

Possible Proof of the Lusin–Purves Theorem

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The Lusin–Purves theorem states that X, Y are standard Borel spaces and B is a Borel set in $X \times Y$ such that each cross–section B_x is countable, then the projection of B onto X is a Borel set. I've seen several proofs of this fact, but I think I might have come up with a novel (though elementary) one. This sounds kind of crankish, especially since I don't seem to use the countability of each section in any significant way. Constructive criticism/counter–examples (but please, be gentle. I haven't slept in a few days)

Pf/ Since X and Y are Standard, $X \times Y$ is Standard. We may assume that B is Borel since we can enlarge the topology on $X \times Y$ so that B is closed and open. Thus B is Polish. The Cantor–Bendixson theorem implies that B can be written as $B = O \cup P$, where O is countable, P perfect, and $O \cap P = \emptyset$. Let a be any point in P and a_n any sequence in P converging to a . Since the projection mapping π_X is continuous, if $a_n \rightarrow a$, $\pi_X(a_n) \rightarrow \pi_X(a)$. Since every point in P is a limit point, $\pi_X(P)$ is closed, hence Borel.

Consider the family of sets which satisfy the condition $B_x \cap P = \emptyset$. Since each of these sets is disjoint from P and countable, it follows that it is contained in O (in fact, the union of such B_x 's is O). Since O is countable, there are only countably many x 's in X such that $B_x \cap P = \emptyset$. Thus the projection $\pi_X(\{(x, y) \in B : B_x \cap P = \emptyset\})$ is Borel.

Any help salvaging this would be appreciated.
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