

MA544: Qual Problems

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Notes based off of Wheeden and Zygmund's *Measure and Integral* book.

1.1 Exam 1 Review

This is all of the material we covered before exam 1.

Introductory material I should have known from 504.

If \mathcal{F} is a countable (i.e., finite or countably infinite), it will be called a *sequence of sets* and denoted $\mathcal{F} := \{E_k : k = 1, 2, \dots\}$. The corresponding union and intersection will be written $\bigcup_k E_k$ and $\bigcap_k E_k$. A sequence $\{E_k\}$ of sets is said to *increase* to $\bigcup_k E_k$ if $E_k \subset E_{k+1}$ for all k and to *decrease* to $\bigcap_k E_k$ if $E_k \supset E_{k+1}$ for all k ; we use the notation $E_k \nearrow \bigcap_k E_k$ and $E_k \searrow \bigcup_k E_k$ to denote these two possibilities. If $\{E_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ is a sequence of sets, we define

$$\limsup E_k = \bigcap_{j=1}^\infty \bigcup_{k=j}^\infty E_k, \quad \liminf E_k = \bigcup_{j=1}^\infty \bigcap_{k=j}^\infty E_k, \quad (1)$$

noting that the sets $U_j := \bigcup_{k=j}^\infty E_k$ and $V_j := \bigcap_{k=j}^\infty E_k$ satisfy $U_j \searrow \limsup E_k$ and $V_j \nearrow \liminf E_k$. Then $\limsup E_k$ consists of those points of \mathbf{R}^n that belong to infinitely many E_k and $\liminf E_k$ to those that belong to all E_k for $k \geq k_0$ (where k_0 may vary from point to point). Thus $\liminf E_k \subset \limsup E_k$.

If E_1 and E_2 are two sets, we define $E_1 \setminus E_2$ by $E_1 \setminus E_2 := E_1 \cap \mathbb{C}E_2$ and call it the *difference* of E_1 and E_2 or the *relative complement* of E_2 in E_1 . We will often have occasion to use *de Morgan laws*, which govern relations between complements, unions, and intersections; these state that

$$\mathbb{C}\left(\bigcup_{E \in \mathcal{F}} E\right) = \bigcap_{E \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{C}E, \quad \mathbb{C}\left(\bigcap_{E \in \mathcal{F}} E\right) = \bigcup_{E \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{C}E, \quad (2)$$

and are easily verified.

If $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^n$, we say that a sequence $\{\mathbf{x}_k\}$ *converges* to \mathbf{x} , or that \mathbf{x} is the *limit point* of $\{\mathbf{x}_k\}$, if $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k\| \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. We denote this by writing either $\mathbf{x} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{x}_k$ or $\mathbf{x}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{x}$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. A point $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^n$ is called a *limit point of a set* E if it is the limit point of a sequence of distinct points of E . A point $\mathbf{x} \in E$ is called a *isolated point* of E if it is not the limit point of any sequence in E (excluding the trivial sequence $\{\mathbf{x}_k\}$ where $\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{x}$ for all $k \in \mathbf{N}$). It follows that \mathbf{x} is isolated if and only if there is a $\delta > 0$ such that $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| > \delta$ for every $\mathbf{y} \in E$, $\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{x}$.

For sequences $\{x_k\}$ in \mathbf{R} , we will write $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = \infty$, or $x_k \rightarrow \infty$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$, if given $M > 0$ there is an integer N such that $x_k \geq M$ whenever $k \geq N$.

A sequence $\{\mathbf{x}_k\}$ in \mathbf{R}^n is called a *Cauchy sequence* if given $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists an integer N such that $\|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x}_\ell\| < \varepsilon$ for all $k, \ell \geq N$. \mathbf{R}^n is a complete metric space, i.e., every Cauchy sequence in \mathbf{R}^n converges to a point of \mathbf{R}^n .

A set $E \subset E_1$ is said to be *dense* in E_1 if for every $\mathbf{x}_1 \in E_1$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a point $\mathbf{x} \in E$ such that $0 < \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_1\| < \varepsilon$. Thus, E is dense in E_1 if every point of E_1 is a limit point of E . If $E = E_1$, we say E is *dense in itself*. As an example, the set of limit points of \mathbf{R}^n each of whose coordinates is a rational number is dense in \mathbf{R}^n . Since this set is also countable, it follows that \mathbf{R}^n is *separable*, by which we mean that \mathbf{R}^n has a countable dense subset.

For nonempty subsets E of \mathbf{R} , we use the standard notation $\sup E$ and $\inf E$ for the *supremum* (least upper bound) and *infimum* (greatest lower bound) of E . In case $\sup E$ belong to E , it will be called $\max E$; similarly, $\inf E$ will be called $\min E$ if it belongs to E .

If $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence of points in \mathbf{R} , let $b_j = \sup_{k \geq j} a_k$ and $c_j = \inf_{k \geq j} a_k$, $j = 1, 2, \dots$. Then $-\infty \leq c_j \leq b_j \leq \infty$ and $\{b_j\}$ and $\{c_j\}$ are monotone decreasing and increasing, respectively; that is, $b_j \geq b_{j+1}$ and $c_j \leq c_{j+1}$. Define $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k$ and $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k$ by

$$\begin{aligned}\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} b_j = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \lim_{k \geq j} a_k \right\}, \\ \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} c_j = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \lim_{k \geq j} a_k \right\}.\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

Theorem 1 (1.4). (a) $L := \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k$ if and only if (i) there is a subsequence $\{a_{k_j}\}$ of $\{a_k\}$ that converges to L and (ii) if $L' > L$, there is an integer N such that $a_k < L'$ for $k \geq N$.

(b) $\ell := \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k$ if and only if (i) there is a subsequence $\{a_{k_j}\}$ of $\{a_k\}$ that converges to ℓ and (ii) if $\ell' < \ell$, there is an integer N such that $a_k > \ell'$ for $k \geq N$.

Thus, when they are finite, $\limsup a_k$ and $\liminf a_k$ are the largest and smallest limit points of $\{a_k\}$, respectively.

We can also use the metric on \mathbf{R} to define the *diameter* of a set E by letting

$$\text{diam } E := \{ \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| : \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in E \}.\tag{4}$$

If the diameter of E is finite, E is said to be *bounded*. Equivalently, E is bounded if there is a finite constant M such that $\|\mathbf{x}\| \leq M$ for all $\mathbf{x} \in E$. If E_1 and E_2 are two sets, the *distance between* E_1 and E_2 is defined by

$$d(E_1, E_2) := \inf \{ \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| : \mathbf{x} \in E_1, \mathbf{y} \in E_2 \}.\tag{5}$$

For $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^n$ and $\delta > 0$, the set

$$B(\mathbf{x}, \delta) := \{ \mathbf{y} : \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| < \delta \}\tag{6}$$

is called the *open ball with center* \mathbf{x} and *radius* δ . A point \mathbf{x} of a set E is called an *interior point* of E if there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $B(\mathbf{x}, \delta) \subset E$. The collection of all interior points of E is called the *interior* of E and denoted E° . A set E is said to be *open* if $E^\circ = E$; that is, E is open if for each $\mathbf{x} \in E$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $B(\mathbf{x}, \delta) \subset E$. The empty set \emptyset is open by convention. The whole space \mathbf{R}^n is clearly open and $B(\mathbf{x}, \delta)$ is evidently open. We will generally denote open sets by the letter G .

A set E is called *closed* if $\mathcal{C}E$ is open. Note that \emptyset and \mathbf{R}^n are closed. Closed sets will generally be denoted by the letter F . The union of a set E and all its limit points is called the *closure* of E and written \bar{E} . By the *boundary* of E , we mean $\partial E := \bar{E} \setminus E^\circ$.

Theorem 2 (1.5). (i) $\overline{B(\mathbf{x}, \delta)} = \{ \mathbf{y} : \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| \leq \delta \}$

(ii) E is closed if and only if $E = \bar{E}$; that is, E is closed if and only if it contains all of its limit points.

(iii) \bar{E} is closed, and \bar{E} is the smallest closed set containing E ; that is, F is closed and $E \subset F$, then $\bar{E} \subset F$.

(The rest of this is a bunch of theorems that can be expressed in more generality from a more topological perspective. At any rate, they are very basic.)

Consider a collection $\{A\}$ of sets A . A set is said to be of *type* A_δ if it can be written as a countable intersection of sets A and of *type* A_σ if it can be written as a countable union of sets A . The most common uses of this notation are G_δ and F_σ , where $\{G\}$ denotes open sets in \mathbf{R}^n and $\{F\}$ closed sets. Hence, H is of *type* G_δ if

$$H = \bigcap_k G_k, \quad G_k \text{ open}, \quad (7)$$

and is of *type* F_σ if

$$H = \bigcup_k F_k, \quad F_k \text{ closed}. \quad (8)$$

The complement of a G_δ set is an F_σ and vice-a-versa.

Another type of set that we have the occasion to use is the *perfect set*, by which we mean a closed set C each of whose points is a limit point of C . Thus, a perfect set is a closed set that is dense in itself.

Theorem 3 (1.9). *A perfect set is uncountable.*

Other special sets that will be important are n -dimensional intervals. When $n = 1$ and $a < b$, we will use the usual notations $[a, b] := \{x : a \leq x \leq b\}$, $(a, b) := \{x : a < x < b\}$, etc. Whenever we use just the word interval, we generally mean closed interval. An n -dimensional interval I is a subset of \mathbf{R}^n of the form $I := \{\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) : a_k \leq x_k \leq b_k, k = 1, \dots, n\}$, where $a_k < b_k$, $k = 1, \dots, n$. An interval is thus closed, and we say it has edges parallel to the coordinate axes. If the edge lengths $b_k - a_k$ are all equal, I will be called an *n -dimensional cube* with edges parallel to the coordinate axes. Cubes will usually be denoted by the letter Q . Two intervals are said to be *nonoverlapping* if their interiors are disjoint, that is, if the most they have in common is some part of their boundaries. A set equal to an interval minus will be called a *partly-open interval*. By definition, the *volume* $\text{vol}(I)$ of the interval $I := \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) : a_k \leq x_k \leq b_k, k = 1, \dots, n\}$ is

$$\text{vol}(I) := \prod_{k=1}^n (b_k - a_k). \quad (9)$$

More generally, if $\{\mathbf{e}_k\}_{k=1}^n$ is any given set of n vectors emanating from a point in \mathbf{R}^n , we will consider the closed *parallelepiped*

$$P := \left\{ \mathbf{x} : \mathbf{x} = \sum_{k=1}^n t_k \mathbf{e}_k, 0 \leq t_k \leq 1 \right\}. \quad (10)$$

Note that the edges of P are parallel translates of \mathbf{e}_k . Thus, P is an interval if the \mathbf{e}_k are parallel to the coordinate axes. The *volume* $\text{vol } P$ of P is *by definition* the absolute value of the $n \times n$ determinant having $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n$ as rows. In case P is an interval, this definition agrees with the one given earlier. A linear transformation T of \mathbf{R}^n transforms a parallelepiped P into a parallelepiped P' with volume $\text{vol } P' = |\det T| \text{vol } P$. In particular, rotation of the axes in \mathbf{R}^n does not change the volume of a parallelepiped.

Theorem 4 (1.10). *Every open set in \mathbf{R} can be written as a countable union of disjoint open intervals.*

Proof. Let G be an open subset of \mathbf{R} . For each x in G , by Zorn's lemma, we may choose a maximal interval $I_x \subset G$. Now, if $x, x' \in G$ are distinct points, then, by maximality, either $I_x = I_{x'}$ or $I_x \cap I_{x'} = \emptyset$. Clearly, $G = \bigcup_{x \in G} I_x$. Since each I_x contains a rational number, the number of distinct I_x must be countable, and the theorem follows. ■

Theorem 5 (1.11). *Every open set in \mathbf{R}^n , $n \geq 1$, can be written as a countable union of nonoverlapping (closed) cubes. It can also be written as a countable union of disjoint partly open cubes.*

Proof. The proof is analogous to that of Theorem 1.10, but more general. Consider a lattice of points of \mathbf{R}^n with integral coordinates and the corresponding net K_0 of cubes with edge length 1 and vertices. Bisecting each edge of a cube in K_0 , we obtain from it 2^n subcubes of edge length $1/2$. The total collection of these subcubes for every cube in K_0 forms a net K_1 of cubes. If we continue bisecting, we obtain finer and finer nets K_j of cubes such that each cube in K_j has edge length 2^{-j} and is the union of 2^n nonoverlapping cubes in K_{j+1} .

Now let G be any open set in \mathbf{R}^n . Let S_0 be the collection of all cubes K_0 that lie entirely in G . Let S_1 be those cubes in K_1 that lie in G but are not subcubes of any cube in S_0 . More generally, for $j \geq 1$, let S_j be the cubes in K_j that lie in G but that are not subcubes of any cube in S_0, \dots, S_{j-1} . If S denotes the total collection of cubes from all the S_j , then S is countable since each K_j is countable, and the cubes in S are nonoverlapping by construction. Hence, $G = \bigcup_{Q \in S} Q$, which proves the first statement.

The second part of the statement is left as an exercise to me, but I'm not interested in solving it; there is nothing to be gained from attempting a solution to it. ■

The collection $\{Q : Q \in K_j, j = 1, 2, \dots\}$ constructed above is called a family of dyadic cubes. In general, by *dyadic cubes*, we mean the family of cubes obtained from repeated bisection of any initial net of cubes in \mathbf{R}^n .

It follows from Theorem 1.10 that any closed set in \mathbf{R} can be constructed by deleting a countable number of open disjoint intervals from \mathbf{R} .

By cover of a set E , we mean a family \mathcal{F} of sets A such that $E \subset \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{F}} A$. A *subcover* \mathcal{F}' of a cover \mathcal{F} is a cover with the property that $A' \in \mathcal{F}$ whenever $A' \in \mathcal{F}'$. A cover \mathcal{F} is called an *open cover* if each set in \mathcal{F} is open.

Theorem 6 (1.12). (a) *(The Heine–Borel theorem) A set $E \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ is compact if and only if it is closed and bounded.*

(b) *A set $E \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ is compact if and only if every sequence of points in E has a subsequence that converges to a point of E .*

By a function f defined for \mathbf{x} in a set $E \subset \mathbf{R}^n$, we will always mean a *real-valued* function, unless explicitly stated otherwise. By *real-valued*, we generally mean *extended real-valued*, i.e., f may take the values $\pm\infty$; if $|f(\mathbf{x})| < \infty$ for all $\mathbf{x} \in E$, we say f is *finite* (or *finite-valued*) on E . A finite function f is said to be *bounded* on E if there is a finite number M such that $|f(\mathbf{x})| \leq M$ for $\mathbf{x} \in E$; that is, f is bounded on E if $\sup |f(\mathbf{x})|$, where $\mathbf{x} \in E$, is finite. A sequence $\{f_k\}$ of functions is said to be *uniformly bounded* on E if there is a finite M such that $|f_k(\mathbf{x})| \leq M$ for $\mathbf{x} \in E$ and all k .

By the *support* of f , we mean the closure of the set where f is not zero. Thus, the support of a function is always closed. It follows that a function defined in \mathbf{R}^n has *compact support* if and only if it vanishes outside some bounded set.

A function f defined on an interval I in \mathbf{R} is called *monotone increasing (decreasing)* if $f(x) \leq f(y)$ [$f(x) \geq f(y)$] whenever $x < y$ and $x, y \in I$. By *strictly monotone increasing (decreasing)*, we mean that $f(x) < f(y)$ [$f(x) > f(y)$] if $x < y$ and $x, y \in I$.

Let f be defined on $E \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ and let \mathbf{x}_0 be a limit point of E . Let $B'(\mathbf{x}_0, \delta) := B(\mathbf{x}_0, \delta) \setminus \{\mathbf{x}_0\}$ denote the punctured ball with center \mathbf{x}_0 and radius δ , and let

$$M(\mathbf{x}_0, \delta) := \sup_{\mathbf{x} \in B'(\mathbf{x}_0, \delta) \cap E} f(\mathbf{x}), \quad m(\mathbf{x}_0, \delta) := \inf_{\mathbf{x} \in B'(\mathbf{x}_0, \delta) \cap E} f(\mathbf{x}). \quad (11)$$

As $\delta \searrow 0$, $M(\mathbf{x}_0, \delta)$ decreases and $m(\mathbf{x}_0, \delta)$ increases, and we define

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{\substack{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0 \\ \mathbf{x} \in E}} f(\mathbf{x}) &= \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} M(\mathbf{x}_0, \delta) \\ \liminf_{\substack{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0 \\ \mathbf{x} \in E}} f(\mathbf{x}) &= \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} m(\mathbf{x}_0, \delta). \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Theorem 7 (1.14). (a) $M = \limsup_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0; \mathbf{x} \in E} f(\mathbf{x})$ if and only if (i) there exist \mathbf{x}_k in $E \setminus \{\mathbf{x}_0\}$ such that $\mathbf{x}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0$ and $f(\mathbf{x}_k) \rightarrow M$ and (ii) if $M' > M$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $f(\mathbf{x}) < M'$ for $\mathbf{x} \in B'(\mathbf{x}_0, \delta) \cap E$.

(b) $m = \liminf_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0; \mathbf{x} \in E} f(\mathbf{x})$ if and only if (i) there exist \mathbf{x}_k in $E \setminus \{\mathbf{x}_0\}$ such that $\mathbf{x}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0$ and $f(\mathbf{x}_k) \rightarrow m$ and (ii) if $m' < m$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $f(\mathbf{x}) > m'$ for $\mathbf{x} \in B'(\mathbf{x}_0, \delta) \cap E$.

A function f defined on a neighborhood of \mathbf{x}_0 is said to be *continuous* at \mathbf{x}_0 if $f(\mathbf{x}_0)$ is finite and $\lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0} f(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}_0)$. If f is not continuous at \mathbf{x}_0 , it follows that unless $f(\mathbf{x}_0)$ is infinite, either $\lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0} f(\mathbf{x})$ does not exist or is different from $f(\mathbf{x}_0)$.

For functions on \mathbf{R} , we will use the notation

$$f(x_0+) := \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow x_0 \\ x > x_0}} f(x) \quad f(x_0-) := \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow x_0 \\ x < x_0}} f(x). \quad (13)$$

for the *right-* and *left-hand limits* of f at x_0 , when they exist. If $f(x_0+)$, $f(x_0-)$, and $f(x_0)$ exist and are finite, but f is not continuous at x_0 , then either $f(x_0+) \neq f(x_0-)$ or $f(x_0+) = f(x_0-) \neq f(x_0)$. In the first case, x_0 is called a *jump discontinuity* of f and in the second, a *removable discontinuity* of f (since by changing the value of f at x_0 , we can make it continuous there). Such discontinuities are said to be of the *first kind*, as distinguished from those of the *second kind*, for which either $f(x_0+)$ or $f(x_0-)$ does not exist or for which $f(x_0+)$, $f(x_0-)$ or $f(x_0)$ are infinite.

If f is defined only in a set E containing \mathbf{x}_0 , $E \subset \mathbf{R}^n$, then f is said to be *continuous at \mathbf{x}_0 relative to E* if $f(\mathbf{x}_0)$ is finite and either \mathbf{x}_0 is an isolated point of E or \mathbf{x}_0 is a limit point of E and $\lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0; \mathbf{x} \in E} f(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}_0)$. If $E' \subset E$, a function is said to be *continuous in E' relative to E* if it is continuous relative to E at every point of E' .

Theorem 8 (1.15). Let E be a compact set in \mathbf{R}^n and f be continuous in E relative to E . Then the following are true:

(i) f is bounded on E , $\sup_{\mathbf{x} \in E} |f(\mathbf{x})| < \infty$.

- (ii) f attains its supremum and infimum on E ; i.e., there exists $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \in E$ such that $f(\mathbf{x}_1) = \sup_{\mathbf{x} \in E} f(\mathbf{x})$, $f(\mathbf{x}_2) = \inf_{\mathbf{x} \in E} f(\mathbf{x})$.
- (iii) f is uniformly continuous on E relative to E ; i.e., given $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $|f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{y})| < \varepsilon$ if $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| < \delta$ and $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in E$.

Theorem 9 (1.16). *Let $\{f_k\}$ be a sequence of functions defined on E that are continuous in E relative to E and that converge uniformly on E to a finite f . Then f is continuous in E relative to E .*

A transformation T of a set $E \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ into \mathbf{R}^n is a mapping $\mathbf{y} = T\mathbf{x}$ that carries points $\mathbf{x} \in E$ into points $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{R}^n$. If $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$, then T can be identified with the collection of coordinate functions $y_k = f_k(\mathbf{x})$, $k = 1, \dots, n$, which are induced by T . The image of E under T is the set $\{\mathbf{y} : \mathbf{y} = T\mathbf{x} \text{ for some } \mathbf{x} \in E\}$. T is continuous at $\mathbf{x}_0 \in E$ relative to E .

Theorem 10 (1.17). *Let $\mathbf{y} = T\mathbf{x}$ be a transformation of \mathbf{R}^n that is continuous in E relative to E . If E is compact, then so is the image TE .*

If f is defined and bounded on an interval $I := \{\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n), a_k \leq x_k \leq b_k, k = 1, \dots, n\}$ in \mathbf{R}^n , its Riemann integral will be denoted

$$(R) \int_{a_1}^{b_1} \cdots \int_{a_n}^{b_n} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \cdots dx_n \quad \text{or} \quad (R) \int_I f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \quad (14)$$

and is defined as follows. Partition I into a finite collection Γ of nonoverlapping intervals, $\Gamma = \{I_k\}_{k=1}^N$, and define the norm $\|\Gamma\|$ of Γ to be $\|\Gamma\| := \max_k \text{diam } I_k$. Select a point $\vec{\xi}_k$ in I_k for $k \geq 1$, and let

$$\begin{aligned} R_\Gamma(\vec{\xi}_1, \dots, \vec{\xi}_n) &:= \sum_{k=1}^N f(\vec{\xi}_k) \text{vol}(I_k) \\ U_\Gamma(\vec{\xi}_1, \dots, \vec{\xi}_n) &:= \sum_{k=1}^N \left[\sup_{\mathbf{x} \in I_k} f(\mathbf{x}) \right] \text{vol}(I_k) \\ L_\Gamma(\vec{\xi}_1, \dots, \vec{\xi}_n) &:= \sum_{k=1}^N \left[\inf_{\mathbf{x} \in I_k} f(\mathbf{x}) \right] \text{vol}(I_k). \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

We define the Riemann integral by saying that $A := (R) \int_I f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$ if $\lim_{\|\Gamma\| \rightarrow 0} R_\Gamma$ exists and equals A ; that is, if given $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $|A - R_\Gamma| < \varepsilon$ for any Γ and any chosen $\{\vec{\xi}_k\}$, provided only that $\|\Gamma\| < \delta$. This definition is actually equivalent to the statement that

$$\inf_\Gamma U_\Gamma = \sup_\Gamma L_\Gamma = A. \quad (16)$$

The integral of course exists if f is continuous on I .

Let f be a real-valued function that is defined and finite for all x in a closed bounded interval $a \leq x \leq b$. Let $\Gamma = \{x_0, \dots, x_m\}$ be a partition of $[a, b]$; that is, Γ is a collection of points x_i , $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$, satisfying $x_0 = a$, $x_m = b$, and $x_{i-1} < x_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, m$. With each partition Γ we associate the sum

$$S_\Gamma = S_\Gamma[f; a, b] := \sum_{i=1}^m |f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})|. \quad (17)$$

The *variation of f over $[a, b]$* is defined as

$$V = V[f; a, b] = \sup_{\Gamma} S_{\Gamma}, \quad (18)$$

where the supremum is taken over all partitions Γ of $[a, b]$. The variation of $V[f; a, b]$ will sometimes also be denoted by $V[a, b]$ or $V(f)$. Since $0 \leq S_{\Gamma} < \infty$, we have $0 \leq V \leq \infty$. If $V < \infty$, f is said to be of *bounded variation on $[a, b]$* ; if $V = \infty$, f is of *unbounded variation on $[a, b]$* .

Here are several examples

Examples 1. Suppose f is monotone in $[a, b]$. Then, clearly, each S_{Γ} equals $|f(b) - f(a)|$, and therefore $V = |f(b) - f(a)|$.

Examples 2. Suppose the graph of f can be split into a finite number of monotone arcs; that is, suppose $[a, b] = \bigcup_{i=1}^k [a_i, a_{i+1}]$ and f monotone in each $[a_i, a_{i+1}]$. Then $V = \sum_{i=1}^k |f(a_{i+1}) - f(a_i)|$. To see this, we use the result of the previous example and the fact, to be proved, in Theorem 2.2, that $V = \sum_{i=1}^k V[a_i, a_{i+1}]$.

Examples 3. Let f be defined by $f(x) := 0$ when $x \neq 0$ and $f(0) := 1$, and let $[a, b]$ be any interval containing 0 in its interior. Then S_{Γ} is either 2 or 0 depending on whether $x = 0$ is a partition point or not. Thus, $V[a, b] = 2$.

If $\Gamma = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_m\}$ is a partition of $[a, b]$, let $\|\Gamma\|$, called the *norm of Γ* , be defined as the longest subinterval of Γ :

$$\|\Gamma\| := \max_{i=1, \dots, m} x_i - x_{i-1}. \quad (19)$$

If f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and $\{\Gamma_j\}$ is a sequence of partitions $[a, b]$ with $\|\Gamma_j\| \rightarrow 0$, we shall see in Theorem 2.9 that $V = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} S_{\Gamma_j}$. The example above shows that this may fail for functions that are discontinuous even at a single point: if we take f and $[a, b]$ is in the example above and choose Γ_j such that $x = 0$ is never a partition in the point, then $\lim S_{\Gamma_j} = 0$, while if we choose the Γ_j such that $x = 0$ alternatively is and is not a point, then $\lim S_{\Gamma_j}$ does not exist.

Examples 4. Let f be the *Dirichlet function*, defined by $f(x) := 1$ for x rational and $f(x) := 0$ for x irrational. Then, clearly, $V[a, b] = \infty$ for any interval $[a, b]$.

Examples 5. A function that is continuous on an interval is not necessarily of bounded variation on the interval. To see this, let $\{a_j\}$ and $\{d_j\}$, $j = 1, 2, \dots$, be two monotone decreasing sequences in $(0, 1]$ with $a_1 = 1$, $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} a_j = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} d_j = 0$ and $\sum d_j = \infty$. Construct a continuous function f as follows. On each subinterval $[a_{j+1}, a_j]$, the graph of f consists of sides of the isosceles with base $[a_{j+1}, a_j]$ and height d_j . Thus, $f(a_j) = 0$, and if m_j denotes the midpoint of $[a_{j+1}, a_j]$, then $f(m_j) = d_j$. If we further define $f(0) = 0$, then f is continuous on $[0, 1]$. Taking Γ_k to be the partition defined by the points 0, $\{a_j\}_{j=1}^{k+1}$, and $\{m_j\}_{j=1}^k$, we see that $S_{\Gamma} = 2 \sum_{j=1}^k d_j$. Hence, $V[f; 0, 1] = \infty$.

Examples 6. A function f defined on $[a, b]$ is said to satisfy the *Lipschitz condition* on $[a, b]$, or be a *Lipschitz function* on $[a, b]$, if there is a constant C such that

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq C|x - y|$$

for all $x, y \in [a, b]$. Such a function is clearly of bounded variation, with $V[f; a, b] \leq C(b - a)$. For example, if f has a continuous derivative on $[a, b]$, or even just a bounded derivative, then (by the mean-value theorem) f satisfies the Lipschitz condition on $[a, b]$.

Theorem 11 (2.1). (i) *If f is of bounded variation on $[a, b]$, then f is bounded on $[a, b]$.*

(ii) *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 if there exist some $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $|g(x)| \geq \varepsilon$ for $x \in [a, b]$.*

Proof by Carlos. And the proof of these two is rather clear.

For (i), we provide the following arguments: First, we prove it by contradiction. Suppose that f is of bounded variation on the interval $[a, b]$. Then, the variation V of f over $[a, b]$ is finite. But if f is unbounded on $[a, b]$, for every positive real number M , there exists some $x \in [a, b]$ such that $|f(x)| > M$. In particular, we have

$$|f(x)| \leq$$

For (i), we proceed by contradiction. Suppose that f is of bounded variation on the interval $[a, b]$. Then the variation V of f over $[a, b]$ is finite. However, if f is unbounded on $[a, b]$, for every positive real number M , there exists some $x \in [a, b]$ such that $|f(x)| > M$. In particular, for any $x' \in [a, b]$ we have

$$|f(x) - f(x')| > M.$$

In turn, this tells us that $V > |f(x) - f(x')| > M$ for any partition Γ containing x , so $V = \infty$. This yields a contradiction.

For (ii),

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1.2 Exam 2 Review

This is all of the material we covered before exam 2.

Let f be defined on E , and let \mathbf{x}_0 be a limit point of E in E . Then f is said to be *upper semicontinuous at \mathbf{x}_0* if

$$\limsup_{\substack{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0 \\ \mathbf{x} \in E}} f(\mathbf{x}) \leq f(\mathbf{x}_0). \quad (20)$$

Note that if $f(\mathbf{x}_0) = \infty$, then f is usc at \mathbf{x}_0 automatically; otherwise, the statement that f is usc at \mathbf{x}_0 means that given any $M > f(\mathbf{x}_0)$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $f(\mathbf{x}) < M$ for all $\mathbf{x} \in E$ that lie in the ball $B_\delta(\mathbf{x}_0)$.

Similarly, f is said to be *lower semicontinuous at \mathbf{x}_0* if $-f$ is usc at \mathbf{x}_0 .

Theorem (4.14). *A function f is usc relative to E if and only if $\{\mathbf{x} \in E : f(\mathbf{x}) > a\}$ is relatively closed (equivalently, if $\{\mathbf{x} \in E : f(\mathbf{x}) < a\}$ is relatively open) for all finite a .*

Proof of theorem 4.14. Suppose that f is usc relative to E . Given a , let \mathbf{x}_0 be a limit point of $\{\mathbf{x} \in E : f(\mathbf{x}) > a\}$ in E . Then there exists $\mathbf{x}_k \in E$ such that $\mathbf{x}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0$ and $f(\mathbf{x}_k) > a$. Since f is usc at \mathbf{x}_0 , we have $f(\mathbf{x}_0) \geq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(\mathbf{x}_k)$. Therefore, $f(\mathbf{x}_0) > a$, so $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \{\mathbf{x} \in E : f(\mathbf{x}) > a\}$. Hence, $\{\mathbf{x} \in E : f(\mathbf{x}) > a\}$ is relatively closed.

Conversely, let \mathbf{x}_0 be a limit point of E that is in E . If f is not usc at \mathbf{x}_0 , then $f(\mathbf{x}_0) < \infty$, and there exists M and $\{\mathbf{x}_k\}$ such that $f(\mathbf{x}_0) < M$, $\mathbf{x}_k \in E$, $\mathbf{x}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0$, and $f(\mathbf{x}_k) \geq M$. Hence, $\{\mathbf{x} \in E : f(\mathbf{x}) > a\}$ is not relatively closed since it does not contain all its limit points in E . ■

Theorem (4.17, Egorov's theorem). *Suppose that $\{f_k\}$ is a sequence of measurable functions that converge a.e. in a set E of finite measure to a finite limit f . Then given $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a closed subset F of E such that $|E \setminus F| < \varepsilon$ and $f_k \rightarrow f$ uniformly on F .*

A function f defined on a measurable set E has *property \mathcal{C}* on E if given $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a closed set $F \subset E$ such that

(i) $|E \setminus F| < \varepsilon$

(ii) f is continuous relative to F .

Theorem (4.20, Lusin's theorem). *Let f be defined and finite on a measurable set E . Then f is measurable if and only if it has property \mathcal{C} on E .*

We start with a nonnegative function f defined on a measurable subset E of \mathbf{R}^n . Let's

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(f, E) &:= \{(\mathbf{x}, f(\mathbf{x})) \in \mathbf{R}^{n+1} : \mathbf{x} \in E, f(\mathbf{x}) < \infty\}, \\ R(f, E) &:= \{(\mathbf{x}, y) \in \mathbf{R}^{n+1} : \mathbf{x} \in E, 0 \leq y \leq f(\mathbf{x}) \text{ if } f(\mathbf{x}) < \infty \text{ and } 0 \leq y < \infty \text{ if } f(\mathbf{x}) = \infty\}. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

$\Gamma(f, E)$ is called the *graph of f over E* and $R(f, E)$ the *region under f over E* .

If $R(f, E)$ is measurable (as a subset of \mathbf{R}^{n+1}), its measure $|R(f, E)|_{\mathbf{R}^{n+1}}$ is called the *Lebesgue integral over E* , and we write

$$\int_E f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} := |R(f, E)|_{\mathbf{R}^{n+1}}. \quad (22)$$

This is sometimes written as

$$\int_E f$$

or at times the lengthy notation

$$\int \cdots \int_E f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \cdots dx_n$$

is convenient.

Theorem (5.1). *Let f be a nonnegative function defined on a measurable set E . Then $\int_E f$ exists if and only if f is measurable.*

Lemma (5.3). *If f is a nonnegative measurable function on E , $0 \leq |E| \leq \infty$, then $|\Gamma(f, E)| = 0$.*

Theorem (5.5). (i) *If f and g are measurable and if $0 \leq g \leq f$ on E , $\int_E g \leq \int_E f$. In particular, $\int_E \inf f \leq \int_E f$.*

(ii) *If f is nonnegative and measurable on E and if $\int_E f$ is finite, then $f < \infty$ a.e. in E .*

(iii) *Let E_1 and E_2 be measurable and $E_1 \subset E_2$. If f is nonnegative and measurable on E_2 , then $\int_{E_1} f \leq \int_{E_2} f$.*

Theorem (5.6, the monotone convergence theorem for nonnegative functions). *If $\{f_k\}$ is a sequence of nonnegative functions such that $f_k \nearrow f$ on E , then*

$$\int_E f \rightarrow \int_E f.$$

Proof. By Theorem 4.12, f is measurable since it is the limit of a sequence of measurable functions. Since $R(f_k, E) \cup \Gamma(f, E) \nearrow R(f, E)$ and $|\Gamma(f, E)| = 0$, the result follows by Theorem 3.26 on the measure of a monotone convergent sequences of measurable sets. \blacksquare

Theorem (5.9). *Let f be nonnegative on E . If $|E| = 0$, then $\int_E f = 0$.*

Theorem (5.10). *If f and g are nonnegative and measurable on E and if $g \leq f$ a.e. in E , then $\int_E g \leq \int_E f$.*

In particular, if $f = g$ a.e. in E , then $\int_E f = \int_E g$.

Theorem (5.11). *Let f be nonnegative and measurable on E . Then $\int_E f = 0$ if and only if $f = 0$ a.e. in E .*

Corollary (5.12, Chebyshev's inequality). *Let f be nonnegative and measurable on E . If $a > 0$, then*

$$\frac{1}{a} \int_E f \geq |\{\mathbf{x} \in E : f(\mathbf{x}) > a\}|.$$

Theorem (5.13). *If f is nonnegative and measurable, and if c is any nonnegative constant, then*

$$\int_E cf = c \int_E f.$$

Theorem (5.14). *If f and g are nonnegative and measurable, then*

$$\int_E (f + g) = \int_E f + \int_E g.$$

Corollary. *Suppose that f and φ are measurable on E , $0 \leq f \leq \varphi$, and $\int_E \varphi$ is finite. Then*

$$\int_E (\varphi - f) = \int_E \varphi - \int_E f.$$

Theorem (5.16). *If f_k , $k = 1, 2, \dots$, are nonnegative and measurable, then*

$$\int_E \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_E f_k.$$

Theorem (5.17, Fatou's lemma). *If $\{f_k\}$ is a sequence of nonnegative measurable functions on E , then*

$$\int_E \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_k.$$

Proof of Fatou's lemma. ■

Theorem (5.19, Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem for nonnegative functions). *Let $\{f_k\}$ be a sequence of nonnegative measurable functions on E such that $f_k \rightarrow f$ a.e. in E . If there exists a measurable function φ such that $f_k \leq \varphi$ a.e. for all k and if $\int_E \varphi$ is finite, then*

$$\int_E f_k \rightarrow \int_E f.$$

Theorem (5.21). *Let f be measurable in E . Then f is integrable over E if and only if $|f|$ is.*

Theorem (5.22). *If $f \in L^1(E)$, then f is finite a.e. in E .*

Theorem (5.24). *If $\int_E f$ exists and $E = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbf{N}} E_k$ is the countable union of disjoint measurable sets E_k , then*

$$\int_E f = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{N}} \int_{E_k} f.$$

Theorem (5.25). *If $|E| = 0$ or if $f = 0$ a.e. in E , then $\int_E f = 0$.*

Theorem (5.32, monotone convergence theorem). *Let $\{f_k\}$ be a sequence of measurable functions on E :*

- (i) *If $f_k \nearrow f$ a.e. on E and there exists $\varphi \in L^1(E)$ such that $f_k \leq \varphi$ a.e. on E for all k , then $\int_E f_k \rightarrow \int_E f$.*
- (ii) *If $f_k \searrow f$ a.e. on E and there exists $\varphi \in L^1(E)$ such that $f_k \leq \varphi$ a.e. on E for all k , then $\int_E f_k \rightarrow \int_E f$.*

Theorem (5.33, uniform convergence theorem). *Let $f_k \in L^1(E)$ for $k \in \mathbf{N}$ and let $\{f_k\}$ converge uniformly to f on E , $|E| < \infty$. Then $f \in L^1(E)$ and $\int_E f_k \rightarrow \int_E f$.*

Theorem (5.34, Fatou's lemma). *Let $\{f_k\}$ be a sequence of measurable functions on E . If there exists $\varphi \in L^1(E)$ such that $f_k \geq \varphi$ a.e. on E for all k , then*

$$\int_E \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_k.$$

Corollary (5.35, reverse Fatou's lemma). *Let $\{f_k\}$ be a sequence of measurable functions on E . If there exists $\varphi \in L^1(E)$ such that $f_k \leq \varphi$ a.e. on E for all k , then*

$$\int_E \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k \geq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_k.$$

Theorem (5.36, Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem). *Let $\{f_k\}$ be a sequence of measurable functions on E such that $f_k \rightarrow f$ a.e. in E . If there exists $\varphi \in L^1(E)$ such that $|f_k| \leq \varphi$ a.e. in E for all $k \in \mathbf{N}$, then $\int_E f_k \rightarrow \int_E f$.*

Corollary (5.37, bounded convergence theorem). *Let $\{f_k\}$ be a sequence of measurable functions on E such that $f_k \rightarrow f$ a.e. in E . If $|E| < \infty$ there is a finite constant M such that $|f_k| \leq M$ a.e. in E , then $\int_E f_k \rightarrow \int_E f$.*

Theorem (6.1 Fubini's theorem). *Let $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in L^1(I)$, $I := I_1 \times I_2$. Then*

- (i) *For almost every $\mathbf{x} \in I_1$, $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ is measurable and integrable on I_2 as a function of \mathbf{y} ;*
- (ii) *As a function of \mathbf{x} , $\int_{I_2} f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y}$ is measurable and integrable on I_1 , and*

$$\iint_I f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{y} = \int_{I_1} \left[\int_{I_2} f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y} \right] d\mathbf{x}.$$

Theorem (6.8). *Let $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ be a measurable function defined on a measurable subset E of \mathbf{R}^{n+m} , and let $E_{\mathbf{x}} := \{\mathbf{y} : (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in E\}$.*

- (i) *For almost every $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^n$, $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ is a measurable function of \mathbf{y} on $E_{\mathbf{x}}$.*
- (ii) *If $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in L^1(E)$, then for almost every $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^n$, $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ is an integrable function on $E_{\mathbf{x}}$ with respect to \mathbf{y} ; moreover $\int_{E_{\mathbf{x}}} f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y}$ is an integrable function of \mathbf{x} and*

$$\iint_E f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{y} = \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \left[\int_{E_{\mathbf{x}}} f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y} \right] d\mathbf{x}.$$

Theorem (6.10, Tonelli's theorem). *Let $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ be nonnegative and measurable on an interval $I = I_1 \times I_2$ of \mathbf{R}^{n+m} . Then, for almost every $\mathbf{x} \in I_1$, $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ is a measurable function of \mathbf{y} on I_2 . Moreover, as a function of \mathbf{x} , $\int_{I_2} f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y}$ is measurable on I_1 , and*

$$\iint_I f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{y} = \int_{I_1} \left[\int_{I_2} f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y} \right] d\mathbf{x}$$

If f and g are measurable in \mathbf{R}^n , their *convolution* $(f * g)(\mathbf{x})$ is defined by

$$(f * g)(\mathbf{x}) := \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} f(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})g(\mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y},$$

provided the integral exists.

Theorem (6.14). *If $f \in L^1(\mathbf{R}^n)$ and $g \in L^1(\mathbf{R}^n)$, then $(f * g)(\mathbf{x})$ exists for almost every $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^n$ and is measurable. Moreover, $f * g \in L^1(\mathbf{R}^n)$ and*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f * g| \, d\mathbf{x} &\leq \left(\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f| \, d\mathbf{x} \right) \left(\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |g| \, d\mathbf{x} \right) \\ \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} (f * g)(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} &= \left(\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} f \, d\mathbf{x} \right) \left(\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} g \, d\mathbf{x} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Corollary (6.16). *If f and g are nonnegative and measurable on \mathbf{R}^n , then $f * g$ is measurable on \mathbf{R}^n and*

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} (f * g) \, d\mathbf{x} = \left(\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} f \, d\mathbf{x} \right) \left(\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} g \, d\mathbf{x} \right).$$

Theorem (6.17, Marcinkiewicz). *Let F be a closed subset of a bounded open interval (a, b) , and let $\delta(x) := \delta(x, F)$ be the corresponding distance function. Then, given $\lambda > 0$, the integral*

$$M_\lambda(x) := \int_a^b \frac{\delta(y)^\lambda}{|x - y|^{1+\lambda}} \, dy$$

is finite a.e. in F . Moreover, $M_\lambda \in L^1(F)$ and

$$\int_F M_\lambda \, dx \leq 2\lambda^{-1}|G|,$$

where $G := (a, b) \setminus F$.

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2.1 Exam 1 Prep

Problem 2.1. Let $E \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ be a measurable set, $r \in \mathbf{R}$ 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 linear map $T: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$ by $\mathbf{x} \mapsto r\mathbf{x}$. Using the standard basis for \mathbf{R}^n , this map has the matrix presentation

$$T\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} r & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & r \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \quad (23)$$

which has determinant $\det T = r^n$. By 3.35, we have $|E| = |T(E)| = r^n|E| = |rE|$. ■

Problem 2.2. 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. If the $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} |E_k| = \infty$ the inequality holds trivially. Hence, we may, without loss of generality, assume that $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} |E_k| < \infty$. By 3.20, the set $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} E_k$ is measurable and we have

$$\left| \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} E_k \right| = \left| \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k \right|, \quad (24)$$

where $F_k := \bigcap_{n=k}^{\infty} E_n$. Now, note that the collection of sets $F'_k := \bigcup_{\ell=1}^k F_\ell$ forms an increasing sequence of measurable sets $F'_k \nearrow F'$, where $F' = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k = \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} E_k$. Then, by 3.26 (i), we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |F'_k| = |F'| = \left| \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} E_k \right|. \quad (25)$$

Hence, it suffices to show that $|F'_k| \leq |E_k|$ for all k , but this follows by monotonicity of the outer measure, 3.3, since $F'_k \subset E_k$. Thus, we have the desired inequality

$$\left| \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} E_k \right| \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} |E_k|. \quad (26)$$

■

Problem 2.3. Consider the function

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

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

Proof. That F is increasing is immediate from the monotonicity of the outer measure since for $x < x'$ we have $B(\mathbf{0}, x) \subset B(\mathbf{0}, x')$ so, by 3.2, we have

$$F(x)|B(\mathbf{0}, x)| \leq |B(\mathbf{0}, x')| = F(x')$$

as desired.

To see that F is continuous, we will prove the following lemma

Lemma 12. *For any $x > 0$, $xB(\mathbf{0}, 1) = B(\mathbf{0}, x)$.*

Proof of lemma. If $\mathbf{y} \in xB(\mathbf{0}, 1)$ then $\mathbf{y} = x\mathbf{y}'$ for $\mathbf{y}' \in B(\mathbf{0}, 1)$. Thus, $|\mathbf{y}'| = |\mathbf{y}|/x < 1$ so $|\mathbf{y}| < x$ implies that $\mathbf{y} \in B(\mathbf{0}, x)$. Hence, we have the containment $xB(\mathbf{0}, 1) \subset B(\mathbf{0}, x)$.

On the other hand, if $\mathbf{y} \in B(\mathbf{0}, x)$ then $|\mathbf{y}| < x$ so $|\mathbf{y}|/x < 1$. Hence, $\mathbf{y}/x \in B(\mathbf{0}, 1)$ so $x(\mathbf{y}/x) = \mathbf{y} \in xB(\mathbf{0}, 1)$. Thus, $B(\mathbf{0}, x) \subset xB(\mathbf{0}, 1)$ and equality holds. ♣

In light of Lemma 12 and 3.35, for $x > 0$, we have

$$F(x) = |B(\mathbf{0}, x)| = |xB(\mathbf{0}, 1)| = x^n |B(\mathbf{0}, 1)|. \quad (27)$$

It is clear that F is continuous on the interval $[0, \infty)$ since F is a polynomial in x . ■

Problem 2.4. Let $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ 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_δ .

Proof. From the topological definition of continuity, f is continuous at $x \in C$ if and only if for every neighborhood U of $f(x)$, the preimage $f^{-1}(U)$ is a neighborhood of x . Now, ■

Let $x \in C$. Then, by the definition of continuity, for every natural number $n > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $|x - x'| < \delta$ implies

$$|f(x) - f(x')| < \frac{1}{2n}. \quad (28)$$

Let $x'', x' \in B(x, \delta)$. Then, by the triangle inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x') - f(x'')| &= |f(x') - f(x) - (f(x'') - f(x))| \\ &\leq |f(x') - f(x)| + |f(x'') - f(x)| \\ &< \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{1}{2n} \\ &= \frac{1}{n}. \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

In view of these estimates, define the set

$$A_n := \left\{ x \in \mathbf{R} : \text{there exists } \delta > 0 \text{ such that } x', x'' \in B(x, \delta) \text{ implies } |f(x') - f(x'')| < \frac{1}{n} \right\}. \quad (30)$$

Good Lord, that was a long definition! We claim that $C = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ and that A_n is open for all n .

First, let us show that $C = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$. Let $x \in C$. Then for every $n > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $|x - x'| < \delta$ implies $|f(x) - f(x')| < 1/n$. Thus, $x \in A_n$ for all n so $x \in \bigcap A_n$. On the other hand, if $x \in \bigcap A_n$ for every $n > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $|x - x'| < \delta$ implies $|f(x) - f(x')| < 1/n$.

Fix $\varepsilon > 0$. By the Archimedean principle, there exists $N > 0$ such that $\varepsilon > 1/N$. Then, since $x \in A_N$ it follows that for some $\delta' > 0$, $|x - x'| < \delta'$ implies $|f(x) - f(x')| < 1/N < \varepsilon$. Thus, $x \in C$ and we conclude that $C = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$.

Lastly, we show that A_n is open. Let $x \in A_n$. Then there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $|x - x'| < \delta$ implies $|f(x) - f(x')| < 1/n$. In particular, this means that $B(x, \delta) \subset A_n$ for any $x' \in B(x, \delta)$ satisfies $|f(x) - f(x')| < 1/n$. Thus, A_n is open and we conclude that $C = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ is a G_δ set.

Problem 2.5. Let $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a function. Is it true that if the sets $\{f = r\}$ are measurable for all $r \in \mathbf{R}$, then f is measurable?

Proof. No. Recall that, by definition, or 4.1, f is measurable if and only if $\{f > a\}$ for all $a \in \mathbf{R}$. ■

Problem 2.6. Let $\{f_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of measurable functions on \mathbf{R} . Prove that the set $\{x : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k(x) \text{ exists}\}$ is measurable.

Proof. The idea here should be to rewrite

$$E := \left\{ x : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k(x) \text{ exists} \right\} \quad (31)$$

as a countable union/intersection of measurable sets. Let $x \in E$. By the Cauchy criterion, for every $N > 0$ there exists a positive integer M such that $m, n \geq M$ implies $|f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < 1/N$. With this in mind, define

$$E_N := \left\{ x : \text{there exists } M \text{ such that } m, n \geq M \text{ implies } |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < \frac{1}{N} \right\}. \quad (32)$$

Then, like for Problem 1.4, it is not too hard to see that the E_n 's are open and that $E = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$. Thus, E is a G_δ set and therefore measurable. ■

Problem 2.7. 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 $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is absolutely continuous. Then for fixed $\varepsilon = 1$, 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 $\sum_{k=1}^N b_k - a_k < \delta$, we have $\sum_{k=1}^N |f(b_k) - f(a_k)| < \varepsilon$. Let $\Gamma := \{x_k\}_{k=1}^N$ be a partition of $[a, b]$ into closed intervals such that $x_{k+1} - x_k < \delta$, then by absolute continuity we have

$$\begin{aligned} V[f; \Gamma] &= \sum_{k=1}^N |f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)| \\ &< 1. \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

Thus, $f \in \text{BV}[a, b]$. ■

Problem 2.8. Let f be a continuous function from $[a, b]$ into \mathbf{R} . Let $\chi_{\{c\}}$ be the characteristic function of a singleton $\{c\}$, i.e., $\chi_{\{c\}}(x) = 0$ 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.

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3 Exam 1

3.1 Exam 2 Prep

Problem 3.1. Define for $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^n$,

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

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

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

Proof. Recall that a real-valued function $f: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is (Lebesgue) integrable over a subset E of \mathbf{R}^n (or, alternatively, f belongs to $L^1(E)$) if

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

Put $E := \mathbf{R}^n \setminus B_\varepsilon(\mathbf{0})$. Then, to show that f belongs to $L^1(E)$ it suffices to prove the inequality

$$\int_E f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} < \frac{C}{\varepsilon} \tag{34}$$

for some appropriate constant C . We proceed by directly computing the Lebesgue integral of f and employing Tonelli's theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_E f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} &= \int_E \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{|\mathbf{x}|^{n+1}} \\ &= \int \cdots \int_E \frac{dx_1 \cdots dx_n}{(x_1^2 + \cdots + x_n^2)^{(n+1)/2}} \end{aligned}$$

let E_i denote the projection of E onto its i -th coordinate and make the trigonometric substitution $x_1 = \sqrt{x_2^2 + \cdots + x_n^2} \tan \theta$, $dx_1 = \sqrt{x_2^2 + \cdots + x_n^2} \sec^2 \theta \, d\theta$ with $\theta \in (-\pi/2, -\tan^{-1}(\varepsilon)) \cup (\tan^{-1}(\varepsilon), \pi/2)$ giving us the integral

$$= \int_{E_n} \cdots \int_{E_2} \left[\frac{\cos^{n-1} \theta}{(x_2^2 + \cdots + x_n^2)^{n/2}} d\theta \right] dx_2 \cdots dx_n$$

which, by Tonelli's theorem, is

$$= \int_{E_n} \cdots \int_{E_2} \frac{dx_2 \cdots dx_n}{(x_2^2 + \cdots + x_n^2)^{n/2}} \left[\int_{E_\theta} \cos^{n-1} \theta \, d\theta \right]$$

where the integral

$$\int_{E_\theta} \cos^{n-1} \theta \, d\theta < \infty. \tag{35}$$

Proceeding in this manner, we eventually achieve the inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \cdots \int_E f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} &< C' \int_{E_n} \frac{dx_n}{x_n^2} \\
&= 2C' \int_\varepsilon^\infty \frac{dx_n}{x_n^2} \\
&= \frac{C}{\varepsilon}
\end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

as desired. ■

Problem 3.2. Let $\{f_k\}$ be a sequence of nonnegative measurable functions on \mathbf{R}^n , and assume that f_k converges pointwise almost everywhere to a function f . If

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

show that

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

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

Proof. This is probably some theorem I can't remember right now. But anyway, first we shall establish that the limit f of $\{f_k\}$ must be nonnegative a.e. in \mathbf{R}^n . For assume otherwise. Then there exists a collection of points \mathbf{x} in \mathbf{R}^n of nonzero \mathbf{R}^n -Lebesgue measure such that $f(\mathbf{x}) < 0$. But $f_k(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$ for all $k \in \mathbf{N}$. Set $0 < \varepsilon < |f(\mathbf{x})|$ then we have

$$|f(\mathbf{x}) - f_k(\mathbf{x})| > |f(\mathbf{x})| > \varepsilon \tag{37}$$

for all k which contradicts our assumption that $f_k \rightarrow f$ a.e. on \mathbf{R}^n . Therefore, the set of points $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^n$ where $f(\mathbf{x}) < 0$ must have measure zero.

Now, based on pointwise convergence a.e. to f , given $\varepsilon > 0$ for a.e. $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^n$ we have the following estimate

$$|f(\mathbf{x}) - f_k(\mathbf{x})| < \varepsilon \tag{38}$$

for sufficiently large k ; say k greater than or equal to some index $N \in \mathbf{N}$. Moreover, we are given convergence in $L^1(\mathbf{R}^n)$ of f_k to f

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} f_k \rightarrow \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} f < \infty. \tag{39}$$

By monotonicity of the Lebesgue integral (Theorem 5.5(iii)), this implies that

$$\int_E f \leq \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} f < \infty \tag{40}$$

and

$$\int_E f_k \leq \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} f_k < \infty \tag{41}$$

for all $k \in \mathbf{N}$. By Theorem 5.5(ii), f and the f_k 's are finite a.e. in \mathbf{R}^n so for some sufficiently large real number M , $|f|, |f_k| \leq M$ for a.e. $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^n$. In particular, for any measurable subset E of \mathbf{R}^n , $|f|, |f_k| \leq M$ for a.e. $\mathbf{x} \in E$ so, by the bounded convergence theorem, we have the desired convergence

$$\int_E f_k \rightarrow \int_E f < \infty. \quad (42)$$

However, if f does not belong to $L^1(\mathbf{R}^n)$, i.e., its integral over \mathbf{R}^n is infinity, there is no guarantee that f will be finite a.e. in \mathbf{R}^n . This means that the bounded convergence theorem will fail to ensure convergence in integral for any measurable subset E of \mathbf{R}^n . Let us demonstrate this with an example. Consider the sequence of functions ■

Problem 3.3. Assume that E is a measurable set of \mathbf{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 \mathbf{R}^n , then

$$\int_E f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} < \infty. \quad (43)$$

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

$$|E| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |E_k| < \infty. \quad (44)$$

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

$$k|E_k| \leq \int_{E_k} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \leq (k+1)|E_k|. \quad (45)$$

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

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k|E_k| \leq \int_E f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)|E_k|. \quad (46)$$

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, (46) becomes

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k(|F_k| - |F_{k+1}|) \leq \int_E f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)(|F_k| - |F_{k+1}|). \quad (47)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k(|F_k| - |F_{k+1}|) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k|F_k| - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k|F_{k+1}| \\
&= |F_1| + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k|F_k| - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k|F_{k+1}| \\
&= |F_1| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+1)|F_{k+1}| - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k|F_{k+1}| \\
&= |F_1| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |F_{k+1}| \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |F_{k+1}|
\end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)(|F_k| - |F_{k+1}|) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)|F_k| - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)|F_{k+1}| \\
&= |F_0| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+1)|F_k| - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)|F_{k+1}| \\
&= |F_0| + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+2)|F_{k+1}| - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)|F_{k+1}| \\
&= |F_0| + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |F_{k+1}| \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |F_k|.
\end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

Thus, from (48) and (49)

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |F_k| \leq \int_E f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |F_k| \tag{50}$$

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

Problem 3.4. Suppose that E is a measurable subset of \mathbf{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. \implies : First note that ρ is strictly greater than or equal to zero since it is the integral of a nonnegative function. Suppose that $\rho(f_k, f) \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Then, given $\varepsilon > 0$ there exist an

sufficiently large index N such that for every $k \geq N$ we have

$$\rho(f_k, g) = \int_E \frac{|f_k - f|}{1 + |f_k - f|} < \varepsilon. \quad (51)$$

By Theorem 5.11, this means that the map

$$\frac{|f_k - f|}{1 + |f_k - f|}$$

is zero a.e. in E which happens if $|f_k - f| = 0$ a.e. in E .

\Leftarrow : Suppose that $f_k \rightarrow f$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

I don't know how to solve this. This is the intended solution:

\Rightarrow : Given $\varepsilon > 0$, $\rho(f_k, f) \rightarrow 0$ implies that

$$\int_{\{x \in E : |f_k(x) - f(x)| > \varepsilon\}} \frac{|f_k - f|}{1 + |f_k - f|} dx \rightarrow 0.$$

Observe that the function $\Phi: \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ given by $\Phi(x) := x/(1+x)$ is increasing on \mathbf{R}^+ and $0 < \Phi(x) < 1$, hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\{x \in E : |f_k(x) - f(x)| > \varepsilon\}} \frac{|f_k - f|}{1 + |f_k - f|} dx &\geq \int_{\{x \in E : |f_k(x) - f(x)| > \varepsilon\}} \frac{\varepsilon}{1 + \varepsilon} dx \\ &= \frac{\varepsilon}{1 + \varepsilon} |\{x \in E : |f_k(x) - f(x)| > \varepsilon\}|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$|\{x \in E : |f_k(x) - f(x)| > \varepsilon\}| \leq \frac{1 + \varepsilon}{\varepsilon} \int_{\{x \in E : |f_k(x) - f(x)| > \varepsilon\}} \frac{|f_k - f|}{1 + |f_k - f|} dx \rightarrow 0$$

as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

\Leftarrow : Conversely, given $\delta > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(f_k, f) &= \int_{\{x \in E : |f_k(x) - f(x)| > \delta\}} \frac{|f_k - f|}{1 + |f_k - f|} dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\{x \in E : |f_k(x) - f(x)| \leq \delta\}} \frac{|f_k - f|}{1 + |f_k - f|} dx \\ &\leq |\{x \in E : |f_k(x) - f(x)| > \delta\}| + \frac{\delta}{1 + \delta} |E|. \end{aligned}$$

Since $|E| < \infty$ and $\delta/(1+\delta) \searrow 0$, then for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta' > 0$ such that

$$\frac{\delta'}{1 + \delta'} |E| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

If $f_k \rightarrow f$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$ in measure, then for the above δ' there is an index $N > 0$ such that $k \geq N$ implies

$$|\{x \in E : |f_k(x) - f(x)| > \delta'\}| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Therefore, $f_k \rightarrow f$ in measure implies $\rho(f_k, f) \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. ■

Problem 3.5. Define the *gamma function* $\Gamma: \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ by

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

and the *beta function* $\beta: \mathbf{R}^+ \times \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ 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 $L(\mathbf{R}^+)$ for all $y \in \mathbf{R}^+$.

(b) Show that

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

Proof. (a) Fix $y \in \mathbf{R}^+$. Then we must show that $\Gamma(y) < \infty$. First, since $(0, 1)$ and $[1, \infty)$ are disjoint measurable subsets of \mathbf{R} , by Theorem 5.7 we can split the integral $\Gamma(y)$ into

$$\Gamma(y) = \underbrace{\int_0^1 e^{-u} u^{y-1} du}_{I_1} + \underbrace{\int_1^\infty e^{-u} u^{y-1} du}_{I_2}. \quad (52)$$

We will show, separately, that I_1 and I_2 are finite.

To see that I_1 is finite, note that

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-u} u^{y-1} &= e^{-u} e^{(y-1) \log u} \\ &= e^{-u+(y-1) \log u} \\ &\leq e^{(y-1) \log u} \\ &= u^{y-1} \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

since $0 < u < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int_0^1 e^{-u} u^{y-1} du \\ &\leq \int_0^1 u^{y-1} du \\ &= \left[\frac{u^y}{y} \right]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{y} \\ &< \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

To see that I_2 is finite, note that

$$e \quad (55)$$

Intended solution:

(b)

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Problem 3.6. Let $f \in L^1(\mathbf{R}^n)$ and for $\mathbf{h} \in \mathbf{R}^n$ define $f_{\mathbf{h}}: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be $f_{\mathbf{h}}(\mathbf{x}) := f(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{h})$. Prove that

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

Proof. Note that by the triangle inequality, we have the following estimate on the integral

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f_{\mathbf{h}}(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x})| d\mathbf{x} \leq \tag{56}$$

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Problem 3.7. (a) If $f_k, g_k, f, g \in L^1(\mathbf{R}^n)$, $f_k \rightarrow f$ and $g_k \rightarrow g$ a.e. in \mathbf{R}^n , $|f_k| \leq g_k$ and

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

prove that

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

(b) Using part (a) show that if $f_k, f \in L^1(\mathbf{R}^n)$ and $f_k \rightarrow f$ a.e. in \mathbf{R}^n , then

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

if and only if

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

Proof. (a) Since $f_k \rightarrow f$ and $g_k \rightarrow g$ a.e. and $|f_k| \leq g_k$, then by Fatou's theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} (g - f) &= \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} g_k - f_k \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} g_k - f_k, \\ \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} g + f &= \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} g_k + f_k \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} g_k + f_k. \end{aligned}$$

Since $f_k, g_k, f, g \in L^1(\mathbf{R}^n)$ and $\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} g_k \rightarrow \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} g$, then using the similar argument as problem 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} f &\geq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} f_k, \\ \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} f &\leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} f_k. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} f_k \rightarrow \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} f$.

(b) \implies : This direction is obvious by the inequality

$$\left| \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f_k| - \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f| \right| \leq \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} ||f_k| - |f|| \leq \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f_k - f|.$$

\Leftarrow : Let $g_k := |f_k| + |f|$ and $g := 2|f|$. Since $f_k, f \in L^1(\mathbf{R}^n)$ and $f_k \rightarrow f$ a.e., then $g_k, g \in L^1(\mathbf{R}^n)$ and $g_k \rightarrow g$ a.e. in \mathbf{R}^n . By the assumption, $\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} g_k \rightarrow \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} g$.

Let $\tilde{f}_k := |f_k - f|$. Then $\tilde{f}_k \rightarrow 0$ a.e. in \mathbf{R}^n and $\tilde{f}_k \leq g_k$. Applying part (a) to \tilde{f}_k we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \tilde{f}_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f_k - f| = 0.$$

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Problem 3.8. Assume that $f \in L^1(\mathbf{R}^n)$. Show that for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a ball B , centered at the origin, such that

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

Proof. Recall that $f \in L^1(\mathbf{R}^n)$ if and only if $|f| \in L^1(\mathbf{R}^n)$. Let $B_k := B(\mathbf{0}, k)$ for $k \in \mathbf{N}$ and χ_{B_k} be the indicator function associated with B_k . Then, the sequence of maps $\{|f_k|\}$ defined $f_k := f\chi_{B_k}$ converge pointwise to $|f|$. Since $|f| \in L^1(\mathbf{R}^n)$, by the monotone convergence theorem, we have

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f_k| = \int_{B_k} |f| \longrightarrow \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f|. \quad (57)$$

But this means, exactly, that for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists sufficiently large $N \in \mathbf{N}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &> \left| \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f_k| - \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f| \right| \\ &= - \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f_k| + \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f| \\ &= - \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f| + \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f| \\ &= - \int_{B_k} |f| + \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f| \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{R}^n \setminus B_k} |f| \end{aligned} \quad (58)$$

as desired. ■

Problem 3.9. Let $f \in L^1(E)$, 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. First, since the E_j 's are pairwise disjoint, by Theorem 3.23, we have

$$|E| = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |E_j|. \quad (59)$$

Let χ_{E_j} be the characteristic function of the subset E_j of E and define $f_j := f\chi_{E_j}$ for $j \in \mathbf{N}$. Note that, since both f and χ_{E_j} are measurable on E , f_j is measurable on E and $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} f_j = f$. Moreover, since $E_j \subset E$, by monotonicity of the integral we have

$$\int_E f = \int_{E_j} f + \int_{E \setminus E_j} f = \int_E f_j + \int_{E \setminus E_j} f. \quad (60)$$

Hence, because the E_j 's are disjoint $(E \setminus E_k) \setminus E_\ell = (E \setminus E_\ell) \setminus E_k$ so

$$\int_E f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_E f_j = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_j} f \quad (61)$$

as desired. ■

Problem 3.10. Let $\{f_k\}$ be a family in $L^1(E)$ satisfying the following property: For any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $|A| < \delta$ implies

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

for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. 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. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Then, by the hypothesis, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $|A| < \delta$ implies

$$\int_A |f_k| < \varepsilon \quad (62)$$

for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. By Egorov's theorem, there exists a closed subset F of E such that $|E \setminus F| < \delta$ and $f_k \rightarrow f$ uniformly on F . Then, by the uniform convergence theorem,

$$\int_F f_k \rightarrow \int_F f \quad (63)$$

as $k \rightarrow \infty$. But by hypothesis, we have

$$\int_{E \setminus F} |f_k| < \varepsilon. \quad (64)$$

Letting $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, we achieved the desired convergence. ■

Problem 3.11. Let $I := [0, 1]$, $f \in L^1(I)$, and define $g(x) := \int_x^1 t^{-1} f(t) dt$ for $x \in I$. Prove that $g \in L^1(I)$ and

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

Proof. By Lusin's theorem, there exists a closed subset F of I with $|I \setminus F| < \varepsilon$ such that the restriction of f to $F := I \setminus E$ is continuous. Now, since F is closed in I and I is compact, it follows that I is compact. Hence, by the Stone–Weierstraß approximation theorem, there exist a sequence of polynomials $\{p_k\}$ such that $p_k \rightarrow f$ uniformly on F . Then, by the uniform convergence theorem, we have

$$\int_F p_k \rightarrow \int_F f \quad (65)$$

so

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_F \left[\int_x^1 t^{-1} p_k(t) \, dt \right] dx &= \int_F \left[\int_x^1 at^{-1} + q_k(t) \, dt \right] dx \\
&= \int_F q'_k(x) - a \log(x) \, dx \\
&< \infty
\end{aligned} \tag{66}$$

for all k and converges uniformly to g so $g \in L^1(I)$. I don't know how to show that in fact $\int_I g = \int_I f$. Perhaps you show that the places where they differ is a set of measure zero. ■