

Homework #6

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Problem 4.3.9. Assume that $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is measurable. Show that if $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f$ exists, then for each point $a \in \mathbb{R}^d$, that:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x-a) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(a-x)$$

Solution. First, suppose f is a function to the extended reals. Then, by definition, we can rewrite $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^+ - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^-$. Here, we define $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : f(x) \geq 0\}$, $B = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : f(x) < 0\}$. We notice, by the definition of f^+, f^- , that we may say $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^+ = \int_A f^+$, $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^- = \int_B f^-$. Now, consider $f(x-a) = f^+(x-a) - f^-(x-a)$, and for distinction, we will use $f^* = (f^+)^+ - (f^-)^-$. In particular, we have that $(f^+)^*$ is non-zero when $x-a \in A \implies x \in a+A$. Then, consider a simple function $\phi : 0 \leq \phi \leq f^+$ with representation $\phi = \sum_{k=1}^M c_k \chi_{E_k}$. $\int_A \phi = \sum_{k=1}^M c_k |E_k|$. We notice here that $\cup a + E_k = a + A$: if $x \in \cup a + E_k$, then $x \in a + E_i$ for some i . Then, since $E_i \subseteq A$, we have that $x \in a + A$. In the backwards direction, we have that if $x \in a + A$, because the E_k (disjointly) cover A , we have that $x \in a + E_i$ for some E_i and we are done. But, then, by the translation invariance of the Lebesgue integral, we have that:

$$\int_A \phi = \sum_{k=1}^M c_k |E_k| = \sum_{k=1}^M c_k |a + E_k| = \int_{a+A} \phi^*$$

where we notice that we can find a $\phi^* = c_k \chi_{a+E_k}$. In particular, for any $x \in A$, we have that $\phi^*(x-a) = \phi(x)$ by the definition of the $a + E_k$. Then, we have that $0 \leq \phi^* \leq (f^+)^+$. Then, since for every ϕ , we can find a simple function approximating $(f^+)^+$, we must have that $\int_A f^+ \leq \int_{a+A} (f^+)^*$. But, we may run this exact argument in reverse, taking a simple function approximating $(f^+)^*$ and going from $A^* \rightarrow -a + A^*$, where $A^* = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : f^*(x) \geq 0\}$. Then we have that $\int_A f^+ = \int_{a+A} (f^+)^*$ and using the same argument for f^- , $\int_B f^- = \int_{a+B} (f^-)^*$. Then, we have that $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x-a) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f$. It is not hard to see the same argument will work for $f(a-x)$, where we just take $a-A = \{a-x : x \in A\}$ and we are done.

Now, suppose f is instead a complex-valued function. Then, by definition, we may split into real valued functions via $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_r + i \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_i$. However, we just proved this to be true for real-valued functions, so translations will work for the components f_r, f_i , and thus extend to f . Explicitly, that is, we have that $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_r(x-a) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_r(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_r(a-x)$ and same for i , by what we just proved, so this is true for their sum. □

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Problem 4.4.17. (a)

Suppose that $f, g : E \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ are measurable functions, where $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ is a measurable subset. Prove that if f is integrable, $f \leq g$ a.e., then $g - f$ is measurable, and $\int_E (g - f) = \int_E g - \int_E f$.

(b)

Show that the MCT and Fatou's Lemma remain valid if we replace the assumption that $f_n \geq 0$ with $f_n \geq g$ a.e. where g is an integrable function on E . However, note that this may fail if g is not integrable.

Solution. (a)

Clearly, we already have that $g - f$ is measurable, by the algebra of measurable functions. So, we need only look at $\int_E (g - f) = \int_E g - \int_E f$. First, we notice $\int_E g - f$ must exist, as if it attained $\infty - \infty$, this would imply that we have a set where $\int_E (g - f)^-$ diverges. However, we know that this may only be negative when $g \leq 0$. In particular, call the set where $g^- \leq 0$ A , we know that $f \leq g \implies f^- \geq g^-$. Then, on this set, $\int_A f^- \geq \int_A g^- = \infty$, a contradiction since f is integrable. In a similar vein, we further know that $\int_E g - f > -\infty$ as the same argument would apply. Now, suppose $\int_E g - f = \infty$. Then, since f is integrable, we must have that $\int_E g = \infty$ as suppose not. Then, g would be integrable, so we would have that $\int_E g - \int_E f = \int_E g - f = \infty$ and since $\int_E f < \infty$, $\int_E g = \infty$, a contradiction. Therefore, g cannot be integrable, so $\int_E g = \infty$, and our sum holds.

Now, suppose $g - f$ were integrable. Then, consider $\int_E (g - f) + \int_E f$. Since $g - f, f$ are integrable, by linearity we have that $\int_E (g - f) + \int_E f = \int_E (g - f) + f = \int_E g$. Since $\int_E (g - f), \int_E f < \infty$, $\int_E g < \infty$. Therefore we may subtract $\int_E f$ to retrieve $\int_E (g - f) = \int_E g - \int_E f$.

(b)

Now, suppose in the statement of the Monotone Convergence Theorem, we have that $f_n : E \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ measurable functions that converge pointwise a.e. to f , and suppose that we have g integrable on E such that $f_n \geq g$ a.e. Then, applying part (a), we may consider $\int_E f_n - g$ for each n . We can see pointwise, that $\lim_n [f_n(x) - g(x)] = \lim_n [f_n(x)] - g(x) = f(x) - g(x)$. In particular, since $f_n \geq g \implies f_n - g \geq 0$, we may apply the MCT to this sequence of non-negative functions to find:

$$\lim_n \int_E (f_n - g) = \int_E (f - g)$$

But, we know that from part (a), we have that $\int_E (f_n - g) = \int_E f_n - \int_E g$ for each n . Similarly, from part (a), we have that $\int_E (f - g) = \int_E f - \int_E g$, so:

$$\lim_n \int_E f_n - \int_E g = \lim_n [\int_E (f_n - g)] = \int_E (f - g) = \int_E f - \int_E g$$

where we've used the linearity of limits and the fact that g is constant with respect to n . Since $\int_E g < \infty$, we may add $\int_E g$ to both sides to recover:

$$\lim_n \int_E f_n = \int_E f$$

Similarly, in Fatou's lemma we do the exact same thing: $f_n - g$ is a sequence of non-negative measurable functions, so we apply Fatou's lemma to find that:

$$\int_E (\liminf_n (f_n - g)) \leq \liminf_n \int_E (f_n - g)$$

Using the fact that g is constant with respect to n , and applying part (a), we find the following:

$$\int_E (\liminf_n (f_n - g)) = \int_E [(\liminf_n f_n) - g] = \int_E \liminf_n f_n - \int_E g$$

and

$$\liminf_n \int_E (f_n - g) = \liminf_n \int_E f_n - \int_E g = [\liminf_n \int_E f_n] - \int_E g$$

So, we have that since $\int_E g$ is finite:

$$\int_E \liminf_n f_n - \int_E g \leq [\liminf_n \int_E f_n] - \int_E g \implies \int_E \liminf_n f_n \leq \liminf_n \int_E f_n$$

We notice since g being integrable was key to proving part (a), this may go wrong if g is not integrable, as then we cannot just add $\int_E g$ to both sides. □

Problem 4.4.19. Prove that if $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ is differentiable at $x = 0$ and $f(0) = 0$, then $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{f(x)}{x}$ exists.

Solution. We notice that, for $\epsilon > 0$, we can break up this integral into disjoint intervals $\int_{-\infty}^{-\epsilon} \epsilon f/x + \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} f/x + \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} f/x$. First, consider, $\int_{[\epsilon, \infty)} \frac{f}{x}$. This is bounded by $\pm f/\epsilon$ when $0 < \epsilon < 1$, and similar for $\int_{[-\infty, -\epsilon]} \frac{f}{x}$, which implies that we have $\int_{[\epsilon, \infty)} \frac{f}{x} \leq \int_{[\epsilon, \infty)} \frac{f}{\epsilon} < 1/\epsilon \|f\|_1 < \infty$ and same for the negative side. So we need only consider $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\epsilon}^{\epsilon} \frac{f}{x}$.

Now, since f is at least first differentiable, so we can claim that around 0, that $f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + h_k(x)x^2 = f'(0)x + h_k(x)x^2$ such that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} h_k(x) \rightarrow 0$. Then, we can view $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\epsilon}^{\epsilon} \frac{f}{x} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\epsilon}^{\epsilon} \frac{f'(0)x + h_k(x)x^2}{x} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\epsilon}^{\epsilon} f'(0) + h_k(x)x$. Fix a $0 < \epsilon_0 < 1$. Because $h_k(x) \rightarrow 0$, for ϵ_0 , we can find $\delta > 0$ such that for $x \in [-\delta, \delta]$, $h_k(x) < \epsilon_0$. Since we are taking the limit as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, we may enforce that $\epsilon < \min(\epsilon_0, \delta)$. Then, for such a ϵ , we have that $f'(0) + h_k(x)x \leq f'(0) + \delta\epsilon_0 \leq f'(0) + \epsilon^2$ on $[-\epsilon, \epsilon]$, a constant. Then, we have that $\int_{[-\epsilon, \epsilon]} f'(0) + h_k(x)x \leq \int_{[-\epsilon, \epsilon]} f'(0) + \epsilon^2 \leq 2\epsilon f'(0) + 2\epsilon^3$. But, as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, this goes to 0. So, we have that for each part the integral is bounded, and since they were disjoint, their sum is bounded. Thus, $\int_{\mathbb{R}} f/x$ is bounded, and thus exists. □

Problem 4.4.21. Given a measurable set $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$, prove the following:

- (a) If $f \in L^1(E)$ and $g \in L^\infty(E)$, then $fg \in L^1(E)$.
- (b) If $|E| > 0$, then $L^1(E)$ is not closed under products, that is, there exists $f, g \in L^1(E) : fg \notin L^1(E)$.
- (c) If f, g are measurable functions on E such that $|f|^2, |g|^2 \in L^1(E)$, then $fg \in L^1(E)$.

Solution. (a)

We notice that if $g \in L^\infty(E)$, then there exists $M \in \mathbb{R}, M > 0$ such that $g \leq M$ a.e on E . Then, we have that $fg \leq Mf$ a.e on E . Then, we have that $\int_E fg \leq \int_E Mf = M \int_E f = M\|f\|_1 < \infty$. Thus, since $\int_E fg < \infty$, $fg \in L^1(E)$.

(b)

As the book works in Lemma 4.4.12, we apply the results of problem 2.3.20. Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ be a measurable subset such that $|E| > 0$. WLOG, enforce that $|E| < \infty$ by applying 2.3.20(a) if $E' \subseteq E : 0 < |E'| < \infty$. Now, using part (c) of 2.3.20, we may find disjoint, measurable subsets of E such that $|E_k| = 2^{-k}|E|$. Define a function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ such that $f = \sum_k 2^{3k/4} \chi_{E_k}$. Consider $\int_E f$. By definition, this is exactly $\sum_k 2^{3k/4} |E_k| = \sum_k 2^{3k/4} 2^{-k} |E| = |E| \sum_k 2^{-k/4} = |E| \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{2}-1}$. However, consider f^2 . Because the E_k are disjoint, this is exactly $f^2 = \sum_k 2^{3k/2} \chi_{E_k}$. But, here, $\int_E f^2 = \sum_k 2^{3k/2} |E_k| = \sum_k 2^{3k/2} 2^{-k} |E| = |E| \sum_k 2^{1/2}$, a divergent geometric series. Thus, $L^1(E)$ is not closed under products.

(c)

First, assume f, g are extended real-valued functions. Define $A = \{f \geq g\}$ and $B = \{g < f\}$. These are clearly disjoint, so we can write $\int_E |fg| = \int_A |fg| + \int_B |fg|$. On A , since $f \geq g$, we have that $|f| \geq |g|$, so then $|fg| \leq |f|^2$, and analogously, on B , we have that $|fg| \leq |g|^2$. Then, we have that $\int_A |fg| + \int_B |fg| \leq \int_A |f|^2 + \int_B |g|^2 \leq \int_E |f|^2 + \int_E |g|^2 < \infty$, because $|f|^2, |g|^2 \in L^1(E)$, and using the fact that for non-negative functions, if $A, B \subseteq E$, then $\int_A |f|^2 \leq \int_E |f|^2$. Therefore, $\int_E |fg| < \infty$, and thus $fg \in L^1(E)$.

Now, suppose f, g are complex functions. Then, we can take $f = f_r + if_i$ and $g = g_r + ig_i$. Then we notice $|fg| = |(f_r g_r - f_i g_i) + i(f_r g_i + f_i g_r)| = \sqrt{(f_r g_r - f_i g_i)^2 + (f_r g_i + f_i g_r)^2} = \sqrt{f_r^2 g_r^2 + f_i^2 g_i^2 + f_r^2 g_i^2 + g_r^2 f_i^2}$.

But here, since we notice $|f|^2 = |f_r + if_i|^2 = f_r^2 + f_i^2$, and same with g , we use the same type of argument, instead looking at the cases $f_r > g_r, f_i > g_i$, etc. Then, we notice, looking at $|fg|$, for example, under $f_r > g_r, f_i > g_i$, $|fg| \leq \sqrt{f_r^4 + f_i^4 + 2f_r^2 f_i^2} = \sqrt{(f_r^2 + f_i^2)^2} = f_r^2 + f_i^2 = |f|^2$ and proceed as above. \square

Problem 4.4.22. Suppose that $f \in L^1[a, b]$ satisfies that $\int_a^x f(t)dt = 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$. Prove that $f = 0$ a.e.

Solution. First, we notice that for any $[c, d] \subseteq [a, b]$ that $\int_{[c, d]} f(t)dt = 0$, where we have $a \leq c \leq d \leq b$. This is because consider $[a, d] = [a, c + 1/n] \cup (c + 1/n, d]$ for any $n \geq 1$. By the construction, these are disjoint measurable sets, so we have that $\int_{[a, d]} f = \int_{[a, c+1/n]} f + \int_{(c+1/n, d]} f$. But, by hypothesis, we have that $\int_{[a, d]} f = 0 = \int_{[a, c+1/n]} f \implies \int_{(c+1/n, d]} f = 0$ for all $n \geq 1$. Now, consider $\cup_{n=1}^\infty (c + 1/n, d]$. This is clearly $[c, d]$, and we also have that $(c + 1/n, d] \subseteq (c + 1/(n+1), d]$ since $1/n > 1/(n+1) \implies c + 1/n > c + 1/(n+1)$. So, we have nested sets, therefore, $\int_{[c, d]} f = \lim_n \int_{(c+1/n, d]} f = \lim 0 = 0$.

Now, we use this to show that if $[x, y], [x', y']$ are boxes such that $[x, y], [x', y'] \subseteq [a, b]$, and they are non-overlapping, that is, either they are disjoint or, wlog, $y = x'$, then $\int_{[x, y] \cup [x', y']} f = \int_{[x, y]} f + \int_{[x', y']} f$. If they are disjoint, then we're done and this is identically 0. If they overlap, wlog, $y = x'$, then by the first part, we have that on the full interval $[x, y'] = [x, y] \cup [x', y']$, $\int_{[x, y']} f = 0$, so $\int_{[x, y']} f = 0 = 0 + 0 = \int_{[x, y]} f + \int_{[x', y']} f$.

Now, let F be any closed set in $[a, b]$. Consider $F \cup F^c$. By definition, F^c is an open set, and thus by 2.1.5, admits a cover via countably many nonoverlapping cubes $\{Q_k\}$ such that $F^c = \cup_k Q_k$. But, in \mathbb{R} , Q_k are exactly intervals. Further, if we take the intersection $Q_k \cap [a, b]$, these are the intersection of two closed intervals, which is either empty, or another closed interval. So then, using the non-overlapping part already proved, we find that $\int_{F^c \cap [a, b]} f = \sum_k \int_{F^c \cap Q_k} f = \sum_k 0 = 0$. Then, we have that since $[a, b] = F \cup (F^c \cap [a, b])$, we have that:

$$0 = \int_{[a, b]} f = \int_F f + \int_{F^c \cap [a, b]} f = \int_F f$$

Since the choice of F was arbitrary, this must be true for all $F \subseteq [a, b]$, F closed.

Now, let $E \subseteq [a, b]$ be a measurable set. Then, we can write this set as a $E = H \cup Z$ where H is a $F - \sigma$ set and Z is a set of measure 0. Then, we have that $\int_H f = \int_E f + \int_Z f$. Since $|Z| = 0$, we have that $f = 0$ a.e. on Z trivially, so $\int_Z f = 0$. Now, since H is a $F - \sigma$ set, there exist closed sets F_k such that $H = \cup_k F_k$. Then, since $H \subseteq [a, b]$, we can look at the closed sets $F_k \cap [a, b]$, closed because $[a, b]$ is compact. In particular, we look at the nested sets $\cup_k^n F_k \cap [a, b]$, as n varies. In particular, since they are closed sets contained within $[a, b]$, we have that $\int_{\cup_k^n F_k \cap [a, b]} f = 0$ for any n . Then, we apply the property about nested sets to find that $\int_E f = \lim_k \int_{\cup_k^n F_k \cap [a, b]} f = 0$. Then, by groupwork 5, since f is a real-valued, integrable function such that for every measurable $E \subseteq [a, b]$, $\int_E f = 0$, we conclude that $f = 0$ a.e. on $[a, b]$. \square

Problem 4.4.23. (a)

Let E be a measurable subset of \mathbb{R}^d and that $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence of integrable functions on E such that $\sup \|f_n\|_1 < \infty$ and $f_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise a.e. Prove that $f \in L^1(E)$ and that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_E |f_n| - \int_E |f - f_n| \right) = \int_E |f|$$

(b)

Find a sequence of integrable functions where $f_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise a.e., but $\sup \|f_n\|_1 = \infty$, and where this limit fails.

Solution. (a)

By Fatou's lemma, since $|f_n|$ are non-negative, we have that $\int_E \liminf |f_n| \leq \liminf \int_E |f_n|$. But, on the left-hand side, since $f_n \rightarrow f$ a.e., we have that, except on a set of measure 0, that $\liminf |f_n| \rightarrow |f|$.

On the other hand, because $\sup \|f_n\|_1 < \infty$, we have that $\sup_n \int_E |f_n| < \infty$. Then, since $\liminf \int_E |f_n| = \lim_n \inf_{m \geq n} \int_E |f_m|$, since $\inf_{m \geq n} \int_E |f_m| \leq \sup_n \int_E |f_n| < \infty$, we have that $\int_E |f| \leq \sup_n \int_E |f_n| < \infty$, thus $f \in L^1(E)$.

Now, we have that since $f, f_n \in L^1(E)$, $f - f_n$ also in $L^1(E)$ due to the triangle inequality. But, we also have then that via the reverse triangle inequality, $|\|f_n\|_1 - \|f_n - f\|_1| \leq \|f_n - (f_n - f)\|_1 \implies \|\|f_n\|_1 - \|f - f_n\|_1| \leq \|f\|_1$, where we apply homogeneity on $\|f - f_n\|_1 = \|f_n - f\|_1$. Then, we have that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\int_E |f_n| - \int_E |f - f_n|) \leq \int_E |f|$. Now, on the other hand, for the left hand side, the existence of the limit means that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\int_E |f_n| - \int_E |f - f_n|) = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\int_E |f_n| - \int_E |f - f_n|)$. But, by the properties of the \liminf , we have that

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\int_E |f_n| - \int_E |f - f_n|) \geq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E |f_n| + \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-\int_E |f - f_n|) = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E |f_n| + \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\int_E -|f - f_n|)$$

By Fatou's lemma, then, we have that:

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E |f_n| + \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\int_E -|f - f_n|) \geq \int_E \liminf_n |f_n| + \liminf_n \int_E -|f - f_n|$$

However, we know that pointwise, $f_n \rightarrow f$ a.e., so on all but a set of measure 0, we have that $\liminf_n |f_n| = |f|$. Further, similarly, if we take Fatou's lemma on the second part, we have that $\liminf -|f - f_n| = 0$ for the same reason, on all but a set of measure 0. Then, we can look at this integral over $E' = E \setminus Z_1 \cup Z_2$ where Z_1, Z_2 are the measure 0 sets where convergence fails, in case they fail on different sets (though, we expect them to be the same), and say that

$$\int_E \liminf_n |f_n| + \liminf_n \int_E -|f - f_n| = \int_{E'} |f| + \int_{E'} 0 = \int_{E'} |f| = \int_E |f|$$

Thus, we have that $\int_E |f| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\int_E |f_n| - \int_E |f - f_n|)$, and so we have equality.

(b)

Let $d = 1, E = [0, \infty], f_n(x) = x\chi_{[0, n]}, f(x) = x$. It should be clear that $f_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise everywhere. Further, we have that $\sup \|f_n\|_1 = \infty$, as $\|f_n\|_1 = n^2/2$, which diverges to positive infinity as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

However, we notice, firstly, $\int_E |f| = \infty$ pretty clearly, since if we take the nested sets $[0, 1] \subseteq [0, 2] \subseteq \dots$, we can take $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{[0, n]} |f| = \int_{[0, \infty]} |f|$. But the left hand side matches $\|f_n\|_1$ for n an integer, and we showed that was divergent.

On the other hand, consider, for any fixed $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\int_E |f_n| - \int_E |f - f_n|$. We have that $\int_E |f_n| = n^2/2$, but on the other hand, we have that $f - f_n = x\chi_{[n, \infty]}$, so that $\int_E |f - f_n| = \infty$. So, $\int_E |f_n| - \int_E |f - f_n| = n^2/2 - \infty = -\infty$.

So, we have that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\int_E |f_n| - \int_E |f - f_n|) = -\infty \neq \infty = \int_E |f|$

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