# RADON-NIKODYM THEOREM, HAHN-JORDAN DECOMPOSITION AND LEBESGUE DECOMPOSITION

#### 1. Introduction

This notes are devoted to advanced notions in measure theory. Tools presented here are indispensable in probability theory, statistics and applications to geometry. We refer to [Monygham, 2018] for basic measure theory and to [Monygham, 2019] for integration theory.

#### 2. SIGNED AND COMPLEX MEASURES

In this section we define extensions of the notion of measure.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(X, \Sigma)$  be a measurable space. A signed measure on  $(X, \Sigma)$  is a function  $\nu : \Sigma \to \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\nu(\emptyset) = 0$  and

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

for every family  $\{A_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  of pairwise disjoint subsets of  $\Sigma$ . We also say that  $\nu$  is a real measure on  $(X,\Sigma)$  if it is signed measure and takes values in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $(X,\Sigma)$  be a measurable space. *A complex measure* is a function  $\nu:\Sigma\to\mathbb{C}$  such that  $\nu(\varnothing)=0$  and

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

for every family  $\{A_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  of pairwise disjoint subsets of  $\Sigma$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $(X, \Sigma)$  be a measurable space and let  $\mu$  be a measure on  $(X, \Sigma)$ . Assume that  $\nu$  is either complex or signed measure on  $(X, \Sigma)$ . Suppose that for every set A in  $\Sigma$  we have

$$\mu(A) = 0 \Rightarrow \nu(A) = 0$$

Then we write  $\nu \ll \mu$  and say that  $\nu$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $(X, \Sigma)$  be a measurable space and let  $\mu$ ,  $\nu$  be two measures either complex or signed on  $(X, \Sigma)$ . Suppose that there exists a set  $S \in \Sigma$  such that

$$\mu(A \cap S) = 0$$
,  $\nu(A \setminus S) = 0$ 

for every  $A \in \Sigma$ . Then we write  $\nu \perp \mu$  and say that  $\nu$  is *singular with respect to*  $\mu$ .

# 3. HAHN-JORDAN DECOMPOSITION

**Theorem 3.1** (Hahn-Jordan decomposition). Let  $(X,\Sigma)$  be a measurable space and  $\nu:\Sigma\to\overline{\mathbb{R}}$  be a signed measure. Then there exists the unique pair of measures  $\nu_+,\nu_-:\Sigma\to[0,+\infty]$  such that

$$\nu = \nu_{+} - \nu_{-}$$

and  $\nu_+ \perp \nu_-$ .

For the proof we need the following notion.

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $(X, \Sigma, \nu)$  be a space with signed measure. A set  $A \in \Sigma$  is *positive* if for every subset B of A such that  $B \in \Sigma$  we have inequality  $\nu(B) \ge 0$ .

**Lemma 3.2.1.** Let  $B \in \Sigma$  be a set such that  $\nu(B) \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\nu(B) > 0$ . Then there exists a positive set  $C \subseteq B$  such that  $\nu(B) \le \nu(C)$ .

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*Proof of the lemma.* First note that all sets  $A \in \Sigma$  contained in B have finite measure (we left the proof as an exercise for the reader). For every subset  $A \in \Sigma$  contained in B we define

$$\delta(A) = \max \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \inf \left\{ \nu(D) \mid D \text{ is a subset of } A \text{ in } \Sigma \right\}, -1 \right\}$$

Note that  $\delta(A) \leq 0$ . Now we define a sequence  $\{D_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of disjoint subsets of B and members of  $\Sigma$ . This is done recursively as follows. If  $D_0, ..., D_n$  are defined, then we pick  $D_{n+1}$  as a subset of  $B \setminus (D_0 \cup ... \cup D_n)$  in  $\Sigma$  such that

$$\nu(D_{n+1}) \le \delta(B \setminus (D_0 \cup ... \cup D_n))$$

Let

$$C = B \setminus \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} D_n$$

be a subset of B. Clearly  $C \in \Sigma$  and for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$\delta(C) \geq \delta(B \setminus (D_0 \cup ... \cup D_n))$$

Thus

$$\nu(C) = \nu(B) - \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \nu(D_n) \ge \nu(B) - \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \delta(B \setminus (D_0 \cup ... \cup D_n)) = \nu(B) - \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \delta(C)$$

Since  $\nu(C) \in \mathbb{R}$ , we derive that  $\delta(C) = 0$ . This implies that *C* is a positive set and  $\nu(C) \ge \nu(B)$ .  $\square$ 

*Proof of the theorem.* Assume that for every  $A \in \Sigma$  we have  $\nu(A) \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}$ . Now consider

$$\alpha = \sup \{ \nu(C) \mid C \text{ is positive} \}$$

We can find a nondecreasing sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  of nonnegative real numbers that converges to  $\alpha$  and such that for every  $n\in\mathbb{N}$  there exists a positive set  $C_n$  with  $\nu(C_n)=\alpha_n$ . Now pick  $P=\bigcup_{n\in\mathbb{N}}C_n$ . Obviously P is positive and  $\nu(P)=\alpha$ . In particular,  $\alpha\in\mathbb{R}$ . Assume that there exists  $B\in\Sigma$  such that  $B\subseteq X\times P$  and  $\nu(B)>0$ . According to Lemma 3.2.1 we deduce that there exists a positive set C inside B such that  $\nu(B)\leq\nu(C)$ . Then we get

$$\alpha = \nu(P) < \nu(P) + \nu(C) = \nu(P \cup C)$$

and  $P \cup C$  is positive. This contradicts the definition of  $\alpha$ . Hence for every  $B \subseteq X \setminus P$  such that  $B \in \Sigma$  we have  $\nu(B) \leq 0$ . Thus measures

$$\nu_+(A) = \nu(A \cap P), \nu_-(A) = -\nu(A \setminus P)$$

defined for  $A \in \Sigma$  satisfy the assertion of the theorem. This finishes the proof of the Hahn-Jordan decomposition under the assumption that  $\nu(A) \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}$  for all  $A \in \Sigma$ .

If  $\nu(A) \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  for every  $\hat{A} \in \Sigma$ , then we apply the result above for  $-\nu$ . Finally the case  $\nu(A_1) = -\infty$  and  $\nu(A_2) = +\infty$  for some  $A_1, A_2 \in \Sigma$  yields to the contradiction. Hence Hahn-Jordan decomposition is proved.

**Corollary 3.3.** Let  $(X, \Sigma)$  be a measurable space and  $\nu : \Sigma \to \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  be a signed measure. Then either  $\nu_+$  or  $\nu_-$  is finite.

*Proof.* According to Theorem 3.1 we have  $\nu = \nu_+ - \nu_-$  and both  $\nu_+$ ,  $\nu_-$  are measures such that  $\nu_+ \perp \nu_-$ . We cannot have  $\nu_+(X) = \nu_-(X) = +\infty$ , because then  $\nu(X)$  would be undefined. This implies that either  $\nu_+(X) \in \mathbb{R}$  or  $\nu_-(X) \in \mathbb{R}$ .

### 4. LEBESGUE DECOMPOSITION

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $(X,\Sigma)$  be a measurable space and  $\mu:\Sigma\to\overline{\mathbb{R}}$  be a signed measure. We say that  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite if there exists a decomposition

$$X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} X_n$$

onto pairwise disjoint elements of  $\Sigma$  such that  $\mu(X_n) \in \mathbb{R}$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Theorem 4.2** (Lebesgue decomposition). Let  $(X, \Sigma)$  be a measurable space and let  $\mu$  be a measure on  $(X, \Sigma)$ . Suppose that  $\nu$  is either a signed and  $\sigma$ -finite measure or a complex measure on  $(X, \Sigma)$ . Then there exists a unique decomposition

$$\nu = \nu_s + \nu_a$$

of measure  $\nu$  such that  $\nu_s \perp \mu$  and  $\nu_a \ll \mu$ .

*Proof.* Suppose first that  $\nu$  is a finite measure. Consider

$$\alpha = \sup_{A \in \Sigma, \, \mu(A) = 0} \nu(A)$$

Since  $\nu$  is finite, we derive that  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Consider a sequence  $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $A_n \in \Sigma$ ,  $\mu(A_n) = 0$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\lim_{n \to +\infty} \nu(A_n) = \alpha$ . Define  $S = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$ . Then  $\mu(S) = 0$  and  $\nu(S) = \alpha$ . Moreover, if  $A \in \Sigma$  and  $A \cap S = \emptyset$ , then  $\mu(A) = 0$  implies  $\nu(A) = 0$ . Now we define  $\nu_s(A) = \nu(A \cap S)$  and  $\nu_a(A) = \nu(A \setminus S)$  for every  $A \in \Sigma$ . Then  $\nu = \nu_s + \nu_a$  and  $\nu_s \perp \mu$ ,  $\nu_a \ll \mu$ . Now assume that  $\nu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite measure. There exists a decomposition

$$X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} X_n$$

onto pairwise disjoint elements of  $\Sigma$  such that  $\nu(X_n) \in \mathbb{R}$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We define  $\nu_n(A) = \nu(A \cap X_n)$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $A \in \Sigma$ . Then  $\nu_n$  is a finite measure. By the case above we find  $\nu_n = \nu_{ns} + \nu_{na}$  and  $\nu_{ns} \perp \mu$ ,  $\nu_{na} \ll \mu$  for some measures on  $\Sigma$ . Now we define

$$v_s = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} v_{ns}, v_a = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} v_{an}$$

Then  $\nu = \nu_s + \nu_a$  and  $\nu_s \perp \mu$ ,  $\nu_a \ll \mu$ .

Now consider the case when  $\nu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite and signed measure. According to Theorem 3.1 we write  $\nu = \nu_+ - \nu_-$  for measures  $\nu_+, \nu_-$  such that  $\nu_+ \perp \nu_-$ . Then  $\nu_+, \nu_-$  are  $\sigma$ -finite measures. According to previous case we can write  $\nu_+ = \nu_{+s} + \nu_{+a}$ ,  $\nu_- = \nu_{-s} + \nu_{-a}$  for measures such that  $\nu_{+s} \perp \mu, \nu_{-s} \perp \mu, \nu_{+a} \ll \mu, \nu_{-a} \ll \mu$ . Then  $\nu_s = \nu_{+s} - \nu_{-s}, \nu_a = \nu_{+a} - \nu_{-a}$  are signed measures and  $\nu_s \perp \mu, \nu_a \ll \mu$ . Finally assume that  $\nu$  is complex. Then  $\nu = \nu^r + i \cdot \nu^i$ , where  $\nu^r$  and  $\nu^i$  are finite, signed measures. Form the case above we have decompositions

$$v^r = v_s^r + v_a^r, v^i = v_s^i + v_s^i$$

and  $v_s^r \perp \mu$ ,  $v_s^i \perp \mu$ ,  $v_a^r \ll \mu$ ,  $v_a^i \ll \mu$ . Then complex measures

$$\nu_s = \nu_s^r + i \cdot \nu_s^i, \ \nu_a = \nu_a^r + i \cdot \nu_a^i$$

satisfy  $\nu_s \perp \mu$ ,  $\nu_a \ll \mu$ .

# 5. RADON-NIKODYM THEOREM

In this section we prove famous result of Radon and Nikodym.

**Theorem 5.1** (Radon-Nikodym). Let  $(X, \Sigma)$  be a measurable space and let  $\mu$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite measure on  $(X, \Sigma)$ . Suppose that  $\nu \ll \mu$  for  $\nu$  that is either complex measure or  $\sigma$ -finite, signed measure. Then there exists a measurable function  $f: X \to \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$\nu(A) = \int_A f d\mu$$

for every  $A \in \Sigma$ .

*Proof for finite measures*  $\mu, \nu$ . Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . According to Theorem 3.1 there exists a set  $P_{n,k} \in \Sigma$  such that

$$\left(\nu - \frac{k}{2^n} \cdot \mu\right) \left(A \cap P_{n,k}\right) \ge 0, \left(\nu - \frac{k}{2^n} \cdot \mu\right) \left(A \setminus P_{n,k}\right) \le 0$$

for every  $A \in \Sigma$ . We may assume that  $P_{n,0} = X$ ,  $P_{n,k+1} \subseteq P_{n,k}$  and  $P_{n,k} = P_{n+1,2k}$  for every  $n,k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\nu \ll \mu$  and  $\nu$  is finite, we derive that

$$\mu\left(\bigcap_{k\in\mathbb{N}}P_{n,k}\right)=\nu\left(\bigcap_{k\in\mathbb{N}}P_{n,k}\right)=0$$

and may assume that this set is empty for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Pick  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We define a function  $f_n : X \to \mathbb{C}$  by formula

$$f_n(x) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{k}{2^n} \cdot \chi_{P_{n,k} \setminus P_{n,k+1}}(x)$$

Clearly  $f_n$  is a measurable, nonnegative function. If  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \le m$ , then we have

$$f_n(x) \le f_m(x) \le f_n(x) + \frac{1}{2^n}$$

Thus  $\{f_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  is a nondecreasing sequence of measurable functions convergent uniformly to a measurable function  $f: X \to \mathbb{C}$ . Moreover, for every  $A \in \Sigma$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$\nu(A) - \frac{1}{2^{n}}\mu(A) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \nu\left(A \cap \left(P_{n,k} \setminus P_{n,k+1}\right)\right) - \frac{1}{2^{n}}\mu(A) \le$$

$$\le \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{k+1}{2^{n}}\mu\left(A \cap \left(P_{n,k} \setminus P_{n,k+1}\right)\right) - \frac{1}{2^{n}}\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mu\left(A \cap \left(P_{n,k} \setminus P_{n,k+1}\right)\right) \le$$

$$\le \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{k}{2^{n}}\mu\left(A \cap \left(P_{n,k} \setminus P_{n,k+1}\right)\right) \le \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \nu\left(A \cap \left(P_{n,k} \setminus P_{n,k+1}\right)\right) = \nu(A)$$

and since

$$\int_{A} f_{n} d\mu = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{k}{2^{n}} \mu \left( A \cap \left( P_{n,k} \setminus P_{n,k+1} \right) \right)$$

we derive that

$$\nu(A) - \frac{1}{2^n} \mu(A) \le \int_A f_n \, d\mu \le \nu(A)$$

This inequality together with monotone convergence theorem imply that

$$\nu(A) = \lim_{n \to +\infty} \int_A f_n \, d\mu = \int_A f \, d\mu$$

This finishes the proof for finite measures  $\nu$ ,  $\mu$ .

*Reduction to finite case.* Assume now that  $\nu$  and  $\mu$  are  $\sigma$ -finite measures on  $(X,\Sigma)$ . Then there exists a decomposition

$$X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} X_n$$

onto disjoint subsets in  $\Sigma$  such that  $\nu(X_n) \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mu(X_n) \in \mathbb{R}$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we define  $\nu_n(A) = \nu(A \cap X_n)$  and  $\mu_n(A) = \mu(A \cap X_n)$  for  $A \in \Sigma$ . Since  $\nu \ll \mu$ , we derive that  $\nu_n \ll \mu_n$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Measures  $\{\nu_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\{\mu_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  are finite. By finite case of the theorem we deduce that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists a measurable function  $f_n : X \to \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$\nu_n(A) = \int_A f_n \, d\mu_n$$

for every  $A \in \Sigma$ . Note that  $f_n$  has nonnegative values  $\mu$ -almost everywhere and can be set equal to zero outside  $X_n$ . Thus

$$\nu_n(A) = \int_A f_n \, d\mu_n = \int_A f_n \, d\mu$$

for every  $A \in \Sigma$ . Therefore, we deduce that

$$\nu(A) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \nu(A \cap X_n) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \nu_n(A) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \int_A f_n \, d\mu = \int_A \left(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_n\right) d\mu$$

by monotone convergence theorem

Assume now that both  $\nu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite, signed measure. In this situation we may write  $\nu = \nu_+ - \nu_-$  for measures  $\nu_+, \nu_-$  such that  $\nu_+ \perp \nu_-$ . Then  $\nu_+ \ll \mu$  and  $\nu_- \ll \mu$ . There exists a set  $P \in \Sigma$  such that  $\nu_-(P) = \nu_+(X \setminus P) = 0$ . By the case considered previously there exist measurable functions  $f_+: X \to \mathbb{C}$ ,  $f_-: X \to \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$v_{+}(A) = \int_{A} f_{+} d\mu, v_{-}(A) = \int_{A} f_{-} d\mu$$

for every  $A \in \Sigma$ . Moreover, we may assume that  $f_+$  is equal to zero outside P and  $f_-$  is equal to zero outside  $X \setminus P$ . From this we have

$$\nu(A) = \nu_{+}(A) + \nu_{-}(A) = \int_{A} f_{+} \, d\mu + \int_{A} f_{-} \, d\mu = \int_{A} \left( f_{+} - f_{-} \right) \, d\mu$$

for every  $A \in \Sigma$ .

Suppose that  $\nu$  is complex measure. Write  $\nu = \nu_r - i \cdot \nu_i$ . Then both  $\nu_r, \nu_-$  are finite, signed measures. Moreover, we have  $\nu_r \ll \mu, \nu_i \ll \mu$ . There exist measurable functions  $f_r : X \to \mathbb{C}$  and  $f_i : X \to \mathbb{C}$  that are real valued and satisfy

$$\nu_r(A) = \int_A f_r \, d\mu, \, \nu_i(A) = \int_A f_i \, d\mu$$

for every  $A \in \Sigma$ . Thus

$$\nu(A) = \nu_r(A) + i \cdot \nu_i(A) = \int_A f_r \, d\mu + i \cdot \int_A f_i \, d\mu = \int_A (f_r + i \cdot f_i) \, d\mu$$

for every  $A \in \Sigma$ .

# 6. Banach space of complex measures

**Proposition 6.1.** Let  $\mu$  be a complex measure on a measurable space  $(X, \Sigma)$ . For every  $A \in \Sigma$  we define

$$|\mu|(A) = \sup \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |\mu(A_n)| \mid A = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n \text{ is a partition of } A \text{ onto subsets in } \Sigma \right\}$$

*Then* |u| *is a finite measure on*  $(X, \Sigma)$ *.* 

*Proof.* Let  $\mu = \mu^r + i \cdot \mu^i$  be decomposition onto real and imaginary part. Then  $\mu^r, \mu^i$  are finite, signed measures. By Theorem 3.1 we derive that there exist decompositions  $\mu^r = \mu^r_+ - \mu^r_-$ ,  $\mu^i = \mu^i_+ - \mu^i_-$  such that  $\mu^r_+, \mu^r_-, \mu^i_+, \mu^i_-$  are finite measures and  $\mu^r_+ \perp \mu^r_-, \mu^i_+ \perp \mu^i_-$ . Then for every partition

$$A = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$$

of  $A \in \Sigma$  onto sets in  $\Sigma$  we have

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |\mu(A_n)| = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sqrt{(\mu^r(A_n))^2 + (\mu^i(A_n))^2} \le \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (|\mu^r(A_n)| + |\mu^i(A_n)|) \le$$

$$\le \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (\mu_+^r(A_n) + \mu_-^r(A_n) + \mu_+^i(A_n) + \mu_-^i(A_n)) = \mu_+^r(A) + \mu_-^r(A) + \mu_+^i(A) + \mu_-^i(A)$$

Right hand side of the inequality does not depend on the partition and hence

$$|\mu|(A) \le \mu_+^r(A) + \mu_-^r(A) + \mu_+^i(A) + \mu_-^i(A)$$

This implies that  $|\mu|(A) \in \mathbb{R}$  for every  $A \in \Sigma$ . Note also that  $|\mu|(\emptyset) = 0$ . Suppose now that  $A \in \Sigma$  and we have partitions

$$A = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} C_n$$
,  $A_n = \bigcup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} A_{n,m}$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ 

onto subsets in  $\Sigma$ . Then

$$\sum_{n\in\mathbb{N}} |\mu(C_n)| \leq \sum_{n\in\mathbb{N}} \sum_{m\in\mathbb{N}} |\mu(A_n \cap C_m)| \leq \sum_{n\in\mathbb{N}} |\mu|(A_n)$$

and

$$\sum_{n\in\mathbb{N}} \left( \sum_{m\in\mathbb{N}} |\mu(A_{n,m})| \right) \le |\mu|(A)$$

These inequalities imply that

$$|\mu|(A) \le \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |\mu|(A_n) \le |\mu|(A)$$

Therefore,  $|\mu|$  is a finite measure.

**Definition 6.2.** Let  $\mu$  be a complex measure on  $(X, \Sigma)$ . Then we define

$$||\mu|| = |\mu|(X)$$

and call it the total variation of  $\mu$ .

**Theorem 6.3.** Let  $(X, \Sigma)$  be a measurable space and  $\mathcal{M}(X, \Sigma)$  be a set of all complex measures on  $(X, \Sigma)$ . Then the following assertions hold.

- **(1)**  $\mathcal{M}(X,\Sigma)$  is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear space.
- (2) The mapping

$$\mathcal{M}(X,\Sigma) \ni \mu \mapsto ||\mu|| \in [0,+\infty)$$

is a norm.

(3) Suppose that  $\{\mu_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence of complex measures on  $(X,\Sigma)$  that is a Cauchy sequence with respect to total variation. Then there exists a complex measure  $\mu$  such that

$$\lim_{n\to+\infty}\mu_n=\mu$$

*Moreover, for every*  $A \in \Sigma$  *we have* 

$$\lim_{n\to+\infty}\mu_n(A)=\mu(A)$$

*Proof.* We left (1) and (2) for the reader as an exercise. Fix  $A \in \Sigma$ . Then

$$|\mu_n(A) - \mu_m(A)| \le |\mu_n - \mu_m|(A) \le ||\mu_n - \mu_m||$$

for every  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\{\mu_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to total variation, we derive that there exists the limit  $\mu(A)$  of  $\{\mu_n(A)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ . Suppose that

$$A = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} A_k$$

for  $A \in \Sigma$  and  $A_k \in \Sigma$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Assume that sets  $\{A_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  are disjoint. Pick  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N}\left|\mu_{n}(A_{k})-\mu(A_{k})\right|=\lim_{m\rightarrow+\infty}\sum_{k=0}^{N}\left|\mu_{n}(A_{k})-\mu_{m}(A_{k})\right|\leq$$

$$\leq \limsup_{m \to +\infty} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} |\mu_n(A_k) - \mu_m(A_k)| \leq \limsup_{m \to +\infty} |\mu_n - \mu_m|(A) = \limsup_{m \to +\infty} ||\mu_n - \mu_m||$$

This implies that

$$\sum_{k\in\mathbb{N}} |\mu_n(A_k) - \mu(A_k)| \le \limsup_{m \to +\infty} ||\mu_n - \mu_m||$$

regardless of set A and partition  $\{A_k\}_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$ . Thus we deduce that there exists a sequence  $\{a_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  of real numbers, convergent to zero such that

$$\sum_{k\in\mathbb{N}} |\mu_n(A_k) - \mu(A_k)| \le a_n$$

for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $A \in \Sigma$  and partition  $\{A_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  as above. Therefore, for fixed  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$|\mu(A) - \sum_{k=0}^{N} \mu(A_k)| \le |\mu(A) - \mu_n(A)| + |\mu_n(A) - \sum_{k=0}^{N} \mu_n(A_k)| + \sum_{k=0}^{N} |\mu_n(A_k) - \mu(A_k)| \le |\mu(A) - \mu_n(A)| + |\mu_n(A) - \mu_n(A)| \le |\mu(A) - \mu_n(A)| \le |\mu(A) - \mu_n(A)| \le |\mu(A) - \mu_n(A)| + |\mu_n(A) - \mu_n(A)| \le |\mu(A) - \mu_n(A)|$$

$$\leq |\mu(A) - \mu_n(A)| + |\mu_n(A) - \sum_{k=0}^{N} \mu_n(A_k)| + \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} |\mu_n(A_k) - \mu(A_k)| \leq 2a_n + |\mu_n(A) - \sum_{k=0}^{N} \mu_n(A_k)|$$

Hence we derive that

$$\mu(A) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_k)$$

thus  $\mu$  is a complex measure and according to

$$\sum_{k\in\mathbb{N}} |\mu_n(A_k) - \mu(A_k)| \le a_n$$

for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we deduce that

$$\lim_{n\to+\infty}|\mu_n-\mu|(A)=0$$

for every  $A \in \Sigma$ . Hence also  $\lim_{n \to +\infty} ||\mu_n - \mu|| = 0$ . This finishes the proof of (3).

### 7. APPLICATIONS OF RADON-NIKODYN THEOREM

**Proposition 7.1.** Let  $\mu$  be a measure on a measurable space  $(X,\Sigma)$  and  $f:X\to \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  be a measurable, nonnegative function. We define

$$\nu(A) = \int_A f \, d\mu$$

for every  $A \in \Sigma$ . Then  $\nu$  is a measure on  $(X, \Sigma)$  and the equality

$$\int_X g \, d\nu = \int_X g \cdot f \, d\mu$$

holds if g is either  $\mu$ -integrable function  $g: X \to \mathbb{C}$  of a measurable, nonnegative function  $g: X \to \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $A = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$  for  $A \in \Sigma$  and  $A_n \in \Sigma$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Assume also that  $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  are pairwise disjoint. Then by monotone convergence theorem

$$\nu(A) = \int_A f \, d\mu = \int_X \chi_A \cdot f \, d\mu = \int_X \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \chi_{A_n} \cdot f \right) d\mu = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \int_X \chi_{A_n} \cdot f \, d\mu = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{A_n} f \, d\mu = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \nu(A_n)$$

Moreover, we have  $\nu(\emptyset) = 0$ . Thus  $\nu$  is a measure on  $(X, \Sigma)$ .

For the second part of the statement note that the family of measurable, nonnegative functions  $g: X \to \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  satisfying equality

$$\int_{Y} g \, d\nu = \int_{Y} g \cdot f \, d\mu$$

contains  $\{\chi_A\}_{A\in\Sigma}$ , is closed under linear combinationss with nonnegative coefficients, if it contains nondecreasing sequence  $\{g_n:X\to\overline{\mathbb{R}}\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ , then it also contains its pointwise limit. Thus this family contains all measurable, nonnegative functions  $g:X\to\overline{\mathbb{R}}$ . Since every real valued,  $\nu$ -integrable function  $g:X\to\mathbb{C}$  is a difference of a two  $\nu$ -integrable, nonnegative functions, we deduce that this family contains all real,  $\nu$ -integrable functions. Finally, if it contains two  $\nu$ -integrable, real valued functions, then it contains its C-linear combination. Thus it contains all  $\nu$ -integrable functions.

**Theorem 7.2.** Let  $\mu$  be a complex measure on a measurable space  $(X, \Sigma)$ . There exists an  $|\mu|$ -integrable function  $f: X \to \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$\mu(A) = \int_A f d|\mu|$$

for every  $A \in \Sigma$  and |f(x)| = 1 for every x in X.

For the proof we need the following result.

**Lemma 7.2.1.** Let  $\mu$  be a measure on  $(X, \Sigma)$ . Suppose that  $f: X \to \mathbb{C}$  is a measurable function and F is a closed subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ . Assume that for every  $A \in \Sigma$  such that  $\mu(A) > 0$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{\mu(A)} \int_A f \, d\mu \in F$$

Then  $\mu(X \setminus f^{-1}(F)) = 0$ .

*Proof of the lemma.* Let *D* be a closed disc in  $\mathbb{C}$  such that  $D \cap F = \emptyset$ . If  $\mu(f^{-1}(D)) > 0$ , then

$$\frac{1}{\mu\left(f^{-1}(D)\right)}\int_{f^{-1}(D)}f\,d\mu\in D$$

by convexity of D. This implies that for every closed disc in  $\mathbb C$  disjoint from F we have  $\mu\left(f^{-1}(D)\right) = 0$ . Since  $\mathbb C \setminus F$  can be covered by such discs, we derive that  $\mu\left(X \setminus f^{-1}(F)\right) = 0$ .

*Proof of the theorem.* Consider Radon-Nikodym derivative  $f: X \to \mathbb{C}$  of  $\mu$  with respect to  $|\mu|$ . It exists according to Theorem 5.1 and is  $|\mu|$ -integrable because  $\mu$  is complex measure. Since

$$\left| \frac{1}{\mu(A)} \right| \int_A f \, d|\mu| \le \frac{1}{\mu(A)} \int_A |f| \, d|\mu| = \frac{|\mu|(A)}{\mu(A)} \le 1$$

for every  $A \in \Sigma$  such that  $A \in \Sigma$ , we derive by Lemma 7.2.1 that  $f(x) \in D$  almost everywhere with respect to measure  $|\mu|$ , where D is a closed unit disc in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Changing values of f on a set of measure  $|\mu|$  equal to zero, we may assume that  $f(x) \in D$  for every x in X.

Suppose next that  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and denote  $A_{\alpha} = f^{-1}(\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |f(z)| \le \alpha\})$ . Let

$$A_\alpha = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$$

be a decomposition on disjoint subsets in  $\Sigma$ . Then

$$\sum_{n\in\mathbb{N}} |\mu(A_n)| = \sum_{n\in\mathbb{N}} \left| \int_{A_n} f \, d|\mu| \right| \leq \sum_{n\in\mathbb{N}} \int_{A_n} |f| \, d|\mu| \leq \alpha \cdot \sum_{n\in\mathbb{N}} |\mu|(A_n) = \alpha \cdot |\mu|(A_\alpha)$$

Hence

$$|\mu|(A_{\alpha}) \leq \alpha \cdot |\mu|(A_{\alpha})$$

Therefore,  $|\mu|(A_{\alpha}) = 0$ . Since  $\alpha$  is arbitrary number in (0,1), we deduce that

$$|\mu|\bigg(\big\{z\in\mathbb{C}\,\big|\,|f(z)|<1\big\}\bigg)=0$$

Thus changing values of f on a set of measure  $|\mu|$  equal to zero, we may assume that |f(x)| = 1 for every x in X.

**Corollary 7.3.** Let  $\mu$  be a measure on a measurable space  $(X, \Sigma)$  and  $f: X \to \mathbb{C}$  be a  $\mu$ -integrable function. Define

$$\nu(A) = \int_A f \, d\mu$$

for every  $A \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $\nu$  is a complex measure on  $(X, \Sigma)$  and

$$|\nu|(A) = \int_A |f| \, d\mu$$

for every  $A \in \Sigma$ .

*Proof.* Clearly  $\nu(A) \in \mathbb{C}$  for every  $A \in \Sigma$ . Suppose that  $A = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$  for  $A \in \Sigma$  and  $A_n \in \Sigma$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Assume also that  $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  are pairwise disjoint. Then by dominated convergence theorem

$$\nu(A) = \int_{A} f \, d\mu = \int_{X} \chi_{A} \cdot f \, d\mu = \int_{X} \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \chi_{A_{n}} \cdot f \right) d\mu = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{X} \chi_{A_{n}} \cdot f \, d\mu = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{A_{n}} f \, d\mu = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \nu(A_{n})$$

Moreover, we have  $\nu(\emptyset) = 0$ . Thus  $\nu$  is a complex measure on  $(X, \Sigma)$ . Since f is  $\mu$ -integrable, there exists a  $\sigma$ -finite subset  $\Omega \in \Sigma$  such that |f(x)| = 0 for  $x \notin \Omega$ . We define  $\tilde{\mu}(A) = \mu(A \cap \Omega)$  for every  $A \in \Sigma$ . Clearly

$$\nu(A) = \int_A f \, d\mu = \int_A f \, d\tilde{\mu}$$

for every  $A \in \Sigma$ . Hence we have  $|\nu| \ll \tilde{\mu}$  by definition of  $\nu$  and  $|\nu|$ . Note that  $\tilde{\mu}$  is a  $\sigma$ -finite measure. By Theorem 5.1 there exists a measurable function  $g: X \to \mathbb{C}$  equal to zero outside  $\Omega$  such that

$$|\nu|(A) = \int_A g \, d\tilde{\mu} = \int_A g \, d\mu$$

for every  $A \in \Sigma$ . We may assume that g takes only nonnegative values. By Theorem 7.2 there exists a function  $h: X \to \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$\nu(A) = \int_A h \, d|\nu|$$

for every  $A \in \Sigma$  and |h(x)| = 1 for all x in X. By Proposition 7.1 we deduce that

$$\int_A f \, d\mu = \nu(A) = \int_A h \, d|\nu| = \int_A h \cdot g \, d\mu$$

for every  $A \in \Sigma$ . Therefore,  $f = h \cdot g$  almost everywhere with respect to  $\mu$ . Thus

$$g(x) = |h(x)| \cdot g(x) = |f(x)|$$

almost everywhere with respect to  $\mu$ .

**Corollary 7.4.** *Let*  $(X, \Sigma)$  *be a measurable space and*  $\mu$  *be a measure on*  $\Sigma$ *. Then the map* 

$$L^1(X,\mu)\ni f\mapsto \left(\Sigma\ni A\mapsto \int_A f\,d\mu\in\mathbb{C}\right)\in\mathcal{M}(X,\Sigma)$$

is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear isometrical embedding of Banach spaces. If in addition  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite, then the map is onto the subspace of  $\mathcal{M}(X,\Sigma)$  consisting of complex measures which are absolutely continous with respect to  $\mu$ .

*Proof.* The first assertion follows from Corollary 7.3 and Theorem 6.3. The second is a recapitulation of Theorem 5.1.

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