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# ANALYSIS-5



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# 1 Signed Measure

## 1.1 Introduction

**Definition 1** (Signed Measure). Given a measurable space  $(X, \mathcal{M})$ , a signed measure is a function  $\nu : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$  with the following properties:

1.  $\nu(\emptyset) = 0$
2.  $\nu$  can assume either  $\infty$  or  $-\infty$  but not both
3. If  $\{E_j\}$  is a sequence of disjoint sets in  $\mathcal{M}$ , then  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \nu(E_i) = \nu(\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i)$

One should note that normal measures are also signed measure, the only difference is the extension of the range of the measure function to cover almost all of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

## 1.2 Upper and lower continuity

**Theorem 1** (Uppercontinuity). Let  $\{E_i\}$  be a countable collection of measurable set with  $E_i \subseteq E_{i+1}$ . Then:

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \nu(E_i) = \nu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) \quad (1.1)$$

**Theorem 2** (Lowercontinuity). Let  $\{E_i\}$  be a countable collection of measurable set with  $E_{i+1} \subseteq E_i$ . Then:

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \nu(E_i) = \nu\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) \quad (1.2)$$

*Proof.* Same as what we do for unsigned measure □

## 1.3 Positive, Negative and Null Set

**Definition 2** (Positive set). A set whose every measurable subset  $E$  satisfies  $\nu(E) \geq 0$  is called a positive set.

In a similar fashion we define :

**Definition 3** (Negative set). A set whose every measurable subset  $E$  satisfies  $\nu(E) \leq 0$  is called a negative set.

**Definition 4** (Null set). *A set whose every measurable subset  $E$  satisfies  $\nu(E) = 0$  is called a positive set.*

We consider an example. Let  $\mu$  be an unsigned measure and let  $f$  be a measurable  $L^1$  function. Let us define a measure  $\nu$  as:

$$\nu(E) = \int_E f d\mu \quad (1.3)$$

Then  $\nu$  is a signed measure. If  $E$  is a set such that  $f \geq 0$   $\mu$ -a.e on  $E$  then  $E$  is a positive set. Similarly we can find negative and null sets.

**Lemma 3.** 1. *Subsets of positive sets are positive*

2. *Countable<sup>1</sup> union of positive sets are positive*  
*Similar results are also valid for null and negative sets.*

<sup>1</sup> A countable union is needed as in case of uncountable union, there will be a chance that the union will not belong to the sigma algebra; a sigma algebra is closed in countable union and not under arbitrary union

The next lemma will be required for the proof of **Hahn Decomposition Theorem** in the next section.

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $\nu$  be a signed measure which doesn't attain  $\infty$ . A set with a positive measure has a positive subset.*

## 1.4 Hanh Decomposition

**Theorem 5** (Hanh Decomposition Theorem). *If  $\nu$  is a signed measure on  $(X, \mathcal{M})$ , there exist a positive set  $P$  and a negative set  $N$  for  $\nu$  such that  $P \cup N = X$  and  $P \cap N = \emptyset$ . Moreover if  $P', N'$  is another such pair, then  $P \Delta P' (= N \Delta N')$  is null in  $\nu$ .*

**Proof Outline :**

1. Define  $m = \sup_{\text{positive sets}} \nu(P)$
2. Take a sequence  $\{p_i\}$  such that  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \nu(p_i) = m$
3. Show if  $P = \bigcup p_i$  then  $\nu(P) = m$
4. Show if  $N = P^c$  and if  $N$  has a set with positive measure, then by lemma 4, there is contradiction.
5. If  $E \subseteq P \Delta P'$  and  $\nu(E) \neq 0$ . Without loss of generality assume  $E \subseteq P$ . Then  $E \subseteq P'^c = N'$  which contradicts negativity of  $N'$

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