

Recall: Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space. If  $f \in L_1(X)$  is real-valued, then

$$\nu(A) = \int_A f d\mu$$

is a signed measure. In particular,

$$\nu(A) = \int_A f_+ d\mu - \int_A f_- d\mu$$

where  $\int_A f_+ d\mu$  and  $\int_A f_- d\mu$  are also measures.

## Section 5.2: The Hahn–Decomposition Theorem

Remark: With  $f \in L_1(X)$  as above, let

$$P = \{x \in X : f(x) \geq 0\} \text{ and } N = \{x \in X : f(x) < 0\}$$

Then  $P, N \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $P \cap N = \emptyset$  and  $P \cup N = X$ . Note that if  $A \subseteq P$  and  $B \subseteq N$ , then

$$\nu(A) = \int_A f d\mu \geq 0 \quad \nu(B) = \int_B f d\mu \leq 0.$$

Definition: Let  $\nu$  be a signed measure on a measurable

space  $(X, \mathcal{A})$ . A set  $P \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be positive for  $\nu$  if for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $A \subseteq P$ ,  $\nu(A) \geq 0$ .

Similarly, a set  $N \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be negative for  $\nu$  if for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $A \subseteq N$ ,  $\nu(A) \leq 0$ . Finally, a set  $C \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be null for  $\nu$  if for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $A \subseteq C$ , we have  $\nu(A) = 0$ .

Lemma: Let  $\{P_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a collection of positive sets for a signed measure for  $\nu$ . Then  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} P_n$  is positive for  $\nu$ .

Proof: Clearly,  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} P_n$  is measurable. To see it is positive for  $\nu$ , let  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} P_n$ . Let  $A_1 = A \cap P_1$  and for  $n \geq 2$ , let  $A_n = (A \cap P_n) \setminus \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} P_i\right)$ , so  $\{A_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are

pairwise disjoint and measurable such that  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = A$ .  
 Because  $A_n \subseteq P_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $P_n$  is positive for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$   
 $v(A_n) \geq 0$ , so by properties of signed measures,

$$v(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v(A_n) \geq 0.$$

Lemma: Let  $v$  be a signed measure on  $(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Assume there is  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $v(A) > 0$ . Then there is a  $P \in \mathcal{A}$  where  $P \subseteq A$  is positive and  $v(P) > 0$ .

Proof: If  $A$  is positive. We are done. Otherwise, there exists  $A_1 \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $A_1 \subseteq A$  and  $v(A_1) < 0$ . let  $m_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  be the least natural number such that there exists  $B \subseteq A$  measurable such that  $v(B) < -\frac{1}{m_1}$ . Choose  $B_1 \subseteq A$  measurable such that  $v(B_1) < -\frac{1}{m_1}$ . Consider  $A \setminus B_1$ . If  $A \setminus B_1$  is positive we are done. Otherwise, there is  $A_2 \subseteq A \setminus B_1$  and  $v(A_2) < 0$ . let  $m_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that  $m_1 < m_2$  and the least natural number such that  $B \subseteq A \setminus B_1$  such that  $v(B) < -\frac{1}{m_2}$ . Choose  $B_2 \subseteq A$  such that  $v(B_2) < -\frac{1}{m_2}$ . Proceeding inductively, either we find a positive set  $P$  with  $v(P) > 0$  (if we use a later computation), or there exists  $\{B_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of  $A$  and  $(m_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$B_n \subseteq A \setminus \bigcup_{k=1}^{n-1} B_k \quad \text{and} \quad v(B_n) < -\frac{1}{m_n}.$$

let  $P = A \setminus \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \in \mathcal{A}$ . Note that

$$A = P \cup \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n. \quad \text{so}$$

$$v(A) = v(P) + v\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n\right)$$

Because  $\{B_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are pairwise disjoint with  $v(B_n) < 0$ ,

we have

$$v\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v(B_n) \in [-\infty, 0], \text{ but cannot be } -\infty$$

so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v(B_n) = 0$ . So as  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m_n = \infty$ , we have

$$0 > -\frac{1}{m_n} > v(B_n) \rightarrow 0, \text{ so } v(P) > 0.$$

We claim that  $P$  is positive. If not, then there is a  $B \in A$  with  $B \subseteq P$  and  $v(B) < 0$ . Choose  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  to be the least natural number such that  $v(B) < -\frac{1}{m}$ . Because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m_n = \infty$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $m_n > m$  for all  $n \geq N$ . So then

$$v(B) < -\frac{1}{m_{N-1}} \text{ but}$$
$$B \subseteq P \subseteq A \setminus \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \text{ so } B \subseteq A \setminus \bigcup_{n=N}^{\infty} B_n \text{ contradicting the choice of } m_N.$$

Theorem: Let  $v$  be a signed measure on  $(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Then there exists  $P, N \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $X = P \cup N$  and  $P \cap N = \emptyset$  and  $P$  is positive and  $N$  is negative for  $v$ .

Proof: If  $v: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty]$ , replace  $v$  with  $-v$  as then  $-v: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty)$  and it is not hard to check  $P$  is positive for  $v \Leftrightarrow P$  is negative for  $-v$ .

$N$  is negative for  $v \Leftrightarrow N$  is positive for  $-v$ .

Without loss of generality, assume  $v: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty)$ . Let  $\alpha = \sup \{v(P) : P \text{ is positive for } v\} \in [0, \infty)$ .

Note that  $\alpha \neq -\infty$  because  $\emptyset$  is positive. Choose positive sets  $P_n$  such that

$$P = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} P_n \in \mathcal{A}$$

and  $P$  is positive for  $v$ .

Note  $P_n \subseteq P$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $P \setminus P_n \subseteq P$ , so

$$v(P) = v(P_n) + v(P \setminus P_n) \geq v(P_n)$$

as  $P \setminus P_n \subseteq P$  and  $P$  is positive implies  $v(P) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v(P_n) = \alpha$

so  $v(P) \leq \alpha$  as  $P$  is positive and by the supremum, so

$$v(P) = \alpha.$$

On the other hand, let  $N = X \setminus P$ . We claim that  $N$  is negative for  $v$ . If not, then there exists  $A \subseteq N \in \mathcal{U}$  s.t.  $v(A) > 0$ . By the second lemma there is a  $P_0$  such that  $P_0 \subseteq A \subseteq N$ ,  $P_0$  is positive and  $v(P_0) > 0$ .

So  $P \cup P_0$  is positive such that

$$v(P \cup P_0) = v(P) + v(P_0) = \alpha + v(P_0) > \alpha$$

contradicting the definition of  $\alpha$ .

### Section 5.3: The Jordan - Decomposition Theorem

Theorem: Let  $v$  be a signed measure on  $(X, \mathcal{U})$ . Then there exists  $v_+, v_- : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  such that  $v = v_+ - v_-$ .

Proof: By the HDT, there are  $\overset{\text{pos.}}{P}, \overset{\text{neg.}}{N} \in \mathcal{U}$  s.t.

$$\bullet X = P \cup N \text{ and } \emptyset = P \cap N$$

Define  $v_+, v_-$  by

$$v_+(A) = v(A \cap P)$$

$$v_-(A) = -v(A \cap N)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -v_{\pm}(\emptyset) = 0 \\ \text{-countable additivity} \\ -v = v_+ - v_- \end{array} \right.$$

Definition: Two signed measures  $v_1, v_2$  on  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  are said to be mutually singular (or orthogonal) denoted by  $v_1 \perp v_2$  if there are  $A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{U}$  s.t.  $A_1$  is null for  $v_2$ ,

and  $A_2$  is null for  $\nu_2$ ,  $X = A_1 \cup A_2$ ,  $\emptyset = A_1 \cap A_2$ .

Remark: If  $\mu$  is a measure, then  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  is null for  $\mu$  if and only if  $\mu(A) = 0$ , so if  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  are measures, so  $\mu_1 \perp \mu_2$  if and only if there are  $A_1, A_2$  such that  $\mu_1(A_1) = 0$  and  $\mu_2(A_2) = 0$ .

Example: For  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\delta_x \perp \lambda$ . Because  $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \cup (\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})$   
 $\lambda(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}) = 0$  and  $\delta_x(\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}) = 0$ .

Example:  $\nu_+$  and  $\nu_-$  in JDT are mutually singular.

Theorem (Jordan Decomposition Theorem): If  $\nu$  is a signed measure, there are unique  $\nu_+, \nu_- : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  such that  $\nu = \nu_+ - \nu_-$  and  $\nu_+ \perp \nu_-$ .

Proof: Existence: look above.

Uniqueness: If  $\nu_1, \nu_2 : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  such that  
 $\nu = \nu_1 - \nu_2$  and  $\nu_1 \perp \nu_2$ ,

Claim:  $\nu_1 = \nu_+$ ,  $\nu_2 = \nu_-$

Let  $P, N, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$  such that

$$X = P \cup N = B \cup C$$

$$\emptyset = P \cap N = B \cap C$$

$$\nu_+(N) = \nu_-(P) = \nu_1(C) = \nu_2(B) = 0.$$

Fix  $A \in \mathcal{A}$

Case 1:  $A \subseteq P \cap B$

Note  $A \subseteq P$ , so  $\nu_-(A) = 0$        $\nu_- = \nu_2$   
 $A \subseteq B$ , so  $\nu_2(A) = 0$ ,

$$\text{and } \nu_+(A) = \nu_+(A) - \nu_-(A) = \nu(A) = \nu_1(A) - \nu_2(A) = \nu_1(A).$$

Case 2:  $A \subseteq P \cap C$

$$v_-(A) = v_1(A) = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_+(A) &= v_+(A) - v_-(A) \\ &= v(A) \\ &= v_1(A) - v_2(A) \\ &= -v_2(A) \end{aligned} \quad \left. \right\} \quad v_+ = v_2 = 0.$$

③  $A \subseteq N \cap B$  — sim to ②

④  $A \subseteq N \cap C$  — sim to ①

⑤  $A = (A \cap P \cap B) \cup (A \cap P \cap C) \cup (A \cap N \cap B) \cup (A \cap N \cap C)$

Definition: For  $v$  signed measure,  $v_+$  and  $v_-$  are positive and negative parts of  $v$ .