
Final Exam

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PROBLEM 1

For every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let μ_n be a measure on (Ω, \mathcal{A}) with $\mu_n(\Omega) = 1$. For every $E \in \mathcal{A}$, define

$$\mu(E) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_n(E)}{2^n}$$

Give a careful proof that μ is a measure on (ω, \mathcal{A}) with $\mu(\Omega) = 1$.

Proof. We wish to prove that μ is a measure on (Ω, \mathcal{A}) . That is, we wish to show that that $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$, that $\mu(E) \geq 0$ for all $E \in \mathcal{A}$, and that for a countable collection of disjoint sets $\{E_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$ for which $E_j \in \mathcal{A}$ for all j ,

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j\right) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_j)$$

To begin with, we note that since each μ_n is a measure, we have that $\mu_n(\emptyset) = 0$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\emptyset) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_n(\emptyset)}{2^n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{0}{2^n} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

Next, we note that since each μ_n is a measure, $\mu_n(E) \geq 0$ for all $E \in \mathcal{A}$. Thus, since both $\mu_n(E)$ and 2^n are greater than zero for each n , it must be that

$$\mu(E) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_n(E)}{2^n} \geq 0$$

as desired.

To show that μ is countably additive, we first prove the following lemma:

Lemma. *For a doubly indexed sequence $\{a_{ij}\}$ of positive numbers,*

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_{ij}$$

provided that either sum converges.

Proof. We note first that a_{ij} can be thought of as a function from $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ to \mathbb{R} .

Now, Tonelli's theorem tells us that for any positive function $f : \Omega \times \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ on the product space $\Omega \times \Sigma$ of σ -finite measure spaces $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ and $(\Sigma, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ such that f is measurable with respect to $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}$, we have that

$$\int_{\Omega} \left(\int_{\Sigma} f(x, y) d\nu(y) \right) d\mu(x) = \int_{\Sigma} \left(\int_{\Omega} f(x, y) d\mu(x) \right) d\nu(y)$$

Now, consider the case where $\Omega = \Sigma = \mathbb{N}$, $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B} = 2^{\mathbb{N}}$, and $\mu = \nu = \mu_c$ the counting measure. The function a_{ij} from $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is positive (by hypothesis), and is measurable on $2^{\mathbb{N}} \otimes 2^{\mathbb{N}} = 2^{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}$, since every function is measurable with respect to this σ -algebra. Thus, applying Tonelli's theorem yields

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_{ij} \right) &= \int_{\mathbb{N}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{N}} a_{ij} d\mu_c(j) \right) d\mu_c(i) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{N}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{N}} a_{ij} d\mu_c(i) \right) d\mu_c(j) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_{ij} \right) \end{aligned}$$

as desired. □

Equipped with this result, we now prove that μ is countably additive. To do so, let $\{E_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$ be a countable collection of disjoint measurable sets. Now, we know by the fact that each μ_n is a measure that

$$\mu_n \left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j \right) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu_n(E_j)$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu \left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j \right) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \mu_n \left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \mu_n(E_j) \end{aligned}$$

We apply the above lemma to get

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \mu_n(E_j) &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \mu_n(E_j) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_j)\end{aligned}$$

as desired.

Finally, we wish to show that $\mu(\Omega) = 1$. This follows from direct computation (observing that $\mu_n(\Omega) = 1$ for all n):

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(\Omega) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_n(\Omega)}{2^n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} - 1 \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

as desired. Here, we used the standard formula for a geometric series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a^n = \frac{1}{1 - a} - 1$$

for $0 < a < 1$. □

PROBLEM 2

Suppose $\mu(\Omega) < \infty$. Prove that

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \|f\|_{L^p} = \|f\|_{L^\infty}$$