



proof of Fubini's theorem for the Lebesgue integral

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Let μ_x and μ_y be measures on X and Y respectively, let μ be the product measure $\mu_x \otimes \mu_y$, and let $f(x, y)$ be μ -integrable on $A \subset X \times Y$. Then

$$\int_A f(x, y) d\mu = \int_X \left(\int_{A_x} f(x, y) d\mu_y \right) d\mu_x = \int_Y \left(\int_{A_y} f(x, y) d\mu_x \right) d\mu_y$$

where

$$A_x = \{y \mid (x, y) \in A\}, A_y = \{x \mid (x, y) \in A\}$$

Proof: Assume for now that $f(x, y) \geq 0$. Consider the set

$$U = X \times Y \times \mathbb{R}$$

equipped with the measure

$$\mu_u = \mu_x \otimes \mu_y \otimes \mu^1 = \mu \otimes \mu^1 = \mu_x \otimes \lambda$$

where μ^1 is ordinary Lebesgue measure and $\lambda = \mu_y \otimes \mu^1$. Also consider the set $W \subset U$ defined by

$$W = \{(x, y, z) \mid (x, y) \in A, 0 \leq z \leq f(x, y)\}$$

Then

$$\mu_u(W) = \int_A f(x, y) d\mu$$

And

$$\mu_u(W) = \int_X \lambda(W_x) d\mu_x$$

where

$$W_x = \{(y, z) \mid (x, y, z) \in W\}$$

However, we also have that

$$\lambda(W_x) = \int_{A_x} f(x, y) d\mu_y$$

Combining the last three equations gives us Fubini's theorem. To remove the restriction that $f(x, y)$ be nonnegative, write f as

$$f(x, y) = f^+(x, y) - f^-(x, y)$$

where

$$f^+(x, y) = \frac{|f(x, y)| + f(x, y)}{2}, f^-(x, y) = \frac{|f(x, y)| - f(x, y)}{2}$$

are both nonnegative.