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## 1 Measures

### 1.1 Motivation

**Motivation of this course** is to define a notion of *length* on subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that

1.  $length([a, b]) = b - a$ .
2. (countable additivity)  $length(\bigcup^\infty A_i) = \sum^\infty length(A_i)$  where  $A_i$ 's are disjoint.
3. (translation invariance) for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $length(A + a) = length(A)$ .

**Fact 1.1.** it is impossible to construct such length for all subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* This proof shows it is impossible to construct a notion of length on  $[0, 1]$  with desired properties.

For  $x, y \in [0, 1]$ , define an equivalence relation as  $x \sim y \iff x - y \in \mathbb{Q}$ . By the axiom of choice, we may construct a set  $A$  containing exactly one element from each equivalence class of  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Obviously,  $A \subseteq [0, 1]$ .

For each  $r \in [-1, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$ , let  $A_r := A + r$ , and  $A_r \subseteq [-1, 2]$ . By translation invariance,  $length(A_r) = length(A)$ . Note that for any  $y \in [0, 1]$ , there exists some  $x \in A$  such that  $x \sim y$ , therefore,  $y \in A_{y-x} \subseteq \bigcup_r A_r$ . Hence,  $[0, 1] \subseteq \bigcup_r A_r$ .

If the notion of length satisfies countable additivity,  $length(\bigcup_r A_r)$  is either zero or infinity, which leads to a contradiction. ■

**Lebesgue's Resolution:** we only defines length for a subset of  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ , which contains *everything that may ever arrive in practice*, i.e.,  $\sigma$ -algebras.

### 1.2 Algebras and $\sigma$ -algebra

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $X$  be a set, a collection  $\mathcal{A}$  of subsets of  $X$  is called an **algebra** if

1.  $X \in \mathcal{A}$ ,

$$2. A \in \mathcal{A} \implies A^c \in \mathcal{A},$$

$$3. A, B \in \mathcal{A} \implies A \cup B \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Consequently: (1)  $A, B \in \mathcal{A} \implies A \cap B \in \mathcal{A}$ ; (2)  $A_1, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{A} \implies \bigcup_i A_i, \bigcap_i A_i \in \mathcal{A}$  (easily shown by induction); (3)  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{A}$ .

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $X$  be a set, a collection  $\mathcal{A}$  of subsets of  $X$  is called a  $\sigma$ -algebra if

$$1. X \in \mathcal{A},$$

$$2. A \in \mathcal{A} \implies A^c \in \mathcal{A},$$

$$3. A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{A} \implies \bigcup_i^\infty A_i \in \mathcal{A}.$$

**Example 1.1** (trivial examples). The power set of  $X$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$ ;  $\{\emptyset, X\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$ .

**Example 1.2** (finite/co-finite algebra). Let  $X$  be an infinite set and  $\mathcal{A}$  be the collection of subsets  $A$  such that either  $A$  is finite or  $A^c$  is finite.  $\mathcal{A}$  is an algebra.

*Proof.*  $X \in \mathcal{A}$  since  $X^c = \emptyset$  is finite. For a  $X \in \mathcal{A}$ , if  $X$  is finite, then  $X^c \in \mathcal{A}$ . If  $X$  is infinite,  $X^c$  is finite and  $X^c \in \mathcal{A}$ . Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ , if both  $A$  and  $B$  are finite,  $A \cup B$  is finite and in  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $A$  is finite and  $B$  is co-finite, then  $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c \subseteq B^c$  is finite. If both  $A$  and  $B$  are co-finite,  $(A \cup B)^c$  is finite so that  $A \cup B \in \mathcal{A}$ . ■

Note the  $\mathcal{A}$  is not a  $\sigma$ -algebra if  $X$  is infinite: take distinct points  $x_1, x_2, \dots \in \mathcal{A}$ , then the union of them is neither finite or co-finite, and therefore not in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Example 1.3** (countable/co-countable  $\sigma$ -algebra). The collection of subsets  $A \subseteq X$ , such that either  $A$  is countable or  $A^c$  is countable, forms a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

**Example 1.4.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  be the collection of all finite disjoint unions of half-open intervals (i.e., sets like  $(a, b], (-\infty, b], (a, \infty)$ ),  $\mathcal{A}$  is an algebra. (Not working for open intervals).

**Example 1.5** (counter example). Let  $X$  be an infinite set,  $\mathcal{A}$  be the collection of finite subsets of  $X$ . Then,  $\mathcal{A}$  is not an algebra.

**Proposition 1.1.** Let  $X$  be a set and  $\{\mathcal{A}_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{I}}$  be an arbitrary (not necessarily countable) collection of  $\sigma$ -algebras, then  $\bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{A}_i$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

*Proof.* Since  $X \in \mathcal{A}_i$  for all  $i \in \mathcal{I}$  ■

**Corollary 1.1.** Let  $X$  be a set, and  $\mathcal{P}$  is an arbitrary collection of subsets of  $X$ , then  $\exists!$  smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  containing  $\mathcal{P}$ . That is, for any  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B} \supseteq \mathcal{P}$ ,  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ .  $\mathcal{A}$  is defined as the  $\sigma$ -algebra **generated by**  $\mathcal{P}$ , denoted as  $\sigma(\mathcal{P})$ .

*Proof.* For any  $\mathcal{P}$ , the power set of  $X$  is obviously a  $\sigma$ -algebra containing  $\mathcal{P}$ . Then we can take  $\mathcal{A}$  as the intersection of all  $\sigma$ -algebras containing  $\mathcal{P}$ . ■

### 1.3 Borel $\sigma$ -algebra

**Definition 1.3.** The **Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra** of  $\mathbb{R}$ , denoted as  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ , is the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by the set of open intervals in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Fact 1.2.**  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$  is generated by the collection of all closed intervals as well.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{F}$  denote the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by all closed intervals. Any open interval can be written as a countable union of closed sets:  $(a, b) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [a + 1/n, b - 1/n]$ , therefore  $(a, b) \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ .

Similarly,  $[a, b] = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (a - 1/n, b + 1/n)$ , hence  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra contains all closed sets. Therefore,  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ . ■

**Fact 1.3.**  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$  is generated by

1. all open sets,
2. all closed sets,
3. all half-open intervals.

**Example 1.6** (counter example).  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$  is not generated by the collection of singletons.

*Proof.* ■

**Definition 1.4.** The Borel algebra of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , is the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by

1. all open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,
2. all closed sets in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,
3. all closed cubes (regions) in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ :  $\prod_{i=1}^d [a_i, b_i]$ .

### 1.4 Measures

**Definition 1.5.** For a set  $X$  and a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $X$ , the pair  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is called a **measurable space**.

**Definition 1.6.** A **measure**  $\mu$  on a measurable space  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a map  $\mu : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  such that

1.  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ ,
2.  $\mu(\cup_i^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_i^{\infty} \mu(A_i)$  for disjoint sequence  $(A_i)$

For now, we don't require the translation invariance property.

The triple  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  is called a **measure space**.

**Example 1.7** (counting measure).

**Example 1.8** (point-mass measure).

**Proposition 1.2.** A measure  $\mu$  possesses the following basic properties:

1. (Monotonicity)  $A \subseteq B \implies \mu(A) \leq \mu(B)$ .
2. (Sub-additivity)  $\mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i)$ .
3. Let  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq \dots$  be an increasing set, let  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$  denoted  $A_i \nearrow A$ ,  $\mu(A) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n)$ .
4. If  $A_1 \searrow A \equiv \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ , and **there exists**  $\mu(A_i) < \infty$ , then  $\mu(A) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n)$ .

*Proof.* ■

**Example 1.9** (counter example). Let  $X = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathcal{A} = 2^{\mathbb{Z}}$  and  $\mu$  be the counting measure. Define  $A_i = \{i, i+1, \dots\}$ , then  $A_i \searrow A = \emptyset$ , but  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) = \infty \neq \mu(\emptyset)$ .

## 1.5 Outer Measure

**Definition 1.7.** Let  $X$  be a set,  $\mu^* : 2^X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is an **outer measure** if

1.  $\mu^*(\emptyset) = 0$ .
2.  $\mu^*(A) \leq \mu^*(B)$  whenever  $A \subseteq B$ .
3. (countable sub-additivity)  $\mu^*(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_i)$ .

Key difference between outer measure and measure:

1. Outer measure does not require countable additivity,
2. outer measure is defined on  $2^X$  instead of a  $\sigma$ -algebra .

**Example 1.10.**

## 1.6 Lebesgue Measure on $\mathbb{R}$

**Definition 1.8.** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , define the **Lebesgue outer measure**:

$$\lambda^*(A) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} b_i - a_i : A \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} (a_i, b_i) \right\} \quad (1)$$

The Lebesgue outer measure of a set  $A$  is simply in the infimum of total lengths (the conventional notion of length) of open intervals cover  $A$ .

**Proposition 1.3.** The Lebesgue measure satisfies the following properties:

1.  $\lambda^*$  is an outer measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,
2.  $\lambda^*([a, b]) = b - a$  for all  $a < b$ .

*Proof.* (1.1)  $\lambda^*(\emptyset) = 0$  since  $(-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$  covers  $\emptyset$  for arbitrarily small  $\varepsilon$ .

(1.2) Let  $A \subseteq B$ ,  $\Omega_A$  and  $\Omega_B$  be collection of sequences of open intervals covering  $A$  and  $B$  respectively. Then, any cover of  $B$  must be a cover of  $A$ , that is,  $\Omega_A \subseteq \Omega_B$ . Therefore,  $\lambda^*(A) \leq \lambda^*(B)$ .

(1.3) Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ . For all  $i$ , we may find  $(a_{ij}, b_{ij})$  covers  $A_i$  such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (b_{ij} - a_{ij}) \leq \lambda^*(A_i) + \varepsilon 2^{-i} \quad (2)$$

Also,  $\{(a_{ij}, b_{ij})\}_{i,j}$  is a countable union of open intervals that covers  $A$ .

$$\lambda^*(A) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (b_{ij} - a_{ij}) \quad (3)$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\lambda^*(A_i) + \varepsilon 2^{-i}) \quad (4)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda^*(A_i) + \varepsilon \quad (5)$$

Therefore,  $\lambda^*(A) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda^*(A_i)$ .

(2) Note that  $[a, b] \subseteq (a - \varepsilon, b + \varepsilon)$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Therefore,

$$\lambda^*([a, b]) \leq \inf_{\varepsilon > 0} \lambda^*(a - \varepsilon, b + \varepsilon) = b - a \quad (6)$$

Now show  $\lambda^*([a, b]) \geq b - a$ . We want to show that  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (b_i - a_i) \geq b - a$  for all possible covering of  $[a, b]$ , which implies the infimum of them is at least  $b - a$ .

Take an arbitrary covering  $\{(a_i, b_i)\}_i$  of  $[a, b]$ . Since  $[a, b]$  is compact, there exists a finite covering  $[a, b] \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n (a_i, b_i)$  (reindexed), it suffices to show the finite sum  $\sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i) \geq b - a$ .

(1) We firstly define an *interval* to be any open, closed or half-open intervals. The *length* of an interval is the difference between two end points.

Note that if an interval  $I$  contains a finite collection of disjoint sub-intervals, then the length of  $I$  is at least the sum of lengths of sub-intervals. The equality holds when  $I$  is exactly finite union of disjoint sub-intervals.

(2) Suppose  $[a, b] \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n (a_i, b_i)$ , let  $I_i = [a, b] \cap (a_i, b_i)$ . Easy to verify that the length of  $I_i \leq$  length of  $(a_i, b_i) = b_i - a_i$ . Moreover,  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n I_i = [a, b] \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^n (a_i, b_i) = [a, b]$ .

(3) For all  $i$ , define  $I'_i = I_i \setminus (I_1 \cup I_2 \cup \dots \cup I_{i-1})$ . This procedure allows us to express  $[a, b]$  as a finite union of disjoint sub-intervals:  $[a, b] = \bigcup_{i=1}^n I'_i$ . Each  $I'_i$  is a finite union of disjoint intervals as well, the conventional notion of  $I'_i$  is well-defined. Then  $b - a =$  sum of lengths of  $I'_i$ .

However,  $\ell(I'_i) \leq \ell(I_i) \leq b_i - a_i$  and sum of lengths of  $I'_i \leq$  sum of lengths of  $I_i \leq \sum_{i=1}^n b_i - a_i$ . Therefore,  $b - a \leq \sum_{i=1}^n b_i - a_i \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} b_i - a_i$ . Hence,  $b - a = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} b_i - a_i$  and  $\lambda^*[a, b] = b - a$  consequently. ■

## 1.7 Construct Lebesgue Measure

**Definition 1.9.** Let  $X$  be a set with outer measure  $\mu^*$ . A set  $B \subseteq X$  is  $\mu^*$ -**measurable** if

$$\forall A \subseteq X, \mu^*(A) = \mu^*(A \cap B) + \mu^*(A \cap B^c) \quad (7)$$

**Theorem 1.1.** For any set  $X$  with outer measure  $\mu^*$  on it, let  $\mathcal{M}_{\mu^*}$  denote the set of all  $\mu^*$ -**measurable** sets. Then,  $\mathcal{M}_{\mu^*}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra and  $\mu^*|_{\mathcal{M}_{\mu^*}}$  ( $\mu^*$  restricted to  $\mathcal{M}_{\mu^*}$ ) is a measure.

*Proof.* To show  $B$  is  $\mu^*$ -measurable, it suffices to show that  $\forall A \subseteq X, \mu^*(A) \geq \mu^*(A \cap B) + \mu^*(A \cap B^c)$ , because the opposite inequality always holds by sub-additivity.

(1.1) Let  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $\mu^*(A \cap \emptyset) + \mu^*(A \cap \emptyset^c) = \mu^*(A \cap \emptyset^c) = \mu^*(A)$ , therefore,  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{M}_{\mu^*}$ .

(1.2) Let  $A \subseteq X$  and  $B \in \mathcal{M}_{\mu^*}$ ,  $\mu^*(A) = \mu^*(A \cap B) + \mu^*(A \cap B^c) = \mu^*(A \cap (B^c)^c) + \mu^*(A \cap B^c)$ .

Hence,  $B^c \in \mathcal{M}_{\mu^*}$ .

(1.3.1) Let  $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{M}_{\mu^*}$ , we are going to show  $B_1 \cup B_2 \in \mathcal{M}_{\mu^*}$ . Fix any  $A \subseteq X$ ,

$$\mu^*(A \cap (B_1 \cup B_2)) = \mu^*(A \cap (B_1 \cup B_2) \cap B_1) + \mu^*(A \cap (B_1 \cup B_2) \cap B_1^c) \quad (8)$$

$$= \mu^*(A \cap B_1) + \mu^*(A \cap B_1^c \cap B_2) \quad (9)$$

Moreover,

$$\mu^*(A \cap (B_1 \cup B_2)^c) = \mu^*(A \cap B_1^c \cap B_2^c) \quad (10)$$

Therefore,

$$\mu^*(A \cap (B_1 \cup B_2)) + \mu^*(A \cap (B_1 \cup B_2)^c) = \mu^*(A \cap B_1) + \mu^*(A \cap B_1^c \cap B_2) + \mu^*(A \cap B_1^c \cap B_2^c) \quad (11)$$

$$= \mu^*(A \cap B_1) + \mu^*(A \cap B_1^c) \text{ since } B_2 \in \mathcal{M}_{\mu^*} \quad (12)$$

$$= \mu^*(A) \text{ since } B_1 \in \mathcal{M}_{\mu^*} \quad (13)$$

Therefore,  $\mathcal{M}_{\mu^*}$  is an algebra.

(1.3.2) Now show that  $\mathcal{M}_{\mu^*}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra. For any sequence of sets  $A_i \in \mathcal{M}_{\mu^*}$ , we can define  $B_n := A_n \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^{n-1} A_j$  such that  $\bigcup B_i = \bigcup A_i$ . Therefore, it suffices to show  $\mathcal{M}_{\mu^*}$  is closed under countable disjoint unions.

We are going to show the union  $\bigcup B_i$  is  $\mu^*$ -measurable for any disjoint sequence of  $\mu^*$ -measurable  $B_i$ 's.

Claim: let  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $\mu^*(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu^*(A \cap B_i) + \mu^*(A \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i)^c)$ . The claim can be proved by induction on  $n$ .

When  $n = 1$ ,  $\mu^*(A) = \mu^*(A \cap B) + \mu^*(A \cap B^c)$  because  $B_1$  is  $\mu^*$ -measurable.

Suppose the claim holds for  $n$ , then

$$\mu^*(A \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i)^c) = \mu^*(A \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i)^c \cap B_{n+1}) + \mu^*(A \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i)^c \cap B_{n+1}^c) \quad (14)$$

because  $B_{n+1} \in \mathcal{M}_{\mu^*}$ . Moreover, since all  $B_i$ 's are disjoint,  $B_{n+1} \subseteq B_i^c$  for all  $i$ . Hence,

$$B_{n+1} \subseteq \cap_{i=1}^n B_i^c = (\cup_{i=1}^n B_i)^c \quad (15)$$

Also,

$$(\cup_{i=1}^n B_i)^c \cap B_{n+1}^c = \cap_{i=1}^{n+1} B_i^c \quad (16)$$

Consequently,

$$\mu^*(A \cap (\cup_{i=1}^n B_i)^c) = \mu^*(A \cap B_{n+1}) + \mu^*(A \cap (\cup_{i=1}^{n+1} B_i)^c) \quad (17)$$

Hence,

$$\mu^*(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu^*(A \cap B_i) + \mu^*(A \cap (\cap_{i=1}^n B_i^c)) \quad (18)$$

$$\geq \sum_{i=1}^n \mu^*(A \cap B_i) + \mu^*(A \cap (\cap_{i=1}^\infty B_i^c)) \quad (19)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \mu^*(A \cap B_i) + \mu^*(A \cap (\cup_{i=1}^\infty B_i)^c) \quad (20)$$

Take  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\mu^*(A) \geq \sum_{i=1}^\infty \mu^*(A \cap B_i) + \mu^*(A \cap (\cup_{i=1}^\infty B_i)^c) \quad (21)$$

$$\geq \mu^*(A \cap \cup_{i=1}^\infty B_i) + \mu^*(A \cap (\cup_{i=1}^\infty B_i)^c) \quad (22)$$

Therefore,  $\cup_{i=1}^\infty B_i$  is  $\mu^*$ -measurable.

(2) Let  $B_1, B_2, \dots$  be a sequence of disjoint sets from  $\mathcal{M}_{\mu^*}$ . Using the above fact and take  $A = \cup_{i=1}^\infty B_i$ ,

$$\mu^*(A) \geq \mu^*(\cup_{i=1}^\infty B_i) + \mu^*(\emptyset) = \mu^*(\cup_{i=1}^\infty B_i) \quad (23)$$

The opposite inequality holds by sub-additivity. Therefore,  $\mu^*$  is a measure on  $\mathcal{M}_{\mu^*}$ . ■

**Definition 1.10.** Let  $\lambda^*$  be the Lebesgue outer measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ , then the collection  $\mathcal{M}_{\lambda^*}$  of  $\lambda^*$ -measurable sets is called the **Lebesgue  $\sigma$ -algebra**. The restriction  $\lambda = \lambda^*|_{\mathcal{M}_{\lambda^*}}$ , which is a measure on  $\mathcal{M}_{\lambda^*}$ , is called the **Lebesgue measure**. Any set in  $\mathcal{M}_{\lambda^*}$  is called a **Lebesgue measurable set**.

**Theorem 1.2.**  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq \mathcal{M}_{\lambda^*}$ .

*Proof.* Note that  $\{(-\infty, b] : b \in \mathbb{R}\}$  generates  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ , it suffices to show  $\{(-\infty, b] : b \in \mathbb{R}\} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_{\lambda^*}$ .

Let  $B = (-\infty, b]$ , we are going to show  $B$  is  $\lambda^*$ -measurable. Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $(a_n, b_n)$  be a

sequence of open intervals covers  $A$ . For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\lambda^*((a_n, b_n) \cap B) + \lambda^*((a_n, b_n) \cap B^c) = \lambda^*((a_n, b_n) \cap (-\infty, b]) + \lambda^*((a_n, b_n) \cap (b, \infty)) \quad (24)$$

Three cases follow:

1.  $b > b_n$ :  $\lambda^*((a_n, b_n) \cap B) + \lambda^*((a_n, b_n) \cap B^c) = \lambda^*((a_n, b_n)) = b_n - a_n$ .
2.  $b_n > b > a_n$ :  $\lambda^*((a_n, b_n) \cap B) + \lambda^*((a_n, b_n) \cap B^c) = \lambda^*((a_n, b]) + \lambda^*((b, b_n]) = b_n - a_n$ .
3.  $a_n > b$ :  $\lambda^*((a_n, b_n) \cap B) + \lambda^*((a_n, b_n) \cap B^c) = \lambda^*((a_n, b_n)) = b_n - a_n$ .

Therefore,

$$\lambda^*((a_n, b_n) \cap B) + \lambda^*((a_n, b_n) \cap B^c) = b_n - a_n \quad (25)$$

By monotonicity and sub-additivity:

$$\lambda^*(A \cap B) + \lambda^*(A \cap B^c) \leq \lambda^*(\cup(a_n, b_n) \cap B) + \lambda^*(\cup(a_n, b_n) \cap B^c) \quad (26)$$

$$\leq \sum \lambda^*((a_n, b_n) \cap B) + \lambda^*((a_n, b_n) \cap B^c) \quad (27)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n - a_n \quad (28)$$

Take the infimum of all such covering, we can show

$$\lambda^*(A \cap B) + \lambda^*(A \cap B^c) \leq \lambda^*(A) \quad (29)$$

Therefore,  $B$  is  $\mu^*$ -measurable and  $\mathcal{M}_{\lambda^*}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra containing all such intervals and  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq \mathcal{M}_{\lambda^*}$ . ■

## 1.8 Lebesgue Measure on $\mathbb{R}^d$

**Definition 1.11.** Steps to construct Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ :

1. Define open cubes on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  as a Cartesian product of open intervals:  $Q := \prod_{i=1}^d (a_i, b_i)$ . Define Lebesgue outer measure:

$$\lambda^*(A) := \inf \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^d (b_{ni} - a_{ni}) : A \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} Q_n \right\} \quad (30)$$

2. Show  $\lambda^*$  is an outer measure and  $\lambda^*(Q) = \prod_{i=1}^d (b_i - a_i)$ .
3.  $\mathcal{M}_{\lambda^*}$  is the Lebesgue  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Restricting  $\lambda^*$  on  $\mathcal{M}_{\lambda^*}$  defines the Lebesgue measure.
4. Show that any Borel set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is Lebesgue measurable by showing that there is a generating set of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is in  $\mathcal{M}_{\lambda^*}$ .



## 1.9 Uniqueness of the Lebesgue Measure

**The next goal** is to prove the uniqueness of Lebesgue measure on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  subject to the criterion that the measure of any interval (cube) is the volume in the usual sense (product of side lengths).

**Theorem 1.3.** Let  $\lambda$  be the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , then for any Lebesgue measurable set  $A$ ,

1.  $\lambda(A) = \inf\{\lambda(U) : \text{open } U \supseteq A\}$ ,
2.  $\lambda(A) = \sup\{\lambda(K) : \text{compact } K \subseteq A\}$ .

*Proof.* (1.1) WLOG  $\lambda(A) < \infty$ , by monotonicity,  $\lambda(A) \leq \lambda(U)$  for any open cover,  $\lambda(A) \leq \inf\{.. \}$ .

(1.2) Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists$  a sequence of open intervals  $(R_i)$  such that

$$\lambda(A) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda(R_i) \leq \lambda(A) + \varepsilon \quad (31)$$

Let  $U := \cup R_i$  open, hence  $\inf\{.. \} \leq \lambda(U) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda(R_i) \leq \lambda(A) + \varepsilon$ . Since this  $\varepsilon$  can be arbitrarily small, we conclude  $\inf\{.. \} \leq \lambda(A)$ .

(2.1) let  $A$  be a Lebesgue measurable set, assume  $A$  is bounded, so that  $\lambda(A) < \infty$ . Then there exists a compact  $C \supseteq A$ .  $C \setminus A$  is Lebesgue measurable as well.

By conclusion of part (1), there exists a open set  $U \supseteq C \setminus A$  such that

$$\lambda(C \setminus A) \leq \lambda(U) \leq \lambda(C \setminus A) + \varepsilon \quad (32)$$

Let  $K = C \setminus U$ ,  $K$  is compact. Moreover, let  $a \in K$ , then  $a \in C$  and  $a \notin U$ . Therefore,  $a \notin C \setminus A$ , it must be  $a \in A$ . Hence,  $K \subseteq A$ .

$$\lambda(K) = \lambda(C \setminus U) \quad (33)$$

$$\geq \lambda(C) - \lambda(U) \quad (34)$$

$$\geq \lambda(C) - (\lambda(C \setminus A) + \varepsilon) \quad (35)$$

$$= \lambda(C) - \lambda(C) + \lambda(A) - \varepsilon \quad (36)$$

$$= \lambda(A) - \varepsilon \quad (37)$$

Take  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  and  $\lambda(A) \leq \sup\{.. \}$ . By monotonicity,  $\lambda(A) \geq \sup\{.. \}$ .

(2.2) Other cases: suppose  $A$  is unbounded and  $\lambda(A) > 0$ . Take an arbitrary  $b < \lambda(A)$ . We will show that  $\sup\{.. \} \geq b$ , this will prove that  $\lambda(A) \leq \sup\{.. \}$ .

To show  $\sup\{.. \} \geq b$ , it suffices to show that there exists a compact set  $K \subseteq A$  such that  $\lambda(K) \geq b$ .

Let  $\{C_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of compact sets increasing to  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

Then  $A \cap C_j \uparrow A$  and  $\lambda(A \cap C_1) < \infty$ , which implies  $\lambda(A) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(A \cap C_j)$ . Since  $b < \lambda(A)$ , there exists  $j$  such that  $\lambda(A \cap C_j) \geq b$ , where  $A \cap C_j$  is compact. Hence,  $b \leq \sup\{.. \}$  and  $\lambda(A) \leq \sup\{.. \}$ .  $\lambda(A) \geq \sup\{.. \}$  holds by monotonicity.

When  $\lambda(A) = 0$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda(K)$  for all  $K$  so that  $0 \leq \sup\{.. \}$ . The opposite inequality holds by monotonicity. ■

**Lemma 1.1.** For each  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , define **dyadic cubes** in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  as set in the following form:

$$\prod_{i=1}^d [j_i 2^{-k}, (j_i + 1) 2^{-k}) \quad (38)$$

where  $j_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  for every  $i$ . Let  $\mathcal{D}$  denote the collection of dyadic cubes.

Then, any open set  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  can be expressed as a countable union of some members of  $\mathcal{D}$ .

A dyadic cube of side length  $2^{-k}$  has a unique parent of side length  $2^{-k+1}$  and a unique grandparent with side length  $2^{-k+2}$ .

*Proof.* Given open set  $U$ , let  $\mathcal{D}_U$  denote the set of all dyadic half open cubes  $D$  such that  $D \subseteq U$  but the parent of  $U$  does not fully contain  $U$ .

Claim 1:  $U = \bigcup_{D \in \mathcal{D}_U} D$ . Obviously,  $\bigcup_{D \in \mathcal{D}_U} D \subseteq U$ . To show the converse, take any  $x \in U$ , since  $U$  is open, there exists  $D \in \mathcal{D}_U$  such that  $x \in D \subseteq U$ .

Let  $D_0$  be the earliest ancestor of  $D$  such that  $x \in D_0 \subseteq U$ . Obviously,  $D_0 \in \mathcal{D}_U$ . Therefore,  $U \subseteq \bigcup_{D \in \mathcal{D}_U} D$ .

Claim 2: Two dyadic cubes can overlap if and only if one is the ancestor of the other. By construction, dyadic cubes in  $\mathcal{D}_U$  are disjoint.

Claim 3:  $\mathcal{D}_U$  is countable because  $\mathcal{D}$  is itself countable. ■

**Proposition 1.4.** Lebesgue measure is the only measure on  $(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d))$  which assigns the *correct volume* to any  $d$ -dimensional intervals or even any  $d$ -dimensional dyadic cube.

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda$  denote the Lebesgue measure, let  $\mu$  be another measure satisfying the desired property.

By lemma, for all open set  $U$ ,  $\mu(U) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(D_j) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda(D_j) = \lambda(U)$ , where  $\{D_j\}$  is a collection of disjoint dyadic cubes contains with union  $U$ . Therefore,  $\lambda(A) = \mu(A)$  for all open Borel set  $A$ .

Let  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , let open  $U \supseteq A$ , then  $\mu(A) \leq \mu(U) = \lambda(U)$  for all  $U$ . Taking the infimum over all  $U \supseteq A$ , we conclude  $\mu(A) \leq \lambda(A)$  for all Borel set  $A$ .

Next, take any bounded Borel set  $A$ , let  $V$  be a bounded open set containing  $A$ . Then,

$$\mu(V) = \mu(A) + \mu(V \setminus A) \quad (39)$$

$$\leq \lambda(A) + \lambda(V \setminus A) \quad (40)$$

$$= \lambda(V) \quad (41)$$

But we also know that  $\mu(V) = \lambda(V)$  since  $V$  is open, the inequality holds as equality. Moreover, the previous conclusion implies  $\mu(A) \leq \lambda(A)$  and  $\mu(V \setminus A) \leq \lambda(V \setminus A)$ , it must be  $\mu(A) = \lambda(A)$  and  $\mu(V \setminus A) = \lambda(V \setminus A)$ . Therefore,  $\mu(A) = \lambda(A)$  for all bounded Borel set  $A$ .

Lastly, any Borel set can be written as a countable disjoint union of bounded Borel set, therefore,  $\mu(A) = \lambda(A)$  for all Borel set  $A$ . ■

**Proposition 1.5.** The Lebesgue outer measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is translation invariant. In particular, Lebesgue measure is translation invariant and any translation of Lebesgue measurable set is Lebesgue measurable.

*Proof.*  $\lambda^*(A + x) = \lambda^*(A)$  follows the definition of  $\lambda^*$ : translate all covering intervals by  $+x$  and the volumes of these intervals stay the same. Since  $\lambda$  is simply the restriction of  $\lambda^*$  on Lebesgue measurable sets,  $\lambda$  is translation invariant as well.

Now take Lebesgue measurable  $B$ , for all  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ :

$$\lambda^*(A) = \lambda^*(A \cap B) + \lambda^*(A \cap B^c) \quad (42)$$

$$\implies \lambda^*(A - x) = \lambda^*((A - x) \cap B) + \lambda^*((A - x) \cap B^c) \quad (43)$$

Note that

$$(A - x) + x = A \quad (44)$$

$$(A - x) \cap B + x = A \cap (B + x) \quad (45)$$

$$(A - x) \cap B^c + x = A \cap (B + x)^c \quad (46)$$

By translational invariance of  $\lambda^*$ ,

$$\lambda^*(A) = \lambda^*(A \cap (B + x)) + \lambda^*(A \cap (B + x)^c) \quad (47)$$

Therefore,  $B + x$  is Lebesgue measurable as well. ■

**Theorem 1.4.** Let  $\mu$  be a non-zero measure on  $(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d))$ , which is finite on bounded Borel sets and translation invariant. Then,  $\mu(A) = c\lambda(A)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , where  $\lambda$  is the Lebesgue measure.

**Remark 1.1.** Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra is closed under translation.

*Proof.* Let  $c = \mu([0, 1]^d) \in (0, \infty)$ . Then  $[0, 1]^d$  is the disjoint union of  $2^{dk}$  half-open dyadic intervals with side length  $2^{-k}$ . All of these sub-intervals have the same  $\mu$  since  $\mu$  is translation invariant. Therefore, for every dyadic sub-interval with side length  $2^{-k}$ ,  $\mu(D) = 2^{-dk}c$ .

Let  $\nu(A) = \frac{1}{c}\mu(A)$ , then  $\nu$  is a measure that is finite on bounded sets and agrees with  $\lambda$  on all half-open dyadic cubes. By the previous proposition,  $\lambda$  is the only measure assign correct volumes to dyadic cubes, therefore,  $\nu = \lambda$ . ■

**Theorem 1.5.** Under the axiom of choice, there exists a non-Lebesgue subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* Todo. ■

## 2 Functions

### 2.1 Measurable Functions

**Definition 2.1.** A function  $f : (X, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{B})$  is **measurable** if  $f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{A}$  for all  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ .

In this course, we mainly consider  $Y = [-\infty, \infty]$ , denoted as  $\mathbb{R}^*$ .

**Definition 2.2.** The  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $\mathbb{R}^*$  is defined to be the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \cup \{-\infty\} \cup \{\infty\}$ .

**Proposition 2.1.**

$$\sigma(\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \cup \{-\infty\} \cup \{\infty\}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \cup \{B \cup \{\infty\} : B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})\} \quad (48)$$

$$\cup \{B \cup \{-\infty\} : B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})\} \quad (49)$$

$$\cup \{B \cup \{-\infty, \infty\} : B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})\} \quad (50)$$

**Proposition 2.2.** Equivalently,  $f$  is measurable if for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\{x \in X : f(x) \leq t\} \in \mathcal{A} \quad (51)$$

$$\{x \in X : f(x) < t\} \in \mathcal{A} \quad (52)$$

$$\{x \in X : f(x) \geq t\} \in \mathcal{A} \quad (53)$$

$$\{x \in X : f(x) > t\} \in \mathcal{A} \quad (54)$$

More generally, to determine the measurability of  $f : (X, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{B})$ , we only need to check whether  $f^{-1}(C) \in \mathcal{A}$  for all  $C$  in a generating collection  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathcal{B}$ . The converse holds true trivially.

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}), (Y, \mathcal{B})$  be two measurable spaces, let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a collection of subsets of  $Y$  generates  $\mathcal{B}$ .

( $\implies$ ) Let  $f$  be a measurable function, then for every  $C \in \mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ . Obviously,  $f^{-1}(C) \in \mathcal{A}$  by definition.

( $\impliedby$ ) Suppose  $f^{-1}(C) \in \mathcal{A}$  for all  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ . Define

$$\mathcal{B}_0 := \{B \in \mathcal{B} : f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{A}\} \supseteq \mathcal{C} \quad (55)$$

It's easy to check  $\mathcal{B}_0$  is in fact a  $\sigma$ -algebra :  $f^{-1}(\emptyset) = \emptyset \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $f^{-1}(B^c) = (f^{-1}(B))^c$ , and  $f^{-1}(\bigcup B_i) = \bigcup f^{-1}(B_i)$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{B}_0$  and all  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  satisfies  $f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{A}$ . ■

**Example 2.1.**  $f(x) = \mathbb{1}\{x \in \mathbb{Q}\}$  is measurable.

## 2.2 Simple Functions

**Definition 2.3.** A function  $f : (X, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^*))$  is called **simple** if there exists finitely many disjoint sets  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  and real numbers  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  such that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} a_i & \text{if } x \in A_i \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A_i \forall i \in [n] \end{cases} \quad (56)$$

Let  $\mathbb{S}$  denote the set of simple functions, and  $\mathbb{S}^+$  denote the set of non-negative simple functions.

**Proposition 2.3.** All simple functions are measurable.

*Proof.* For any subset of  $\mathbb{R}^*$ , the pre-image is either  $X$  or a union of some (potentially none)  $A_i$ 's. ■

## 2.3 Properties of Measurable Functions

**Example 2.2.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then all of the following functions are measurable:

$$f(x, y) = x + y \quad (57)$$

$$f(x, y) = \max\{x, y\} \equiv x \vee y \quad (58)$$

$$f(x, y) = \min\{x, y\} \equiv x \wedge y \quad (59)$$

$$f(x, y) = x - y \quad (60)$$

$$f(x, y) = \alpha x \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \quad (61)$$

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $f, g : (X, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^*))$  be measurable, let  $h(x) = (f(x), g(x)) \in \mathbb{R}^{*2}$ , then  $f$  is measurable.

*Proof.*

$$h^{-1}([-\infty, t] \times [-\infty, s]) = f^{-1}([-\infty, t]) \cap g^{-1}([-\infty, s]) \in \mathcal{A} \quad (62)$$

And,  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^*)$  can be generated by sets with forms  $[-\infty, t] \times [-\infty, s]$ . ■

**Proposition 2.5.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}), (Y, \mathcal{B}), (Z, \mathcal{C})$  be measurable spaces, let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  be measurable functions. Then, the composite  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is measurable.

**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be measurable functions, then  $f + g, f - g, f \vee g$ , and  $f \wedge g$  are all measurable.

*Proof.*  $f + g$  and  $f - g$  can be written as the composition of  $h_1(x) = (f(x), g(x))$  and  $h_2(x, y) = x \pm y$ , which are all measurable.

$f \vee g$  and  $f \wedge g$  are measurable as special cases of next proposition. ■

**Proposition 2.6.** Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots$  be a sequence of measurable maps from  $(X, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^*))$ , then  $\sup_n f_n$  and  $\inf_n f_n$  are measurable.

*Proof.* Note  $\{x \in X : \sup_n f_n \leq t\} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{x \in X : f_n \leq t\} \in \mathcal{A}$ . ■

**Corollary 2.2.**  $\limsup f_n$  and  $\liminf f_n$  are measurable.

*Proof.* Let  $g_k = \sup_{n \geq k} f_n$ ,  $g_k$  is measurable.  $\limsup f_n = \inf_k g_k$  is measurable as well. Similar proof for the measurability of  $\liminf f_n$ . ■

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $u, v : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$  be a measurable functions, then  $\{x \in X : u(x) = v(x)\}$  is measurable.

*Proof.* Note that  $\{x \in X : u(x) = v(x)\} = \{x \in X : u(x) \leq v(x)\} \cap \{x \in X : u(x) \geq v(x)\}$ . ■

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $\{f_n\}$  be a sequence of measurable functions from  $(X, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^*))$ . Then,

$$\{x \in X : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) \text{ exists}\} \quad (63)$$

is measurable.

*Proof.* Note that  $\{x \in X : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) \text{ exists}\} = \{x \in X : \liminf f_n(x) = \limsup f_n(x)\}$ , the result follows from previous lemma. ■

**Corollary 2.4.** If  $\{f_n\}$  is a sequence of measurable functions such that  $\lim f_n(x)$  exists for all  $x \in X$ , then  $\lim f_n$  is a measurable function on  $(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

*Proof.* In this case,  $\{x \in X : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) \text{ exists}\} = X$ , and  $\lim f_n = \liminf f_n$  on  $X$ . ■

**Corollary 2.5.** If  $\{f_n\}$  is a sequence of measurable function from  $X$  to  $[0, \infty]$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$  is measurable.

*Proof.* Follows the previous corollary directly. ■

## 3 Integrals

### 3.1 Integrating Simple Functions

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $f \in \mathbb{S}^+$  with representation  $\{(A_i, a_i)\}_{i=1}^n$ . WLOG,  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = X$ . Then, define

$$\int_X f \, d\mu := \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mu(A_i) \quad (64)$$

**Proposition 3.1.** The notion of integral on simple functions is well defined. Specifically, let  $\{(A_i, a_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  and  $\{(B_j, b_j)\}_{j=1}^m$  be any two representations of  $f$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mu(A_i) = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j \mu(B_j)$ .

*Proof.* First note that  $\{A_i \cap B_j\}_{i,j}$  are disjoint sets with union  $X$ . Moreover, for any  $i, j$ , if  $A_i \cap B_j \neq \emptyset$ , take some  $x \in A_i \cap B_j$ ,  $f(x) = a_i = b_j$ . Therefore,  $a_i \mu(A_i \cap B_j) = b_j \mu(A_i \cap B_j)$  since either  $a_i = b_j$  or  $\mu(A_i \cap B_j) = \mu(\emptyset) = 0$ .

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mu(A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \sum_{j=1}^m \mu(A_i \cap B_j) \quad (65)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^m b_j \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(A_i \cap B_j) \quad (66)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^m b_j \mu(B_j) \quad (67)$$

■

### 3.2 Integrating Measurable Functions

**Definition 3.2.** For a measurable function  $f : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ , define

$$\int f \, d\mu = \sup \left\{ \int g \, d\mu : g \text{ is a non-negative simple function such that } g \leq f \right\} \quad (68)$$

For any measurable  $f : X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ , let

$$f^+(x) = \max\{f(x), 0\} \quad (69)$$

$$f^-(x) = -\min\{f(x), 0\} \quad (70)$$

So that  $f = f^+ - f^-$ , where  $f^+, f^- : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  are measurable. Define  $\int f \, d\mu = \int f^+ \, d\mu - \int f^- \, d\mu$  provided that at least one term on the right is finite, otherwise,  $\int f \, d\mu$  is undefined.

### 3.3 Properties of Integral of Non-negative Simple Functions

**Proposition 3.2** (Linearity). If  $f, g$  are non-negative simple functions, then

$$\int f + g \, d\mu = \int f \, d\mu + \int g \, d\mu \quad (71)$$

Moreover, for any  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,

$$\int \alpha f \, d\mu = \alpha \int f \, d\mu \quad (72)$$

*Proof.* Let  $f$  and  $g$  be simple functions represented by  $\{(A_i, a_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  and  $\{(B_j, b_j)\}_{j=1}^m$ . WLOG,  $\cup A_i = \cup B_j = X$ . Then  $f + g$  is a simple function with representation  $\{(A_i \cap B_j, a_i + b_j)\}_{i,j}$ , where  $\cup_{i,j} A_i \cap B_j = X$ . ■

**Proposition 3.3.** Let  $f, g$  be non-negative simple functions with  $f \geq g$  everywhere. Then  $\int f \, d\mu \geq \int g \, d\mu$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f$  and  $g$  be simple functions represented by  $\{(A_i, a_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  and  $\{(B_j, b_j)\}_{j=1}^m$ .

Claim:  $a_i \mu(A_i \cap B_j) \geq b_j \mu(A_i \cap B_j)$  for every  $(i, j)$ . If  $A_i \cap B_j \neq \emptyset$ , then taking some  $x \in A_i \cap B_j$  implies  $a_i \geq b_j$ . If  $A_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$ , the equality holds trivially.

Note that  $\int f$  and  $\int g$  can be written as  $\sum_{i,j} a_i \mu(A_i \cap B_j)$  and  $\sum_{i,j} b_j \mu(A_i \cap B_j)$  respectively, therefore  $\int f \geq \int g$  by the previous claim. ■

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  be a measurable function. Then there exists an increasing sequence of **non-negative simple functions**  $f_n$  such that  $f_n \leq f_{n+1}$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x) \quad (73)$$

for all  $x$ .

*Proof.* For each  $n$  and  $1 \leq k \leq n2^n$ , let

$$A_{n,k} = \left\{ x \in X : \frac{k-1}{2^n} \leq f(x) < \frac{k}{2^n} \right\} \quad (74)$$

Define

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{k-1}{2^n} & \text{if } x \in A_{n,k} \\ n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (75)$$

That is, for a  $x \in X$ , if  $\frac{k-1}{2^n} \leq f(x) < \frac{k}{2^n}$  for some  $k$ , we take  $f_n(x) = \frac{k-1}{2^n}$ ; if  $f(x) \geq n$ , we define  $f_n(x) = n$ . Clearly, each  $f_n$  is a simple function.

Claim 1:  $f_n \leq f_{n+1}$ . Easy to verify.

Claim 2:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$ . Let  $x \in X$ , (i) if  $f(x) = \infty$ , then  $f_n(x) = n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = \infty = f(x)$ .

(ii) if  $f(x) < \infty$ , then  $\exists n_0$  such that  $f(x) < n_0$ . For every  $n \geq n_0$ ,  $x \in A_{n,k}$  for some  $k$  such that  $f_n(x) = \frac{k-1}{2^n}$  and  $\frac{k-1}{2^n} \leq f(x) < \frac{k}{2^n}$ . Therefore, for all  $n \geq n_0$ ,  $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \frac{1}{2^n}$ , which implies  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$ . ■

**Proposition 3.5.** Let  $f_n$  be a sequence of non-negative simple functions that increase to another non-negative simple function  $f$  at each point, then

$$\int f \, d\mu = \lim \int f_n \, d\mu \quad (76)$$

*Proof.* By monotonicity,  $f_n \leq f$  for all  $n$  and  $\int f \, d\mu \geq \lim \int f_n \, d\mu$ .

Fix  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$  and define  $g = (1 - \varepsilon)f$ . Suppose  $f$  is represented by  $(A_i, a_i)$ . Then for every  $n, i$ , define

$$A_{n,i} = \{x \in A_i : f_n(x) \geq (1 - \varepsilon)a_i\} \quad (77)$$

Define

$$g_n(x) = \begin{cases} (1 - \varepsilon)a_i & \text{if } x \in A_{n,i} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (78)$$



By construction,  $g_n \leq f_n$  and  $\int g_n d\mu \leq \int f_n d\mu$ .

$$\lim \int f_n d\mu \geq \lim \int g_n d\mu \quad (79)$$

$$= \lim \sum_{i=1}^K (1 - \varepsilon) a_i \mu(A_{n,i}) \quad (80)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^K (1 - \varepsilon) a_i \mu(A_i) \text{ Since for all } i, A_{n,i} \uparrow A_i \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (81)$$

$$= (1 - \varepsilon) \int f d\mu \quad (82)$$

Taking  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  completes the proof. ■

**Proposition 3.6.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  be a measurable function. Let  $f_n$  be a sequence of non-negative simple functions such that  $f_n \uparrow f$  point-wise. Then

$$\int f d\mu = \lim \int f_n d\mu \quad (83)$$

*Proof.* The proof follows the previous proposition and the definition of  $\int f d\mu$ . Since  $f_n \uparrow f$ ,  $f_n \leq f$  and  $\int f_n \leq \int f$  for all  $n$ .  $\int f_n$  is a bounded monotone sequence, therefore  $\lim \int f_n$  exists and  $\leq \int f$ .

To show the other equality, it suffices to prove  $\lim \int f_n \geq \int g$  for any non-negative simple functions  $g \leq f$ .

Define  $g_n = \min\{g, f_n\}$ , easy to show that  $g_n(x) \leq g_{n+1}(x)$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \min\{g, f_n\} \quad (84)$$

$$= \min\{g(x), f(x)\} \quad (85)$$

$$= g(x) \quad (86)$$

since  $f_n \uparrow f$  and  $g \leq f$ .

By the previous proposition,  $\int g d\mu = \lim \int g_n d\mu$  since  $g_n$  and  $g$  are non-negative simple functions. Since  $g_n \leq f_n$  everywhere, so  $\int g_n d\mu \leq \int f_n d\mu$ . Taking limit on both sides implies  $\int g \leq \lim \int f_n$ . ■

**Proposition 3.7.** Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  be measurable functions and  $\alpha \geq 0$ . Then

$$1. \int f + g d\mu = \int f d\mu + \int g d\mu.$$

$$2. \int \alpha f d\mu = \alpha \int f d\mu.$$

$$3. \text{ If } f \geq g \text{ everywhere, then } \int f d\mu \geq \int g d\mu.$$

*Proof.* We know that there exists sequences of non-negative simple functions  $f_n$  and  $g_n$  such that

$f_n \uparrow f$  and  $g_n \uparrow g$ . Note that  $f_n + g_n$  is a sequence of simple functions increases to  $f + g$ . Therefore,

$$\int (f + g) d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int (f_n + g_n) d\mu \quad (87)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \int f_n d\mu + \int g_n d\mu \right) \quad (88)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int g_n d\mu \quad (89)$$

$$= \int f d\mu + \int g d\mu \quad (90)$$

Similarly, taking  $\alpha f_n \uparrow \alpha f$  leads to the second result.

Finally, if  $f \geq g$  everywhere, then

$$\{h \in \mathbb{S}_+ \text{ and } h \leq g\} \subseteq \{h \in \mathbb{S}_+ \text{ and } h \leq f\} \quad (91)$$

Therefore, the supremum of integrals of functions from a larger collection is larger. ■