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# Chapter 1

## MA 544 Spring 2016

This is material from the course MA 544 as it was taught in the spring of 2016.

### 1.1 Homework

These exercises were assigned from Wheeden and Zygmund's *Measure and Integral*, therefore, most of the theorems I reference will be from [5]. Other resources include [1] and [2]. For more elementary results, I cite [3]. Unless otherwise stated, whenever we quote a result, e.g., Theorem 1.1, it is understood to come from Wheeden and Zygmund's *Measure and Integral*.

Throughout these notes

$\mathbb{R}$	is the set of real numbers
$\mathbb{R}^+$	is the set of positive real numbers, that is, $x \in \mathbb{R}$ with $x \geq 0$
$\mathbb{C}$	is the set of complex numbers
$\mathbb{Q}$	is the set of rational numbers
$\mathbb{Z}$	is the set of the integers
$\mathbb{Z}^+$	is the set of positive integers, that is, $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $x \geq 0$
$\mathbb{N}$	is the set of the natural numbers $1, 2, \dots$
$A \setminus B$	is the set difference of $A$ and $B$ , that is, the complement of $A \cap B$ in $A$
$m^*(E)$	the outer measure of $E$
$m_*(E)$	the inner measure of $E$
$m(E)$	the Lebesgue measure of $E$
$\ -\ $	the standard Euclidean norm on $\mathbb{R}^n$
$f \asymp g$	means $f$ is asymptotically equivalent to $g$ , that is, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x)/f(x) = 1$

### 1.1.1 Homework 1

**Problem 1** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 2, Ex. 1). Let  $f(x) = x \sin(1/x)$  for  $0 < x \leq 1$  and  $f(0) = 0$ . Show that  $f$  is bounded and continuous on  $[0, 1]$ , but that  $V[f; 0, 1] = +\infty$ .

► **Proof.** Let  $f$  equal  $x \sin(1/x)$ . We will show that  $f$  is bounded and continuous on  $[0, 1]$ , but that it is not of bounded variation on  $[0, 1]$ .

First we will show that  $f$  is bounded. Note that both  $|x|$  and  $|\sin(1/x)|$  are bounded by 1 on the interval  $[0, 1]$ . Since  $|f| = |x| |\sin(1/x)|$ , it follows that  $|f| \leq 1$  on  $[0, 1]$ . Thus,  $f$  is bounded on  $[0, 1]$ .

Next we show that  $f$  is continuous. It is easy to show that  $f$  is continuous on the subinterval  $(0, 1]$  since both  $|x|$  and  $\sin(1/x)$  are continuous on that interval and we know that the product of continuous functions is continuous. To see that  $f$  is continuous at 0 we must show that  $f(x^+) = f(0)$ ; that is, the limit of  $f$  as  $x$  approaches 0 from the right is  $f(0)$  which by definition is 0. To this end, it suffices to take a (monotonically decreasing) sequence  $x_n \searrow 0$  and show that the limit of the sequence  $\{f(x_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is 0. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given then, since  $x_n$  converges to 0 there exists an index  $N$  such that  $|0 - x_n| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $n \geq N$ . Since  $|f(x_n)| \leq |x_n|$  on  $[0, 1]$ , the following inequality holds

$$\begin{aligned} |0 - f(x_n)| &= |0 - x_n \sin(1/x_n)| \\ &\leq |x_n| \\ &< \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $f$  is continuous at 0 and it converges to 0.

Despite the nice properties that  $f$  seemingly possesses,  $f$  is not b.v. on  $[0, 1]$ . To show that  $f$  is not b.v. on  $[0, 1]$  we must show that for any positive real number  $M$  there exists some partition  $\Gamma = \{x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n\}$  of  $[0, 1]$  such that the sum associated to  $\Gamma$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})| > M.$$

Let  $N$  be the smallest integer greater than  $M$  and let  $n$  be the smallest integer greater than or equal to  $N/2$ . Then the partition  $\Gamma = \{x_0 = 1 < x_1 < \cdots < x_{n+1} = 1\}$  where  $x_i = 2/((3 + (n - i))\pi)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq N$ . Then we have the inequality

I took care to choose  $x_i$  such that  $x_i < x_{i+1}$  in the partition.

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\Gamma} &= \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} |f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})| \\ &= \sum_{i=2}^n |f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})| + |f(x_{n+1}) - f(x_n)| + |f(x_0) - f(x_1)| \\ &= N + |f(x_{n+1}) - f(x_n)| + |f(x_0) - f(x_1)| \\ &> M. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $f$  is not b.v. on  $[0, 1]$ . ◀

**Problem 2** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 2, Ex. 2). Prove theorem (2.1).

► **Proof.** Recall the statement of Theorem 2.1:

- (a) If  $f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$ .
- (b) Let  $f$  and  $g$  be of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ . Then  $cf$  (for any real constant  $c$ ),  $f + g$ , and  $fg$  are of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ . Moreover,  $f/g$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  if there exists an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $|g(x)| \geq \varepsilon$  for  $x \in [a, b]$ .

We shall prove these in alphabetical order:

For part (a) we shall proceed by contradiction. First, without loss of generality, we may assume that  $f(a) = 0$  since the function the variation of  $g(x) = f(x) - f(a)$  is equal to the variation of  $f$  and  $g(a) = 0$ . Suppose that  $f$  is b.v. on  $[a, b]$  with variation  $V = V[f; a, b]$ , but that  $f$  is unbounded on  $[a, b]$ ; that is, given a positive real number  $M$  there exists a point  $x$  in  $[a, b]$  such that  $|f(x)| > M$ . In particular, there exists  $x \in [a, b]$  such that  $|f(x)| > V$ . Hence, for any  $x \in [a, b]$  by the triangle inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} V &< |f(x)| \\ &= |f(x) - f(a) + f(a)| \\ &\leq |f(x) - f(a)| + |f(a)| \\ &\leq V. \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction. Therefore, it must be the case that if  $f$  is b.v. on  $[a, b]$  then  $f$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$ .

We break part (b) into three sections. Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are b.v. on  $[a, b]$  with variation  $V$  and  $V'$ , respectively. We will show that (i)  $cf$ ; (ii)  $f + g$ ; and (iii)  $fg$  are b.v. on  $[a, b]$ . Moreover, we show that (iv)  $f/g$  is b.v. on  $[a, b]$  if there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $|g(x)| \geq \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ .

For part (i) above let  $c$  be a real number. Given a partition  $\Gamma = \{x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n\}$  of  $[a, b]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_\Gamma &= \sum_{i=1}^n |cf(x_i) - cf(x_{i-1})| \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n |c| |f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})| \\ &= |c| \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})| \\ &\leq |c|V \end{aligned}$$

since  $V$  is the supremum of the sums of the form  $\sum_{i=1}^m |f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})|$  over all partitions of  $[a, b]$ . Thus,  $V[cf; a, b] \leq |c|V$  so  $cf$  is b.v. on  $[a, b]$ .

For part (ii) given a partition  $\Gamma = \{x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n\}$  of the interval  $[a, b]$ , by the triangle inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_\Gamma &= \sum_{i=1}^n |(f(x_i) + g(x_i)) - (f(x_{i-1}) + g(x_{i-1}))| \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n |(f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})) + (g(x_i) - g(x_{i-1}))| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})| + \sum_{i=1}^n |g(x_i) - g(x_{i-1})| \\ &\leq V + V'. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $f + g$  is b.v. on  $[a, b]$

For part (iii) since  $f$  and  $g$  are b.v. on  $[a, b]$  by part (a)  $f$  and  $g$  are bounded on  $[a, b]$  by, say,  $M$  and  $N$ , respectively. Now, given a partition  $\Gamma = \{x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n\}$  of  $[a, b]$ , by the triangle inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_\Gamma &= \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i)g(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})g(x_{i-1})| \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i)g(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})g(x_{i-1}) \\ &\quad + f(x_i)g(x_{i-1}) - f(x_i)g(x_{i-1})| \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n |(f(x_i)g(x_i) - f(x_i)g(x_{i-1})) \\ &\quad - (f(x_{i-1})g(x_{i-1}) - f(x_i)g(x_{i-1}))| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i)g(x_i) - f(x_i)g(x_{i-1})| \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_{i-1})g(x_{i-1}) - f(x_i)g(x_{i-1})| \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i)||g(x_i) - g(x_{i-1})| + \sum_{i=1}^n |g(x_{i-1})||f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})| \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n M|g(x_i) - g(x_{i-1})| + \sum_{i=1}^n N|f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})| \\ &\leq MV' + NV. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $fg$  is b.v. on  $[a, b]$ .

Finally, for part (iv) suppose there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $|g(x)| \geq \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Then, given a partition  $\Gamma = \{x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n\}$  of  $[a, b]$ , largely

by the triangle inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
S_\Gamma &= \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i)/g(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})/g(x_{i-1})| \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{f(x_i)g(x_{i-1}) - f(x_{i-1})g(x_i)}{g(x_i)g(x_{i-1})} \right| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i)g(x_{i-1}) - f(x_{i-1})g(x_i)| \\
&= \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i)g(x_{i-1}) - f(x_{i-1})g(x_{i-1}) \\
&\quad - (f(x_{i-1})g(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})g(x_{i-1}))| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \sum_{i=1}^n |g(x_{i-1})||f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})| + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_{i-1})||g(x_i) - g(x_{i-1})| \\
&= \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \sum_{i=1}^n M_g |f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})| + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \sum_{i=1}^n M_f |g(x_i) - g(x_{i-1})| \\
&= \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} M_g \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})| + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} M_f \sum_{i=1}^n |g(x_i) - g(x_{i-1})| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} (NV + MV')
\end{aligned}$$

where, as above,  $f$  is bounded by  $M$  and  $g$  is bounded by  $N$ . Thus,  $f/g$  is b.v. on  $[a, b]$ .

This concludes the proof of Theorem 2.1. ◀

**Problem 3** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 2, Ex. 3). If  $[a', b']$  is a subinterval of  $[a, b]$  show that  $P[a', b'] \leq P[a, b]$  and  $N[a', b'] \leq N[a, b]$ .

► **Proof.** We will prove this by digging in to the definition of  $N$  and  $P$ . Recall that given a partition  $\Gamma = \{x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n\}$  of the interval  $[a, b]$ ,  $P$  and  $N$  are defined to be the supremum over the sum of the positive and, respectively, the sum negative terms of  $S_\Gamma$ ; that is,  $P$  and  $N$  are the supremum over every partition  $\Gamma$  of  $[a, b]$  of

$$P_\Gamma = \sum_{i=1}^n [f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})]^+ \quad \text{and} \quad N_\Gamma = \sum_{i=1}^n [f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})]^-.$$

Let  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  and let  $[a', b']$  be a subinterval of  $[a, b]$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $[a', b']$  is strictly contained in  $[a, b]$ ; that is,  $a' \neq a$  and  $b' \neq b$ . We aim to show that  $P[a', b'] \leq P[a, b]$  and  $N[a', b'] \leq N[a, b]$ . Since the argument for  $N$  is similar to

that of  $P$ , we will omit it here for the sake of brevity. Now, consider the closure of the complement of  $[a', b']$  in  $[a, b]$ ,  $\overline{[a, b] \setminus [a', b']} = [a, a'] \cup [b', b]$ . Since  $[a, a']$ ,  $[a', b']$  and  $[b', b]$  are close intervals we may take partitions

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_a &= \{x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_\ell\}, \\ \Gamma_{ab} &= \{x_\ell < x_{\ell+1} < \cdots < x_m\}\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\Gamma_b = \{x_m < x_{m+1} < \cdots < x_n\}$$

of  $[a, a']$ ,  $[a', b']$  and  $[b', b]$ , respectively and extend this to a partition

$$\Gamma = \{x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_\ell < x_{\ell+1} < \cdots < x_m < x_{m+1} < \cdots < x_n\}$$

of  $[a, b]$ . Then, by the definition of  $N$  we have the string of inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}P_\Gamma &= \sum_{i=1}^n [f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})]^+ \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} [f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})]^+ \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=\ell+1}^m [f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})]^+ \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=m+1}^n [f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})]^+ \\ &= P_{\Gamma_{ab}} + P_{\Gamma_a} + P_{\Gamma_b} \\ &\leq P[a, b].\end{aligned}$$

Taking the supremum on the left, we have

$$P[a, a'] + P[a', b'] + P[b', b] \leq P[a, b].$$

Since  $P$  is strictly positive, it must be the case that  $P[a', b'] \leq P[a, b]$ . ◀

**Problem 4** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 2, Ex. 11). Show that  $\int_a^b f \, d\varphi$  exists if and only if given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|R_\Gamma - R_{\Gamma'}| < \varepsilon$  if  $|\Gamma|, |\Gamma'| < \delta$ .

► **Proof.** One direction is straightforward. Namely  $\Leftarrow$ : suppose that given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|R_\Gamma - R_{\Gamma'}| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $|\Gamma|$  and  $|\Gamma'|$  are less than  $\delta$ . Let  $\{\Gamma_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be a decreasing sequence of partitions (by which we mean  $\Gamma_n \subset \Gamma_{n+1}$ ) of  $[a, b]$  such that  $|\Gamma_n| \rightarrow 0$ . Then, by convergence, there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \geq N$  implies  $|\Gamma_n| < \delta$ . Then, for  $n, m \geq N$ , we have

$$|R_{\Gamma_n} - R_{\Gamma_m}| < \varepsilon.$$

On second thought, this is not the correct way to go, but the argument is almost correct. You need to start with a partition  $\Gamma$  of  $[a, b]$  and refined it so that some subset  $\Gamma'$  of  $\Gamma$  is a partition of  $[a', b']$  and argue that because  $P[a, b]$  is a supremum and for any partition  $\Gamma$ ,  $P_{\Gamma'}$  is in the sum  $P_\Gamma$ , it follows that  $P[a', b'] \leq P[a, b]$ .



Thus, by the Cauchy criterion for convergence, the sequence  $\{R_{\Gamma_n}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  converges and its limit is by definition the Riemann–Stieltjes integral  $\int_a^b f \, d\varphi$ .

On the other hand  $\implies$  : suppose that  $I = \int_a^b f \, d\varphi$  exists. Then given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|I - R_{\Gamma}| < \varepsilon/2$  whenever  $|\Gamma| < \delta$ . Let  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  be two partitions of  $[a, b]$  with norm  $|\Gamma|, |\Gamma'| < \delta$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} |R_{\Gamma} - R_{\Gamma'}| &= |R_{\Gamma} - I - (R_{\Gamma'} - I)| \\ &\leq |R_{\Gamma} - I| + |R_{\Gamma'} - I| \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \\ &= \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $I$  satisfies the Cauchy condition. ◀

**Problem 5** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 2, Ex. 13). Prove theorem (2.16).

► **Proof.** Recall the statement of Theorem 2.16:

- (i) If  $\int_a^b f \, d\varphi$  exists, then so do  $\int_a^b cf \, d\varphi$  and  $\int_a^b f \, d(c\varphi)$  for any constant  $c$ , and

$$\int_a^b cf \, d\varphi = \int_a^b f \, d(c\varphi) = c \int_a^b f \, d\varphi.$$

- (ii) If  $\int_a^b f_1 \, d\varphi$  and  $\int_a^b f_2 \, d\varphi$  both exist, so does  $\int_a^b (f_1 + f_2) \, d\varphi$ , and

$$\int_a^b (f_1 + f_2) \, d\varphi = \int_a^b f_1 \, d\varphi + \int_a^b f_2 \, d\varphi.$$

- (iii) If  $\int_a^b f \, d\varphi_1$  and  $\int_a^b f \, d\varphi_2$  both exist, so does  $\int_a^b f \, d(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2)$ , and

$$\int_a^b f \, d(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2) = \int_a^b f \, d\varphi_1 + \int_a^b f \, d\varphi_2.$$

- (i) Suppose that  $I := \int_a^b f \, d\varphi$  exists. By Problem 4 we know that  $I$  exists if and only if given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that whenever  $\Gamma_1 = \{x_1^1, \dots, x_{n_1}^1\}, \Gamma_2 = \{x_1^2, \dots, x_{n_2}^2\}$  are partitions of  $[a, b]$  with norm  $|\Gamma_1|, |\Gamma_2| < \delta$  then  $|R_{\Gamma_1} - R_{\Gamma_2}| < \varepsilon/|c|$ . Now, consider the Riemann–Stieltjes sums of the pair

$cf$ ,  $\varphi$  with respect to  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$ , call them  $R'_{\Gamma_1}$  and  $R'_{\Gamma_2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |R'_{\Gamma_1} - R'_{\Gamma_2}| &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} cf(\xi_i^1)[\varphi(x_i^1) - \varphi(x_{i-1}^1)] - \sum_{i=1}^{n_2} cf(\xi_i^2)[\varphi(x_i^2) - \varphi(x_{i-1}^2)] \right| \\
 &= |c| \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} f(\xi_i^1)[\varphi(x_i^1) - \varphi(x_{i-1}^1)] - \sum_{i=1}^{n_2} f(\xi_i^2)[\varphi(x_i^2) - \varphi(x_{i-1}^2)] \right| \\
 &= |c| |R_{\Gamma_1} - R_{\Gamma_2}| \\
 &< \frac{|c|\varepsilon}{|c|} \\
 &= \varepsilon.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by Problem 4  $\int_a^b cf \, d\varphi$  exist. A slight modification to the argument we have made yields the same conclusion for  $\int_a^b f \, d(c\varphi)$ .

(ii) Leaving the notation as in (i), let  $R_{\Gamma_1}^1$  and  $R_{\Gamma_2}^1$  be the Riemann–Stieltjes sums of  $f_1$  with respect to  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  and  $R_{\Gamma_1}^2$  and  $R_{\Gamma_2}^2$  be the Riemann–Stieltjes sums of  $f_2$  with respect to  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$ . By assumption, we can make the sums

$$|R_{\Gamma_1}^1 - R_{\Gamma_2}^1| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad |R_{\Gamma_1}^2 - R_{\Gamma_2}^2| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |R_{\Gamma_1} - R_{\Gamma_2}| &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} (f_1(\xi_i^1) + f_2(\xi_i^1))[\varphi(x_i^1) - \varphi(x_{i-1}^1)] - \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} (f_1(\xi_i^2) + f_2(\xi_i^2))[\varphi(x_i^2) - \varphi(x_{i-1}^2)] \right| \\
 &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} f_1(\xi_i^1)[\varphi(x_i^1) - \varphi(x_{i-1}^1)] - \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} f_1(\xi_i^2)[\varphi(x_i^2) - \varphi(x_{i-1}^2)] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} f_2(\xi_i^1)[\varphi(x_i^1) - \varphi(x_{i-1}^1)] - \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} f_2(\xi_i^2)[\varphi(x_i^2) - \varphi(x_{i-1}^2)] \right| \\
 &\leq \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} f_1(\xi_i^1)[\varphi(x_i^1) - \varphi(x_{i-1}^1)] - \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} f_1(\xi_i^2)[\varphi(x_i^2) - \varphi(x_{i-1}^2)] \right| \\
 &\quad + \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} f_2(\xi_i^1)[\varphi(x_i^1) - \varphi(x_{i-1}^1)] - \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} f_2(\xi_i^2)[\varphi(x_i^2) - \varphi(x_{i-1}^2)] \right| \\
 &= |R_{\Gamma_1}^1 - R_{\Gamma_2}^1| + |R_{\Gamma_1}^2 - R_{\Gamma_2}^2| \\
 &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\int_a^b (f_1 + f_2) \, d\varphi$  exists and it is equal to  $I_1 + I_2$ .

(iii) Suppose that  $J_1 := \int_a^b f \, d\varphi_1$  and  $J_2 := \int_a^b f \, d\varphi_2$  exist. By Problem 4,

given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for any pair  $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2$  of partitions of  $[a, b]$  with  $|\Gamma_1|, |\Gamma_2| < \delta$  we have

$$|R_{\Gamma_1}^1 - R_{\Gamma_2}^1| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad |R_{\Gamma_1}^2 - R_{\Gamma_2}^2| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2},$$

where  $R_{\Gamma_1}^1$  and  $R_{\Gamma_2}^1$  is the Riemann–Stieltjes sum of  $(f, \varphi_1)$  with respect to  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  and  $R_{\Gamma_1}^2$  and  $R_{\Gamma_2}^2$  is the Riemann–Stieltjes sum of  $(f, \varphi_2)$  with respect to  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$ . Then for the pair  $(f, \varphi_1 + \varphi_2)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} |R_{\Gamma_1} - R_{\Gamma_2}| &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} f(\xi_i^1) [\varphi_1(x_i^1) + \varphi_2(x_i^1) - (\varphi_1(x_i^1) + \varphi_2(x_i^1))] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sum_{i=1}^{n_2} f(\xi_i^2) [\varphi_1(x_i^2) + \varphi_2(x_i^2) - (\varphi_1(x_i^2) + \varphi_2(x_i^2))] \right| \\ &= |R_{\Gamma_1}^1 - R_{\Gamma_2}^1 + (R_{\Gamma_1}^2 - R_{\Gamma_2}^2)| \\ &\leq |R_{\Gamma_1}^1 - R_{\Gamma_2}^1| + |R_{\Gamma_1}^2 - R_{\Gamma_2}^2| \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \\ &= \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\int_a^b f \, d(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2)$  exists and we can easily see that it is equal to the sum

$$\int_a^b f \, d\varphi_1 + \int_a^b f \, d\varphi_2.$$

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### 1.1.2 Homework 2

**Problem 1.** Show that the boundary of any interval has outer measure zero.

► **Proof.** Let  $I := \prod_{i=1}^n I_i$  be a closed interval in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $J$  be the boundary of  $I$ . We must show that given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a countable collection of intervals  $\{I_n\}_{n \in J}$  covering  $J$  such that

$$\sum_{n \in J} \text{vol}(I_n) < \varepsilon.$$

First, note that we can write  $J$  as the union  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n J_i$  where

$$J_i := [a_1, b_1] \times \cdots \times \{a_i\} \times \cdots \times [a_n, b_n] \cup [a_1, b_1] \times \cdots \times \{b_i\} \times \cdots \times [a_n, b_n].$$

Since the countable union of null sets has measure zero, it suffices to show that the set

$$[a_1, b_1] \times \cdots \times [a_{n-1}, b_{n-1}] \times \{a_n\}$$

has measure zero. Consider the collection  $\{I_\varepsilon\}$  consisting of the single interval

$$I_\varepsilon := [a_1, b_1] \times \cdots \times [a_{n-1}, b_{n-1}] \times \left[ a_n - \frac{\varepsilon}{2 \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (b_i - a_i)}, a_n + \frac{\varepsilon}{2 \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (b_i - a_i)} \right].$$

It is clear that  $I_\varepsilon \supset J$ . Now, computing the volume of this interval, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vol}(I_\varepsilon) &= \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (b_i - a_i) \left[ a_n + \frac{\varepsilon}{2 \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (b_i - a_i)} - \left( a_n - \frac{\varepsilon}{2 \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (b_i - a_i)} \right) \right] \\ &= \left[ \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (b_i - a_i) \right] \frac{\varepsilon}{\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (b_i - a_i)} \\ &= \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $J$  has measure zero. ◀

**Problem 2.** Show that a set consisting of a single point has outer measure zero.

► **Proof.** Let  $\{a\}$  be the set consisting of a single point  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then we must show that given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a countable collection of intervals  $\{I_n\}$  such that

$$\sum_{n \in J} m(I_n) < \varepsilon.$$

Consider the collection  $\{I_\varepsilon\}$  consisting of the single interval

$$I_\varepsilon := \left[ a - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, a + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right].$$

It is clear that  $\{a\} \subset I_\varepsilon$ . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{vol}(I_\varepsilon) &= a + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} - \left(a - \frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right) \\ &= \varepsilon.\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\{a\}$  has measure zero.



### 1.1.3 Homework 3

**Problem 1** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 3, Ex. 5). Construct a subset of  $[0, 1]$  in the same manner as the Cantor set, except that at the  $k$ th stage each interval removed has length  $\delta 3^{-k}$ ,  $0 < \delta < 1$ . Show that the resulting set is perfect, has measure  $1 - \delta$ , and contains no interval.

► **Proof.** The construction: pick a  $\delta \in (0, 1)$  and remove the open interval  $(\delta/3, 1 - \delta/3)$  from  $[0, 1]$  which, in the first step of the construction, will yield the sets

$$C_{1,1} := \left[0, \frac{\delta}{3}\right] \quad \text{and} \quad C_{1,2} := \left[1 - \frac{\delta}{3}, 1\right].$$

In the next step of the construction, we will be removing the interval  $(\delta/9, \delta/3 - \delta/9) \cup (1 - \delta/3 + \delta/9, 1 - \delta/9)$  from the union  $C_1 := C_{1,1} \cup C_{1,2}$  and so on. We can state this more cleanly: at the  $n$ th stage in the construction of our set

$$C_n := C_{n-1} \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{i\delta}{3^n}, \frac{(i+1)\delta}{3^n} \right) \cup \left( \frac{3^n - (i+1)\delta}{3^n}, \frac{3^n - i\delta}{3^n} \right).$$

(Probably; I'll check it later after I have some more time.) Thus, at the  $n$ th stage in the construction  $C_n$  is the union of  $2^n$  disjoint intervals of length  $\delta 3^{-n}$ . Taking the intersection of these sets

$$C := \bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} C_i$$

we claim that the set  $C$  is perfect, has measure  $1 - \delta$  and contains no intervals.   
**\*\*Forget this. For some reason, I have forgotten the construction, so what I made was a Cantor set with measure zero, not what was asked for. We'll proceed as if we constructed what was asked of us.\*\***

$C$  is perfect: To prove that  $C$  is perfect we must show that  $C$  is closed and dense in itself.  $C$  is closed because it is the (arbitrary) intersection of closed intervals. To see that  $C$  is dense in itself we must show that given any  $\varepsilon > 0$  for any  $x \in C$ , the open ball  $B(x, \varepsilon)$  contains another point, call it  $y$ , in  $C$ . But first, we prove the following claim: At the end of each stage  $C_n$  in the construction of  $C$ , **the set of all endpoints of intervals in  $C_n$  is a subset of  $C$** . (We will not prove this here as it is tedious and I have already proved this before; and after all these notes are mostly for myself.) Now, since  $x \in C$ ,  $x \in C_n$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . In particular, for sufficiently large  $N$ ,  $\delta 3^{-N} < \varepsilon$  and  $x$  is in one of the closed interval that makes up  $C_N$ . Pick an endpoint  $y \neq x$  in that interval. Then  $y \in C$  and  $y \in B(x, \varepsilon)$ . Thus,  $C$  is dense in itself.

$C$  has measure  $1 - \delta$ : For this we simply compute the length of  $C$  by evaluating the limit of sequence of lengths, which is justified by Theorem 3.26 since

$C_{n+1} \subset C_n$  and  $C_n$  is measurable for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , hence

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m^*(C_n) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n \delta \left( \frac{2^i}{3^{i+1}} \right) \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\delta}{3} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)^i \right] \\ &= 1 - \frac{\delta}{3} 3 \\ &= 1 - \delta \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

$C$  contains no intervals: Seeking a contradiction, we will assume that  $I$  is an interval of positive measure contained in  $C$ . Since  $I := [a, b]$  is a connected subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $I \subset C$ , then  $I$  must be contained in some interval  $I_n$  in the  $n$ th step of the construction of  $C$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . However, for sufficiently large  $N$ ,  $m(I_N) < m(I) = b - a$ . Thus,  $C$  contains no intervals.  $\blacktriangleleft$

**Problem 2** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 3, Ex. 7). Prove (3.15).

► **Proof.** Here is the statement of the lemma:

*If  $\{I_k\}_{k=1}^N$  is a finite collection of nonoverlapping intervals, then  $\bigcup_{k=1}^N I_k$  is measurable and  $m\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^N I_k\right) = \sum_{k=1}^N m(I_k)$ .*

By Theorem 3.12, the union  $\bigcup_{n=1}^N I_n$  is measurable. Now we show that  $m\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^N I_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^N m(I_n)$ . At least one inequality is straightforward, by Theorem 3.12 we have

$$m\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^N I_k\right) \leq \sum_{n=1}^N m(I_n).$$

To see the reverse note that  $m(I_n^\circ) = m(I_n)$  and  $I_n^\circ \subset I_n$  so by Theorem 3.3

$$\begin{aligned} m\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^N I_n\right) &\geq m\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^N I_n^\circ\right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N m(I_n^\circ) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N m(I_n). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\bigcup_{n=1}^N I_n$  is measurable and  $m\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^N I_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^N m(I_n)$ .  $\blacktriangleleft$

**Problem 3** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 3, Ex. 8). Show that the Borel algebra  $\mathcal{B}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing the closed sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

► **Proof.** Since  $\mathcal{B}$  is the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing all of the open sets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , it contains all of the closed sets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Now, suppose that  $\mathcal{B}'$  is another  $\sigma$ -algebra containing the closed sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then,  $\mathcal{B}' \subset \mathcal{B}$  since  $\mathcal{B}$  contains all of the closed sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . However, since  $\mathcal{B}'$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra, it contains all of the open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , so  $\mathcal{B}' \subset \mathcal{B}$  since  $\mathcal{B}$  is the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing the open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{B}' = \mathcal{B}$ . ◀

**Problem 4** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 3, Ex. 9). If  $\{E_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  is a sequence of sets with  $\sum m^*(E_k) < +\infty$ , show that  $\limsup E_k$  (and also  $\liminf E_k$ ) has measure zero.

► **Proof.** Suppose  $\{E_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is a sequence of sets with  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty m^*(E_n) < \infty$ . Then, since the sum  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty m^*(E_n)$  converges, given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \geq N$  implies  $\sum_{j=n}^\infty m^*(E_j) < \varepsilon$ . But what does this say about the  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n$ ? Well, recall that

$$\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n := \bigcap_{j=1}^\infty \bigcup_{k=j}^\infty E_k.$$

Define  $F_n := \bigcup_{j=n}^\infty E_j$ . Then  $F_n \supset F_{n+1}$  and  $F_n \searrow \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n$ . Moreover, by Theorem 3.12  $m^*(F_1) \leq \sum_{n=1}^\infty m^*(E_n) < \infty$  so by Theorem 3.26,  $m(\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(F_n) = 0$  since the sum  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty m(E_n)$  converges.

Setting  $F_n := \bigcap_{j=n}^\infty E_j$  yields the same for  $\underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n$ . ◀

**Problem 5** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 3, Ex. 10). If  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are measurable, show that  $m(E_1 \cup E_2) + m(E_1 \cap E_2) = m(E_1) + m(E_2)$ .

► **Proof.** ◀



## 1.1.4 Homework 4

**Problem 1** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 3, Ex. 12). If  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are measurable sets in  $\mathbb{R}^1$ , show  $E_1 \times E_2$  is a measurable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $|E_1 \times E_2| = |E_1||E_2|$ . (Interpret  $0 \cdot \infty$  as 0.) [*Hint*: Use a characterization of measurability.]

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 2** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 3, Ex. 13). Motivated by (3.7), define the *inner measure* of  $E$  by  $|E|_i = \sup |F|$ , where the supremum is taken over all closed subsets  $F$  of  $E$ . Show that

- (i)  $|E|_i \leq |E|_e$ , and
- (ii) if  $|E|_e < +\infty$ , then  $E$  is measurable if and only if  $|E|_i = |E|_e$ .

[Use (3.22).]

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 3** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 3, Ex. 15). If  $E$  is measurable and  $A$  is any subset of  $E$ , show that  $|E| = |A|_i + |E \setminus A|_e$ . (See Exercise 13 for the definition of  $|A|_i$ .)

► **Proof.** ◀

### 1.1.5 Homework 5

**Problem 1** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 3, Ex. 14). Show that the conclusion of part (ii) of Exercise 13 (Problem) is false if  $|E|_e = +\infty$ .

► **Proof.**

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**Problem 2** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 3, Ex. 16). Prove (3.34).

► **Proof.**

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**Problem 3** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 3, Ex. 18). Prove that outer measure is *translation invariant*; that is, if  $E_{\mathbf{h}} := \{\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h} : \mathbf{x} \in E\}$  is the translate of  $E$  by  $\mathbf{h}$ ,  $\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , show that  $|E_{\mathbf{h}}|_e = |E|_e$ . If  $E$  is measurable, show that  $E_{\mathbf{h}}$  is also measurable. [This fact was used in proving (3.37).]

► **Proof.**

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**Problem 4** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 4, Ex. 1). Prove corollary (4.2) and theorem (4.8)

► **Proof.**

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**Problem 5** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 4, Ex. 2). Let  $f$  be a simple function, taking its distinct values on disjoint sets  $E_1, \dots, E_N$ . Show that  $f$  is measurable if and only if  $E_1, \dots, E_N$  are measurable.

► **Proof.**

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## 1.1.6 Homework 6

**Problem 1** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 4, Ex. 4). Let  $f$  be defined and measurable in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $T$  is a nonsingular linear transformation of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , show that  $f(T\mathbf{x})$  is measurable. [If  $E_1 = \{\mathbf{x} : f(\mathbf{x}) > a\}$  and  $E_2 = \{\mathbf{x} : f(T\mathbf{x}) > a\}$ , show  $E_2 = T^{-1}E_1$ .]

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 2** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 4, Ex. 7). Let  $f$  be usc and less than  $+\infty$  on a compact set  $E$ . Show that  $f$  is bounded above on  $E$ . Show also that  $f$  assumes its maximum on  $E$ , i.e., that there exists  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in E$  such that  $f(\mathbf{x}_0) \geq f(\mathbf{x})$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in E$ .

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 3** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 4, Ex. 8). (a) Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two functions which are usc at  $\mathbf{x}_0$ . Show that  $f + g$  is usc at  $\mathbf{x}_0$ . Is  $f - g$  usc at  $\mathbf{x}_0$ ? When is  $fg$  usc at  $\mathbf{x}_0$ ?

(b) If  $\{f_k\}$  is a sequence of functions are usc at  $\mathbf{x}_0$ , show that  $\inf f_k(\mathbf{x})$  is usc at  $\mathbf{x}_0$ .

(c) If  $\{f_k\}$  is a sequence of functions which are usc at  $\mathbf{x}_0$  and which converge uniformly near  $\mathbf{x}_0$ , show that  $\lim f_k$  is usc at  $\mathbf{x}_0$ .

► **Proof.** ◀

### 1.1.7 Homework 7

- Problem 1** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 4, Ex. 9). (a) Show that the limit of a decreasing (increasing) sequence of functions usc (lsc) at  $\mathbf{x}_0$  is usc (lsc) at  $\mathbf{x}_0$ . In particular, the limit of a decreasing (increasing) sequence of functions continuous at  $\mathbf{x}_0$  is usc (lsc) at  $\mathbf{x}_0$ .  
 (b) Let  $f$  be usc and less than  $\infty$  on  $[a, b]$ . Show that there exists continuous  $f_k$  on  $[a, b]$  such that  $f_k \searrow f$ .

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 2** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 4, Ex. 11). Let  $f$  be defined on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $B(\mathbf{x})$  denote the open ball  $\{\mathbf{y} : |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}| < r\}$  with center  $\mathbf{x}$  and fixed radius  $r$ . Show that the function  $g(\mathbf{x}) = \sup\{f(\mathbf{y}) : \mathbf{y} \in B(\mathbf{x})\}$  is lsc and the function  $h(\mathbf{x}) = \inf\{f(\mathbf{y}) : \mathbf{y} \in B(\mathbf{x})\}$  is usc on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Is the same true for the closed ball  $\{\mathbf{y} : |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}| \leq r\}$ ?

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 3** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 4, Ex. 15). Let  $\{f_k\}$  be a sequence of measurable functions defined on a measurable set  $E$  with  $|E| < \infty$ . If  $|f_k(M)| \leq M < \infty$  for all  $k$  for each  $\mathbf{x} \in E$ , show that given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is closed  $F \subset E$  and finite  $M$  such that  $|E \setminus F| < \varepsilon$  and  $|f_k(\mathbf{x})| \leq M$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in F$ .

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 4** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 4, Ex. 18). If  $f$  is measurable on  $E$ , define  $\omega_f(a) = |\{f > a\}|$  for  $-\infty < a < \infty$ . If  $f_k \nearrow f$ , show that  $\omega_{f_k} \nearrow \omega_f$ . If  $f_k \rightarrow f$ , show that  $\omega_{f_k} \rightarrow \omega_f$  at each point of continuity of  $\omega_f$ . [For the second part, show that if  $f_k \rightarrow f$ , then  $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \omega_{f_k}(a) \leq \omega_f(a - \varepsilon)$  and  $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \omega_{f_k}(a) \geq \omega_f(a + \varepsilon)$  for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ .]

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 5** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 5, Ex. 1). If  $f$  is a simple measurable function (not necessarily positive) taking values  $a_j$  on  $E_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, N$ , show that  $\int_E f = \sum_{j=1}^N a_j |E_j|$ . [Use (5.24)].

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 6** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 5, Ex. 3). Let  $\{f_k\}$  be a sequence of nonnegative measurable functions defined on  $E$ . If  $f_k \rightarrow f$  and  $f_k \leq f$  a.e. on  $E$ , show that  $\int_E f_k \rightarrow \int_E f$ .

► **Proof.** ◀

## 1.1.8 Homework 8

**Problem 1** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 5, Ex. 2). Show that the conclusion of (5.32) are not true without the assumption that  $\varphi \in L(E)$ . [In part (ii), for example, take  $f_k = \chi_{(k,\infty)}$ .]

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 2** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 5, Ex. 4). If  $f \in L(0, 1)$ , show that  $x^k f(x) \in L(0, 1)$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $\int_0^1 x^k f(x) dx \rightarrow 0$ .

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 3** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 5, Ex. 6). Let  $f(x, y)$ ,  $0 \leq x, y \leq 1$ , satisfy the following conditions: for each  $x$ ,  $f(x, y)$  is an integrable function of  $y$ , and  $\partial f(x, y)/\partial x$  is a bounded function of  $(x, y)$ . Show that  $\partial f(x, y)/\partial x$  is a measurable function of  $y$  for each  $x$  and

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_0^1 f(x, y) dy = \int_0^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, y) dy.$$

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 4** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 5, Ex. 7). Give an example of an  $f$  that is not integrable, but whose improper Riemann integral exists and is finite.

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 5** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 5, Ex. 21). If  $\int_A f = 0$  for every measurable subset  $A$  of a measurable set  $E$ , show that  $f = 0$  a.e. in  $E$ .

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 6** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 6, Ex. 10). Let  $V_n$  be the volume of the unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show by using Fubini's theorem that

$$V_n = 2V_{n-1} \int_0^1 (1-t^2)^{(n-1)/2} dt.$$

(We also observe that by setting  $w = t^2$ , the integral is a multiple of a classical  $\beta$ -function and so can be expressed in terms of the  $\Gamma$ -function:  $\Gamma(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{s-1} dt$ ,  $s > 0$ .)

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 7** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 6, Ex. 11). Use Fubini's theorem to prove that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-|\mathbf{x}|^2} d\mathbf{x} = \pi^{n/2}.$$

(For  $n = 1$ , write  $\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx\right)^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2-y^2} dx dy$  and use polar. For  $n > 1$ , use the formula  $e^{-|\mathbf{x}|^2} = e^{-x_1^2} \cdots e^{-x_n^2}$  and Fubini's theorem to reduce the case  $n = 1$ .)

► **Proof.**

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## 1.1.9 Homework 9

- Problem 1** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 6, Ex. 1). (a) Let  $E$  be a measurable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that for almost every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\{y : (x, y) \in E\}$  has  $\mathbb{R}$ -measure zero. Show that  $E$  has measure zero and that for almost every  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\{x : (x, y) \in E\}$  has measure zero.
- (b) Let  $f(x, y)$  be nonnegative and measurable in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Suppose that for almost every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x, y)$  is finite for almost every  $y$ . Show that for almost  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x, y)$  is finite for almost every  $x$ .

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 2** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 6, Ex. 3). Let  $f$  be measurable and finite a.e. on  $[0, 1]$ . If  $f(x) - f(y)$  is integrable over the square  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ , show that  $f \in L[0, 1]$ .

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 3** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 6, Ex. 4). Let  $f$  be measurable and periodic with period 1:  $f(t+1) = f(t)$ . Suppose there is a finite  $c$  such that

$$\int_0^1 |f(a+t) - f(b+t)| dt \leq c$$

for all  $a$  and  $b$ . Show that  $f \in L[0, 1]$ . (Set  $a = x$ ,  $b = -x$ , integrate with respect to  $x$ , and make the change of variables  $\xi = x + t$ ,  $\eta = -x + t$ .)

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 4** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 6, Ex. 6). For  $f \in L(\mathbb{R})$ , define the *Fourier transform*  $\hat{f}$  of  $f$  by

$$\hat{f}(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-ixt} dt$$

for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . (For complex-valued function  $F = F_0 + iF_1$  whose real and imaginary parts  $F_0$  and  $F_1$  are integrable, we define  $\int F = \int F_0 + i \int F_1$ .) Show that if  $f$  and  $g$  belong to  $L(\mathbb{R})$ , then

$$\widehat{(f * g)}(x) = 2\pi \hat{f}(x) \hat{g}(x).$$

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 5** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 6, Ex. 7). Let  $F$  be a closed subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $\delta(x) = \delta(x, F)$  be the corresponding distance function. If  $\lambda > 0$  and  $f$  is nonnegative and integrable over the complement of  $F$ , prove that the function

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\delta^\lambda(y) f(y)}{|x - y|^{1+\lambda}} dy$$

is integrable over  $F$  and so is finite a.e. in  $F$ . (In case  $f = \chi_{(a,b)}$ , this reduces to Theorem 6.17.)

► **Proof.**

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**Problem 6** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 6, Ex. 9). (a) Show that  $M_\lambda(x; F) = +\infty$  if  $x \notin F$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ .

- (b) Let  $F = [c, d]$  be a closed subinterval of a bounded open interval  $(a, b) \subset \mathbb{R}$ , and let  $M_\alpha$  be the corresponding Marcinkiewicz integral,  $\lambda > 0$ . Show that  $M_\lambda$  is finite for every  $x \in (c, d)$  and that  $M_\lambda(c) = M_\lambda(d) = \infty$ . Show also that  $\int M_\lambda \leq \lambda^{-1}|G|$ , where  $G = (a, b) - [c, d]$ .

► **Proof.**

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## 1.1.10 Homework 10

**Problem 1** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 7, Ex. 1). Let  $f$  be measurable in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and different from zero in some set of positive measure. Show that there is a positive constant  $c$  such that  $f^*(\mathbf{x}) \geq c\|\mathbf{x}\|^{-n}$  for  $\|\mathbf{x}\| \geq 1$ .

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 2** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 7, Ex. 2). Let  $\varphi(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , be a bounded measurable function such that  $\varphi(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  for  $\|\mathbf{x}\| \geq 1$  and  $\int \varphi = 1$ . For  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let  $\varphi_\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}) = \varepsilon^{-n}\varphi(\mathbf{x}/\varepsilon)$ . ( $\varphi_\varepsilon$  is called an *approximation to the identity*.) If  $f \in L(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , show that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (f * \varphi_\varepsilon)(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x})$$

in the Lebesgue set of  $f$ . (Note that  $\int \varphi_\varepsilon = 1$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , so that

$$(f * \varphi_\varepsilon)(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x}) = \int [f(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) - f(\mathbf{x})] \varphi_\varepsilon(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y}.$$

Use Theorem 7.16.)

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 3** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 7, Ex. 6). Show that if  $\alpha > 0$ , then  $x^\alpha$  is absolutely continuous on every bounded subinterval of  $[0, \infty)$ .

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 4** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 7, Ex. 8). Prove the following converse of Theorem 7.31: If  $f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ , and if the function  $V(x) = V[a, x]$  is absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  is absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$ .

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 5** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 7, Ex. 9). If  $f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ , show that

$$\int_a^b |f'| \leq V[a, b].$$

Show that if equality holds in this inequality, then  $f$  is absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$ . (For the second part, use Theorems 2.2(ii) and 7.24 to show that  $V(x)$  is absolutely continuous and then use the result of Exercise 8).

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 6** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 7, Ex. 12). Use Jensen's inequality to prove that if  $a, b \geq 0$ ,  $p, q > 1$ ,  $(1/p) + (1/q) = 1$ , then

$$ab \leq \frac{a^p}{p} + \frac{b^q}{q}.$$

More generally, show that

$$a_1 \cdots a_N = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{a_j^{p_j}}{p_j},$$

where  $a_j \geq 0$ ,  $p_j > 1$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^N (1/p_j) = 1$ . (Write  $a_j = e^{x_j/p_j}$  and use the convexity of  $e^x$ ).

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 7** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 7, Ex. 13). Prove Theorem 7.36.

► **Proof.** Recall the statement of Theorem 7.36

- (i) If  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are convex in  $(a, b)$ , then  $\varphi_1 + \varphi_2$  is convex in  $(a, b)$ .
- (ii) If  $\varphi$  is convex in  $(a, b)$  and  $c$  is a positive constant, then  $c\varphi$  is convex in  $(a, b)$ .
- (iii) If  $\varphi_k$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , are convex in  $(a, b)$  and  $\varphi_k \rightarrow \varphi$  in  $(a, b)$ , then  $\varphi$  is convex in  $(a, b)$ .

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## 1.1.11 Homework 11

**Problem 1** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 7, Ex. 11). Prove the following result concerning changes of variable. Let  $g(t)$  be monotone increasing and absolutely continuous on  $[\alpha, \beta]$  and let  $f$  be integrable on  $[a, b]$ ,  $a = g(\alpha)$ ,  $b = g(\beta)$ . Then  $f(g(t))g'(t)$  is measurable and integrable on  $[\alpha, \beta]$ , and

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \int_\alpha^\beta f(g(t))g'(t) dt.$$

(Consider the case when  $f$  is the characteristic function of an interval, an open set, etc.)

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 2** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 7, Ex. 15). Theorem 7.43 shows that a convex function is the indefinite integral of a monotone increasing function. Prove the converse: If  $\varphi(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt + \varphi(a)$  in  $(a, b)$  and  $f$  is monotone increasing, then  $\varphi$  is convex in  $(a, b)$ . (Use Exercise 14.)

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 3** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 5, Ex. 8). Prove (5.49).

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 4** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 5, Ex. 11). For which  $p$  does  $1/x \in L^p(0, 1)$ ?  $L^p(1, \infty)$ ?  $L^p(0, \infty)$ ?

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 5** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 5, Ex. 12). Give an example of a bounded continuous  $f$  on  $(0, \infty)$  such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$  but  $f \notin L^p(0, \infty)$  for any  $p > 0$ .

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 6** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 5, Ex. 17). If  $f \geq 0$  and  $\omega(\alpha) \leq c(1+\alpha)^p$  for all  $\alpha > 0$ , show that  $f \in L^r$ ,  $0 < r < p$ .

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 7** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 8, Thm. 8.3). If  $f, g \in L^p(E)$ ,  $p > 0$ , then  $f + g \in L^p(E)$  and  $cf \in L^p(E)$  for any constant  $c$ .

► **Proof.** ◀

## 1.1.12 Homework 12

**Problem 1** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 8, Ex. 2). Prove the converse of Hölder's inequality for  $p = 1$  and  $\infty$ . Show also that for  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , a real-valued measurable  $f$  belongs to  $L^p(E)$  if  $fg \in L^1(E)$  for every  $g \in L^{p'}(E)$ ,  $1/p + 1/p' = 1$ . The negation is also of interest: if  $f \in L^p(E)$  then there exists  $g \in L^{p'}(E)$  such that  $fg \notin L^1(E)$ . (To verify the negation, construct  $g$  of the form  $\sum a_k g_k$  satisfying  $\int_E fg_k \rightarrow \infty$ .)

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 2** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 8, Ex. 3). Prove Theorems 8.12 and 8.13. Show that Minkowski's inequality for series fails when  $p < 1$ .

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 3** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 8, Ex. 4). Let  $f$  and  $g$  be real-valued and not identically 0 (i.e., neither function equals 0 a.e.), and let  $1 < p < \infty$ . Prove that equality holds in the inequality  $|\int fg| \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_{p'}$  if and only if  $fg$  has constant sign a.e. and  $|f|^p$  is a multiple of  $|g|^{p'}$  a.e.

If  $\|f + g\|_p = \|f\|_p + \|g\|_p$  and  $g \neq 0$  in Minkowski's inequality, show that  $f$  is a multiple of  $g$ .

Find analogues of these results for the spaces  $\ell^p$ .

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 4** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 8, Ex. 5). For  $0 < p \leq \infty$  and  $0 < |E| < \infty$ , define

$$N_p[f] := \left( \frac{1}{|E|} \int_E |f|^p \right)^{1/p},$$

where  $N_\infty[f]$  means  $\|f\|_\infty$ . Prove that if  $p_1 < p_2$ , then  $N_{p_1}[f] \leq N_{p_2}[f]$ . Prove also that if  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , then  $N_p[f + g] \leq N_p[f] + N_p[g]$ ,  $(1/|E|) \int_E |fg| \leq N_p[f] N_{p'}[g]$ ,  $1/p + 1/p' = 1$ , and  $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} N_p[f] = \|f\|_\infty$ . Thus,  $N_p$  behaves like  $\|\cdot\|_p$  but has the advantage of being monotone in  $p$ . Recall Exercise 28 of Chapter 5.

► **Proof.** ◀

**Problem 5** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 8, Ex. 6). (a) Let  $1 \leq p_i$ ,  $r \leq \infty$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^k 1/p_i = 1/r$ . Prove the following generalization of Hölder's inequality:

$$\|f_1 \cdots f_k\|_r \leq \|f_1\|_{p_1} \cdots \|f_k\|_{p_k}.$$

- (b) Let  $1 \leq p < r < q \leq \infty$  and define  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  by  $1/r = \theta/p + (1 - \theta)/q$ . Prove the interpolation estimate

$$\|f\|_r \leq \|f\|_p^\theta \|f\|_q^{1-\theta}.$$

In particular, if  $A := \max\{\|f\|_p, \|f\|_q\}$ , then  $\|f\|_r \leq A$ .

► **Proof.**

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**Problem 6** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 8, Ex. 9). If  $f$  is real-valued and measurable on  $E$ ,  $|E| > 0$ , define its essential infimum on  $E$  by

$$\operatorname{ess\,inf} f := \sup\{\alpha : |\{x \in E : f(x) < \alpha\}| = 0\}.$$

If  $f \geq 0$ , show that  $\operatorname{ess\,inf}_E f = (\operatorname{ess\,sup} 1/f)^{-1}$ .

► **Proof.**

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**Problem 7** (Wheeden & Zygmund Ch. 8, Ex. 11). If  $f_k \rightarrow f$  in  $L^p$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $g_k \rightarrow g$  pointwise, and  $\|g_k\|_\infty < M$  for all  $k$ , prove that  $f_k g_k \rightarrow f g$  in  $L^p$ .

► **Proof.**

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## 1.2 Exam Preparation

### 1.2.1 Exam 1 Practice

**Problem 1.** Let  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a measurable set,  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  and define the set  $rE = \{r\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{x} \in E\}$ . Prove that  $rE$  is measurable, and that  $|rE| = |r|^n|E|$ .

*Proof.* Define a map  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  by  $T\mathbf{x} := r\mathbf{x}$ . Note that  $T$  is *Lipschitz continuous* since for any  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the equality

$$|T\mathbf{x} - T\mathbf{y}| = |r\mathbf{x} - r\mathbf{y}| = |r||\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}| \quad (1)$$

is satisfied. By Theorem 3.33 from [5, Ch. 3, p.55], the image of  $E$  under  $T$  is measurable. Moreover, by Theorem 3.35 [5, Ch. 3, p. 56], since  $T$  is linear, it follows that  $|T(E)| = |\det T||E|$  where  $\det T = |r|^n$ . Lastly, we note that the image of  $E$  under  $T$  is precisely the set  $rE$  so that  $|T(E)| = |rE| = |r|^n|E|$ , as was to be shown.  $\blacktriangleleft$

**Problem 2.** Let  $\{E_k\}$ ,  $k \in \mathbf{N}$  be a collection of measurable sets. Define the set

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} E_k = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \bigcap_{n=k}^{\infty} E_n \right).$$

Show that

$$\left| \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} E_k \right| \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} |E_k|.$$

*Proof.* Following the style of [5, Ch. 1, p. 2], particularly, the sets defined after the introduction of equation (1.1), set

$$V_k := \bigcap_{\ell=k}^{\infty} E_{\ell}. \quad (2)$$

Note that the collection of sets  $\{V_k\}$  forms an increasing sequence, that is, if  $\mathbf{x} \in V_k$  then, by (2),  $\mathbf{x}$  is in the intersection  $E_k \cap (\bigcap_{\ell=k+1}^{\infty} E_{\ell})$ , but, by (2),  $\bigcap_{\ell=k+1}^{\infty} E_{\ell} = V_{k+1}$  thus,  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $V_{k+1}$  so  $V_{k+1} \supset V_k$ . Hence, we have  $V_k \nearrow \liminf E_k$ .

Now, consider the sequence  $\{|V_k|\}$  formed by the Lebesgue measure of the  $V_k$ . By Theorem 3.26 from [5, Ch. 3, p. 51], since  $V_k \nearrow \liminf E_k$ ,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |V_k| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \bigcap_{\ell=k}^{\infty} E_{\ell} \right| = \left| \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} E_k \right|. \quad (3)$$

But note that, by the monotonicity of the Lebesgue measure, we have

$$\left| \bigcap_{\ell=k}^{\infty} E_{\ell} \right| \leq |E_k|, \quad (4)$$

so, by properties of the  $\liminf$ , in particular, by Theorem 19(v) from [2, Ch. 1, p. 23], we have

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} |V_k| \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} |E_k|. \quad (5)$$

Hence, by (3) and Proposition 19 (iv), since the sequence  $\{|V_k|\}$  converges and is equal to the measure of  $\liminf E_k$ , by (5), we have

$$\left| \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} E_k \right| \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} |E_k| \quad (6)$$

as was to be shown.  $\blacktriangleleft$

**Problem 3.** Consider the function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} |B(\mathbf{0}, x)| & x > 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}.$$

Here  $B(\mathbf{0}, r) = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\mathbf{y}| < r\}$ . Prove that  $F$  is monotonic increasing and continuous.

*Proof.* Define the linear map  $T: [0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  by  $T(r)\mathbf{x} := r\mathbf{x}$ . We claim that  $B(\mathbf{0}, r) = T(r, B(\mathbf{0}, 1))$ . To reduce notation, set  $B_1 := B(\mathbf{0}, 1)$  and  $B_r := B(\mathbf{0}, r)$ .

*Proof of claim.*  $\subset$ : Let  $\mathbf{x} \in B_r$ . Then  $|\mathbf{x}| < r$  so  $|\mathbf{x}|/r < 1$ . Thus,  $|\mathbf{x}|/r \in B_1$  so it is in the image of  $B_1$  under the map  $T(r, \cdot)$ .

$\supset$ : On the other hand, suppose  $\mathbf{x} \in T(r, B_1)$ . Then  $\mathbf{x} = r\mathbf{y}$  for some  $\mathbf{y} \in B_1$ . Then, since  $|\mathbf{y}| < 1$ ,  $|\mathbf{x}| = r|\mathbf{y}| < r$  so  $\mathbf{x} \in B_r$ .  $\clubsuit$

From the claim, we see that  $F(x) = |T(x, B(\mathbf{0}, 1))|$  which, by Problem 1, is nothing more than the polynomial  $|B_1|x^n$ . It is clear, from this equivalence, that  $F$  is monotonically increasing: Take  $x, y \in [0, \infty)$  such that  $x < y$ , then  $x^n < y^n$  so

$$F(x) = |B_1|x^n < |B_1|y^n = F(y). \quad (7)$$

Thus,  $F$  is monotonically increasing.

In the argument above, since  $F(x) = |B_1|x^n$  is a polynomial in  $[0, \infty)$  (and polynomials are continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ )  $F$  is continuous on  $[0, \infty)$ .  $\blacktriangleleft$

**Problem 4.** Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function. Let  $C$  be the set of all points at which  $f$  is continuous. Show that  $C$  is a set of type  $G_\delta$ .

*Proof.* (Without much motivation) let us consider the collection of sets  $\{E_k\}$  defined by

$$E_k := \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} : \text{there exists } \delta > 0 \text{ such that } y, z \in B(x, \delta) \text{ implies } |f(y) - f(z)| < \frac{1}{k} \right\}. \quad (8)$$

We claim that  $C = \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$  and that each  $E_k$  is open.

*Proof of claim.* First, we demonstrate equality.  $\subset$ : Suppose  $x \in C$ . Then, by the definition of continuity, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $y \in B(x, \delta)$  implies  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$ . In particular, for every  $k$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for  $y \in B(x, \delta)$  the inequality  $|f(x) - f(y)| < 1/k$  holds. Thus,  $x$  is in  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$ .

$\supset$ : On the other hand, suppose that  $x \in \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$ . Then, given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , by the Archimedean property, there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that  $1/N < \varepsilon$ . Then, since  $x \in \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$ ,  $x \in E_N$  so

$$|f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{1}{N} < \varepsilon. \quad (9)$$

Thus,  $x$  is in  $C$  and  $C = \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$ .

All that remains to be shown is that the  $E_k$  are open. But this is clear by the way we defined  $E_k$  in (8): Let  $x \in E_k$ , then there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for any  $y, z \in B(x, \delta)$ ,  $|f(y) - f(z)| < 1/k$ ; Let  $x' \in B(x, \delta)$  and set  $\delta' := \min\{|(x + \delta) - x'|, |(x - \delta) - x'|\}$ . Then, since  $B(x', \delta') \subset B(x, \delta)$ , for every  $y, z \in B(x', \delta')$ , we have  $|f(y) - f(z)| < 1/k$ . Hence,  $x' \in E_k$  for any  $x' \in B(x, \delta)$  so  $B(x, \delta) \subset E_k$ . ♣

Since  $C$  can be expressed as the countable intersection of open sets  $E_k$ , it follows that  $C$  is a  $G_\delta$  set. ◀

**Problem 5.** Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function. Is it true that if the sets  $\{f = r\}$  are measurable for all  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $f$  is measurable?

*Proof.* If  $\{f = r\}$  are measurable for all  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , it is not necessarily the case that  $f$  is measurable. Consider the following construction: Let  $E \subset (0, 1)$  be an unmeasurable set.\* Define a map  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$f(x) := \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus ((0, 1) \setminus E), \\ x + 1 & \text{if } x \in (0, 1) \setminus E. \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

By the definition, it is clear that  $\{f = r\}$  is measurable and  $|\{f = r\}| = 0$  since  $\{f = r\}$  contains at most two elements. However, the set  $\{0 < f < 1\} = E$  is not measurable. Thus,  $f$  is not measurable. ◀

**Problem 6.** Let  $\{f_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of measurable functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Prove that the set  $\{x : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k(x) \text{ exists}\}$  is measurable.

*Proof.* By Theorem 4.12 from [5, Ch. 4, p. 67],  $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k$  and  $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k$  are measurable. By Theorem 4.7 from [5, Ch. 4, p. 66]

$$\left\{ \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k < \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k \right\} \quad (11)$$

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\*It's construction does not concern us. The interested reader should refer to Theorem 3.38 from [5, Ch. 3, p. 57-58] or Theorem 17 from [2, Ch. 2§7, p. 48].



is measurable. Since

$$\left\{ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k \text{ exists} \right\} = \left\{ \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k = \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k \right\} = \mathbb{R} \setminus \left\{ \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k < \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k \right\}, \quad (12)$$

by Theorem 3.17 from [5, Ch. 3, p. 48], the set  $\{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k \text{ exists}\}$  is measurable.  $\blacktriangleleft$

**Problem 7.** A real valued function  $f$  on an interval  $[a, b]$  is said to be *absolutely continuous* if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that for every finite disjoint collection  $\{(a_k, b_k)\}_{k=1}^N$  of open intervals in  $(a, b)$  satisfying  $\sum_{k=1}^N b_k - a_k < \delta$ , one has  $\sum_{k=1}^N |f(b_k) - f(a_k)| < \varepsilon$ . Show that an absolutely continuous function on  $[a, b]$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $f$  is absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$ . Let  $\varepsilon := 1$ . Then, there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for every finite disjoint collection  $\{(a_k, b_k)\}_{k=1}^N$  of open intervals in  $(a, b)$  satisfying  $\sum_{k=1}^N b_k - a_k < \delta$ , one has  $\sum_{k=1}^N |f(b_k) - f(a_k)| < 1$ . Let  $N := \lceil (b-a)/\delta \rceil$ , that is,  $N$  is the smallest integer greater than  $(b-a)/\delta$ , and consider the partition  $\Gamma = \{x_k\}$  where  $x_k := a + k(b-a)/N$ , for  $k = 0, \dots, N$ . Then  $x_k - x_{k-1} < (b-a)/N < \delta$  so, by Theorem 2.2(i) from [5, Ch. 2, p. 19], we have  $V[f; x_{k-1}, x_k] < 1$  for  $k = 0, \dots, N$ . It follows by Theorem 2.2(ii) that

$$V[f; a, b] = \sum_{k=1}^N V[f; x_{k-1}, x_k] < N. \quad (13)$$

Thus,  $f$  is b.v. on  $[a, b]$ .  $\blacktriangleleft$

**Problem 8.** Let  $f$  be a continuous function from  $[a, b]$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\chi_{\{c\}}$  be the characteristic function of a singleton  $\{c\}$ , that is,  $\chi_{\{c\}}(x) = 0$  if  $x \neq c$  and  $\chi_{\{c\}}(c) = 1$ . Show that

$$\int_a^b f d\chi_{\{c\}} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } c \in (a, b), \\ -f(a) & \text{if } c = a, \\ f(b) & \text{if } c = b. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* The result follows quite easily from more sophisticated measure theoretic arguments. At this point, however, such language has not been discussed so we shall prove this using nothing but the definition of the Riemann–Stieltjes integral and properties thereof.

Let us consider each case  $c \in (a, b)$ ,  $c = a$ , and  $c = b$  separately.

Recall that given a partition  $\Gamma = \{x_0, \dots, x_m\}$  of  $[a, b]$ , the Riemann–Stieltjes sum of  $f$  with respect to  $\varphi$  is

$$R_\Gamma := \sum_{k=1}^m f(\xi_k) [\varphi(x_k) - \varphi(x_{k-1})]. \quad (14)$$

The Riemann–Stieltjes integral is defined as the limit

$$\int_a^b f \, d\varphi := \lim_{|\Gamma| \rightarrow 0} R_\Gamma \quad (15)$$

if it exists.

Suppose  $c \in (a, b)$ . Then, for any partition  $\Gamma$  of  $[a, b]$ , either  $c \in \Gamma$  or  $c \notin \Gamma$ . In the latter case,  $R_\Gamma = 0$ . In the former case  $c$  is one of the  $x_k$ , say  $c = x_\ell$  for  $0 < \ell < m$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} R_\Gamma &= \sum_{k=1}^m f(\xi_k) [\chi_{\{c\}}(x_k) - \chi_{\{c\}}(x_{k-1})] \\ &= 0 + \cdots + 0 + f(\xi_{\ell-1}) - f(\xi_\ell) + 0 + \cdots + 0 \\ &= f(\xi_{\ell-1}) - f(\xi_\ell). \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Since  $f$  is continuous, given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|\xi_\ell - \xi_{\ell-1}| < \delta$  implies  $|f(\xi_\ell) - f(\xi_{\ell-1})| < \varepsilon$ . It follows that the quantity in (16) approaches 0 as  $|\Gamma|$  approaches 0. Therefore,  $\int_a^b f \, d\chi_{\{c\}} = 0$ .

Suppose  $c = a$ . Then, since any partition  $\Gamma$  of  $[a, b]$  must contain the point  $a$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_\Gamma &= \sum_{k=1}^m f(\xi_k) [\chi_{\{c\}}(x_k) - \chi_{\{c\}}(x_{k-1})] \\ &= f(\xi_1) [\chi_{\{c\}}(x_1) - \chi_{\{c\}}(x_0)] + f(\xi_2) [\chi_{\{c\}}(x_2) - \chi_{\{c\}}(x_1)] \\ &\quad + \cdots + f(\xi_m) [\chi_{\{c\}}(x_m) - \chi_{\{c\}}(x_{m-1})] \\ &= -f(\xi_1) + 0 + \cdots + 0 \\ &= -f(\xi_1) \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Taking the limit as  $|\Gamma| \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\xi_1 \rightarrow a$  so, by continuity of  $f$ ,  $f(\xi_1) \rightarrow f(a)$ . Thus,  $\int_a^b f \, d\chi_{\{c\}} = -f(a)$ .

A similar argument to the one above shows that, if  $c = b$ , the Riemann–Stieltjes integral  $\int_a^b f \, d\chi_{\{c\}} = f(b)$ .  $\blacktriangleleft$

## 1.2.2 Exam 1

## Problem 1.

*Proof.* ◀

## Problem 2.

*Proof.* ◀

## Problem 3.

- (i) Show that if  $B_r := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\mathbf{x}| < r\}$ , then there exists a constant  $C$  such that  $|B_r| = Cr^n$ .

(Hint: Think of  $B_r$  as  $\{r\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{x} \in B_1\}$ .)

- (ii) Let  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a measurable set and let  $\varphi_E : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined  $\varphi_E(\mathbf{x}) := |E \cap B_{|\mathbf{x}|}|$ . Use part (i) to prove that  $\varphi_E$  is continuous.

*Proof.* (i) To prove this result, we use the map constructed in Problem 1 of the review sheet for Exam 1, the map  $T : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ . Set  $T_r : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  to be  $T_r := T(r)$ . Then, we claim  $B_r = T_r(B_1)$  and  $|B_r| = |T_r(B_1)|$ , which, as we saw in Problem 1 of the review sheet, has measure  $|B_1||r|^n$ . Setting  $C := |B_1|$ , we have  $|B_r| = C|r|^n$  as desired.

- (ii) To prove that  $\varphi_E$  is continuous, we provide an  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$ -argument. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. We must show that there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\mathbf{y} \in B(\mathbf{x}, \delta)$  implies

$$|\varphi_E(\mathbf{x}) - \varphi_E(\mathbf{y})| < \varepsilon. \quad (1)$$

First, note that since  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto |\mathbf{x}|$  is continuous and polynomials  $p : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  are continuous, then the composition  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto |\mathbf{x}|^n$  is continuous. Therefore, there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\mathbf{y} \in B(\mathbf{x}, \delta)$  implies

$$||\mathbf{x}|^n - |\mathbf{y}|^n| < \frac{\varepsilon}{C}, \quad (2)$$

where  $C := |B_1|$ .

Now, let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbf{y} \in B(\mathbf{x}, \delta)$  as above. Then, by (2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi_E(\mathbf{x}) - \varphi_E(\mathbf{y})| &= \left| |E \cap B_{|\mathbf{x}|}| - |E \cap B_{|\mathbf{y}|}| \right| \\ &\leq \left| |B_{|\mathbf{x}|}| - |B_{|\mathbf{y}|}| \right| \\ &= C \left| |\mathbf{x}|^n - |\mathbf{y}|^n \right| \\ &\leq C \left[ \frac{\varepsilon}{C} \right] \\ &= \varepsilon. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

It follows that  $\varphi_E$  is continuous. ◀

**Problem 4.** Assume that  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ . Prove that  $f$  is measurable.

*Proof.* By Jordan's theorem (Corollary 2.7 from [5, Ch. 2, p. 21]), the function  $f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  if and only if it can be written as the difference  $f_1 - f_2$  of two bounded functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  that are monotone increasing on  $[a, b]$ . Then,  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are continuous a.e. on  $[a, b]$  and hence, are measurable. ◀

## 1.2.3 Exam 2 Practice Problems

**Problem 1.** Define for  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} |\mathbf{x}|^{-(n+1)} & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}, \\ 0 & \text{if } \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}. \end{cases}$$

Prove that  $f$  is integrable outside any ball  $B(\mathbf{0}, \varepsilon)$ , and that there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B(\mathbf{0}, \varepsilon)} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \leq \frac{C}{\varepsilon}.$$

*Proof.* Recall that a real-valued function  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Lebesgueintegrable on a subset  $E$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if

$$\int_E f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} < \infty. \quad (1)$$

Let  $f$  be as given in the statement of the problem and set  $B_\varepsilon := B(\mathbf{0}, \varepsilon)$ . Consider the change of variables to *hyperspherical coordinates*  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (r, \Theta)$  where  $\Theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{n-1})$ .<sup>†</sup> By Theorem 7.26(iii) from [4, Ch. 7, p. 123], we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B_\varepsilon} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B_\varepsilon} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B_\varepsilon} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|^{n+1}} \, d\mathbf{x}. \\ &= \int_{S_r^{n-1}} \int_\varepsilon^\infty \frac{1}{|r|^{n+1}} \, dr dV, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $S_r^{n-1}$  is the  $(n-1)$ -sphere centered at  $\mathbf{0}$  with radius  $r$ , that is, the subset  $\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\mathbf{x}| = r\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $dV$  is the *volume element* of  $S_r^{n-1}$ . Since  $1/|r|^{n+1}$  is nonnegative, by Tonelli's theorem the iterated integrals in (2) may be exchange, that is,

$$\int_{S_r^{n-1}} \int_\varepsilon^\infty \frac{1}{|r|^{n+1}} \, dr dV = \int_\varepsilon^\infty \left( \int_{S_r^{n-1}} 1 \, dV \right) \frac{1}{|r|^{n+1}} \, dr. \quad (3)$$

Now, note that from Problem 1 of the review sheet for Exam 1, we have

$$\int_{S_r^{n-1}} 1 \, dV = |S_r^{n-1}|_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} = |S^{n-1}|_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} |r|^{n-1}. \quad (4)$$

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<sup>†</sup>The explicit construction of the map  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (r, \Theta)$  is of no concern to us for now. What is important is that it exists.

Set  $C := |S^{n-1}|_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}}$ . Putting equations (2), (3), and (4) together, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B_\varepsilon} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} &= \int_\varepsilon^\infty C|r|^{n-1} \frac{1}{|r|^{n+1}} \, dr \\
 &= \int_\varepsilon^\infty \frac{C}{|r|^2} \, dr \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{C}{x} - \left( -\frac{C}{\varepsilon} \right) \right] \\
 &= \frac{C}{\varepsilon},
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

as was to be shown. ◀

**Problem 2.** Let  $\{f_k\}$  be a sequence of nonnegative measurable functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and assume that  $f_k$  converges pointwise almost everywhere to a function  $f$ . If

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f_k < \infty,$$

show that

$$\int_E f = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_k$$

for all measurable subsets  $E$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Moreover, show that this is not necessarily true if  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f_k = \infty$ .

*Proof.* Let  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a measurable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then, since  $f_k \rightarrow f$  pointwise a.e. on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $f_k \rightarrow f$  pointwise a.e. on  $E$  and  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus E$ . To prove that the limit of the sequence of integrals  $\{\int_E f_k\}$  exist and is equal to  $\int_E f$ , it suffices to prove that

$$\int_E f \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_k \leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_k \leq \int_E f. \tag{6}$$

The lower bound in (6) follows from an application of Fatou's lemma:

$$\int_E f = \int_E \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} f \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_k. \tag{7}$$

Also by Fatou's lemma, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus E} f = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus E} \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} f \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus E} f_k. \tag{8}$$

Now, since  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , by equation (8) and properties of the  $\liminf$  and  $\limsup^\ddagger$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_E f &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus E} f \geq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f - \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus E} f_k \\
 &\geq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f_k - \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus E} f_k \\
 &= \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f_k - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus E} f_k \right] \\
 &= \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_k.
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

By equations (7) and (9) it follows that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_k$  exists and is equal to  $\int_E f$ .

To see that the result need not be true if  $\int_E f = \infty$ , consider the following example: Let  $f_k: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given by

$$f_k(x) := \begin{cases} k^2/2 & \text{if } x \in (-1/k, 1/k), \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{10}$$

and  $f = 1$ .

It is easy to see that  $f_k \rightarrow f$  a.e. in  $\mathbb{R}$  and that both  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} f = \infty$  and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_k = \infty$ . However, if  $E := (-1, 1)$  then  $\int_E f = 1$ , but  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_k = \infty$ .  $\blacktriangleleft$

**Problem 3.** Assume that  $E$  is a measurable set of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , with  $|E| < \infty$ . Prove that a nonnegative function  $f$  defined on  $E$  is integrable if and only if

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\{ \mathbf{x} \in E : f(\mathbf{x}) \geq k \}| < \infty.$$

*Proof.* If  $f$  is integrable over a measurable subset  $E$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$\int_E f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} < \infty. \tag{11}$$

Set  $E_k = \{ \mathbf{x} \in E : k+1 > f(\mathbf{x}) \geq k \}$  and  $F_k = \{ \mathbf{x} \in E : f(\mathbf{x}) \geq k \}$ . Note the following properties about the sets we have just defined: first, the  $E_k$ 's are pairwise disjoint and the  $F_k$ 's are nested in the following way  $F_{k+1} \subset F_k$ ; second,  $E = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$  and  $E_k = F_k \setminus F_{k+1}$ . By Theorem 3.23, since the  $E_k$ 's are disjoint, we have

$$|E| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |E_k| < \infty. \tag{12}$$

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$^\ddagger$ Namely, for any sequence of positive real numbers  $\{a_k\}$  the inequality  $\liminf a_k \leq \limsup a_k$  holds

Now, since  $k\chi_{E_k}(\mathbf{x}) \leq f(\mathbf{x}) \leq (k+1)\chi_{E_k}(\mathbf{x})$  on  $E_k$ , we have

$$k|E_k| \leq \int_{E_k} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \leq (k+1)|E_k|. \quad (13)$$

Then we have the following upper and lower estimates on the integral of  $f$  over  $E$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k|E_k| \leq \int_E f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)|E_k|. \quad (14)$$

But note that  $|E_k| = |F_k \setminus F_{k+1}| = |F_k| - |F_{k+1}|$  by Corollary 3.25 since the measures of  $E_k$ ,  $F_k$ , and  $F_{k+1}$  are all finite. Hence, (14) becomes

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k(|F_k| - |F_{k+1}|) \leq \int_E f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)(|F_k| - |F_{k+1}|). \quad (15)$$

A little manipulation of the series in the leftmost estimate gives us

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k(|F_k| - |F_{k+1}|) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k|F_k| - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k|F_{k+1}| \\ &= |F_1| + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k|F_k| - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k|F_{k+1}| \\ &= |F_1| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+1)|F_{k+1}| - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k|F_{k+1}| \quad (16) \\ &= |F_1| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |F_{k+1}| \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |F_{k+1}| \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)(|F_k| - |F_{k+1}|) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)|F_k| - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)|F_{k+1}| \\ &= |F_0| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+1)|F_k| - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)|F_{k+1}| \\ &= |F_0| + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+2)|F_{k+1}| - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)|F_{k+1}| \quad (17) \\ &= |F_0| + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |F_{k+1}| \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |F_k|. \end{aligned}$$



Thus, from (16) and (17)

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |F_k| \leq \int_E f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |F_k| \quad (18)$$

so the integral  $\int_E f$  converges if and only if the sum  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |F_k|$  converges. ◀

**Problem 4.** Suppose that  $E$  is a measurable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , with  $|E| < \infty$ . If  $f$  and  $g$  are measurable functions on  $E$ , define

$$\rho(f, g) = \int_E \frac{|f - g|}{1 + |f - g|}.$$

Prove that  $\rho(f_k, f) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  if and only if  $f_k$  converges to  $f$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* ▶

**Problem 5.** Define the *gamma function*  $\Gamma: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\Gamma(y) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u} u^{y-1} du,$$

and the *beta function*  $\beta: \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\beta(x, y) = \int_0^1 t^{x-1} (1-t)^{y-1} dt.$$

- (a) Prove that the definition of the gamma function is well-posed, i.e., the function  $u \mapsto e^{-u} u^{y-1}$  is in  $L(\mathbb{R}^+)$  for all  $y \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .
- (b) Show that

$$\beta(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma(x)\Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(x+y)}.$$

*Proof.* ▶

**Problem 6.** Let  $f \in L(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and for  $\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  define  $f_{\mathbf{h}}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $f_{\mathbf{h}}(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{h})$ . Prove that

$$\lim_{\mathbf{h} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f_{\mathbf{h}} - f| = 0.$$

*Proof.* ▶

**Problem 7.** (a) If  $f_k, g_k, f, g \in L(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $f_k \rightarrow f$  and  $g_k \rightarrow g$  a.e. in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $|f_k| \leq g_k$  and

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g_k \rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g,$$

prove that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f_k \rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f.$$

(b) Using part (a) show that if  $f_k, f \in L(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $f_k \rightarrow f$  a.e. in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f_k - f| \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

if and only if

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f_k| \longrightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f| \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

*Proof.* (a)  $\implies$  (b): Assume part (a) then  $\implies$  if

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f_k - f| \longrightarrow 0 \tag{19}$$

as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

(b): ◀

## 1.2.4 Exam 2 (2010)

**Problem 1.** Suppose  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Show that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a ball  $B$ , centered at the origin, such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B} |f| < \varepsilon.$$

*Hint:* Use the monotone convergence theorem.

*Proof.* ◀

**Problem 2.** (a) Prove the following generalization of *Chebyshev's inequality*: Let  $0 < p < \infty$  and  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be measurable. assume that  $|f|^p \in L^1(E)$ . Then

$$|\{x \in E : f(\mathbf{x}) > \alpha\}| \leq \frac{1}{\alpha^p} \int_{\{f > \alpha\}} f^p,$$

for  $\alpha > 0$ .

(b) Let  $p$ ,  $E$ , and  $f$  be as in part (a). In addition, assume that  $\{f_k\}$  is a sequence such that  $\int_E |f_k - f|^p \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Show that  $f_k \rightarrow f$  in measure on  $E$ .

Recall that  $f_k \rightarrow f$  in measure on  $E$  if and only if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |\{\mathbf{x} \in E : |f_k(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x})| > \varepsilon\}| = 0.$$

*Proof.* ◀

**Problem 3.** Let  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ , and define

$$F(\xi) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \cos(2\pi x \xi) dx.$$

Prove that  $F$  is continuous and bounded on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* ◀

**Problem 4.** Use repeated integration techniques to prove that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-|\mathbf{x}|^2} d\mathbf{x} = \pi^{n/2}.$$

*Hint:* Start from the case  $n = 1$  by using the polar coordinates in

$$\left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-x^2} dx \right]^2 = \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-x^2} dx \right] \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-y^2} dy \right]$$

*Proof.*



**Problem 5.**

*Proof.*



## 1.2.5 Exam 2

**Problem 1.** Assume that  $f \in L(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Show that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a ball  $B$ , centered at the origin, such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B} |f| < \varepsilon.$$

*Proof.* ◀

**Problem 2.** Let  $f \in L(E)$ , and let  $\{E_j\}$  be a countable collection of pairwise disjoint measurable subsets of  $E$ , such that  $E = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j$ . Prove that

$$\int_E f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_j} f.$$

*Proof.* ◀

**Problem 3.** Let  $\{f_k\}$  be a family in  $L(E)$  satisfying the following property: For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|A| < \delta$  implies

$$\int_A |f_k| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $k \in \mathbf{N}$ . Assume  $|E| < \infty$ , and  $f_k(x) \rightarrow f(x)$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  for a.e.  $x \in E$ . Show that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_k = \int_E f.$$

(*Hint:* Use Egorov's theorem.)

*Proof.* ◀

**Problem 4.** Let  $I = [0, 1]$ ,  $f \in L(I)$ , and define  $g(x) = \int_x^1 t^{-1} f(t) dt$  for  $x \in I$ . Prove that  $g \in L(I)$  and

$$\int_I g = \int_I f.$$

*Proof.* ◀

### 1.2.6 Final Exam Practice Problems

**Problem 1.** Suppose  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and that  $x$  is a point in the Lebesgue set of  $f$ . For  $r > 0$ , let

$$A(r) := \frac{1}{|r|^n} \int_{B(0,r)} |f(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) - f(\mathbf{x})| \, d\mathbf{y}.$$

Show that:

- (a)  $A(r)$  is a continuous function of  $r$ , and  $A(r) \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow 0$ ;
- (b) there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that  $A(r) \leq M$  for all  $r > 0$ .

*Proof.* (a) Without loss of generality, we may assume  $r < s$ . Then, we want to show that as  $r \rightarrow s$ , the quantity

$$|A(s) - A(r)| \rightarrow 0.$$

Set  $F(\mathbf{y}) := |f(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) - f(\mathbf{x})|$  and consider said quantity

$$\begin{aligned} |A(s) - A(r)| &= \left| \frac{1}{|s|^n} \int_{B_s} F(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} - \frac{1}{|r|^n} \int_{B_r} F(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{|s|^n} \int_{B_s \setminus B_r} F(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} + \frac{1}{|s|^n} \int_{B_r} F(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} - \frac{1}{|r|^n} \int_{B_r} F(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{|s|^n} \int_{B_s \setminus B_r} F(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} + \left( \frac{1}{|s|^n} - \frac{1}{|r|^n} \right) \int_{B_r} F(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} \right| \\ &\leq \underbrace{\frac{1}{|s|^n} \int_{B_s \setminus B_r} F(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y}}_{I_1} + \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{|s|^n} - \frac{1}{|r|^n} \right) \int_{B_r} F(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y}}_{I_2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we must show that the quantities  $I_1, I_2 \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow s$ .

To see that  $A(r) \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow 0$ , note that  $x$  is a point of the Lebesgue set of  $f$  and that

$$0 = \lim_{B_r \searrow \mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{|B_1||r|^n} \int_{B_r} |f(\mathbf{y}) - f(\mathbf{x})| \, d\mathbf{y} = \frac{1}{|B_1|} \lim_{B_r \searrow \mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{|r|^n} \int_{B_r} |f(\mathbf{t}) - f(\mathbf{x})| \, d\mathbf{t} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} A(r).$$

by making the change of variables  $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}$ .

(b) ◀

**Problem 2.** Let  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a measurable set,  $1 \leq n < \infty$ . Assume  $\{f_k\}$  is a sequence in  $L^p(E)$  converging pointwise a.e. on  $E$  to a function  $f \in L^p(E)$ . Prove that

$$\|f_k - f\|_p \rightarrow 0$$

if and only if

$$\|f_k\|_p \rightarrow \|f\|_p$$

as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* ◀

**Problem 3.** Let  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $f \in L^p(E)$ ,  $g \in L^{p'}(E)$ .

- (a) Prove that  $f * g \in C(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .
- (b) Does this conclusion continue to be valid when  $p = 1$  and  $p = \infty$ ?

*Proof.* ◀

**Problem 4.** Let  $f \in L(\mathbb{R})$ , and let  $F(t) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \cos(tx) dx$ .

- (a) Prove that  $F(t)$  is continuous for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (b) Prove the following *Riemann–Lebesgue lemma*:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} F(t) = 0.$$

*Proof.* ◀

**Problem 5.** Let  $f$  be of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ ,  $-\infty < a < b < \infty$ . If  $f = g + h$ , with  $g$  absolutely continuous and  $h$  singular. Show that

$$\int_a^b \varphi \, df = \int_a^b \varphi f' \, dx + \int_a^b \varphi \, dh$$

for all functions  $\varphi$  continuous on  $[a, b]$ .

*Proof.* ◀

### 1.2.7 Final Exam 2010

**Problem 1.** Suppose that  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , and that  $\mathbf{x}$  is a point in the Lebesgue set of  $f$ . For  $r > 0$ , let

$$A(r) := \frac{1}{r^n} \int_{B_r} |f(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) - f(\mathbf{x})| \, d\mathbf{y},$$

where  $B_r := B(\mathbf{0}, r)$ .

Show that

- (a)  $A(r)$  is a continuous function of  $r$ , and  $A(r) \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow 0$ .
- (b) There exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that  $A(r) \leq M$  for all  $r > 0$ .

*Proof.* (a)

(b) ◀

**Problem 2.** Let  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a measurable set,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . assume that  $\{f_k\}$  is a sequence in  $L^p(E)$  converging pointwise a.e. on  $E$  to a function  $f \in L^p(E)$ . Prove that

$$\|f_k - f\|_p \rightarrow 0 \iff \|f_k\|_p \rightarrow \|f\|_p$$

*Hint:* To prove one of the implications, you can use the following fact without proving it:

$$\left| \frac{a - b}{2} \right| \leq \frac{|a|^p + |b|^p}{2}$$

for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* ◀

**Problem 3.** Let  $0 < p < q < r \leq \infty$ ,  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a measurable set. Show that each  $f \in L^q(E)$  is the sum of a function  $g \in L^p(E)$  and a function  $h \in L^r(E)$ .

*Proof.* ◀

**Problem 4.** Prove that  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Lipschitz continuous if and only if  $f$  is absolutely continuous and there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that  $|f'| < M$  a.e. on  $[a, b]$ .

*Proof.* ◀

**Problem 5.** Let  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $g \in L^{p'}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

- (a) Prove that  $f * g \in C(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .
- (b) Does this conclusion continue to be valid when  $p = 1$  or  $p = \infty$ ?

*Proof.* ◀



**1.2.8 Final Exam**



## Chapter 2

# MA 544 Past Quals

### 2.1 Danielli: Winter 2012

**Problem 1.** Let  $f(x, y)$ ,  $0 \leq x, y \leq 1$ , satisfy the following conditions: for each  $x$ ,  $f(x, y)$  is an integrable function of  $y$ , and  $\partial f(x, y)/\partial x$  is a bounded function of  $(x, y)$ . Prove that  $\partial f(x, y)/\partial x$  is a measurable function of  $y$  for each  $x$  and

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_0^1 f(x, y) dy = \int_0^1 \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} dy.$$

*Proof.* ◀

**Problem 2.** Let  $f$  be a function of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ ,  $-\infty < a < b < \infty$ . If  $f = g + h$ , with  $g$  absolutely continuous and  $h$  singular, show that

$$\int_a^b \varphi df = \int_a^b \varphi f' dx + \int_a^b \varphi dh.$$

*Hint:* A function  $h$  is said to be singular if  $h' = 0$ .

*Proof.* ◀

**Problem 3.** Let  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$  be a measurable set, and let  $K$  be a measurable function on  $E \times E$ . Assume that there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that

$$\int_E K(x, y) dx \leq C \tag{1}$$

for a.e.  $y \in E$ , and

$$\int_E K(x, y) dy \leq C \tag{2}$$

for a.e.  $x \in E$ .

Let  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $f \in L^p(E)$ , and define

$$T_f(x) := \int_E K(x, y) f(y) dy.$$

(a) Prove that  $T_f \in L^p(E)$  and

$$\|T_f\|_p \leq C\|f\|_p. \quad (3)$$

(b) Is (3) still valid if  $p = 1$  or  $\infty$ ? If so, are assumptions (1) and (2) needed?

*Proof.* ◀

**Problem 4.** Let  $f$  be a nonnegative measurable function on  $[0, 1]$  satisfying

$$|\{x \in [0, 1] : f(x) > \alpha\}| < \frac{1}{1 + \alpha^2} \quad (4)$$

for  $\alpha > 0$ .

- (a) Determine values of  $p \in [1, \infty)$  for which  $f \in L^p[0, 1]$ .
- (b) If  $p_0$  is the minimum value of  $p$  for which  $p$  may fail to be in  $L^p$ , give an example of a function which satisfies (4), but which is not in  $L^{p_0}[0, 1]$ .

*Proof.* ◀

## 2.2 Danielli: Summer 2011

**Problem 1.** Let  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ , and let  $F(t) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \cos(tx) \, dx$ .

- (a) Prove that  $F(t)$  is continuous for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (b) Prove the following *Riemman–Lebesgue lemma*:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} F(t) = 0.$$

*Hint:* Start by proving the statement for  $f = \chi_{[a,b]}$ .

*Proof.* ◀

**Problem 2.** (a) Suppose that  $f_k, f \in L^2(E)$ , with  $E$  a measurable set, and that

$$\int_E f_k g \longrightarrow \int_E f g \quad (1)$$

as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $g \in L^2(E)$ . If, in addition,  $\|f_k\|_2 \rightarrow \|f\|_2$  show that  $f_k$  converges to  $f$  in  $L^2$ , i.e., that

$$\int_E |f - f_k|^2 \longrightarrow 0$$

as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

- (b) Provide an example of a sequence  $f_k$  in  $L^2$  and a function  $f$  in  $L^2$  satisfying (1), but such that  $f_k$  does *not* converge to  $f$  in  $L^2$ .

*Proof.* ◀

**Problem 3.** A bounded function  $f$  is said to be of bounded variation on  $\mathbb{R}$  if it is of bounded variation on any finite subinterval  $[a, b]$ , and moreover  $A := \sup_{a,b} V[a, b; f] < \infty$ . Here,  $V[a, b; f]$  denotes the total variation of  $f$  over the interval  $[a, b]$ . Show that:

- (a)  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x+h) - f(x)| \, dx \leq A|h|$  for all  $h \in \mathbb{R}$ .

*Hint:* For  $h > 0$ , write

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x+h) - f(x)| \, dx = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{nh}^{(n+1)h} |f(x+h) - f(x)| \, dx.$$

- (b)  $\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \varphi'(x) \, dx \right| \leq A$ , where  $\varphi$  is any function of class  $C^1$ , of bounded variation, compactly supported, with  $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |\varphi(x)| \leq 1$ .

*Proof.* ◀

**Problem 4.** (a) Prove the *generalized Hölder's inequality*: Assume  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , with  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 1/p_j = 1/r \leq 1$ . If  $E$  is a measurable set and  $f_j \in L^{p_j}(E)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , then  $\prod_{j=1}^n f_j \in L^r(E)$  and

$$\|f_1 \cdots f_n\|_r \leq \|f_1\|_{p_1} \cdots \|f_n\|_{p_n}.$$

(b) Use part (a) to show that that if  $1 \leq p, q, r \leq \infty$ , with  $1/p + 1/q = 1/r + 1$ ,  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$ , and  $g \in L^q(\mathbb{R})$ , then

$$|(f * g)(x)| \leq \|f\|_p^{r-p} \|g\|_q^{r-q} \int |f(y)|^p |g(x-y)|^q dy.$$

(Recall that  $(f * g)(x) := \int f(y)g(x-y) dy$ .)

(c) Prove *Young's convolution theorem*: Assume that  $p, q, r, f$ , and  $g$  are as in part (b). Then  $f * g \in L^r(\mathbb{R})$  and

$$\|f * g\|_r \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q.$$

*Proof.*



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