

Analysis I

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Lecture 19: End of Convergence, Functions of Bounded Variation, and Derivatives

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Recall we had the dominated convergence theorem. A similar version of the theorem makes use of convergence in measure as follows.

Theorem 0.1 (Dominated Convergence - Convergence in Measure). Let (f_n) be a sequence of measurable functions $f_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ and suppose there is an integrable function $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ so that $|f_n| \leq g$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If $(f_n) \rightarrow f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ in measure, (with f measurable), then f is integrable and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int |f_n - f| = 0$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n = \int f$.

Proof. First, note a subsequence of (f_n) converges to f pointwise almost everywhere. Hence, we find $|f| \leq g$ almost everywhere, so f is integrable. We can assume $|f_n - f| \leq 2g$ (almost) everywhere. Then, we find a subsequence $(g_n) = (f_{n_k})$ such that $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |f_n - f| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |g_n - f|$. Then, as $(g_n) \rightarrow f$ in measure, we find another subsequence $(h_j) = (g_{k_j}) = (f_{n_{k_j}})$ which converges pointwise to f almost everywhere.

Applying dominated convergence theorem yields

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int |h_j - f| = 0.$$

Then, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int |f_n - f| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int |g_k - f| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int |h_j - f| \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. \square

1 Functions of Bounded Variation and Absolutely Continuous Functions

Remark. For this chapter $[a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ will always denote a compact interval on \mathbb{R} .

Definition 1.1 (Partition). A finite sequence $P = (x_k)_{k=n}^N$ with $n, N \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $n < N$ is called a **partition** of $[a, b]$ if $x_n = a$, $x_N = b$ and $x_{k-1} \leq x_k$ for $n < k \leq N$. We denote the collection of all partitions of $[a, b]$ to be $\mathcal{P}([a, b])$.

Definition 1.2. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. Then,

- For a partition $P = (x_k)_{k=n}^N$, we denote

$$V(f, P) = \sum_{k=n+1}^N |f(x_k) - f(x_{k-1})|$$

to be the **variation of f with respect to P** .

- We define the quantity $\text{TV}(f) = \sup\{V(f, P) : P \in \mathcal{P}([a, b])\}$ to be the **total variation of f** .

Remark. If $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $c \in [a, b]$ with partitions $P_1 = (x_k)_{k=n}^N$ of $[a, c]$ and $P_2 = (x_k)_{k=N}^K$ of $[c, b]$. Then denote, $P = (x_k)_{k=n}^K$ to be a partition of $[a, b]$ and we find

$$V(f, P) = V(f|_{[a, c]}, P_1) + V(f|_{[c, b]}, P_2).$$

Moreover,

$$\text{TV}(f) = \text{TV}(f|_{[a, c]}) + \text{TV}(f|_{[c, b]}).$$

Definition 1.3 (Bounded Variation). A function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ has **bounded variation** if $\text{TV}(f) < \infty$.

Theorem 1.1 (Jordan's Theorem). A function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is of bounded variation if and only if there are increasing functions $g, h : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ so that $f = g - h$.

Proof. Suppose $\text{TV}(f) < \infty$ and let $x, y \in [a, b]$ with $x < y$. Then, we find

$$\begin{aligned}\text{TV}(f|_{[a,y]}) &= \text{TV}(f|_{[a,x]}) + \text{TV}(f|_{[x,y]}) \\ &\geq \text{TV}(f|_{[a,x]}) + |f(y) - f(x)| \\ &\geq \text{TV}(f|_{[a,x]}) + f(x) - f(y).\end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, $h : x \mapsto \text{TV}(f|_{[a,x]})$ and $g : x \mapsto \text{TV}(f|_{[a,x]}) + f(x)$ are increasing. This fact is trivial for h and we find, adding $f(y)$ to both sides of the former inequality yields $g(y) \geq g(x)$ for arbitrary $y \geq x$, so this claim holds as well.

Taking the difference, $g - h = f$.

Conversely, suppose $f = g - h$ for increasing $g, h : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then, let $x, y \in [a, b]$ with $y \geq x$. Then, we find

$$\begin{aligned}|f(y) - f(x)| &= |g(y) - g(x) + h(x) - h(y)| \\ &\leq |g(y) - g(x)| + |h(x) - h(y)| \\ &= g(y) - g(x) + h(y) - h(x).\end{aligned}$$

Hence, for a partition $P = (x_k)_{k=n}^N$, we find

$$\begin{aligned}V(f, P) &= \sum_{k=n+1}^N |f(x_k) - f(x_{k-1})| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=n+1}^N (g(x_k) - g(x_{k-1}) + h(x_k) - h(x_{k-1})) = g(b) - g(a) + h(b) - h(a) \\ &< \infty.\end{aligned}$$

□

Definition 1.4 (Absolute Continuity). A function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is **absolutely continuous** if for each $\varepsilon > 0$ we find a $\delta > 0$ such that for every finite disjoint collection of nonempty intervals $\{(a_k, b_k) \subseteq [a, b] : 1 \leq k \leq K\}$ with $\sum_{k=1}^K (b_k - a_k) < \delta$, we have $\sum_{k=1}^K |f(a_k) - f(b_k)| < \varepsilon$.

Remark. Absolute continuity is stronger than uniform continuity, but weaker than Lipschitz continuity.

Theorem 1.2. If a function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is absolutely continuous, then f is continuous and f has bounded variation.

Proof. f is trivially continuous, taking a finite disjoint collection consisting only of 1 interval $\{(x, y)\}$ yields the definition of continuity.

Now we show bounded variation. For $\varepsilon = 1$, let $\delta > 0$ be the number such that the definition of absolute continuity holds for f .

Now fix $(x_k)_{k=n}^N \in \mathcal{P}([a, b])$ so that $x_k - x_{k-1} < \delta$ for all $n < k \leq N$. Then, if $P \in \mathcal{P}([x_{k-1}, x_k])$, we see $V(f|_{[x_{k-1}, x_k]}, P) < 1$ by definition of absolute

continuity.

So, we have $\text{TV}([x_{k-1}, x_k]) \leq 1$, so $\text{TV}(f) = \sum_{k=n+1}^N \text{TV}(f|_{[x_{k-1}, x_k]}) \leq N - n$ by the ε assumption. \square

As it turns out, absolutely continuous functions have a relation to integrable functions, particularly, an integrable function f is simply the anti-integral of an absolutely continuous one.

Proposition 1.1. If $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is integrable, then,

$$F : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad x \mapsto \int_{[a, x]} f$$

is absolutely continuous.

This claim can be generalized into a sort of fundamental theorem of calculus for the lebesgue integrals to characterize integrals and derivatives. For now, we only prove the weak version.

Proof. For $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta > 0$ such that $\int_S |f| < \varepsilon$ for every measurable set $S \subseteq [a, b]$ with $m(S) < \delta$.

Now, let $\{(a_k, b_k) : 1 \leq k \leq K\}$ be a disjoint collection of intervals in $[a, b]$ with $\sum_{k=1}^K (b_k - a_k) < \delta$. Fix $S = \bigcup_{k=1}^K (a_k, b_k)$. Then, since $m(S) < \delta$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^K |F(b_k) - F(a_k)| &= \sum_{k=1}^K \left| \int_{[a_k, b_k]} f \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^K \int_{[a_k, b_k]} |f| \\ &= \int_S |f| \\ &< \varepsilon \text{ by assumption.} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, absolute continuity holds. \square

2 Derivatives and Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Proposition 2.1. Let $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ be monotone on $(a, b) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ with $a, b \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ and $a < b$. Then,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \inf\{f(x) : x \in (a, b)\}, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow b} f(x) = \sup\{f(x) : x \in (a, b)\}$$

are both well defined.

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Recall. A monotone function on an interval has well defined limits at both its endpoints.

Definition 2.1 (Upper/Lower Derivatives). Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

- We define $\overline{D}f(x) = \limsup_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \{ \frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h} : 0 < |h| < \tau \}$ to be the **upper derivative**.
- We define $\underline{D}f(x) = \liminf_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \{ \frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h} : 0 < |h| < \tau \}$ to be the **lower derivative**.
- If, for some $x \in \overset{\circ}{S}$, we find $\overline{D}f(x), \underline{D}f(x) \in \mathbb{R}$, with the upper and lower derivatives being equal, we say f is **differentiable** at x . We denote $f'(x) = \overline{D}f(x) = \underline{D}f(x)$.

We know, the limits of the upper and lower derivatives to be well defined as the supremum and infimum are monotone functions with respect to τ .

Proposition 2.2. Let $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and let $x \in \overset{\circ}{S}$. Then, f is differentiable at x if and only if

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{f(y) - f(x)}{y - x} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \in \mathbb{R}.$$

That is, the classical derivative is equivalent to the lebesgue derivative, so we will use the new definition for most proofs, but the old for most computations.

Theorem 2.1 (Mean-Value Theorem). Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous and differentiable at every $x \in (a, b)$. Then, there exists $\xi \in (a, b)$ so that $f(b) - f(a) = f'(\xi)(b - a)$.

Lemma 2.1. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be increasing and suppose $\overline{D}f(x) = \underline{D}f(x)$ for almost every $x \in [a, b]$. Then, $\overline{D}f(x)$ and $\underline{D}f(x)$ are finite almost everywhere. Moreover, f is differentiable almost everywhere (on $[a, b]$). Furthermore, f' is an integrable function and

$$\int_{[a,b]} f' \leq f(b) - f(a).$$

Proof. Extend f to $[a, \infty)$ by letting $f(c) = f(b)$ for all $c \geq b$. Define a sequence (g_n) , $g_n : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with

$$x \mapsto n \left(f \left(x + \frac{1}{n} \right) - f(x) \right).$$

Then, by assumption, we know $(g_n(x))$ to be convergent in $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$ with limit $f'(x)$ for almost every $x \in (a, b)$. Each g_n is measurable, hence $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n$ is increasing,

we see $g(n) \geq 0$, hence $\overline{D}f \geq 0$.
Applying Fatou's lemma yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{[a,b]} \overline{D}f &= \int_{[a,b]} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n \\
 &\leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{[a,b]} g_n \\
 &= \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\int_{[a+\frac{1}{n}, b+\frac{1}{n}]} f - \int_{[a,b]} f \right) \\
 &= \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\underbrace{n \int_{[b, b+\frac{1}{n}]} f}_{=f(b)} - \underbrace{n \int_{[a, a+\frac{1}{n}]} f}_{\leq f(a)} \right) \\
 &\leq f(b) - f(a).
 \end{aligned}$$

We know the final inequality holds because f is constant on $[b, b + \frac{1}{n}]$ and though f is not constant, it is increasing on $[a, a + \frac{1}{n}]$ hence the upper bound of their difference is attained by $f(a)$.

Consequently, $\overline{D}f$ is integrable (so finite almost everywhere). And, since $\overline{D}f = \underline{D}f$, we find $f'(x)$ exists and equals $\overline{D}f(x)$ for almost every $x \in [a, b]$. \square

Later, we will prove equality holds precisely in the case of absolute continuity.

Definition 2.2 (Vitali Covering). Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. We call a collection of closed, bounded intervals (denoted \mathcal{C}) of positive length a **Vitali covering** of $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ if for every $x \in S$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ we find an $I \in \mathcal{C}$ such that $x \in I$ and $l(I) < \varepsilon$.

Example. A Vitali covering of $S = [0, 1]$ goes as follows. Let $H = \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$, then $\mathcal{C} = \{[x, x+h] : h \in H, x \in [0, 1]\}$. \diamond

Theorem 2.2 (Vitali Covering Lemma). Let \mathcal{C} be a Vitali covering of the set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ with $m^*(S) < \infty$. Then, for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a finite, disjoint collection of intervals $\{I_k \in \mathcal{C} : 1 \leq k \leq n\}$ such that

$$m^* \left(S \setminus \bigcup_{k=1}^n I_k \right) < \varepsilon.$$

Theorem 2.3 (Lebesgue's Theorem). Let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a monotone function on an interval $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Then, f is differentiable at almost every $x \in I$ and f' is integrable on every interval $[a, b] \subseteq I$. In particular, if f is increasing, then

$$\int_{[a,b]} f' \leq f(b) - f(a).$$

Proof. It suffices to show I is open and bounded, else we could replace I by $\overset{\circ}{I} \cap (-n, n)$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and we find $\overset{\circ}{I} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \overset{\circ}{I} \cap (-n, n)$. Similarly, we can assume f to be increasing. Hence, for all $x \in I$, we have $0 \leq \underline{D}f(x) \leq \overline{D}f(x) \leq \infty$. So, we need only show $\overline{D}f(x) = \underline{D}f(x)$ with this quantity being finite for almost every $x \in I$.

For $p, q \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $p > q > 0$, define $E_{p,q} = \{x \in I : \underline{D}f(x) < q < p < \overline{D}f(x) < \infty\}$. Then,

$$\{x \in I : \underline{D}f(x) < \overline{D}f(x) < \infty\} = \bigcup_{p,q \in \mathbb{Q}^+} E_{p,q}.$$

If f fails to be differentiable at $x \in I$, then either $x \in E_{p,q}$ for some $p, q \in \mathbb{Q}$ or $\overline{D}f(x) = \infty$. We know $\overline{D}f$ to be finite almost everywhere, so by subadditivity, we need only show the other component, $E_{p,q}$, has measure 0.

Fix $p, q \in \mathbb{Q}$ and suppose $m^*(E_{p,q}) = m_0$. Then, $m_0 \in [0, \infty)$ by the boundedness assumption. Given $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a nonempty open U such that $E_{p,q} \subseteq U$ and $m(U) < m_0 + \varepsilon$. Suppose $x \in E_{p,q}$. Since $\underline{D}f(x) < q$ by definition of $E_{p,q}$; for every $\delta > 0$ we find a $0 < h < \delta$ such that $[x, x+h] \subseteq U$ and $f(x+h) - f(x) < qh$ or $[x-h, x] \subseteq U$ and $f(x) - f(x-h) \leq qh$.

The collection \mathcal{L} of all such intervals $[x, x+h]$ or $[x-h, x]$ for a fixed $\delta > 0$ and $x \in E_{p,q}$ forms a Vitali covering of $E_{p,q}$. We find all intervals $[a, b] \in \mathcal{L}$ have the property $f(b) - f(a) < q(b-a)$ by the earlier observation. Then, by the Vitali covering lemma, there is a finite, disjoint collection of intervals $\{I_n \in \mathcal{L} : 1 \leq n \leq N\}$ such that for $V = \bigcup_{n=1}^N I_n$, we have $m^*(E_{p,q} \setminus V) < \varepsilon$. Note that $m(V) < m_0 + \varepsilon$ since $V \subseteq U$. Since $m^*(E_{p,q} \setminus V) + m^*(E_{p,q} \cap V) \geq m_0$ since the two sets together contain $E_{p,q}$, we have $m^*(E_{p,q} \cap V) \geq m_0 - \varepsilon$.

Now, we follow a similar construction. If $x \in E_{p,q} \cap V$, then $p < \overline{D}f(x)$ implies for all $\delta > 0$ there is a $0 < h < \delta$ such that $[x, x+h] \subseteq V$ and $f(x+h) - f(x) \geq ph$ or $[x-h, x] \subseteq V$ and $f(x) - f(x-h) \geq ph$. The collection \mathcal{U} of all such intervals $[x, x+h]$ or $[x-h, x]$ for a fixed $\delta > 0$ and $x \in E_{p,q} \cap V$ is a Vitali covering of $E_{p,q} \cap V$. Moreover, if $[c, d] \in \mathcal{U}$, then $f(d) - f(c) \geq p(d-c)$. Applying Vitali Covering lemma yields a finite disjoint collection of intervals $\{I_k \in \mathcal{U} : 1 \leq k \leq K\}$ such that for $W = \bigcup_{k=1}^K I_k$, we have $m^*((E_{p,q} \cap V) \setminus W) < \varepsilon$. Since

$$m^*((E_{p,q} \cap V) \setminus W) + m(W) \geq m^*(E_{p,q} \cap V)$$

we have that $m(W) \geq m_0 - 2\varepsilon$.

We know each interval $J_k = [c_k, d_k]$ from W must be contained in V , furthermore it is contained in an interval $I_n = [a_n, b_n]$ of V . As each interval is disjoint and monotonic, we must have that

$$\sum_{k=1}^K (f(d_k) - f(c_k)) \leq \sum_{n=1}^N (f(b_n) - f(a_n)).$$

Now, since $I_n \in \mathcal{L}$ and $J_k \in \mathcal{U}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} p \sum_{k=1}^K (d_k - c_k) &= pm(w) \\ &\leq qm(V) \\ &= q \sum_{n=1}^N (b_n - a_n) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $p(m_0 - 2\varepsilon) \leq q(m_0 + \varepsilon)$ for each $\varepsilon > 0$, so $pm_0 \leq qm_0$ and as $p > q$, we must have $m_0 = 0$, so f is differentiable on all but sets of measure 0, so it is differentiable almost everywhere. \square

Corollary 1. If the function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is of bounded variation on the interval $[a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, then it is differentiable at almost every $x \in [a, b]$. Consequently, if f is absolutely continuous on $[a, b]$, then it is differentiable at almost every $x \in [a, b]$.

Proof. Bounded variation implies $f = g - h$ for increasing functions g, h . Applying Lebesgue's theorem yields g, h are differentiable almost everywhere, hence f is differentiable almost everywhere. \square