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Tonelli’s theorem

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Here denote $L^+(X)$ as the space of measurable functions $X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$. Furthermore all integrals are Lebesgue integrals.

Theorem (Tonelli). *Suppose (X, \mathcal{M}, μ) and (Y, \mathcal{N}, ν) are <http://planetmath.org/SigmaFinite> finite measure spaces. If $f \in L^+(X \times Y)$, then the functions $x \mapsto \int_Y f(x, y) d\nu(y)$ and $y \mapsto \int_X f(x, y) d\mu(x)$ are in $L^+(X)$ and $L^+(Y)$ respectively, and furthermore if we denote by $\mu \times \nu$ the product measure, then*

$$\int_{X \times Y} f d(\mu \times \nu) = \int_X \left[\int_Y f(x, y) d\nu(y) \right] d\mu(x) = \int_Y \left[\int_X f(x, y) d\mu(x) \right] d\nu(y).$$

Basically this says that you can switch the order of integrals, or integrate over the product space as long as everything is positive and the spaces are σ -finite. Do note that we allow the functions to take on the value of infinity with the standard conventions used in Lebesgue integration. That is, $0 \cdot \infty = 0$, so that if a function is infinite on a set of measure 0, then this does not contribute anything to the value of the integral. See the entry on extended real numbers for further discussion.

If we take the counting measure on \mathbb{N} , then one can use the Tonelli theorem for sums.

Theorem (Tonelli for sums). *Suppose that $f_{ij} \geq 0$ for all $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$, then*

$$\sum_{i,j \in \mathbb{N}} f_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} f_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f_{ij}.$$

In the above theorem we have used \mathbb{N} as our index set for simplicity and familiarity of notation. If you would have an uncountable number of non-zero elements f_{ij} then all the sums would be infinite and the result would be trivial. So the theorem for arbitrary index sets just reduces to the above case.

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