

Chapter 10

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10.1 Integration of Complex Functions

Assume (X, \mathfrak{B}, μ) is a measure space.

Definition 10.10.1. A measurable function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is called integrable (or μ -integrable) if

$$\int_X |f| d\mu < \infty.$$

Denote by $\mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathfrak{B}, d\mu)$, $\mathcal{L}^1(X, d\mu)$ or $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$ the set of integrable functions. This is also a vector space over \mathbb{C} , since

$$|f + g| \leq |f| + |g|, \quad |cf| = |c||f| \quad (c \in \mathbb{C}),$$

the other axioms are trivial.

This vector space is spanned by positive functions, since

$$f = \operatorname{Re}(f)_+ - \operatorname{Re}(f)_- + i\operatorname{Im}(f)_+ - i\operatorname{Im}(f)_-,$$

where for a function h we let

$$h_+ = \max\{h, 0\}, \quad h_- = -\min\{h, 0\},$$

and if $f \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, d\mu)$, then

$$(\operatorname{Re}(f))_{\pm}, (\operatorname{Im}(f))_{\pm} \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, d\mu),$$

as

$$|(\operatorname{Re}(f))_{\pm}|, |(\operatorname{Im}(f))_{\pm}| \leq |f|.$$

Proposition 1. *The integral extends uniquely from the positive integrable functions to a linear function (functional?) $\mathcal{L}^1(X, d\mu) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, that is, to a map s.t.*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X (f + g) d\mu &= \int_X f d\mu + \int_X g d\mu, \\ \int_X cf d\mu &= c \int_X f d\mu, \quad c \in \mathbb{C}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Uniqueness is clear, as positive functions in $\mathcal{L}^1(X, d\mu)$ spans the entire space. We first extend the integral to real integrable functions by letting

$$\int_X (g - h) d\mu \equiv \int_X g d\mu - \int_X h d\mu,$$

for $g, h \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, d\mu)$, $g, h \geq 0$.

This is well-defined, since if

$$g - h = g' - h',$$

then $g + h' = h + g'$ and hence $\int_X g d\mu + \int_X h' d\mu$ □