

MS-E1992 Harmonic Analysis

Exercise 5

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1. Assume that μ is a doubling measure on \mathbb{R}^n . Show that $\mu(\mathbb{R}^n) = \infty$.

Proof. Observe that for any integer k such that $1 \leq k < 2$, we have $B(x, kr) \subset B(x, 2r)$ and by property of μ

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(B(x, kr)) &\leq \mu(B(x, 2r)) \leq c_\mu \mu(B(x, r)) = 2^{\log_2 c_\mu} \mu(B(x, r)) \\ &\leq (2k)^{\log_2 c_\mu} \mu(B(x, r)) = c_\mu(k)^{\log_2 c_\mu} \mu(B(x, r)).\end{aligned}$$

In case $k \geq 2$ we can find such $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $2^n \leq k \leq 2^{n+1}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(B(x, kr)) &\leq \mu(B(x, 2^{n+1}r)) \leq c_\mu^{n+1} \mu(B(x, r)) \\ &= c_\mu 2^{n \log_2 c_\mu} \mu(B(x, r)) = c_\mu(k)^{\log_2 c_\mu} \mu(B(x, r)).\end{aligned}$$

Thus if we cover entire space \mathbb{R}^n by concentric balls $B(x, k)$ center at $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $k = 1, 2, \dots$ and by the property of μ

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(\mathbb{R}^n) &= \mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} B(x, k)\right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(B(x, k)) \\ &= c_\mu \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(B(x, k)) = c_\mu \mu(B(x, 1)) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{\log_2 c_\mu} = \infty\end{aligned}$$

□

2. (a) Let $\alpha > -n$. Show that the measure

$$\mu(A) = \int_A |x|^\alpha dx,$$

where A is a Lebesgue measurable subset of \mathbb{R}^n , is doubling.

Proof. Let $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $r > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu(B(y, 2r)) &= \int_{B(y, 2r)} |x|^\alpha dx = \int_{B(0, 2r)} |x|^\alpha dx, \\
 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |x|^\alpha \chi_{B(0, 2r)}(x) dx = 2^n \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |2y|^\alpha \chi_{B(0, 2r)}(2y) dy \\
 &\quad (\text{change of variable } x = 2y \implies dx = 2^n dy) \\
 &= 2^{n+\alpha} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |x|^\alpha \chi_{B(0, r)}(x) dx = 2^{n+\alpha} \int_{B(0, r)} |x|^\alpha dx \\
 &= 2^{n+\alpha} \int_{B(y, r)} |x|^\alpha dx = 2^{n+\alpha} \mu(B(y, r)).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus μ is a doubling measure if $\alpha > -n$. □

(b) Construct a nondoubling Borel measure μ with the property

$$\mu(B(x, r)) > 0 \quad \text{for every } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ and } 0 < r < \infty.$$

Proof. Part (a) implies that the condition for which μ fails to be a doubling measure is $\alpha \leq -n$. Thus define $\mu : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, \infty]$,

$$\mu(A) = \int_A |x|^\alpha dx$$

where $\alpha = -n$ and A is a Lebesgue measurable subset of \mathbb{R}^n . □

Thus by construction, μ is Borel outer measure with the property

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu(B(x, r)) &= \int_{B(x, r)} |y|^{-\alpha} dy = \int_{B(0, r)} |y|^{-\alpha} dy \\
 &= \omega_{n-1} \int_0^r \rho^\alpha \rho^{n-1} d\rho = \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{\alpha + n} r^{n+\alpha} = \infty,
 \end{aligned}$$

where ω_{n-1} is $(n-1)$ -dimensional volume of the unit sphere. Thus by this measure, any ball with different radii will have a same measure.

3. Assume that μ is a doubling measure on \mathbb{R}^n . Let $a > 1$ and let $B(x_1, r_1)$ and $B(x_2, r_2)$ be balls in \mathbb{R}^n such that the distance of the centers is at most ar_1 and $\frac{r_1}{a} \leq r_2 \leq ar_1$. Show that there exists a constant $c \geq 1$, depending only on a and doubling constant c_μ , such that

$$\frac{1}{c} \mu(B(x_1, r_1)) \leq \mu(B(x_2, r_2)) \leq c \mu(B(x_1, r_1)).$$

Proof. Let $a > 1$ and $\frac{r_1}{a} \leq r_2 \leq ar_1$ then $B(x_1, r_1) \subset B(x_1, 2ar_2)$ and $B(x_2, r_2) \subset B(x_1, 2ar_1)$. By property of μ and result from problem 1, we have

$$\mu(B(x_1, r_1)) \leq \mu(B(x_1, 2ar_2)) \leq c_\mu \mu(B(x_2, ar_2)) \leq c_\mu a^{\log_2 c_\mu} \mu(B(x_2, r_2))$$

and

$$\mu(B(x_2, r_2)) \leq \mu(B(x_1, 2ar_1)) \leq c_\mu \mu(B(x_1, ar_1)) \leq c_\mu a^{\log_2 c_\mu} \mu(B(x_1, r_1))$$

Hence,

$$\frac{1}{c} \mu(B(x_1, r_1)) \leq \mu(B(x_2, r_2)) \leq c \mu(B(x_1, r_1)).$$

□

4. Assume that μ is a doubling measure on \mathbb{R}^n . Show that there exist constants c and Q , depending only on doubling constant c_μ , such that

$$\frac{\mu(B(x, R))}{\mu(B(x, r))} \leq c \left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^Q$$

for every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $0 < r < R < \infty$.

Proof. Choose $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $2^{k-1}r < R \leq 2^k r$ then the balls $B(x, r) \subset B(x, R) \subset B(x, 2^k r)$ and the doubling property of μ gives

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(B(x, R)) &\leq c_\mu^k \mu(B(x, r)) = c_\mu c_\mu^{k-1} \mu(B(x, r)) \\ &= c_\mu 2^{(k-1) \log_2 c_\mu} \mu(B(x, r)) \leq c_\mu \left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^{\log_2 c_\mu} \mu(B(x, r)) \\ \implies \frac{\mu(B(x, R))}{\mu(B(x, r))} &\leq c \left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^Q. \end{aligned}$$

□

5. Assume that μ is a doubling measure on \mathbb{R}^n . Show that there exist constants $c > 0$ and $Q > 0$, depending only on doubling constant c_μ , such that

$$c \left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^Q \leq \frac{\mu(B(x, R))}{\mu(B(x, r))}$$

for every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $0 < r < R < \infty$.

Proof. Choose $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $2^{k-1}r < R \leq 2^k r$ then the balls $B(x, r) \subset B(x, 2^{k-1}r) \subset B(x, R) \subset B(x, 2^k r)$ and the doubling property of μ gives

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(B(x, R)) &\geq c_\mu^{k-1} \mu(B(x, r)) = \frac{c_\mu^k}{c_\mu} \mu(B(x, r)) \\ &= \frac{2^{k \log_2 c_\mu}}{c_\mu} \mu(B(x, r)) \geq \frac{1}{c_\mu} \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^{\log_2 c_\mu} \mu(B(x, r)) \\ \implies c \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^Q &\leq \frac{\mu(B(x, R))}{\mu(B(x, r))}. \end{aligned}$$

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