

Proof of RN-Theorem: Note if $A \in \mathcal{A}$, and $A \subseteq P_q \cap N_r$ for some $q, r \in \mathbb{Q}$ with $q < r$, then $A \subseteq P_q$ so $(v - q\mu)(A) \geq 0$, so $v(A) \geq q\mu(A)$. On the other hand, if $A \subseteq N_q$, so we have $(v - r\mu)(A) \leq 0$, so $v(A) \leq r\mu(A)$. Moreover, $f(x) \leq r$ μ -almost everywhere for all $x \in A$, so

$$\int_A f d\mu \leq r\mu(A)$$

Hence $\int_A f d\mu$, $v(A) \in [q\mu(A), r\mu(A)]$

Now to see that $v(A) = \int_A f d\mu$ for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$, let $A \in \mathcal{A}$, fix $m \in \mathbb{N}$. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, let

$$A_{m,n} = A \cap \left(N_{\frac{n+1}{m}} \setminus \left(\bigcup_{k=0}^n N_{\frac{k}{m}} \right) \right) \text{ and let}$$

$$A_{m,\infty} = A \setminus \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} A_{m,n} \in \mathcal{A}, \text{ and note that } A = \left(\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} A_{m,n} \right) \cup A_{m,\infty}$$

Note that $A_{m,\infty} \subseteq N_{\frac{n+1}{m}} = P_{\frac{n+1}{m}}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If $\mu(A_{m,\infty}) > 0$,

then as $A_{m,\infty} \subseteq P_{\frac{n+1}{m}}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have $v(A_{m,\infty}) \geq \frac{n+1}{m} \mu(A_{m,\infty})$

so taking $n \rightarrow \infty$, $v(A_{m,\infty}) = \infty$, so $v(A) = \infty$ as $A_{m,\infty} \subseteq A$.

Note $f(x) \geq \frac{n+1}{m}$ for μ -almost everywhere $x \notin P_{\frac{n+1}{m}}$, so as

$A_{m,\infty} \subseteq P_{\frac{n+1}{m}}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$\int_{A_{m,\infty}} f d\mu \geq \frac{n+1}{m} \mu(A_{m,\infty}) \rightarrow \infty,$$

so $\int_A f d\mu \geq \int_{A_{m,\infty}} f d\mu = \infty$, so we have the result. Hence

we may assume $\mu(A_{m,\infty}) = 0$, so $\int_{A_{m,\infty}} f d\mu = 0$ and thus $v(A_{m,\infty}) = 0$ as $v \ll \mu$.

Since $A_{m,n} \subseteq N_{\frac{n+1}{m}} \cap P_{\frac{n+1}{m}}$ the above computation yields

$$\frac{n}{m} \mu(A_{m,n}) \leq v(A_{m,n}) \leq \frac{n+1}{m} \mu(A_{m,n}) \text{ and also}$$

$$\frac{n}{m} \mu(A_{m,n}) \leq \int_{A_{m,n}} f d\mu \leq \frac{n+1}{m} \mu(A_{m,n}), \text{ so either we have}$$

$v(A) = \int_A f d\mu = \infty$ or otherwise the following computation

works. Now,

$$\begin{aligned} |v(A) - \int_A f d\mu| &= \left| v(A_{m,\infty}) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} v(A_{m,n}) - \int_{A_{m,\infty}} f d\mu - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{A_{m,n}} f d\mu \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| v(A_{m,n}) - \int_{A_{m,n}} f d\mu \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m} \mu(A_{m,n}) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m} \mu(A) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n} \underbrace{\mu(A)}_{<\infty} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Case 2: When μ is σ -finite

There exists $\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subseteq A$ such that $\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ pairwise disjoint, and $X = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$, $\mu(X_n) < \infty \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $\mu_n, v_n: A \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ by $\mu_n(A) = \mu(A \cap X_n)$ and $v_n(A) = v(A \cap X_n)$ for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$. Note that $\mu_n(X) = \mu(X_n) < \infty$ and if $A \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\mu_n(A) = 0$, then $\mu(A \cap X_n) = 0$, so by absolute continuity $v(A \cap X_n) = 0$, so $v_n(A) = 0$, so $v_n \ll \mu$.

Case 1 implies there exists $f_n: X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ measurable such that $v_n(A) = \int_A f_n d\mu \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{A}$. Let $f: X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be defined by $f = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n \chi_{X_n}$. Then for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} v(A) &= v(A \cap (\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n)) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v(A \cap X_n) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n(A) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_A f_n d\mu \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{A \cap X_n} f_n d\mu \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_A f \chi_{X_n} d\mu \\ &= \int_A f d\mu \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

Corollary: let μ be a σ -finite measure and let v be a finite signed measure on (X, \mathcal{A}) . Then there exists a unique $f \in L_1(X, \mu)$ such that $v(A) = \int_A f d\mu$ for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$.

Proof: Because $v \ll \mu$, then we have $v_{\pm} \ll \mu$, so there are $f_{\pm} : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ measurable such that

$$v_{\pm}(A) = \int_A f_{\pm} d\mu \text{ let } f = f_+ - f_- \text{, so } f \text{ is measurable.}$$

Because v is finite, v_{\pm} are finite, so

$$\int_X |f_{\pm}| d\mu = \int_X f_{\pm} d\mu = v_{\pm}(X) < \infty, \text{ so } f_{\pm} \text{ are integrable, so } f \text{ is integrable.}$$

Suppose $g \in L_1(X, \mu)$ such that $v(A) = \int_A g d\mu$ for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$. Then $\int_A g_+ d\mu - \int_A g_- d\mu = v(A) = \int_A f_+ d\mu - \int_A f_- d\mu$ so $\int_A g_+ d\mu + \int_A f_- d\mu = \int_A f_+ d\mu + \int_A g_- d\mu$, so by RN, $g_+ + f_- = f_+ + g_- \text{ a.e.}$, so $g = g_+ - g_- = f_+ - f_- = f \text{ a.e.}$

Example: RN fails when μ is not σ -finite.

Let μ be the counting measure on \mathbb{R} , and let $v = \lambda$ both restricted to $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$. Then if $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ and $\mu(A) = 0$, so $A = \emptyset$, so $\lambda(A) = 0$. Because \mathbb{R} is uncountable, μ is not σ -finite.

If $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ was Borel and $\lambda(A) = \int_A f d\mu$ for all $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$, note for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$0 = \lambda(\{x\}) = \int_{\{x\}} f d\mu = f(x), \text{ so } f \equiv 0, \text{ and so}$$

$$\lambda(A) = \int_A 0 d\mu = 0 \text{ for all } A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$$

Definition: let μ be a σ -finite measure on (X, \mathcal{A}) , and let v

be either a measure or a finite signed measure such that $v \ll \mu$. The unique $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which is measurable and either nonnegative when v is a measure and an L_1 -function when v is a signed measure produced by the RN Theorem is called the Radon-Nikodym derivative of v by μ , denoted by $\frac{dv}{d\mu}$.

Exercise: If μ is a σ -finite and v is a measure such that then $\int_A f dv = \int_A f \frac{dv}{d\mu} d\mu$.

Example: (Lebesgue-Stieltjes Measure) Let $F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be non-decreasing and right continuous. Let λ_F be the Lebesgue-Stieltjes measure. Then $\lambda_F \ll \lambda$ if and only if F is absolutely continuous and moreover, $\frac{d\lambda_F}{d\lambda} = F'$, so

$$\int_A f d\mu = \int_A f F' d\mu$$

for all $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$. Indeed, if $\lambda_F \ll \lambda$, then we have that

$\lambda_F(A) = \int_A \frac{d\lambda_F}{d\lambda} d\lambda$ for all $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ with $\frac{d\lambda_F}{d\lambda}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ measurable. Note for all $a < b$, $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, that

$F(b) - F(a) = \lambda((a, b)) = \int_a^b \frac{dF}{d\lambda} d\lambda$, so $\frac{d\lambda_F}{d\lambda}$ is integrable on any closed interval as $F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Hence FTC II implies F is absolutely continuous and $F' = \frac{d\lambda_F}{d\lambda}$.

On the other hand, if F is absolutely continuous, F' exists a.e. and is integrable. Since F is non-decreasing, $F' \geq 0$ a.e. Define $v: \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ by $v(A) = \int_A f' d\lambda$. Clearly v is a measure such that $v \ll \lambda$ and so $\frac{dv}{d\lambda} = F'$, so we need to show $v = \lambda_F$.

Note as λ_F is σ -finite, we can use the fact that λ_F is

unique measure that extends a premeasure. Note

$$\nu((a,b]) = \int_{(a,b]} F' d\lambda = F(b) - F(a) = \lambda_F((a,b])$$

Since the algebra \mathcal{F} of all finite unions of such sets, we are done.

Section 5.6 Lebesgue Decomposition Theorem

Theorem let μ and ν be σ -finite measures on (X, \mathcal{A}) . Then there exists a unique pair of measures ν_a and ν_s on (X, \mathcal{A}) such that $\nu = \nu_a + \nu_s$, $\nu_a \ll \mu$, and $\nu_s \perp \mu$.

Proof Note $\mu \ll \mu + \nu$ and moreover $\mu + \nu$ is σ -finite. Indeed, let $\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \{Y_m\}_{m=1}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ such that $X = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n = \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} Y_m, \mu(X_n) < \infty, \mu(Y_m) < \infty$. Let $Z_{n,m} = X_n \cap Y_m \quad \forall n, m \in \mathbb{N}$, so $\{Z_{n,m}\}_{n,m=1}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ is a countable collection with $(\mu + \nu)(Z_{n,m}) < \infty$, so $\mu + \nu$ is σ -finite.

Hence RN implies there is a unique $f: X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ measurable such that

$$\mu(A) = \int_A f d(\mu + \nu) \text{ for all } A \in \mathcal{A}$$

let $P = \{x \in X : f(x) > 0\}$ and $N = \{x \in X : f(x) = 0\}$, note $X = P \cup N$ and $\emptyset = P \cap N$. Let $\nu_a, \nu_s: X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be defined by $\nu_a(A) = \nu(A \cap P)$ and $\nu_s(A) = \nu(A \cap N) \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{A}$. Then ν_a, ν_s are measures with $\nu = \nu_a + \nu_s$, $\nu_s \perp \mu$.

$$\mu(N) = \int_N f d(\mu + \nu) = 0, \text{ and } \nu_s(P) = \nu(P \cap N) = \nu(\emptyset) = 0$$

$\nu_a \ll \mu$ let $A \in \mathcal{A}, \mu(A) = 0$, then $0 = \int_A f d(\mu + \nu)$ so $(\mu + \nu)(A \cap P) = 0 \Rightarrow \nu(A \cap P) = 0 \Rightarrow \nu_a(A) = 0$.