

Measure theory

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1 An introduction to measure theory

1.1 Sigma-algebras and measures

Definition 1 (sigma-algebra) Assume that X is a non-empty set, a family \mathcal{A} of subsets of X is called a sigma-algebra if the following holds:

- i) $\emptyset \in \mathcal{A}$
- ii) If $A \in \mathcal{A}$, then $A^C \in \mathcal{A}$
- iii) If $A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n \in \mathcal{A}$

Proposition 1 Assume that \mathcal{A} is a sigma-algebra on X , then the following holds:

- i) $X \in \mathcal{A}$
- ii) if $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathcal{A}$, then $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n \in \mathcal{A}$
- iii) if $A_1, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{A}$, then $\bigcup_{k=1}^n A_k \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\bigcap_{k=1}^n A_k \in \mathcal{A}$
- iv) if $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$, then $A \setminus B \in \mathcal{A}$

This is a useful proposition, and are not included in the definition since it actually follows from the definition.

Definition 2 (measure) Assume that X is a non-empty set, and that \mathcal{A} is a σ -algebra on X .

A measure μ on (X, \mathcal{A}) is a function $\mu : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+ = [0, \infty) \cup \{\infty\}$ such that:

- i) $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$
- ii) if $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a pairwise disjoint sequence, then: $\mu\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\right) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_n)$

We call the triplet (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) a measure space.

When we know what a measure and a sigma-algebra is, then we are ready for examples of measures, and see why in fact we can call them measures:

Example 1 (Counting measure) This is the counting measure, also known as the cardinality of a set: let $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be a finite set, and let $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{P}(X)$, then: $\mu(A) = |A|$ is a measure on X .

Why is this a measure? First of all we have that the set X is finite, so for all sets $A \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ we will have $|A| < \infty$, as well as $|A| \geq 0$. this means that μ takes values in $[0, \infty)$ which is a requirement for a measure. And by definition we also have that $\mu(\emptyset) = |\emptyset| = 0$ (the empty set has zero elements).

We also have that for the disjoint sequence $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$: $\mu\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\right) = \left|\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\right| = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |A_n| = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_n)$. Hence the counting measure is indeed a measure.

Example 2 (Dirac measure) We here have one rather simple measure, but actually one of the most important ones, and it looks like this:

$$\mu(A) = \delta_x(A) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in A \\ 0 & x \notin A \end{cases}$$

We have that the measure takes only 1 or 0 as values, so we have that $\mu(A) \geq 0, \forall A \in \mathcal{A}$, we also have that $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$, this is because by definition $x \notin \emptyset$.

Before we generalize, lets assume the following:

$X = \{a_1, a_2\}$ $\mathcal{P}(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a_1\}, \{a_2\}, \{a_1, a_2\}\} = \{A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4\}$
our disjoint sets here are: A_1, A_2, A_3 so this means that:

$$x \in \bigcup_{k=1}^3 A_k = \{x \in A_1 \text{ or } x \in A_2 \text{ or } x \in A_3\}$$

$$x \in \bigcup_{k=1}^3 A_k \implies \mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^3 A_k\right) = 1 = \sum_{k=1}^3 \mu(A_k) = 0 + 1 + 0 \quad (x \in A_2)$$

And with the above intuition we can generalize: let $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a pairwise disjoint sequence, for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$, we will have $x \in A_m$ and for $n \neq m$, we will have $x \notin A_n$, which means that:

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\right) = 1 = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_n) = 0 + 0 + \dots + \mu(A_m) + 0 + \dots = 1$$

In the other case, i.e where $x \notin A_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have:

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\right) = 0 = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_n)$$

Hence the Dirac measure is a measure

Example 3 (sigma-algebra of countable sets and measure) Let X be an uncountable set, and define the sigma-algebra

$\mathcal{A} = \{A \in \mathcal{P}(X) : A \text{ is countable or } A^C \text{ is countable}\}$ as well as the measure:

$$\mu(A) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } A \text{ is countable} \\ 1 & \text{if } A^C \text{ is countable} \end{cases}$$

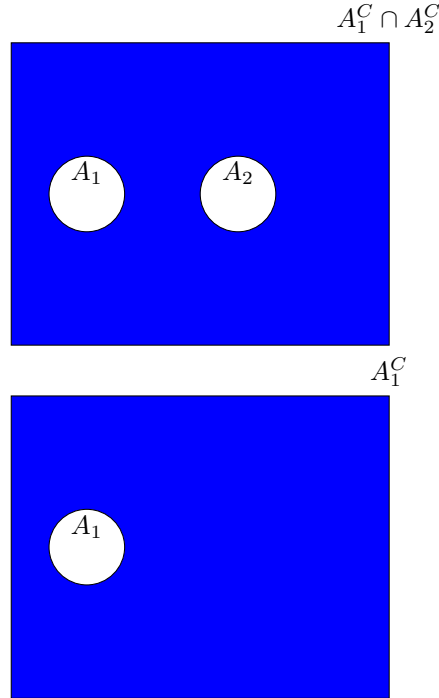
We can start by verifying that \mathcal{A} is a σ -algebra: We have that $\emptyset \in \mathcal{P}(X)$, and by definition we have that the \emptyset is countable, hence $\emptyset \in \mathcal{A}$.

We also want to have that $A \in \mathcal{A} \implies A^C \in \mathcal{A}$: so assume that A is countable, i.e an element of \mathcal{A} and let $B = A^C$, we will then have that

$B^C = (A^C)^C = A$, hence we must have that A^C is an element of \mathcal{A} , since it's complement is countable.

We must also show that: $A_1, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{A} \implies \bigcup_{k=1}^n A_k \in \mathcal{A}$. let's start with the simplest case where all A_k is countable, then we have by definition that $\bigcup_{k=1}^n A_k$ is countable, hence also in \mathcal{A} .

In our second case it could be that they are not countable, i.e maybe all or some of them, but assume that there exist $i \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t A_i^C is countable. Then we will have: $(\bigcup A_n)^C = \bigcap A_n^C \subseteq A_i^C$. This is easiest understood by venn diagrams:



The idea here is that the blue area in the last figure is larger than the blue area in the first figure, hence $A_1^C \cap A_2^C \subseteq A_1^C$. Now we have finally shown that \mathcal{A} is a sigma-algebra, we now only have to show that μ is indeed a measure.

$\mu(\emptyset) = 0$, since \emptyset is countable.

Now again let all sets A_1, \dots, A_n be countable pairwise disjoint. hence:

$\mu(\bigcup_{k=1}^n A_k) = 0 = \sum_{k=1}^n \mu(A_k)$, again this holds since the union is countable.

Now we look at a less ideal situation, namely maybe not all sets are countable.

Let $A = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$, and assume that there exist atleast one $m \in \mathbb{N}$, such that A_m^C is countable. So we have then that $A^C \subseteq A_m^C$, this is easiest understood by drawings, but as A_m^C is just one countable set, we will have that the union $A^C = (\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n)^C$ is a smaller set than A_m^C . But this means that A^C is a countable set, as it is a subset of a countable set, hence $A \in \mathcal{A}$ (since $A^C \in \mathcal{A}$).

We still assume that $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a disjoint sequence, this means that: $A_n \subseteq A_m^C$, $n \neq m$. So for $n \neq m$ we have that A_n is countable.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_n) &= \sum_{n \neq m} \mu(A_n) + \mu(A_m) \\ &= 0 + 1 = 1 \quad (A_m^C \text{ is countable}) \\ \mu\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\right) &= 1 \\ \mu\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\right) &= 1 = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_n) \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 2 Let (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) be a measure space, then we have:

i) (Finite additivity) if A_1, \dots, A_m are disjoint sets in \mathcal{A} , then:

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^m A_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^m \mu(A_n)$$

ii) (Monotonicity) if $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$, and $A \subseteq B$, with $\mu(B) < \infty$, then:
 $\mu(A) \leq \mu(B)$

iii) if $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$, with $A \subseteq B$ and $\mu(B) < \infty$, then:
 $\mu(A \setminus B) = \mu(B) - \mu(A)$

iv) (Subadditivity) let $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence in \mathcal{A} , not necessarily disjoint, then:

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\right) \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_n)$$

The idea again, is to use the definition of the measure to verify these, so for i) we just supply the sequence with empty-sets. iii) is a consequence of ii) and iv) is a consequence of definition again:

Proof 1 We start with ii):

$$\begin{aligned} B &= A \cup (B \setminus A) \text{ (disjoint)} \\ \mu(B) &= \mu(A) + \mu(B \setminus A) \\ &\geq \mu(A) \end{aligned}$$

iii) follows directly from above, just reorder the equation.

iv): Let $\{A_n\}$ be the sequence in \mathcal{A} not necessarily disjoint. We want to create a disjoint set of these sets namely $\{B_n\}$

$$\begin{aligned} B_1 &= A_1, \quad B_2 = A_2 \setminus B_1, \quad B_3 = A_3 \setminus (B_1 \cup B_2), \dots, B_n = A_n \setminus \left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{n-1} B_k \right) \\ \mu\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\right) &= \mu\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n\right) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(B_n) \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_n) \text{ (by monotonicity: } B_n \subseteq A_n) \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 3 (Continuity of measure) Let $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of measurable sets in (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) , then we have:

i) Assume that $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an increasing sequence, i.e that $A_n \subseteq A_{n+1}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then:

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n)$$

ii) Assume that $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a decreasing sequence, i.e that $A_{n+1} \subseteq A_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and that $\mu(A_1) < \infty$ then:

$$\mu\left(\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n)$$

Proof 2 We start by proving i): let $A = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$ and let's define a new disjoint sequence $\{B_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ by: $B_1 = A_1, B_2 = A_2 \setminus A_1, \dots B_n = A_n \setminus A_{n-1}$. This means that:

$$\mu(A) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n\right) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(B_n) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^m \mu(B_n) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^m B_n\right) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_m)$$

For part two, we again want to define a disjoint sequence: let $B_n = A_1 \setminus A_n$ so $\{B_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an increasing sequence. And let $A = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$. We will then have that $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n = A_1 \setminus \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n = A_1 \setminus A$

Example 4 (Cont of measure) Let μ be a measure on \mathbb{R} such that

$\mu([-1/n, 1/n]) = 1 + 2/n, n \in \mathbb{N}$, then we have $\mu(\{0\}) = 1$.

Define $A_n = [-1/n, 1/n]$ then we have that the sequence $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is decreasing ($A_{n+1} \subseteq A_n$). $\mu(A_1) = 1 + 2/1 = 3 < \infty$. As well as $\{0\} = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$. Now since all the requirements for continuity of measure is fulfilled, we thus have:

$$\mu(\{0\}) = \mu\left(\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 + 2/n = 1$$

Example 5 (When requirements does not hold) Let μ be the Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R} , i.e: $\mu([a, b]) = b - a$. Let's put $A_n = [n, \infty)$ so this means that $\mu(A_n) = \infty$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, thus $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) = \infty$. We have that $\{A_n\}$ is a decreasing sequence, with $\mu(A_1) = \infty$. We can also look at the intersection: $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} [n, \infty) = \emptyset$. Which again yields: $\mu(\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n) = \mu(\emptyset) = 0 \neq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n)$

1.2 Complete measures

We have until now defined what a sigma-algebra and a measure is, but the definition does not capture everything. Assume that (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) is a measure space and let $B \in \mathcal{A}$ be such that $\mu(B) = 0$, further assume that $N \subseteq B$, a question that arises is then: will $\mu(N) = 0$? If $N \in \mathcal{A}$, then we will have: $\mu(N) = 0$. This follows from the monotonicity property of the measure. The problem is when $N \notin \mathcal{A}$, our definition of the measure does not say anything about this. So in general we will have that N does not need to be in \mathcal{A} .

Definition 3 (Null set) A set $N \subseteq X$ is called a null set, if there is a set $B \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $N \subseteq B$ and $\mu(B) = 0$.

Definition 4 (Complete measure space) A measure space (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) is called complete if all null sets belongs to \mathcal{A} .

The goal of this section is to turn an arbitrary measure space into a complete measure space. Before we continue, we denote \mathcal{N} the collection of all null sets.

Lemma 1 If $N_n \in \mathcal{N}$, then: $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} N_n \in \mathcal{N}$

Proof 3 Since N_n is a null set, we have that there is a $B_n \in \mathcal{A}$ s.t $N_n \subseteq B_n$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, with $\mu(B_n) = 0$. We will therefore have: $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} N_n \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n$, and by subadditivity of measure:

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n\right) \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(B_n) = 0$$

Hence $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} N_n \in \mathcal{N}$

Proposition 4 (Smallest sigma-algebra containing \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{N}) Let $\overline{\mathcal{A}} = \{A \cup N : A \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } N \in \mathcal{N}\}$, then $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ is the smallest σ -algebra containing \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{N} .

Proof 4 We start by showing that $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ contains \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{N} : $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{A}}$:

$$\begin{aligned} A \in \mathcal{A} : A &= A \cup \emptyset \in \overline{\mathcal{A}} \quad (A \in \mathcal{A}, \emptyset \in \mathcal{N}) \\ N \in \mathcal{N} : N &= \emptyset \cup N \in \overline{\mathcal{A}} \quad (\emptyset \in \mathcal{A}, N \in \mathcal{N}) \end{aligned}$$

If we assume that $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ is a σ -algebra, then it must be the smallest one containing \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{N} because any other σ -algebra \mathcal{G} must have $A \cup N$ as an element, hence $\overline{\mathcal{A}} \subseteq \mathcal{G}$. Now the last thing we need to show is that $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ actually is a σ -algebra.

$$\begin{aligned} \emptyset \in \overline{\mathcal{A}} : \emptyset &= \emptyset \cup \emptyset \in \overline{\mathcal{A}} \\ A \cup N \in \overline{\mathcal{A}} &\implies (A \cup N)^C \in \overline{\mathcal{A}} : \\ (A \cup N)^C &= (A \cup B)^C \cup (B \setminus N) \in \overline{\mathcal{A}} \\ (A_n \cup N_n) \in \overline{\mathcal{A}} \forall n \in \mathbb{N} &\implies \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (A_n \cup N_n) \in \overline{\mathcal{A}} : \\ \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (A_n \cup N_n) &= \left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} N_n \right) \in \overline{\mathcal{A}} \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ is the smallest σ -algebra containing \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{N} .

Lemma 2 Assume that $A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{A}$ and $N_1, N_2 \in \mathcal{N}$ and that: $A_1 \cup N_1 = A_2 \cup N_2$, then: $\mu(A_1) = \mu(A_2)$

Proof 5 Since N_2 is a null set, we have that $B_2 \in \mathcal{A}$ with $N_2 \subseteq B_2$ and $\mu(B_2) = 0$. But then:

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &\subseteq A_1 \cup N_1 = A_2 \cup N_2 \subseteq A_2 \cup B_2 \\ \mu(A_1) &\leq \mu(A_2 \cup B_2) \leq \mu(A_2) + \mu(B_2) = \mu(A_2) \\ A_2 &\subseteq A_2 \cup N_2 = A_1 \cup N_1 \subseteq A_1 \cup B_1 \\ \mu(A_2) &\leq \mu(A_1 \cup B_1) \leq \mu(A_1) + \mu(B_1) = \mu(A_1) \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\mu(A_1) = \mu(A_2)$.

It may seem strange why we included this lemma, but the idea is that we want to define a measure $\overline{\mu} : \overline{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$ such that: $\overline{\mu}(A \cup N) = \mu(A)$, so if we have two equal unions: $A_1 \cup N_1 = A_2 \cup N_2$, then: $\overline{\mu}(A_1 \cup N_1) = \overline{\mu}(A_2 \cup N_2) = \mu(A_1) = \mu(A_2)$ this lemma ensures us that if we have two equal unions, then they have the same measure.

Theorem 1 (Complete measure space with complete measure) Assume that (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) is a measure space, and let: $\overline{\mathcal{A}} = \{A \cup N : A \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } N \in \mathcal{N}\}$, define $\overline{\mu} : \overline{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$ by:

$$\overline{\mu}(A \cup N) = \mu(A), \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{A}$$

Then $(X, \overline{\mathcal{A}}, \overline{\mu})$ is a complete measure space extending (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) .

Proof 6 We first want to check that $\overline{\mu}$ is a measure

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\mu}(\emptyset) &= 0 : \\ \overline{\mu}(\emptyset) &= \overline{\mu}(\emptyset \cup \emptyset) = \mu(\emptyset) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now let $\{C_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a disjoint sequence in $(X, \overline{\mathcal{A}}, \overline{\mu})$, with $C_n = A_n \cup N_n$ we must show that : $\overline{\mu}(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} C_n) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \overline{\mu}(C_n)$. First we notice that since the C_n 's are disjoint we must have that the A_n 's are disjoint.

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \overline{\mu}(C_n) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \overline{\mu}(A_n \cup N_n) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_n) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\right) = \overline{\mu}\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (A_n \cup N_n)\right) = \overline{\mu}\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} C_n\right)$$

We therefore have that $\overline{\mu}$ is a measure. But why is this new measure space $(X, \overline{\mathcal{A}}, \overline{\mu})$ complete? There could be that we have some new null sets in $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$, so we must therefore show that it is actually a complete measuresapce, i.e all null sets belongs to $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$.

To prove that this new measure space is complete, we must show that if M is a $\overline{\mu}$ null set, then $M \in \overline{\mathcal{A}}$, which yields $\overline{\mu}(M) = 0$.

M a $\overline{\mu}$ null set: let $C \in \overline{\mathcal{A}}$ such that $M \subseteq C$ with $\overline{\mu}(C) = 0$. Since $C \in \overline{\mathcal{A}}$ we have that C is on the form: $C = A \cup N$, with $N \in \mathcal{N}$. But since $N \in \mathcal{N}$, we know that there is a $B \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $N \subseteq B$ with $\mu(B) = 0$. This gives us:

$$\begin{aligned} M &\subseteq C = A \cup N \subseteq A \cup B \\ A \cup B &\in \mathcal{A} \implies \overline{\mu}(A \cup B) = \mu(A \cup B), \text{ (by definition)} \\ 0 &= \overline{\mu}(C) \leq \overline{\mu}(A \cup B) = \mu(A \cup B) \leq \mu(A) + \mu(B) = 0 \\ \mu(A) &= 0 : \overline{\mu}(C) = \overline{\mu}(A \cup N) = \mu(A) \implies \overline{\mu}(C) = \mu(A) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

This means that $M \in \mathcal{N} \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{A}}$, hence the new measure $\overline{\mu}$ encaptures all null sets.

The main takeaway from this theorem is that we now have a way of turning arbitrary measure spaces (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) into complete measure spaces $(X, \overline{\mathcal{A}}, \overline{\mu})$.

Example 6 (Measure space that is not complete) Let $X = \{0, 1, 2\}$ and $\mathcal{A} = \{\emptyset, \{0, 1\}, \{2\}, X\}$. We have the measure: $\mu : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ defined by: $\mu(\emptyset) = \mu(\{0, 1\}) = 0, \mu(\{2\}) = \mu(X) = 1$. We start by showing that \mathcal{A} is a sigma-algebra:

$$\begin{aligned} \emptyset &\in \mathcal{A} : \text{holds by defintion} \\ A \in \mathcal{A} &\implies A^C \in \mathcal{A} : \\ A_1 = \emptyset &\implies A_1^C = X \in \mathcal{A} \\ A_2 = \{0, 1\} &\implies A_2^C = \{2\} \in \mathcal{A} \\ A_3 = \{2\} &\implies A_3^C = \{0, 1\} \in \mathcal{A} \\ \{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathcal{A} &\implies \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n \in \mathcal{A} : \\ \bigcup_{n=1}^4 A_n &= X \in \mathcal{A} \end{aligned}$$

Thus \mathcal{A} is a sigma-algebra. We also get that μ is a measure. But why is then the measure space (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) not complete? Notice that $\mu(\{0, 1\}) = 0$ so if we call $B = \{0, 1\}$ we have $\mu(B) = 0$, but here $N_1 = \{0\} \in \mathcal{N}$ and $N_2 = \{1\} \in \mathcal{N}$ and $N_1, N_2 \notin \mathcal{A}$, thus (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) is not complete. So how can we transform this into a complete measure space? By definition $\overline{\mathcal{A}} = \{A \cup N : A \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } N \in \mathcal{N}\}$, here are some of the elements:

$$\begin{aligned}\emptyset \cup \{0\} &= \{0\}, \quad \emptyset \cup \{1\} = \{1\} \\ \{2\} \cup \{0\} &= \{0, 2\}, \quad \{2\} \cup \{1\} = \{1, 2\}\end{aligned}$$

So we end up with:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A} &= \{\emptyset, \{0, 1\}, \{2\}, \{0, 1, 2\}\} \\ \overline{\mathcal{A}} &= \{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{1\}, \{0, 1\}, \{2\}, \{2, 0\}, \{2, 1\}, \{0, 1, 2\}\} = \mathcal{P}(X)\end{aligned}$$

The requirements for the measure yields: $\overline{\mu}(A \cup N) = \mu(A)$ and we have $\mathcal{N} = \{N_1, N_2\} = \{\{0\}, \{1\}\}$, using the above:

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{\mu}(\{2, 0\}) &= \mu(\{2\}) \implies \mu(N_1) = \mu(\{0\}) = 0 \\ \overline{\mu}(\{2, 1\}) &= \mu(\{2\}) \implies \mu(N_2) = \mu(\{1\}) = 0\end{aligned}$$

Example 7 Assume that (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) is a complete measure space, i.e $\mathcal{A} = \overline{\mathcal{A}}$, so \mathcal{A} contains all the null sets. Further we let $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ with $\mu(A) = \mu(B) < \infty$. If $A \subseteq C \subseteq B \implies C \in \mathcal{A}$. So why is this true? The idea is to see what figure 1 can give us:

$$\begin{aligned}B &= A \cup (B \setminus A) \text{ (disjoint)} \\ \mu(B) &= \mu(A) + \mu(B \setminus A) = \mu(A) \implies \mu(B \setminus A) = 0\end{aligned}$$

We have that $C \setminus A \subseteq B \setminus A$ with $\mu(B \setminus A) = 0$, thus $C \setminus A$ is a null set, which means that $C \setminus A \in \mathcal{A}$. We also have that $C = A \cup C \setminus A \in \mathcal{A}$.

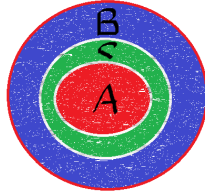


Figure 1: Included sets

When we defined $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ we said that it was the smallest sigma-algebra containing \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{N} , which may arise some questions with regards to sigma-algebras. For instance, we do have the following sigma algebras: $\mathcal{A}_0 = \{\emptyset, X\}$ and $\mathcal{P}(X)$, the problem with these are that in most practical cases the first one is to small, and the other one to big. So what if we want a more appropriate sigma-algebra, that just contains the "necessary" information?

Let's say we have some collection of information \mathcal{B} and we want the smallest sigma-algebra containing \mathcal{B} , we will call this one the sigma-algebra generated by \mathcal{B} and we denote it by $\sigma(\mathcal{B})$. And this is in fact the smallest sigma-algebra containing \mathcal{B} . Before we can interperet what $\sigma(\mathcal{B})$ means, we need a lemma:

Lemma 3 (Intersection of σ -algebras is a σ -algebra) *Let (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) be a measure space, let \mathcal{I} be a non-empty index set and let $\mathcal{F}_i, i \in \mathcal{I}$ be σ -algebras on X , then:*

$$\mathcal{F} = \bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{F}_i = \{A \subseteq X : A \in \mathcal{F}_i, \forall i \in \mathcal{I}\}$$

is a σ -algebra on X

Proof 7 *We do have from the definition that: $\mathcal{F} = \bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{F}_i = \{A \subseteq X : A \in \mathcal{F}_i, \forall i \in \mathcal{I}\}$, and since all \mathcal{F}_i are sigma-algebras we have that $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}_i, \forall i \in \mathcal{I}$, hence $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$.*

Assume that $A \in \mathcal{F}$, this means that we have $A \in \mathcal{F}_i, \forall i \in \mathcal{I}$, but then $A^C \in \mathcal{F}_i, \forall i \in \mathcal{I}$, hence $A^C \in \mathcal{F}$.

Again: assume that $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathcal{F}$, which means that: $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathcal{F}_i, \forall i \in \mathcal{I}$, and thus $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n \in \mathcal{F}_i, \forall i \in \mathcal{I}$, which means that: $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n \in \mathcal{F}$

Definition 5 (generated sigma-algebra) *Let X be a non-empty set, and let \mathcal{B} be a collection of subsets of X . Then the σ -algebra on X generated by \mathcal{B} $\sigma(\mathcal{B})$ is defined to be the intersection of all σ -algebras \mathcal{F} on X such that $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$, i.e:*

$$\sigma(\mathcal{B}) = \bigcap \{\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X) : \mathcal{F} \text{ is a } \sigma\text{-algebra on } X \text{ and } \mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{F}\}$$

And this is the smallest σ -algebra on X containing \mathcal{B} .

So why is this the smallest σ -algebra containing \mathcal{B} ? Well we have that we have a bunch of σ -algebras \mathcal{F} on X containing \mathcal{B} , so these are in fact all the possible σ -algebras on X which contains \mathcal{B} , so some of these will be bigger and some will be smaller, but if we take the intersection, we will actually obtain the smallest one containig \mathcal{B} .

Example 8 *Suppose that \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are two collections of subsets of X , such that $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{B})$ and $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{A})$, then $\sigma(\mathcal{A}) = \sigma(\mathcal{B})$.*

Let $A \in \mathcal{A}$, so this means that $A \in \sigma(\mathcal{A}), \forall A \in \mathcal{A}$ but by assumption we have that $A \in \sigma(\mathcal{B}), \forall A \in \mathcal{A}$. Thus $\sigma(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{B})$. Let $B \in \mathcal{B}$, so we then have: $B \in \sigma(\mathcal{B})$ and also again by assumption $B \in \sigma(\mathcal{A})$, thus $\sigma(\mathcal{B}) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{A})$, hence $\sigma(\mathcal{A}) = \sigma(\mathcal{B})$.

Example 9 Let X be a metric space, let's say $X = \mathbb{R}$, and let \mathcal{G} be the collection of all open sets, i.e $\mathcal{G} = \{(a, b) : a \leq b \wedge a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ and let \mathcal{F} be the collection of all closed subsets of X , i.e:

$\mathcal{F} = \{[a, b] : a \leq b \wedge a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$, then $\sigma(\mathcal{G}) = \sigma(\mathcal{F})$.

Let G_1 be an open set i.e $G_1 \in \mathcal{G}$ so that $G_1 \in \sigma(\mathcal{G})$. But since $\sigma(\mathcal{G})$ is a sigma-algebra we must have that $G_1^C \in \sigma(\mathcal{G})$, $G_1^C \in \mathcal{F}$, thus $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{G}) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{F})$. Now let $F_1 \in \mathcal{F}$, so that $F_1 \in \sigma(\mathcal{F})$, but then $F_1^C \in \sigma(\mathcal{F})$. Again we have: F_1^C open which means that: $F_1^C \in \mathcal{G}$, thus $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{F}) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{G})$, hence $\sigma(\mathcal{G}) = \sigma(\mathcal{F})$.

One important feature of generated sigma-algebra's is the Borel-sigma-algebra. Let's assume that X is a metric space e.g $X = \mathbb{R}$, and let \mathcal{B} be the collection of all open sets.

Then $\sigma(\mathcal{B})$ is called the Borel- σ -algebra, and this is the smallest σ -algebra containing all open sets. The sets in $\sigma(\mathcal{B})$ are called Borel-sets. And any measure defined on $\sigma(\mathcal{B})$ is called a Borel-measure. We will later learn that there exists an unique complete measure μ on $\sigma(\mathcal{B})$ such that $\mu([a, b]) = b - a$ for all $a < b$. this is called the Lebesgue-measure. In general there is no guarantee for the Borel-measure being complete, but the Lebesgue is.

1.3 Measurable functions

Our aim is to define what $\int f d\mu$ means, but such integrals relies heavily on sequences of so called simple functions f_n . We have that the limit of these: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$ could be $\pm\infty$, we would therefore like to work with functions $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty, \infty\}$

Before we begin the study of measurable functions it's good to recall some notions from set-theory.

Definition 6 (inverse image of B under f) Let X, Y be two non-empty sets, and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ with $B \subseteq Y$, we then define the inverse image of B as:

$$f^{-1}(B) = \{x \in X : f(x) \in B\}$$

Proposition 5 Let \mathcal{B} be a family/collection of subsets of Y , then for all functions $f : X \rightarrow Y$ we have:

- $f^{-1}(\bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B) = \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} f^{-1}(B)$
- $f^{-1}(\bigcap_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B) = \bigcap_{B \in \mathcal{B}} f^{-1}(B)$

Proposition 6 (inverse image of complement) Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$, and let $D \subseteq Y$, then:

$$f^{-1}(D^C) = (f^{-1}(D))^C$$

Proposition 7 Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and let $g : X \rightarrow Y$, further let $S \subseteq Y$, then:

$$(g \circ f)^{-1}(S) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(S))$$

Proof 8 We start by the following:

$$\begin{aligned} x &\in (g \circ f)^{-1}(S) \\ (g \circ f)(x) &\in S \\ f(x) &\in g^{-1}(x) \\ x &\in f^{-1}(g^{-1}(S)) \end{aligned}$$

Definition 7 (Continuity and open sets) Let (X, d_X) and (Y, d_Y) be metric spaces, and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$, then the following are equivalent:

- f is continuous
- if $V \subseteq Y$ is open, then $f^{-1}(V)$ is open.
- if $F \subseteq Y$ is closed, then $f^{-1}(F)$ is closed.

Definition 8 (measurable function) Assume that (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) is a measure space. A function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called measurable if:

$$\begin{aligned} \{x \in X : f(x) < r\} &\in \mathcal{A}, \forall r \in \mathbb{R} \\ &\Downarrow \\ \{x \in X : f(x) \in [-\infty, r)\} &\in \mathcal{A} \\ &\Downarrow \\ f^{-1}([-\infty, r]) &\in \mathcal{A} \end{aligned}$$

We also have a really useful proposition which tells us that if we want to check measurability, then we have more than one way to do so:

Proposition 8 (equivalent definitions of measurable functions) The following are equivalent:

- i) $\{x : f(x) < r\} \in \mathcal{A}$ for all $r \in \mathbb{R}$
- ii) $\{x : f(x) \leq r\} \in \mathcal{A}$ for all $r \in \mathbb{R}$
- iii) $\{x : f(x) \geq r\} \in \mathcal{A}$ for all $r \in \mathbb{R}$
- iv) $\{x : f(x) > r\} \in \mathcal{A}$ for all $r \in \mathbb{R}$

Proof 9 i) \implies ii):

Assume that $\{x : f(x) < r\} \in \mathcal{A}$, we can rewrite ii) as: $\{x : f(x) \leq r\} = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{x : f(x) < r + 1/n\} = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$, but since $A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ we have that $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n \in \mathcal{A}$, hence i) \implies ii).

ii) \implies i):

Assume that $\{x : f(x) \leq r\} \in \mathcal{A}$, we then get:

$$\{x : f(x) < r\} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{x : f(x) \leq r - 1/n\} \in \mathcal{A}.$$

i) \iff iii):

Assume that *i*) holds, and let: $\{x : f(x) < r\} = A$, so that $A \in \mathcal{A}$. But then:
 $\{x : f(x) \geq r\} = A^C \in \mathcal{A}$, this means that:
 $\{x : f(x) < r\} = \{x : f(x) \geq r\}^C$, i.e: $A = (A^C)^C$
ii) \iff *iv*):
Let $A = \{x : f(x) \leq r\} \in \mathcal{A}$, but then again:
 $\{x : f(x) \leq r\} = \{x : f(x) > r\}^C$ so $A = (A^C)^C$

Since we now know the useful equivalent definition of measurable functions, then we can also understand the following proposition:

Proposition 9 Assume that $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is measurable, then $f^{-1}(I) \in \mathcal{A}$ for all intervals I , e.g: $I = (a, b], I = [a, b), I = (a, b), I = [a, b]$

Proof 10 This is actually just a consequence of proposition 8: let's choose $I = (a, b)$, we must then show $f^{-1}((a, b)) \in \mathcal{A}$:

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}((a, b)) &= \{x \in X : f(x) \in (a, b)\} \\ &= \{x \in X : f(x) > a\} \cap \{x \in X : f(x) < b\} \\ &= A_1 \cap A_2 \in \mathcal{A} \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 10 Any open set $G \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is a countable union of open intervals.

Proof 11 Let $\mathcal{I} = \{(a, b) : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}, a < b\}$, so \mathcal{I} is a collection of all open rational intervals. \mathcal{I} is countable as \mathbb{Q} is countable. Let $\mathcal{I}_G = \{(a, b) \in \mathcal{I} : (a, b) \subseteq G\}$, we have that $\mathcal{I}_G \subseteq \mathcal{I}$, hence \mathcal{I}_G is countable. We claim that $G = \bigcup_{(a,b) \in \mathcal{I}_G} (a, b)$.

By definition we have that $\bigcup_{(a,b) \in \mathcal{I}_G} (a, b) \subseteq G$. As this is by definition the collection of all (a, b) such that $(a, b) \subseteq G$.

Now we need to show $G \subseteq \bigcup_{(a,b) \in \mathcal{I}_G} (a, b)$.

We have that G is open, i.e $\exists \epsilon > 0$ s.t $B_\epsilon(x) \subseteq G$ which means that $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subseteq G$. Since \mathbb{Q} is dense we have that for $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ that $(a, b) \in \mathcal{I}_G \subseteq B_\epsilon(x)$, thus $x \in \bigcup_{(a,b) \in \mathcal{I}_G} (a, b)$, thus $G \subseteq \bigcup_{(a,b) \in \mathcal{I}_G} (a, b)$.

Finally: $G = \bigcup_{(a,b) \in \mathcal{I}_G} (a, b)$

Example 10 We have that $f^{-1}(\{\infty\}) \in \mathcal{A}$, $f^{-1}(\{-\infty\}) \in \mathcal{A}$ and that $f^{-1}(\{-\infty, \infty\}) \in \mathcal{A}$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(\{\infty\}) &= \{x \in X : f(x) = \infty\} \\ &= \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{x \in X : f(x) > n\} \in \mathcal{A} \\ f^{-1}(\{-\infty\}) &= \{x \in X : f(x) = -\infty\} \\ &= \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{x \in X : f(x) < -n\} \in \mathcal{A} \\ f^{-1}(\{-\infty, \infty\}) &= f^{-1}((-\infty, \infty)^C) = [f^{-1}((-\infty, \infty))]^C \in \mathcal{A} \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 11 Assume that $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is measurable. If $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is open or closed, then $f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{A}$.

Proof 12 Assume that B is open, then by proposition 10, we have that B is a countable union of open sets, i.e.: $B = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n$:

$$f^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n\right) = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f^{-1}(I_n) \in \mathcal{A}$$

Assume now that B is closed, we will here use the fact that : A open $\iff A^C$ closed. But we must be a bit careful as we are working on $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$, we have that $B = \mathbb{R} \setminus G$, with G open. But accounting for $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$ we get: $B = \mathbb{R} \setminus G = \mathbb{R} \setminus (G \cup \{-\infty, \infty\}) = (G \cup \{-\infty, \infty\})^C$, this gives us:

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(B) &= f^{-1}[(G \cup \{-\infty, \infty\})^C] = (f^{-1}[(G \cup \{-\infty, \infty\})])^C \\ &= (f^{-1}(G) \cup f^{-1}(\{-\infty, \infty\}))^C \in \mathcal{A} \end{aligned}$$

We have that $f^{-1}(G)$ is open, thus $f^{-1}(G) \in \mathcal{A}$, from example 10, we have that $f^{-1}(\{-\infty, \infty\}) \in \mathcal{A}$, thus we get the above inclusion.

Example 11 Assume that $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is measurable, then $f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{A}$ for all Borel sets $B \in \mathcal{B}$. To see why: let $\mathcal{T} = \{S \subseteq \mathbb{R} : f^{-1}(S) \in \mathcal{A}\}$, this is a σ -algebra. \mathcal{B} is the smallest sigma-algebra generated by open sets, thus by definition $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$. We must therefore have that $f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{A}$.

Proposition 12 Assume that $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is measurable, and that $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, then: $\phi \circ f$ is measurable.

Proof 13 We have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \{x : (\phi \circ f)(x) < r\} &= (\phi \circ f)^{-1}((-\infty, r)) \\ &= f^{-1}[\phi^{-1}((-\infty, r))] \end{aligned}$$

If we let $V = (-\infty, r)$, we have that $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and that V is open, we also have that ϕ is continuous, thus by definition 7, we get that $\phi^{-1}(V)$ is open. And by proposition 11, that $f^{-1}(\phi^{-1}(V)) \in \mathcal{A}$

Theorem 2 (sums and products of measurable functions) Assume that $f, g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are measurable functions, then:

- i) $f + g$ is measurable.
- ii) $f - g$ is measurable.
- iii) fg is measurable.

Proof 14 We will start by proving i):

$$\{x : f(x) + g(x) < r\} = \{x : f(x) < r - g(x)\}$$

We have that \mathbb{Q} is dense. This means that $\exists q \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that:
 $f(x) < q < r - g(x)$ thus:

$$\{x : f(x) < r - g(x)\} = \bigcup_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} [\{x : f(x) < q\} \cap \{q < r - g(x)\}] \in \mathcal{A}$$

Here: $\{q < r - g(x)\} = \{g(x) < r - q\} \in \mathcal{A}$, hence the inclusion.

For part ii), we observe that $f(x) - g(x) = f(x) + (-g(x))$, hence we only need to show that $-g(x)$ is measurable, but this holds by definition.

Now for part iii), we want to do something clever, namely use our previous propositions etc:

$$fg = 1/2[(f + g)^2 - f^2 - g^2]$$

By proposition 12, we have that the composition is measurable for two measurable functions, hence $f^2 \in \mathcal{A}$, $g^2 \in \mathcal{A}$ and by i) $(f + g) \in \mathcal{A} \implies (f + g)^2 \in \mathcal{A}$, thus $fg \in \mathcal{A}$. A constant times a measurable function is also measurable, this holds by definition.

Example 12 (Finite sums and product of measurable functions are measurable)

Let f_1, \dots, f_n be measurable functions, we then have that:

$(f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_n)$ is measurable, and that $\prod_{i=1}^n f_i$ is measurable.

$$(f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_{n-1} + f_n) = (f_1 + f_2) + (f_2 + f_3) + \dots + (f_{n-1} + f_n)$$

By theorem 2, we have that $(f_1 + f_2)$ is measurable, as well as all the other sums of two, hence the entire sum is measurable.

What about the product, we have again from the same theorem that f, g measurable $\implies fg$ measurable.

$$f_{n-1}f_n = g_{n-1,n} \text{ (measurable by theorem 2)}$$

$$f_{n-2}g_{n-1,n} = g_{n-2,n} \text{ (measurable by theorem 2)}$$

\vdots

$$f_1 g_{2,n} = \prod_{i=1}^n f_i$$

We see that all of the above are products of measurable functions, hence we end up with the entire product measurable.

Example 13 Let (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) be a measure space, we have that the indicator function $\mathbf{1}_A(x)$ is measurable $\iff A \in \mathcal{A}$. We also get that $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{1}_{A_i}(x)$ is measurable.

$$\mathbf{1}_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in A \\ 0 & x \in A^C \end{cases}$$

We start by recalling the definition of measurability of functions:

$\mathbf{1}_A^{-1}((-\infty, r)) = \{x : \mathbf{1}_A(x) < r\}$, we have that $\mathbf{1}_A(x) : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ so for all $x \in X$ we they will either get mapped to one or zero.

$$\begin{aligned} r > 1 : \{x : \mathbf{1}_A(x) < r\} &= X \in \mathcal{A} \\ r \leq 0 : \{x : \mathbf{1}_A(x) < r\} &= \emptyset \in \mathcal{A} \\ 0 < r \leq 1 : \{x : \mathbf{1}_A(x) < r\} &= A^C \in \mathcal{A} \end{aligned}$$

For part two, we have: $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{1}_{A_i}(x)$, we have that f measurable $\implies cf$ measurable and by example 12 we get that the finite sum of measurable functions is measurable.

Definition 9 (function being finite almost everywhere) A function $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is said to be finite almost everywhere if: $\{x : f(x) = \pm\infty\}$ has measure zero, i.e:

$$\mu(\{x : f(x) = \pm\infty\}) = 0$$

Definition 10 (functions being equal almost everywhere) The measurable functions $f, \tilde{f} : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ are said to be equal almost everywhere if $\{x : f(x) \neq \tilde{f}(x)\}$ has measure zero, i.e:

$$\mu(\{x : f(x) \neq \tilde{f}(x)\}) = 0$$

Result 1 If $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is finite almost everywhere, then there exists a function $\tilde{f}(x) : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that f and \tilde{f} are equal almost everywhere, we just set:

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } f(x) \in \mathbb{R} \\ 0 & \text{if } f(x) \in \{-\infty, \infty\} \end{cases}$$

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1.4 Integration of simple functions

We are now ready to look at $\int f d\mu$ shall mean, at least for simple functions f . We will also see that this notion of integration, will with the right assumptions lead to when we can use $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f d\mu = \int \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f d\mu$.

But first we need some notion about non-negative simple functions.

In ordinary integration, we deal with upper and lower approximations of the integral, the idea here is that we represent these lower approximations by functions, and let $\mu(A_i)$ represent the area/volume on the particular set.

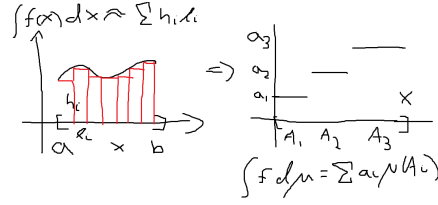


Figure 2: Analogous integration

Definition 11 (non-negative simple function on standard form) Let a_1, \dots, a_n be distinct taking values in $[0, \infty)$, further let $A_i = \{x : f(x) = a_i\}$ be measurable sets, forming a partition of X , i.e: $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = X$. Then we define the simple function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by:

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{1}_{A_i}(x)$$

Why are we working with non-negative simple functions? The reason is that in measure theory we have the convention $0 * \infty = 0$, since we allow the measure to take on ∞ volume, however notions of $\infty - \infty$ are still undefined.

So by letting f be a non-negative simple function, we don't get into that trouble as the a_i 's are positive. One question that arises then is: but what about functions taking negative values? We solve this by decomposing the function in a smart way, so that we can integrate negative functions as well.

We also have that the requirement of the a_i 's being distinct, is quite a strict requirement, and it turns out, that this does not need to be the case.

Definition 12 (Integral of non-negative simple function on standard form)

Assume that $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a non-negative simple function on standard form, $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{1}_{A_i}(x)$, we then define:

$$\int f d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mu(A_i)$$

Lemma 4 Let b_1, \dots, b_m be non-negative numbers, not necessarily distinct, where the B_j 's are disjoint and form a partition of $X = \bigcup_{j=1}^m B_j$, we then get the integral of $g(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j \mathbf{1}_{B_j}(x)$ is defined as:

$$\int g d\mu = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j \mu(B_j)$$

Proof 15 Let a_1, \dots, a_n be the distinct values of b_1, \dots, b_m . We then get:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^m b_j \mu(B_j) &= a_1 [\mu(B_{1_1}) + \dots \mu(B_{1_{n_1}})] \\ &\quad + a_2 [\mu(B_{2_1}) + \dots \mu(B_{2_{n_2}})] \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\quad + a_n [\mu(B_{n_1}) + \dots \mu(B_{2_{n_n}})] \end{aligned}$$

Here: $A_i = B_{i_1} \cup B_{i_2} \cup \dots \cup B_{i_{n_i}}$, here the B_{i_j} 's are disjoint, so that:

$$\sum_{j=1}^m b_j \mu(B_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mu(A_i)$$

Proposition 13 (properties of the integral) Let f, g be two non-negative simple functions, and let $c \in [0, \infty)$, then:

i) $\int c f d\mu = c \int f d\mu$

ii) $\int (f + g) d\mu = \int f d\mu + \int g d\mu$

Until now, we have only seen how integrals over the entire space looks like, i. e: $\int f d\mu = \int_X f d\mu$, what about only parts of X , let's say we are interested in the region $B \in \mathcal{A}$, so we want $\int_B f d\mu$. We then get:

$$\int_B f d\mu = \int \mathbf{1}_B f d\mu$$

Here we have: $\mathbf{1}_B f = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{1}_{A_i} \mathbf{1}_B$, using the fact that: $\mathbf{1}_A \mathbf{1}_B = \mathbf{1}_{A \cap B}$, we get that: $\mathbf{1}_B f = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{1}_{A_i \cap B}$

Proposition 14 Assume that f, g are two non-negative simple functions, if $g \leq f$, then:

$$\int g d\mu \leq \int f d\mu$$

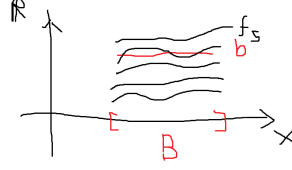
Proof 16 Since $g \leq f$, we will have that $f - g$ is non-negative, and using proposition 13, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \int f d\mu &= \int (g + (f - g)) d\mu = \int g d\mu + \int (f - g) d\mu \\ &\geq \int g d\mu \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 5 Let B be a measurable set, and let $b \in \mathbb{R}_+$. Assume that $\{f_n\}$ is an increasing sequence of non-negative simple functions such that: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) \geq b, \forall x \in B$, then:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_B f_n(x) d\mu \geq b \mu(B)$$

This lemma is easiest understood with the help of figures, in the below figure, we have graphed the situation.



The idea here is that $\{f_n\}$ is an increasing sequence, so eventually we will get past our limit b , in the figure, we have that f_5 is past this limit, and thus $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) \geq b, \forall x \in B$.

Proof 17 Let $a \in \mathbb{R}_+$ be any number less than b , and let $A_n = \{x \in B : f_n(x) \geq a\}$, since $a < b$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) \geq b$, we have: $B = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$, where $A_n \subseteq A_{n+1}$, thus $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is increasing. This allows us to use continuity of measure: $\mu(B) = \mu(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n)$. If $m < \mu(B)$, then: $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t: $\mu(A_n) \geq m, \forall n \geq N$ (Here we use the fact that $\{A_n\}$ is increasing, thus $\mu(A_n) \leq \mu(A_{n+1}), \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$) And for such n , we get: $\int_B f_n(x) d\mu \geq am$ why?

$$\begin{aligned} \int_B f_n(x) d\mu &\geq \int_{A_n} f_n(x) d\mu \geq \int_{A_n} a d\mu = a\mu(A_n) \geq am \\ \int_B f_n(x) d\mu &\geq am \end{aligned}$$

But this holds for arbitrary $a < b$ and $m < \mu(B)$, hence we must have:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_B f_n(x) d\mu \geq b\mu(B)$$

Proposition 15 Assume that g is a non-negative simple function and let $\{f_n\}$ be an increasing sequence of non-negative simple functions such that: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) \geq g(x), \forall x \in X$, then:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu \geq \int g(x) d\mu$$

Proof 18 We have that g is a simple function, and let us represent it on standard form: $g(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m b_i \mathbf{1}_{B_i}(x)$. This means that $\bigcup_{i=1}^m B_i = X$ (a partition)

$$\begin{aligned} \int f_n d\mu &= \int \mathbf{1}_X f_n d\mu = \int \mathbf{1}_{\bigcup_{i=1}^m B_i} f_n d\mu = \int \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{1}_{B_i} f_n d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^m \int \mathbf{1}_{B_i} f_n d\mu \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \int_{B_i} f_n d\mu \end{aligned}$$

And from lemma 5, we have:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{B_i} f_n(x) d\mu \geq b_i \mu(B_i)$$

Using this property we get:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \int_{B_i} f_n d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^m \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{B_i} f_n d\mu \geq \sum_{i=1}^m b_i \mu(B_i) = \int g d\mu$$

Hence:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu \geq \int g d\mu$$

Example 14 let f be a non-negative simple function on (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) , then:

$$\nu(B) = \int_B f d\mu$$

is a measure on (X, \mathcal{A})

Before we begin we notice the following properties about indicator functions:

$\mathbf{1}_\emptyset = 0$, $\forall x \in X$ as well as for A, B disjoint: $\mathbf{1}_{A \cup B} = \mathbf{1}_A + \mathbf{1}_B$.

Here we also let $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ represent a disjoint sequence

$$\nu(\emptyset) = 0 :$$

$$\nu(\emptyset) = \int_{\emptyset} f d\mu = \int \mathbf{1}_\emptyset f d\mu = 0$$

$$\nu\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\right) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \nu(A_n) :$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nu\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\right) &= \int_{\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n} f d\mu = \int \mathbf{1}_{\{\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\}} f d\mu \\ &= \int (\mathbf{1}_{A_1} f + \mathbf{1}_{A_2} f + \dots) d\mu \\ &= \int \mathbf{1}_{A_1} f d\mu + \int \mathbf{1}_{A_2} f d\mu + \dots \\ &= \int_{A_1} f d\mu + \int_{A_2} f d\mu + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{A_n} f d\mu = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \nu(A_n) \end{aligned}$$

1.5 Integrals of non-negative functions

We have spoken about how to integrate simple functions, and how we then interpret $\int f d\mu$, but how about $\int f d\mu$ for f measurable?

Definition 13 (Integral of measurable function) Assume that $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$ is measurable, then we define:

$$\int f d\mu = \sup \left\{ \int g d\mu : g \text{ is a non-negative simple function, } g \leq f \right\}$$

This means that the integral of a measurable non-negative function f is just the integral of the largest possible non-negative simple function g . Fortunately there are many theorems and propositions about how to actually calculate this integral, as it's rather theoretical.

Proposition 16 Assume that f is a non-negative measurable function, and that $\{f_n\}$ is an increasing sequence of non-negative simple functions converging to f , then:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu = \int f d\mu$$

Proof 19 We have that f_n is a non-negative simple function, with: $f_n \leq f$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, then: $\int f_n d\mu \leq \int f d\mu$. As $\{f_n\}$ is increasing, so is $\{\int f_n d\mu\}$, so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu$ exists (could be ∞). Thus $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu \leq \int f d\mu$. Now for the other direction: let $g \leq f$ be a non-negative simple function. Then: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n \geq g$, we have that g is any function less than or equal to f , thus choose $g = f$, hence: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f d\mu \geq \int f d\mu$

We now get a really useful proposition, which makes our life integrating measurable functions easier:

Proposition 17 Assume that $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$ is measurable, then there is an increasing sequence $\{f_n\}$ converging pointwise to f . Furthermore: we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) < 2^n : \\ f(x) - 2^{-n} < f_n(x) \leq f(x) \\ f(x) \geq 2^n : \\ f_n(x) = 2^n \end{aligned}$$

Proof 20 Let's partition the y -axis $[0, 2^n]$ into sub-intervals of length 2^{-n} , and consider the measurable sets:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{n,k} &= \left\{ x \in X : \frac{k}{2^n} \leq f(x) < \frac{(k+1)}{2^n} \right\} \\ A_n &= \{x \in X : f(x) \geq 2^n\} \end{aligned}$$

We can then define:

$$f_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{4^n-1} \frac{k}{2^n} \mathbf{1}_{A_{n,k}}(x) + 2^n \mathbf{1}_{A_n}(x)$$

$f_n(x)$ is by construction a simple function, as it is constants a_i times an indicator function.

Now, assume that $f(x) < 2^n$, then: $f(x) - 2^{-n} < f_n(x) \leq f(x)$, so that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$. It get trapped, hence it must converge. If $f(x) \geq 2^n$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n = \infty = f(x)$, thus $f_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise. $\{f_n\}$ is increasing, this is easiest understood by a drawing.

Corollary 1 Assume that f is a non-negative measurable function. Then there is an increasing sequence $\{f_n\}$ of non-negative simple functions converging pointwise to f , and for such a sequence we have:

$$\int f d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu$$

Proposition 18 Let $f, g : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$ and let $c \in [0, \infty)$, then:

i) $\int c f d\mu = c \int f d\mu$

ii) $\int (f + g) d\mu = \int f d\mu + \int g d\mu$

iii) $g \leq f$, $\int g d\mu \leq \int f d\mu$

Theorem 3 (Monotone Convergence Theorem) Assume that $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$ is measurable, and assume that $\{f_n\}$ is an increasing sequence of non-negative measurable functions converging pointwise to f so that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$, $\forall x \in X$, then:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu = \int \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n d\mu$$

Proof 21 For each n , let h_n be the n -th simple function approximation to f_n , remember: f_n is measurable. This means that we have:

$f_n(x) - 2^{-n} < h_n(x) \leq f_n(x)$. But $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$, thus $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h_n(x) = f(x)$.

$\{h_n\}$ is an increasing sequence of simple functions converging to f , thus by proposition 16 we have: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int h_n d\mu = \int f d\mu$. Furthermore, since $f_n \geq h_n$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, we get:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int h_n d\mu = \int f d\mu$$

For the other inequality: we have that $f_n \leq f$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, which means that $\int f_n d\mu \leq \int f d\mu$ and thus:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu \leq \int f d\mu$$

Theorem 4 (Fatou's lemma) *Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of non-negative measurable functions, then:*

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu \geq \int \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n d\mu$$

What is nice about Fato's lemma? It all boils down to the requirements of the non-negative measurable sequence $\{f_n\}$, since for once, we do not demand the sequence to be increasing, even though this is actually included in the \liminf , which we will see in the proof.

Proof 22 *Let $g_n = \inf_{k \geq n} f_k$, then $\{g_n\}$ is an increasing sequence of measurable functions. And by monotone convergence theorem(MCT), we have:*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int g_n d\mu = \int \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n d\mu = \int \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{k \geq n} f_k d\mu = \int \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n d\mu \quad (1)$$

On the other hand we have that $g_n \leq f_n$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, which means that $\int g_n d\mu \leq \int f_n d\mu$, but this means that: (Assuming that the limit exists, since then: $\lim = \liminf$)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int g_n d\mu = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int g_n d\mu \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu$$

But equation 1, tells us that: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int g_n d\mu = \int \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n d\mu$, thus:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n d\mu &\leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu \\ &\Updownarrow \\ \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu &\geq \int \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n d\mu \end{aligned}$$

let's see some examples of how we can use this information:

Example 15 (Usage of MCT) *Let $\{u_n\}$ be a sequence of non-negative measurable functions, then we have:*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int u_n d\mu = \int \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n d\mu$$

We have that either $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n < \infty$ or $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n = \infty$, either way, call this sum f , i.e: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x) = f(x)$

$$f_N = \sum_{n=1}^N u_n \implies \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} f_N(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x)$$

We have that $\{f_N\}$ is a sequence of non-negative measurable functions, with $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} f_N(x) = f(x)$, this allows us to use MCT, so that:

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int f_N(x) d\mu = \int \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} f_N(x) d\mu \quad (2)$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int f_N(x) d\mu = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int \sum_{n=1}^N u_n(x) d\mu = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N \int u_n(x) d\mu \quad (3)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int u_n(x) d\mu \quad (4)$$

And by equation 2, we have:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int u_n(x) d\mu = \int \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x) d\mu$$

1.6 Integrable functions

So far we have covered how to integrate $f : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$, and in this section we will see how we deal with $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, so that we can integrate negative functions as well.

The idea is to split the integral into two positive measurable functions, $f = f_+ - f_-$, where we have:

$$f_+(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & f(x) \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad f_-(x) = \begin{cases} -f(x) & f(x) < 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Definition 14 (integrability of f) We say that f is integrable, if it's measurable and f_+ and f_- are integrable, i.e:

$$\int f_+ d\mu < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \int f_- d\mu < \infty$$

Definition 15 (Integral of f) Assume that $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is integrable, we then define the integral of f as:

$$\int f d\mu = \int f_+ d\mu - \int f_- d\mu$$

Lemma 6 (f integrable $\iff |f|$ integrable) f is integrable $\iff |f|$ is integrable

Lemma 7 Assume that $g, h : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ are integrable (which implies measurable) functions and that $f = g - h$, where this is defined. Then f is integrable, and:

$$\int f d\mu = \int g d\mu - \int h d\mu$$

Proof 23 Since g, h are integrable, we have that they are finite a.e, hence $f = g - h$ is defined for all most all $x \in X$. $B_g = \{x \in X : g(x) = \infty\}$ and $B_f = \{x \in X : f(x) = \infty\}$ both has $\mu(B_g), \mu(B_f) = 0$, so the integral over these sets are zero. Hence we can assume that $f = g - h$ is defined for all $x \in X$.

We have that f is integrable since:

$$\begin{aligned} \int |f| d\mu &= \int (|g - h|) d\mu \leq \int (|g| + |h|) d\mu \\ &= \int |g| d\mu + \int |h| d\mu < \infty \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore we have the following decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned} f &= f_+ - f_- = g - h \implies f_+ + h = g + f_- \\ \int (f_+ + h) d\mu &= \int (g + f_-) d\mu \\ \int f_+ d\mu + \int h d\mu &= \int g d\mu + \int f_- d\mu \\ \int f d\mu &= \int f_+ d\mu - \int f_- d\mu = \int g d\mu - \int h d\mu \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 5 (properties of the integral) Let $f, g : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$, and let $c \in \mathbb{R}$, then:

- i) $\int c f d\mu = c \int f d\mu$
- ii) $\int (f + g) d\mu = \int f d\mu + \int g d\mu$
- iii) If $g \leq f$, then: $\int g d\mu \leq \int f d\mu$

From the previous section we defined MCT, which stated that for $\{f_n\}$ measurable, non-negative and increasing with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$, then: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu = \int \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n d\mu$. We would also like a theorem like this for f_n only measurable, i.e $f_n : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$, and fortunately we have such a theorem for more general measurable functions, where we don't require $\{f_n\}$ increasing.

Theorem 6 (Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem) Assume that $\{f_n\}$ is a sequence of measurable functions converging pointwise to f , i.e: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$, $\forall x \in X$, furthermore assume that there is an integrable function $g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ such that: $|f_n(x)| \leq g(x)$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\forall x \in X$, then:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu = \int \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n d\mu$$

Proof 24 Before we dig into the proof we need to recall some notions and make some observations. First: Fatou's lemma: $f_n \geq 0$, then:

$$\liminf \int f_n d\mu \geq \int \liminf f_n d\mu.$$

Secondly: $\liminf(-a_n) = -\limsup(a_n)$, this is true since: $\inf(-S) = -\sup(S)$

$$\begin{aligned} S = \{1, 2, 3\} &\implies \sup(S) = 3 \\ -S = \{-1, -2, -3\} &\implies \inf(-S) = -3 \\ \inf(-S) &= -\sup(S) \end{aligned}$$

Using this we get that: $\liminf(c - a_n) = c - \limsup(a_n)$

Now we want to use Fatou's lemma, observe that $\{g + f_n\}$ is a sequence of non-negative measurable functions. This is true, since $g \geq |f_n|$ for all n , hence it must be non-negative. Fatou gives us:

$$\liminf \left[\int (g + f_n) d\mu \right] \geq \int \liminf (g + f_n) d\mu$$

Now working with RHS:

$$\int \liminf (g + f_n) d\mu = \int (g + f) d\mu = \int g d\mu + \int f d\mu$$

Working with LHS:

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf \left[\int (g + f_n) d\mu \right] &= \liminf \left[\int g d\mu + \int f_n d\mu \right] \\ &= \int g d\mu + \liminf \int f_n d\mu \end{aligned}$$

LHS \geq RHS:

$$\begin{aligned} \int g d\mu + \liminf \int f_n d\mu &\geq \int g d\mu + \int f d\mu \\ \liminf \int f_n d\mu &\geq \int f d\mu \end{aligned}$$

$\{g - f_n\}$ is a non-negative sequence of measurable functions, again use Fatou:

$$\liminf \left[\int (g - f_n) d\mu \right] \geq \int \liminf (g - f_n) d\mu$$

RHS:

$$\int \liminf (g - f_n) d\mu = \int (g - f) d\mu = \int g d\mu - \int f d\mu$$

LHS:

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf \left[\int (g - f_n) d\mu \right] &= \liminf \left[\int g d\mu - \int f_n d\mu \right] \\ &= \int g d\mu + \liminf \left(- \int f_n d\mu \right) \\ &= \int g d\mu - \limsup \left(\int f_n d\mu \right) \end{aligned}$$

Finally, $LHS \geq RHS$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int g d\mu - \limsup \left(\int f_n d\mu \right) &\geq \int g d\mu - \int f d\mu \\ &= \limsup \left(\int f_n d\mu \right) - \int f d\mu \\ &\stackrel{\updownarrow}{=} \limsup \left(\int f_n d\mu \right) \leq \int f d\mu \end{aligned}$$

Summarizing our findings:

$$\limsup \left(\int f_n d\mu \right) \leq \int f d\mu \leq \liminf \left(\int f_n d\mu \right)$$

And this can only happen when:

$$\limsup \left(\int f_n d\mu \right) = \int f d\mu = \liminf \left(\int f_n d\mu \right)$$

Meaning that:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu &= \int f d\mu \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu &= \int \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n d\mu \end{aligned}$$

We also have some useful applications of DCT:

Theorem 7 Let $f : \mathbb{R} \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function which is:

- i) continuous in the first variable, i.e for each $y \in X$, the function $x \mapsto f(x, y)$ is continuous.
- ii) for each $x \in X$, the function $y \mapsto f(x, y)$ is measurable.
- iii) Assume also that there is an integrable function $g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ such that:
 $|f(x, y)| \leq g(y)$, $\forall x, y \in X$, then:

$$h(x) = \int f(x, y) d\mu(y)$$

is continuous

Proposition 19 (Sequential continuity) *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and let $x \in X$ be fixed, then the following are equivalent:*

- i) f is continuous at x
- ii) if $\{x_n\}$ is any sequence in X converging to x , then:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(x)$$

Proof 25 *From proposition 19 it's suffices to show that h is continuous by showing that if $\{a_n\} \rightarrow a$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(a_n) = h(a)$*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(a_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f(a_n, y) d\mu(y)$$

Now let $k_n(y) = f(a_n, y)$, we have that $|k_n(y)| \leq g(y)$, $\forall y \in Y$, which also means that $k_n(y) \leq g(y)$, $\forall y \in Y$. Furthermore by the assumptions we have that $k_n(y)$ is measurable, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, thus $\{k_n\}$ is a sequence of measurable functions, which then allows us to use DCT.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f(a_n, y) d\mu(y) = \int \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(a_n, y) d\mu(y) = \int f(a, y) d\mu(y)$$

Which means:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(a_n) = h(a)$$

Thus h is continuous.

1.7 Comparison between Riemann integral and Lebesgue

Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded function. We can then consider it's Riemann-integral.

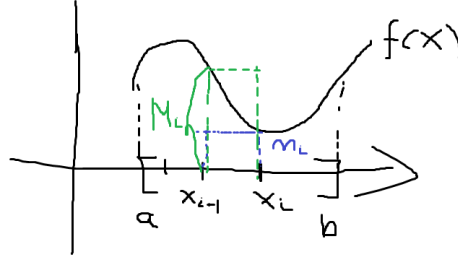


Figure 3: Riemann-integration

We first consider a partition Π of $[a, b]$ such that:

$\Pi = \{a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b\}$, further we define:

$m_i = \inf\{f(x) : x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]\}$ and $M_i = \sup\{f(x) : x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]\}$, we can now define the upper and lower sum as:

$$U(\Pi) = \sum_{i=1}^n M_i(x_i - x_{i-1})$$

$$L(\Pi) = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i(x_i - x_{i-1})$$

And then we can define the upper and lower integrals as:

$$\overline{\int}_a^b f(x)dx = \inf\{U(\Pi) : \Pi \text{ is a partition}\}$$

$$\underline{\int}_a^b f(x)dx = \sup\{L(\Pi) : \Pi \text{ is a partition}\}$$

Finally we say that f is Riemann-integrable if the upper and lower integral coincide, i.e f is Riemann-integrable if:

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \overline{\int}_a^b f(x)dx = \underline{\int}_a^b f(x)dx$$

Standard example of function not being Riemann-integrable, but Lebesgue-integrable:

Example 16 Assume that f is defined by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Let's say we want to integrate over $[0, 1]$, then this is not Riemann-integrable since:

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx = 1 \neq \int_0^1 f(x) dx = 0$$

Hence f is not Riemann-integrable, but in some sense it would be logical that the integral is zero. Why is this logical? Here let \mathbb{I} represent the irrational numbers, this means that: $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{Q} \cup \mathbb{I}$, and we have that \mathbb{Q} is countable, and \mathbb{R} uncountable, thus \mathbb{I} has to be uncountable, meaning there are more irrational numbers than rational. Meaning that the integral should be zero.

If we deal with this in the Lebesgue sense: Let $f(x) = \mathbf{1}_{\hat{\mathbb{Q}}}(x)$, here $\hat{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbb{Q}} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \{q_i\} &\implies \mu(\hat{\mathbb{Q}}) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \{q_i\}\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(\{q_i\}) = 0 \\ \int f d\mu &= \int \mathbf{1}_{\hat{\mathbb{Q}}}(x) d\mu = \mu(\hat{\mathbb{Q}}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 8 (When Riemann-integral coincide with Lebesgue) Assume that $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bounded, Riemann-integrable function on $[a, b]$. Then f is measurable and the Riemann and the Lebesgue integral coincide, i.e:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_{[a, b]} f d\mu$$

Proof 26 HOPEFULLY I WILL FILL THIS OUT, BUT FOR NOW: NAH

1.8 Different ways to converge

Assume that $\{f_n\}$ is a sequence of measurable functions, in which ways can these converge to a measurable function f ?

1. Pointwise convergence:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x), \forall x \in X$$

2. Almost everywhere convergence: There is a set $N \in \mathcal{A}$ with $\mu(N) = 0$, such that:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x), x \notin N$$

3. Convergence in L^p :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int |f - f_n| d\mu = 0$$

4. Convergence in measure: $\forall \epsilon > 0$:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(\{x \in X : |f(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \epsilon\}) = 0$$

Proposition 20 *If $\{f_n\}$ converges in L^p , then $\{f_n\}$ converges in measure. Another way of formulation:*

$$f_n \xrightarrow{L^p} f \implies f_n \xrightarrow{\mu} f$$

Proof 27 *We know that: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int |f - f_n| d\mu = 0$, we must show that this implies: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(\{x \in X : |f(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \epsilon\}) = 0$*

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon^p \mu(\{x \in X : |f(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \epsilon\}) &= \int_{A_n} \epsilon^p d\mu \\ &\leq \int_{A_n} |f(x) - f_n(x)|^p d\mu \leq \int |f(x) - f_n(x)|^p d\mu \\ &\Downarrow \\ \mu(\{x \in X : |f(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \epsilon\}) &\leq \frac{1}{\epsilon^p} \int |f(x) - f_n(x)|^p d\mu \\ &\Downarrow \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(\{x \in X : |f(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \epsilon\}) &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\epsilon^p} \int |f(x) - f_n(x)|^p d\mu = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Which means that:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(\{x \in X : |f(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \epsilon\}) = 0$$

Proposition 21 *If $\{f_n\}$ is a sequence of measurable functions that converges to f in measure, then there is a subsequence $\{f_{n_k}\}$ that converges to f almost everywhere, i.e.:*

$$f_n \xrightarrow{\mu} f \implies f_{n_k} \xrightarrow{a.e.} f$$

Proof 28 By definition we have that:

$\forall \epsilon > 0: \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(\{x \in X : |f(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \epsilon\}) = 0$, so we can choose $\epsilon = \frac{1}{k}$.
meaning that:

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(\{x \in X : |f(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \frac{1}{k}\}) = 0, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$, thus we can pick n_k increasing such that:

$$\mu(\{x \in X : |f(x) - f_{n_k}(x)| \geq \frac{1}{k}\}) \leq \frac{1}{2^{k+1}}$$

Now let: $E_k = \{x \in X : |f(x) - f_{n_k}(x)| \geq \frac{1}{k}\}$, and set: $A_K = \bigcup_{k \geq K} E_k$, so A_k is just the collection of all functions differing by $1/k$ for $k \geq K$, now:

$$\mu(A_k) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{k \geq K} E_k\right) \leq \sum_{k \geq K} \mu(E_k) \leq \sum_{k \geq K} \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} = \frac{1}{2^K}$$

Where did we get the last equality from? Here we used the formula for geometric series:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} ar^k = a \left(\frac{1}{1-r} \right), \quad a = \frac{1}{2^{K+1}}, \quad r = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sum_{k=K}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} = \frac{1}{2^{K+1}} \left(\frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{2}} \right) = \frac{1}{2^K}$$

We have that $\{f_{n_k}\}$ converges to f on A_K^C : if $x \in A_K^C$, well then $x \notin A_K$, meaning that:

$|f(x) - f_{n_k}(x)| < \frac{1}{k}, \quad k \geq K$, and this means that: $f_{n_k}(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ for all $x \in A_K^C$. As this is the case for all $K \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\mu(A_K) \rightarrow 0$, we have:

$$f_{n_k} \xrightarrow{a.e.} f$$

Corollary 2 (Relation between different ways to converge)

$$f_n \xrightarrow{L^p} f \implies f_n \xrightarrow{\mu} f \implies f_{n_k} \xrightarrow{a.e.} f$$

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