



Lebesgue integral over a subset of the measure space

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Let (X, \mathfrak{B}, μ) be a measure space and $A \in \mathfrak{B}$.

Let $s: X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be a simple function. Then $\int_A s d\mu$ is defined as

$$\int_A s d\mu := \int_X \chi_A s d\mu, \text{ where } \chi_A \text{ denotes the characteristic function of } A.$$

Let $f: X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be a measurable function and

$S = \{s: X \rightarrow [0, \infty] \mid s \text{ is a simple function and } s \leq f\}$. Then $\int_A f d\mu$ is

$$\text{defined as } \int_A f d\mu := \sup_{s \in S} \int_A s d\mu.$$

By the properties of the Lebesgue integral of nonnegative measurable functions (property 3), we have that $\int_A f d\mu = \int_X \chi_A f d\mu$.

Let $f: X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ be a measurable function such that not both of $\int_A f^+ d\mu$ and $\int_A f^- d\mu$ are infinite. (Note that f^+ and f^- are defined in the entry Lebesgue integral.) Then $\int_A f d\mu$ is defined as $\int_A f d\mu := \int_A f^+ d\mu - \int_A f^- d\mu$.

By the properties of the Lebesgue integral of Lebesgue integrable functions (property 3), we have that $\int_A f d\mu = \int_X \chi_A f d\mu$.