

Theorem Let $f, (f_n)_{n \geq 1}$ be non-negative, real valued measurable functions with $f_n \uparrow f$, ($f_1 \leq f_2 \leq f_3 \dots$ and $f_n \rightarrow f$) on a measure space (E, \mathcal{E}, μ) then

$$\mu(f_n) \uparrow \mu(f).$$

Recall : $\mu(f) = \int f(x) \mu(dx)$.

Recall $\underline{\mu}(f) = \sup \{\mu(h) : h \text{ is simple } h \leq f\}$

Proof Key idea / what makes this work

Is our theorem about continuity of measure

$$A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq A_3 \dots \quad \mu(\bigcup_n A_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n)$$

Extending this result about measurable sets to measurable functions.

First case $f = \mathbb{1}_A$ and $f_n = \mathbb{1}_{A_n}$ so $f_n \uparrow f$

means $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq \dots$ and $\bigcup_n A_n = A = \bigcup A_n$

$$\underline{\mu}(f) = \mu(\mathbb{1}_A) = \mu(A) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(\mathbb{1}_{A_n}) = \underline{\mu}(f_n)$$

continuity
of measure theory

Second case $f = \mathbb{1}_A$ but the f_n are simple functions

lets pick $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ arbitrary and define

$$\{x \in E : f(x) > (1-\varepsilon)\} \quad \text{then as the } f_n$$

$A_n = \{x : f_n(x) > (1-\varepsilon)\}$ then as the f_n
 are increasing $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq A_3 \subseteq \dots$
 and $\bigcup_n A_n = A$ because $f_n \uparrow^f A$ so if $x \notin A$
 then $f_n(x) \uparrow 1$ so $f_n(x) \geq (1-\varepsilon)$ for n
 suff large $\therefore \bigcup_n A_n = A$.
 using our first case $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(1_{A_n}) = \mu(1_A)$
 using linearity of the integral for simple functions
 $\mu((1-\varepsilon)1_{A_n}) \uparrow (1-\varepsilon)\mu(1_A)$
 and, $\underline{(1-\varepsilon)1_{A_n}} \leq f_n \leq f = 1_A$
 so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu((1-\varepsilon)1_{A_n}) \leq \overline{\mu(f_n)} = \mu(A)$
 so $(1-\varepsilon)\mu(A) \leq \overline{\mu(f_n)} \leq \mu(A)$
 since ε is arbitrary this gives
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(f_n) = \mu(A) = \mu(1_A) = \mu(f)$
 By monotonicity of the integral $\mu(f_n)$ will be
 increasing so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(f_n)$ always exists.
 $f_n \leq f$ so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(f_n) \leq \mu(f)$

Third case : $f, (f_n)_{n \geq 1}$ are all simple functions
 $f = \sum a_k 1_{A_k}$ where $\text{wog } a_k > 0$

$$f = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \mathbb{1}_{A_k} \quad \text{where } \deg a_k > 0$$

as f_n is a simple function so is

$$a_k^{-1} f_n \mathbb{1}_{A_k} \quad \text{and} \quad a_k^{-1} f_n \mathbb{1}_{A_k} \uparrow \mathbb{1}_{A_k}$$

as $f_n \uparrow f$ so if $x \in A_k$ then $f_n(x) \uparrow a_k$
 so $a_k^{-1} f_n(x) \uparrow 1$. if $x \notin A_k$ then $a_k^{-1} f_n \mathbb{1}_{A_k} = 0$.

By our second case $\mu(a_k^{-1} f_n \mathbb{1}_{A_k}) \uparrow \mu(A_k)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

so by linearity of the integral for simple functions

$$\mu(a_k a_k^{-1} f_n \mathbb{1}_{A_k}) \uparrow \mu(a_k \mathbb{1}_{A_k})$$

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$$\mu(f_n \mathbb{1}_{A_k}) \uparrow \mu(a_k \mathbb{1}_{A_k})$$

Again using linearity

$$\mu\left(f_n \sum_k \mathbb{1}_{A_k}\right) \uparrow \mu\left(\sum_k a_k \mathbb{1}_{A_k}\right) = \mu(f)$$

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$\text{supp}(f_n)$ must be contained in $\text{supp}(f)$ as

$$\underline{0 \leq f_n \leq f} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{supp}(f) = \bigcup_k A_k$$

$$f_n \sum_k \mathbb{1}_{A_k} = f_n \sum_k \mathbb{1}_{\bigcup_k A_k} = f_n$$

$$\text{so } \mu(f_n) \uparrow \mu(f)$$

Fourth case : f is true and measurable

then $(f_n)_{n \geq 1}$ are all simple.

Recall $\mu(f) = \sup \{ \mu(g) : g \text{ simple } g \leq f \}$

so fix some g with g simple $g \leq f$.

$$\text{Set } g_n = f_n \wedge g = \min \{ f_n, g \}$$

then g_n is also simple.

So as $f_n \uparrow f$ and $g \leq f$ we have $g_n \uparrow g$

So by our third case $\mu(g_n) \uparrow \mu(g)$

We also have $g_n \leq f_n$ by monotonicity

of integration $\mu(g_n) \leq \mu(f_n) \leq \mu(f)$.

So taking limits $\mu(g) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(f_n) \leq \mu(f)$

We can take the supremum over all g simple
in this inequality.

$$\sup \{ \mu(g) : g \text{ simple } g \leq f \} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(f_n) \leq \mu(f)$$

$$\mu(f) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(f_n) \leq \mu(f)$$

$$\text{so } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(f_n) = \mu(f).$$

Fifth and final case:

f is tve measurable, f_n are tve and measurable

Idea: create a sequence of simple functions g_n

s.t. $g_n \uparrow f$ and $g_n \leq f_n$ so the $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(g_n) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(f_n)$

So we set $g_n = (2^{-n} \lfloor 2^n f_n \rfloor) \wedge n$

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biggest number of the form
 $k2^{-n}$ smaller than $f_n(x)$

so $g_n(x) \leq f_n(x)$

and if $f_n(x) \leq g_n(x)$ then $g_n(x) \geq f_n(x) - 2^{-n}$

so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$

$$g_n(x) = (2^{-n} \lfloor 2^n f_n(x) \rfloor) \wedge n \leq (2^{-(n+1)} \lfloor 2^{n+1} f_n(x) \rfloor) \wedge (n+1)$$

$$\leq (2^{-(n+1)} \lfloor 2^{n+1} f_{n+1}(x) \rfloor) \wedge (n+1)$$

using that f_n is increasing.

By the fourth case $\mu(g_n) \uparrow \mu(f)$

and $\mu(g_n) \leq \mu(f_n)$

so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(g_n) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(f_n) \leq \mu(f)$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(f_n) = \mu(f).$$