < 1 \\ 2, & x = 1 \\ 2 - x, & x > 1. \end{cases}$$

$$(b) f(x) = \frac{1}{x}, 0 < x < 1.$$

$$(c) f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x}, & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 0, & x = 0. \end{cases}$$

$$(d) f(x) = \begin{cases} \tan x, & -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \infty, & x = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}. \end{cases}$$

$$(e) f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \text{ rational number in } [0, 1] \\ 0, & x \text{ irrational number in } [0, 1]. \end{cases}$$

4. Let  $N$  be a nonmeasurable subset of  $[0, 1]$  and define  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \in N \\ -1, & x \in [0, 1] \setminus N. \end{cases}$  Show  $f$  is a nonmeasurable function on  $[0, 1]$ .

5. Calculate  $f^+$ ,  $f^-$ ,  $f^+ - f^-$ ,  $f^+ + f^-$ :

$$(a) f(x) = \begin{cases} \infty, & x = -\frac{\pi}{2} \\ \tan x, & -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \infty, & x = \frac{\pi}{2}. \end{cases}$$

$$(b) f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 1, & x < 1 \\ 3 - x, & x \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

$$(c) f(x) = \sin(x).$$

6. Determine if the following functions are "simple" on  $[0, 1]$ :

$$(a) \varphi(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x = 1/n, n = 1, 2, \dots \\ -1, & x \neq 1/n. \end{cases}$$

(b)  $\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0, & x \notin \mathbb{Q}. \end{cases}$

(c)  $\varphi(x) = [x]$  (the greatest integer function).

7. For a sequence  $\{f_n\}$  of measurable functions with common domain  $E$ , show that each of the following functions is measurable:  
 $\inf\{f_n\}$ ,  $\sup\{f_n\}$ ,  $\liminf\{f_n\}$  and  $\limsup\{f_n\}$ .