

# Spaces of Quasi-Measures

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*Abstract.* We give a direct proof that the space of Baire quasi-measures on a completely regular space (or the space of Borel quasi-measures on a normal space) is compact Hausdorff. We show that it is possible for the space of Borel quasi-measures on a non-normal space to be non-compact. This result also provides an example of a Baire quasi-measure that has no extension to a Borel quasi-measure. Finally, we give a concise proof of the Wheeler-Shakmatov theorem, which states that if  $X$  is normal and  $\dim(X) \leq 1$ , then every quasi-measure on  $X$  extends to a measure.

## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be a collection of subsets of a set  $X$  and set  $\mathcal{C} = \{X \setminus O : O \in \mathcal{O}\}$ . If  $\mathcal{O}$  (and hence  $\mathcal{C}$ ) is closed under finite intersections and unions and  $X, \emptyset \in \mathcal{O}$ , we say  $\mathcal{O} \cup \mathcal{C}$  is a quasi-algebra. If this occurs, then an  $\mathcal{O}$ -quasi-measure is a set function  $\mu: \mathcal{O} \cup \mathcal{C} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  that satisfies

1.  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ .
2. If  $O, P \in \mathcal{O}$  and  $O \subseteq P$ , then  $\mu(O) \leq \mu(P)$ .
3. If  $O, P \in \mathcal{O}$  and  $O \cap P = \emptyset$ , then  $\mu(O \cup P) = \mu(O) + \mu(P)$ .
4. If  $O, P \in \mathcal{O}$  and  $O \cup P = X$ , then  $\mu(O) + \mu(P) = 1 + \mu(O \cap P)$ .
5. If  $O \in \mathcal{O}$  and  $\epsilon > 0$  is given, then there is an  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $C \subseteq O$  and  $\mu(O \setminus C) < \epsilon$ .
6. If  $O \in \mathcal{O}$ , then  $\mu(X \setminus O) = 1 - \mu(O)$ .

We will denote the collection of all  $\mathcal{O}$ -quasi-measures on  $X$  by  $\text{QM}(\mathcal{O})$ . In our intended applications,  $X$  will be a completely regular topological space and  $\mathcal{O}$  will be either the collection  $\mathcal{V}$  of cozero subsets of  $X$  or the collection  $\mathcal{U}$  of open subsets of  $X$ . In these situations, it is not difficult to see that  $\text{QM}(\mathcal{V})$  and  $\text{QM}(\mathcal{U})$  are the collections of Baire and Borel quasi-measures on  $X$ , respectively, as defined in [B1], [B2], or [W].

If  $\mathcal{O}$  generates a quasi-algebra on  $X$ , we can topologize  $\text{QM}(\mathcal{O})$  as follows. For each  $O \in \mathcal{O}$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ , set  $O_\alpha^* = \{\mu : \mu \in \text{QM}(\mathcal{O}) \text{ and } \mu(O) > \alpha\}$ . We use the family  $\{O_\alpha^* : O \in \mathcal{O} \text{ and } \alpha \in [0, 1]\}$  as a subbasis for the desired topology. For reasons explained below, we call this the  $w^*$ -topology on  $\text{QM}(\mathcal{O})$ . Clearly, a net  $\{\mu_\alpha\}$  converges to  $\mu$  in the  $w^*$ -topology if and only if  $\liminf \mu_\alpha(O) \geq \mu(O)$  for all  $O \in \mathcal{O}$ .

This notion of quasi-measure is due to Aarnes (see [A1]). Boardman introduced the ideas of Baire and Borel quasi-measures in his dissertation [B1] and paper [B2]. It is crucial to note that even if  $X$  is normal or compact, a quasi-measure need not be the restriction of a finitely additive measure. The first example of a quasi-measure that is not the restriction of a finitely additive measure was given by Aarnes in [A1]. Moreover, as can be seen from results in [W] and Fremlin [F], an  $\mathcal{O}$ -quasi-measure can be extended to a measure on an algebra containing  $\mathcal{O}$  exactly when it is subadditive on  $\mathcal{O}$ .

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The theory of non-linear integration with respect to a Borel quasi-measure on a compact Hausdorff space  $X$  is developed by Aarnes in [A1]. (Our choice of terminology is justified by the fact that the  $w^*$ -topology induced by these integrals agrees with what we are calling the  $w^*$ -topology on  $\text{QM}(\mathcal{U})$ .) In the same paper, Aarnes also establishes a representation theory that shows that in this case,  $\text{QM}(\mathcal{U})$  with the  $w^*$ -topology corresponds to the collection of quasi-linear functionals on  $C(X)$  with the topology of pointwise convergence. (A functional  $\rho: C(X) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is *quasi-linear* if  $\rho(\mathbf{1}) = 1$  and  $\rho$  is linear on every singly generated norm closed subalgebra of  $C(X)$ .) By an Alaoglu argument, the collection of quasi-linear functionals is compact Hausdorff, so  $\text{QM}(\mathcal{U})$  with the  $w^*$ -topology is compact Hausdorff if  $X$  is. (Boardman established similar representation and integration results for Baire quasi-measures on completely regular spaces in [B1] and [B2].)

In [W], Wheeler showed that if  $X$  is completely regular, then the collection of Baire quasi-measures  $\text{QM}(\mathcal{V})$  on  $X$  corresponds to the collection of Borel quasi-measures  $\text{QM}(\mathcal{U})$  on  $\beta X$ , the Stone-Ćech compactification of  $X$ . Thus, if  $X$  is completely regular,  $\text{QM}(\mathcal{V})$  is also compact Hausdorff. He also showed that if  $X$  is normal, every Baire quasi-measure extends uniquely to a Borel quasi-measure, so that in this case, the collection  $\text{QM}(\mathcal{U})$  of Borel quasi-measures is also compact Hausdorff.

We say that an  $\mathcal{O}$ -quasi-measure is *simple* if it takes only the values 0 and 1. We denote the collection of simple  $\mathcal{O}$ -quasi-measures by  $\text{QM}_s(\mathcal{O})$ . In [A2], Aarnes uses a projective limit argument to show that if  $X$  is compact, then  $\text{QM}_s(\mathcal{U})$  is compact. By Wheeler's arguments, the same is true of  $\text{QM}_s(\mathcal{V})$  if  $X$  is completely regular and of  $\text{QM}_s(\mathcal{U})$  if  $X$  is normal.

Our first goal in this paper is to provide a unified, direct, topological proof of these results. Our approach is based on that of Topsoe [T]. Our second goal is to construct an example showing that if  $X$  is not normal, then the collection of Borel quasi-measures on  $X$  with the  $w^*$ -topology may be non-compact. This example is based on a construction of a Baire quasi-measure on  $X$  that has no extension to a Borel quasi-measure. These examples show that Wheeler's normality assumptions in [W] are essential. Finally, we give a concise proof of a general version of the Wheeler-Shakmatov result (see [W] and [S]) which states that if  $X$  is normal and  $\dim(X) \leq 1$ , then every (Baire or Borel) quasi-measure on  $X$  is subadditive, and hence extends to a measure.

## 2 Compactness in Spaces of Quasi-Measures

In this section, we provide a direct proof of the compactness results described above. In order to unify the proofs of these results, we will require our quasi-algebras to satisfy an additional property. By definition, if  $X$  is normal, then  $\mathcal{U}$  has the property that if  $H$  and  $K$  are complements of elements of  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $H$  and  $K$  are disjoint, then there are pairwise disjoint elements of  $\mathcal{U}$  that separate  $H$  and  $K$ . The corresponding fact is also true for  $\mathcal{V}$  in the completely regular case. Thus, if  $\mathcal{O}$  generates a quasi-algebra  $\mathcal{O} \cup \mathcal{C}$ , we say that this quasi-algebra is *normal* if pairwise disjoint elements of  $\mathcal{C}$  can be separated by pairwise disjoint elements of  $\mathcal{O}$ .

The following lemma is adapted from [T].

**Lemma 2.1** *Suppose  $X$  is a set and that  $\mathcal{O}$  is a collection of subsets of  $X$  that generates a normal quasi-algebra  $\mathcal{O} \cup \mathcal{C}$ . Suppose further that  $\nu: \mathcal{O} \cup \mathcal{C} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  satisfies the first four*

$\mathcal{O}$ -quasi-measure axioms. Then there is an  $\mathcal{O}$ -quasi-measure  $\mu$  such that  $\mu(O) \leq \nu(O)$  for all  $O \in \mathcal{O}$ . Moreover, if  $\nu$  takes only the values 0 and 1, then  $\mu$  is simple.

**Proof** Given  $\nu$  as above, our plan is to “regularize”  $\nu$  in two steps. First, define for each  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $\tau(C) = \inf\{\nu(O) : O \in \mathcal{O} \text{ and } C \subseteq O\}$ . Then the following are true when  $C, D \in \mathcal{C}$ :

- (a)  $\tau(\emptyset) = 0$
- (b) If  $C \subseteq D$ , then  $\tau(C) \leq \tau(D)$ .
- (c) If  $C \cap D = \emptyset$ , then  $\tau(C \cup D) = \tau(C) + \tau(D)$ .
- (d) If  $C \cup D = X$ , then  $\tau(C) + \tau(D) = 1 + \tau(C \cap D)$ .

(a) and (b) are trivial, and (c) follows because  $\mathcal{O} \cup \mathcal{C}$  is normal. To see (d), suppose that we have  $C, D \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $C \cup D = X$  and a  $W \in \mathcal{O}$  such that  $C \cap D \subseteq W$ . Then  $O = C \cup (W \setminus D) \in \mathcal{O}$ ,  $P = D \cup (W \setminus C) \in \mathcal{O}$ ,  $C \cap D \subseteq O \cap P$ , and  $O \cap P = W$ , so

$$\inf_{\substack{W \in \mathcal{O} \\ C \cap D \subseteq W}} \nu(W) = \inf_{\substack{C \subseteq O \in \mathcal{O} \\ D \subseteq P \in \mathcal{O}}} \nu(O \cap P).$$

Thus,

$$\tau(C \cap D) = \inf_{\substack{C \subseteq O \in \mathcal{O} \\ D \subseteq P \in \mathcal{O}}} \nu(O \cap P) = \inf_{\substack{C \subseteq O \in \mathcal{O} \\ D \subseteq P \in \mathcal{O}}} \nu(O) + \nu(P) - 1 = \tau(C) + \tau(D) - 1.$$

Now, for  $O \in \mathcal{O}$ , define  $\mu(O) = \sup\{\tau(C) : C \in \mathcal{C} \text{ and } C \subseteq O\}$ . For  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ , define  $\mu(C) = 1 - \mu(O)$ ; we claim that  $\mu$  is an  $\mathcal{O}$ -quasi-measure. Clearly,  $\mu$  satisfies axioms (1), (2), and (3).

Suppose that  $O, P \in \mathcal{O}$  and that  $O \cup P = X$ . Because  $\mathcal{O} \cup \mathcal{C}$  is normal, we can find  $C, D \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $C \subseteq O$ ,  $D \subseteq P$ , and  $C \cup D = X$ . Then whenever  $C', D' \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $C \subseteq C' \subseteq O$  and  $D \subseteq D' \subseteq P$ , we have  $\tau(C') + \tau(D') = 1 + \tau(C' \cap D') \leq 1 + \mu(O \cap P)$ , so  $\mu(O) + \mu(P) \leq 1 + \mu(O \cap P)$ . Conversely, if  $C \subseteq O \cap P$ , we can find  $D, D' \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $D \subseteq O$ ,  $D' \subseteq P$ ,  $D \cup D' = X$ , and  $C \subseteq D \cup D'$ . This gives  $1 + \mu(O \cap P) \leq \mu(O) + \mu(P)$ , and (4) follows.

To show (5), suppose  $O \in \mathcal{O}$  and that  $\epsilon > 0$  is given. Pick  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $C \subseteq O$  and  $\tau(C) > \mu(O) - \epsilon/2$ . Then whenever  $D \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $D \subseteq O \setminus C$ , we have  $C \cap D = \emptyset$  and  $C \cup D \subseteq O$ , so that  $\tau(C) + \tau(D) = \tau(C \cup D) \leq \mu(O)$ . This gives  $\tau(D) \leq \mu(O) - \tau(C) < \epsilon/2$ , so  $\mu(O \setminus C) < \epsilon$ .

Thus,  $\mu$  is an  $\mathcal{O}$ -quasi-measure. By definition, whenever  $O \in \mathcal{O}$ , we have  $\mu(O) \leq \nu(O)$  and  $\mu$  is clearly simple if  $\nu$  is two-valued, so the proof is complete. ■

**Theorem 2.2** Suppose  $\mathcal{O}$  generates a normal quasi-algebra. Then  $\text{QM}(\mathcal{O})$  is compact Hausdorff in the  $w^*$ -topology.

**Proof** We first show that  $\text{QM}(\mathcal{O})$  is Hausdorff. Suppose that  $\mu, \nu \in \text{QM}(\mathcal{O})$  and that  $\mu \neq \nu$ . Then there is a  $O \in \mathcal{O}$  and an  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  such that (without loss of generality)  $\mu(O) < \alpha < \nu(O)$ . Find  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $C \subseteq O$  and  $\nu(C) > \alpha$ . By normality, there are  $P \in \mathcal{O}$  and  $D \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $C \subseteq P \subseteq D \subseteq O$ . Then  $\nu(P) > \alpha$ ,  $\mu(P) \leq \mu(O) < \alpha$ , and

$\nu(X \setminus D) < 1 - \alpha < \mu(X \setminus D)$ . Thus,  $\nu \in P_\alpha^*$  and  $\mu \in (X \setminus D)_{1-\alpha}^*$ . If  $\tau \in (X \setminus D)_{1-\alpha}^*$ , then  $\tau(D) < \alpha$ , so  $\tau(P) < \alpha$ , thus  $\tau \notin P_\alpha^*$ . Therefore,  $P_\alpha^* \cap (X \setminus D)_{1-\alpha}^* = \emptyset$ , and  $\text{QM}(\mathcal{O})$  is Hausdorff.

To see that  $\text{QM}(\mathcal{O})$  is compact, let  $\{\mu_\alpha\}$  be a net. Pick an ultranet  $\{\mu_{\alpha_\beta}\}$  and define  $\nu(O) = \lim_\beta \mu_{\alpha_\beta}(O)$  for all  $O \in \mathcal{O}$ . Then  $\nu$  satisfies the hypotheses of Lemma 2.1, so there is a  $\mu \in \text{QM}(\mathcal{O})$  such that  $\mu(O) \leq \nu(O)$ . But then  $\liminf \mu_{\alpha_\beta}(O) \geq \mu(O)$  for all  $O \in \mathcal{O}$ , so the ultranet  $\{\mu_{\alpha_\beta}\}$  converges to  $\mu$  and the proof is complete. ■

We record the most important instances of the theorem in the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.3** *If  $X$  is completely regular, then  $\text{QM}(\mathcal{V})$  and  $\text{QM}_s(\mathcal{V})$  are compact Hausdorff in the  $w^*$ -topology. If  $X$  is normal, then  $\text{QM}(\mathcal{U})$  and  $\text{QM}_s(\mathcal{U})$  are compact Hausdorff in the  $w^*$ -topology.*

### 3 Non-Compactness in Spaces of Quasi-Measures

In this section, we show that our use of normal quasi-algebras in the previous section is essential, by constructing a non-normal space for which the space of Borel quasi-measures is not compact. We will also construct an example of a Baire quasi-measure on this space that has no extension to a Borel quasi-measure, so that Wheeler's assumption of normality in [W] is also essential.

These results contrast sharply with the situation for ordinary measures. The Bachman-Sultan Theorem (see [BS]) states that if  $\mu$  is a finitely additive, zero set regular Baire measure, then  $\mu$  has an extension to a finitely additive, closed set regular Borel measure. Also, since the collection of simple finitely additive Borel measures on a completely regular space  $X$  with the  $w^*$ -topology corresponds to the Wallman compactification of  $X$ , the collection of simple finitely additive Borel measures on  $X$  is always compact, although it is Hausdorff only if  $X$  is normal.

Our constructions will utilize the one-point compactification of the long line. Let  $\omega_1$  be the first uncountable ordinal. The long line is the connected space  $L$  obtained by inserting a copy of  $(0, 1)$  between each ordinal  $\alpha \in \omega_1$  and its successor. To obtain the one-point compactification  $L \oplus 1$ , we adjoin the ordinal  $\omega_1$  to  $L$ . Because it has a natural order, we can use interval notation to describe subsets of  $L \oplus 1$ .

Set  $X = ((L \oplus 1) \times [0, 1]) \setminus \{(\omega_1, 1)\}$ ,  $T = L \times \{1\}$ , and  $R = \{\omega_1\} \times [0, 1]$ . Then  $X$  is not normal because  $R$  and  $T$  cannot be separated by disjoint open sets. Also  $\beta X = (L \oplus 1) \times [0, 1]$ .

**Example 3.1** *There is a Baire quasi-measure  $\mu$  on  $X$  that does not extend to a Borel quasi-measure.*

**Proof** We will use Aarnes' method of solid set functions (see [A3]) to define a Borel quasi-measure  $\bar{\nu}$  on  $\beta X$ . Set  $p = (0, 0)$  and  $F = R \cup T \cup \{(\omega_1, 1)\}$ . Recall that a closed or open subset of a space is *solid* if both it and its complement are connected. Define a solid set

function  $\nu$  on the solid subsets of  $\beta X$  by

$$\nu(A) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } A \cap F = \emptyset, \\ 1 & \text{if } F \subseteq A, \\ 1 & \text{if } p \in A \text{ and } A \cap F \neq \emptyset. \end{cases}$$

Then, by Theorem 5.1 of [A3],  $\nu$  extends to a Borel quasi-measure  $\bar{\nu}$  on  $\beta X$ . By the correspondence between Baire quasi-measures on  $X$  and Borel quasi-measures on  $\beta X$ , see [W],  $\bar{\nu}$  induces a Baire quasi-measure  $\mu$  on  $X$ . We claim that  $\mu$  does not extend to a Borel quasi-measure on  $\beta X$ .

By way of contradiction, suppose that  $\tau$  is Borel extension of  $\mu$ . Set  $U = X \setminus (R \cup T)$ ; we claim that  $\tau(U) = 0$ . To see this, suppose that  $K \subseteq U$  and that  $K$  is closed. Then  $K$  is compact, so there is a zero set  $Z$  such that  $K \subseteq Z \subseteq U$ . Clearly,  $\mu(Z) = 0$ . Since  $\tau$  is monotone and extends  $\mu$ ,  $\tau(K) = 0$ . By inner regularity,  $\tau(U) = 0$  also. We also claim that  $\tau(T) = 0 = \tau(R)$ . This follows from additivity on finite pairwise disjoint unions of closed sets and the fact that  $\mu((L \oplus 1) \times \{0\}) = 1 = \mu(\{0\} \times [0, 1])$ . But then  $\tau(X) = \tau(R) + \tau(U) + \tau(T) = 0$ , a contradiction. So  $\mu$  does not have a Borel extension. ■

**Example 3.2** *There is a space  $X$  such that  $QM(\mathcal{U})$  is non-compact in the  $w^*$ -topology.*

**Proof** Let  $X$  be as in the previous example. For each  $\alpha \in \omega_1$ , define a Borel quasi-measure  $\bar{\nu}_\alpha$  on  $\beta X$  as follows. Set  $p = (0, 0)$  and  $F_\alpha = (\{\alpha\} \times [0, 1]) \cup ([0, \alpha] \times \{1\})$ . Define  $\bar{\nu}_\alpha$  on  $\beta X$  by extending the solid set function

$$\bar{\nu}_\alpha(A) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } A \cap F_\alpha = \emptyset, \\ 1 & \text{if } F_\alpha \subseteq A, \\ 1 & \text{if } p \in A \text{ and } A \cap F_\alpha \neq \emptyset. \end{cases}$$

to all closed subsets of  $\beta X$ . Let  $\mu_\alpha$  be the Baire quasi-measure on  $X$  induced by  $\bar{\nu}_\alpha$ . Since the support of  $\mu_\alpha$  is compact, we can extend  $\mu_\alpha$  to a Borel quasi-measure  $\nu_\alpha$  on  $X$ .

Clearly,  $\{\nu_\alpha : \alpha \in \omega_1\}$  with the obvious ordering is a net, we claim that it has no convergent subnet. Suppose, by way of contradiction, that  $\nu$  is the limit of a subnet  $\{\nu_{\alpha_\beta}\}$ . We first show that  $U = X \setminus (R \cup T)$  satisfies  $\nu(U) = 0$ . If  $K$  is any zero set in  $U$ , then there is an  $\gamma \in \omega_1$  such that  $K \subseteq [0, \gamma] \times [0, 1]$ . Arguing as before, if  $\alpha_\beta > \gamma$ , we have  $\nu_{\alpha_\beta}(K) = 0$ . By the definition of convergence in the  $w^*$ -topology,  $\nu(K) = 0$ . By regularity,  $\nu(U) = 0$ . Since each  $\nu_\alpha(R) = 0 = \nu_\alpha(T)$ , another application of the definition of  $w^*$ -convergence gives  $\nu(R) = 0 = \nu(T)$ . But then  $\nu(X) = \nu(R) + \nu(U) + \nu(T) = 0$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $X$  is not compact in the  $w^*$ -topology. ■

### 4 Quasi-Measures and Dimension Theory

In [W] and [S], Wheeler and Shakmatov establish a remarkable connection between the existence of quasi-measures and classical dimension theory: suppose  $X$  is normal and let  $\dim(X)$  denote the Čech-Lebesgue covering dimension of  $X$ . Then  $\dim(X) \leq 1$  implies that

every (Baire or Borel) quasi-measure on  $X$  is subadditive, and hence extends to a measure. In this section, we present a concise proof of a slightly more general version of this result. We will need the following generalization of Čech-Lebesgue covering dimension.

**Definition 4.1** Suppose  $\mathcal{O}$  generates a quasi-algebra on  $X$ . We say that the  $\mathcal{O}$ -covering dimension of  $X$  is at most 1 (and write  $\mathcal{O}\text{-dim}(X) \leq 1$ ) if whenever  $O_1, O_2, O_3 \in \mathcal{O}$  and  $O_1 \cup O_2 \cup O_3 = X$ , then there are  $O'_1, O'_2, O'_3 \in \mathcal{O}$  with  $O'_1 \subseteq O_1$ ,  $O'_2 \subseteq O_2$ , and  $O'_3 \subseteq O_3$ ;  $O'_1 \cup O'_2 \cup O'_3 = X$ ; and  $O'_1 \cap O'_2 \cap O'_3 = \emptyset$ .

Clearly, this definition could be extended to define  $\mathcal{O}$ -covering dimension for any non-negative integer, although we will not require such generality here. We call the collection of  $O'_i$ 's in the definition of  $\mathcal{O}$ -covering dimension a *refinement* of the  $O_i$ 's.

**Lemma 4.2** Suppose  $\mu$  is an  $\mathcal{O}$ -quasi-measure on  $X$ . Let  $O_1, O_2, O_3 \in \mathcal{O}$  with  $O_1 \cup O_2 \cup O_3 = X$  and  $O_1 \cap O_2 \cap O_3 = \emptyset$ . Then  $\mu(O_1) + \mu(O_2) + \mu(O_3) \geq 1$ .

**Proof** Let  $O_1, O_2, O_3 \in \mathcal{O}$  be as above. We then have each  $O_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) is the pairwise disjoint union of the sets  $X \setminus (O_j \cup O_k)$ ,  $O_i \cap O_j$ , and  $O_i \cap O_k$ , where  $1 \leq j < k \leq 3$  and  $j \neq i \neq k$ . This gives the following three inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(O_1) &\geq \mu(X \setminus (O_2 \cup O_3)) + \mu(O_1 \cap O_2), \\ \mu(O_2) &\geq \mu(X \setminus (O_3 \cup O_1)) + \mu(O_2 \cap O_3), \quad \text{and} \\ \mu(O_3) &\geq \mu(X \setminus (O_1 \cup O_2)) + \mu(O_3 \cap O_1).\end{aligned}$$

The six sets on the right hand side of these inequalities are pairwise disjoint and have union  $X$ , so the sum of their measures is one. This gives  $\mu(O_1) + \mu(O_2) + \mu(O_3) \geq 1$ , as desired. ■

**Theorem 4.3** Suppose  $\mathcal{O}$  generates a quasi-algebra on  $X$  and that  $\mathcal{O}\text{-dim}(X) \leq 1$ . Then every  $\mathcal{O}$ -quasi-measure on  $X$  is subadditive on  $\mathcal{O}$ .

**Proof** We prove the contrapositive. Suppose that  $\mu$  is an  $\mathcal{O}$ -quasi-measure on  $X$  and that  $\mu$  is not subadditive on  $\mathcal{O}$ . Then there are  $O_1, O_2 \in \mathcal{O}$  such that  $\mu(O_1 \cup O_2) > \mu(O_1) + \mu(O_2)$ . Find an  $O_3 \in \mathcal{O}$  such that  $X \setminus (O_1 \cup O_2) \subseteq O_3$  and  $\mu(O_1) + \mu(O_2) + \mu(O_3) < 1$ . Then any refinement  $\{O'_1, O'_2, O'_3\}$  of the  $O_i$ 's satisfies  $\mu(O'_1) + \mu(O'_2) + \mu(O'_3) < 1$ , so by the lemma,  $O'_1 \cap O'_2 \cap O'_3 \neq \emptyset$ . Thus, it is not the case that  $\mathcal{O}\text{-dim}(X) \leq 1$ . ■

**Corollary 4.4** If  $\mathcal{O}\text{-dim}(X) \leq 1$ , then every  $\mathcal{O}$ -quasi-measure on  $X$  extends to a finitely additive measure on an algebra containing  $\mathcal{O}$ .

**Proof** Let  $\mu$  be a  $\mathcal{O}$ -quasi-measure on  $X$ . Since  $\mu$  is subadditive on  $\mathcal{O}$ , we have that  $\mu(K) + \mu(L) - 1 \leq \mu(K \cap L)$  for  $K, L \in \mathcal{C}$  by considering complements. Now, the proof of Lemma 3 of [F] shows that  $\mu(K) \leq \mu(L) + \mu_*(K \setminus L)$  for  $K, L \in \mathcal{C}$ , where  $\mu_*(A) = \sup\{\mu(K') : K' \subseteq A\}$ .

We may now define  $\Sigma = \{A \subseteq X : \mu(K) \leq \mu_*(A \cap K) + \mu_*(K \setminus A) \text{ for all } K \in \mathcal{C}\}$ . By standard techniques,  $\Sigma$  is an algebra and  $\mu_*$  is a finitely additive measure on  $\Sigma$  extending  $\mu$ . ■

**Corollary 4.5** *If  $X$  is normal and  $\dim(X) \leq 1$ , then every Borel quasi-measure on  $X$  extends to a finitely additive measure on the Borel algebra.*

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