

Measure Theory

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Remark 0.0.1 — If μ, ν are σ -finite measures, $\nu \ll \mu$, then

$$\int_X \mathbf{I}_A d\nu = \int_X \mathbf{I}_A \frac{d\nu}{d\mu} \implies \int_X f d\nu = \int_X f \frac{d\nu}{d\mu}.$$

§0.1 The dual space of L_p

Let (X, \mathcal{F}, μ) be a measure space, $1 < p < \infty$.

Recall that $f_n \xrightarrow{(w)L_p} f$ is defined as

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n g d\mu = \int_X f g d\mu, \quad \forall g \in L_q.$$

By Holder's inequality,

$$\left| \int_X f g d\mu \right| \leq \|g\|_q \|f\|_p, \quad \forall f \in L_p, g \in L_q.$$

Thus given any $g \in L_q$, we can induce a **functional** on L_p , moreover it's linear and bounded.

Definition 0.1.1. We say a functional $\Phi : L_p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded linear if:

$$|\Phi(f)| \leq C \|f\|_p, \quad \Phi(f_1 + cf_2) = \Phi(f_1) + c\Phi(f_2).$$

We can easily see that Φ is continuous:

$$\|f_n - f\|_p \rightarrow 0 \implies |\Phi(f_n) - \Phi(f)| \rightarrow 0.$$

Let $\|\Phi\| := \inf C = \sup_{\|f\|_p=1} |\Phi(f)|$.

For all $A \in \mathcal{F}$, $\Phi_A := \Phi(f\mathbf{I}_A)$ is also a linear and bounded functional. It's clear that $\|\Phi_A\| \leq \|\Phi\|$.

Let Φ_g denote the functional induced by $g \in L_q$:

$$\Phi_g : f \mapsto \int_X f g d\mu, \quad |\Phi_g(f)| \leq \|g\|_q \|f\|_p.$$

Moreover, take $f = |g|^{q-1} \text{sgn}(g)$, we found that $\|\Phi_g\| = \|g\|_q$. We check it here:

$$\int_X |f|^p d\mu = \int_X |g|^{p(q-1)} d\mu = \int_X |g|^q d\mu,$$

so $f \in L_p$, $\|f\|_p = \|g\|_q^{\frac{q}{p}} = \|g\|_q^{q-1}$. Thus the equality of Holder's inequality holds.
In fact L_q contains all the bounded linear functionals of L_p :

Theorem 0.1.2

The dual space of L_p is L_q , i.e. $L_p^* = L_q$.

The critical part is to use a signed measure φ to determine g :

$$\varphi(A) = \int_A g \, d\mu = \int_X \mathbf{I}_A g \, d\mu = \Phi(\mathbf{I}_A), \quad A \in \mathcal{F}.$$

We're faced with two main problems:

- \mathbf{I}_A may not be in L_p .
- μ may not be σ -finite, so the derivative may not be unique.

To solve these problem, we'll start from finite measure, and proceed by finite $\rightarrow \sigma$ -finite \rightarrow arbitrary.

Proposition 0.1.3

If μ is a finite measure, then $L_p^* = L_q$.

Proof. For any bounded linear functional Φ , let $\varphi(A) = \Phi(\mathbf{I}_A)$,

$$|\varphi(A)| \leq C \|\mathbf{I}_A\|_p = C\mu(A)^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

so φ is finite and $\varphi \ll \mu$.

Clearly $\varphi(\emptyset) = 0$, and $\varphi(A + B) = \varphi(A) + \varphi(B)$.

For countable additivity, let $A = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$, $B_N = \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} A_n$, since $\mu(A)$ finite,

$$\left| \varphi(A) - \sum_{n=1}^N \varphi(A_n) \right| = |\varphi(B_N)| \leq C\mu(B_N)^{\frac{1}{p}} \rightarrow 0.$$

By $\varphi \ll \mu$, let $g = \frac{d\varphi}{d\mu}$. We have $|g| < \infty$, a.e. and $g \in L^1$, so

$$\Phi(\mathbf{I}_A) = \varphi(A) = \int_A g \, d\mu = \int_X \mathbf{I}_A g \, d\mu, \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{F}.$$

By the linearity of Φ , we know for simple functions the above equation holds.

For $f \in L_p$ non-negative, we can take simple $f_n \uparrow f$, so $\int f_n^p \, d\mu \uparrow \int f^p \, d\mu \implies f_n \xrightarrow{L_p} f$.

By the continuity of Φ , $\Phi(f_n) \rightarrow \Phi(f)$.

For the integral part, let $X^+ = \{g \geq 0\}$, $X^- = \{g < 0\}$. Then $f_n^{\pm} := f_n \mathbf{I}_{X^{\pm}}$ non-negative simple, and $f_n^{\pm} \xrightarrow{L_p} f^{\pm} := f \mathbf{I}_{X^{\pm}}$.

Now we can use Levi's theorem to get

$$\int_X f_n^{\pm} g \, d\mu \rightarrow \int_X f^{\pm} g \, d\mu.$$

Note since LHS is $\Phi(f_n^\pm)$, RHS must be $\Phi(f^\pm) \in \mathbb{R}$, so we can safely apply $f = f^+ + f^-$. At last f non-negative $\implies f$ measurable is easy, so we've proven

$$\Phi(f) = \int_X fg \, d\mu, \quad \forall f \in L_p.$$

Next we'll prove $g \in L_q$. Let $A_n = \{|g| \leq n\}$, let $g_n := g\mathbf{I}_{A_n}$, clearly $g_n \in L_q$ as the base measure is finite.

Since $\Phi_{g_n} = \Phi_{A_n}$, so

$$\|g_n\|_q = \|\Phi_{A_n}\| \leq \|\Phi\|.$$

Now $|g_n| \uparrow |g|, a.e.$, by Levi $\|g_n\|_q \rightarrow \|g\|_q$, so $\|g\|_q < \infty$. □

Proposition 0.1.4

When μ is σ -finite, $L_p^* = L_q$.

Proof. Let $X = \sum_{n=1}^\infty X_n$, $\mu(X_n) < \infty$.

There exists g_n on X_n s.t. $\Phi_{X_n} = \Phi_{g_n}$. Let $g = \sum_{n=1}^\infty g_n \mathbf{I}_{X_n}$.

For $f \in L_p$, $\sum_{n=1}^N f \mathbf{I}_{X_n} \xrightarrow{L_p} f$, we have

$$\Phi(f) \leftarrow \Phi\left(\sum_{n=1}^N f \mathbf{I}_{X_n}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^N \Phi_{X_n}(f) = \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{X_n} fg \, d\mu.$$

Similarly, let $A^+ = \{fg \geq 0\}$, $A^- = \{fg < 0\}$, $f^\pm = f \mathbf{I}_{A^\pm}$, we know the integral converges. $g \in L_q$ is also the same as before. TODO

$$\|g\|_q = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{n=1}^N g_n \mathbf{I}_{X_n} \right\| \leq \|\Phi_g\| = \|\Phi\|.$$

□

Proposition 0.1.5

μ is an arbitrary measure.

Proof. If $\mu(A) < \infty$, consider $\Phi_A : f \mapsto \Phi(f \mathbf{I}_A)$, we can get g_A .

If $A \subset B$, $\mu(B) < \infty$, then $g_B \mathbf{I}_A = g_A, a.e.$, $\|\Phi_A\| \leq \|\Phi_B\|$.

We can take $A_n \uparrow, \mu(A_n) < \infty$ s.t.

$$\sup_n \|\Phi_{A_n}\| = \sup\{\|\Phi_A\| : \mu(A) < \infty\}.$$

Remark 0.1.6 — Here we're using A_n to replace $X_1 + \dots + X_n$ in the previous proof.

Let $g_n := g_{A_n} \uparrow g$, then $g \in L_q$:

$$\|g\|_q^q = \int_X \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |g_n|^q \, d\mu \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X |g_n|^q \, d\mu \leq \|\Phi\|^q.$$

Let $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$, since $g \in L_q$, by Holder and LDC,

$$\int_X fg \, d\mu \leftarrow \int_X fg_n \, d\mu = \Phi_{A_n}(f) = \Phi(f\mathbf{I}_{A_n}) \rightarrow \Phi(f\mathbf{I}_A).$$

The last part is to prove $\Phi(f\mathbf{I}_{A^c}) = 0$. Otherwise let $D_n = \{|f| > \frac{1}{n}\} \cap A^c$, then $\mu(D_n) < \infty$ since

$$\mu(D_n) \leq \mu\left(|f| > \frac{1}{n}\right) \leq \int_X (n|f|\mathbf{I}_{D_n})^p \, d\mu < \infty.$$

By LDC, $f\mathbf{I}_{D_n} \xrightarrow{L_p} f\mathbf{I}_{A^c}$, so $\Phi(f\mathbf{I}_{D_n}) \neq 0$ for some n . But $\mu(D) < \infty$, let $B_n = A_n + D$ we'll find a contradiction on $\sup_n \|\Phi_{B_n}\| > \sup_n \|\Phi_{A_n}\|$. \square

When $p = 1$, we can prove for σ -finite measure μ that $L_1^* = L_\infty$. The method is the same as above.

§0.2 Lebesgue decomposition

Let φ, ϕ be two signed measures.

If $\varphi \ll \phi$, then we say φ is absolute continuous with respect to ϕ , denoted by $\varphi \ll \phi$. We can see that $\varphi \ll \phi \iff |\varphi| \ll |\phi|$.

Definition 0.2.1. If $\exists N \in \mathcal{F}$ such that

$$|\varphi|(N^c) = |\phi|(N) = 0,$$

then we say φ and ϕ are **mutually singular**, denoted by $\varphi \perp \phi$.

Lemma 0.2.2

$\varphi \perp \phi$ iff there exists $N \in \mathcal{F}$ such that

$$\varphi(A \cap N^c) = \phi(A \cap N) = 0, \quad \forall A.$$

Proof. This is trivial by $|\varphi|(A) = 0 \iff \varphi(B) = 0, \forall B \subset A$. \square

Two measures are mutually singular is to say their supports are disjoint.

Lemma 0.2.3

If $\varphi \ll \phi$ and $\varphi \perp \phi$, then $\varphi \equiv 0$.

Proof. Take N s.t. $|\varphi|(N^c) = |\phi|(N) = 0$, since $\varphi \ll \phi$, $|\varphi|(N) = 0$ as well, thus $|\varphi|(X) = 0$. \square

Theorem 0.2.4 (Lebesgue decomposition)

Let φ, ϕ be σ -finite signed measures, there exists unique σ -finite signed measures φ_c, φ_s s.t.

$$\varphi = \varphi_c + \varphi_s, \quad \varphi_c \ll \phi, \varphi_s \perp \phi.$$

Again, we'll start from finite measures, and reach σ -finite signed measures step by step.

Proposition 0.2.5

Let φ, μ be finite measures, then the Lebesgue decomposition holds.

Proof. Since $\varphi \ll \varphi + \mu$, let $f = \frac{d\varphi}{d(\varphi + \mu)}$, note that $0 \leq f \leq 1$, $(\varphi + \mu)$ -a.e. (here we use the finite condition) and $1 - f = \frac{d\mu}{d(\varphi + \mu)}$.

Let $N = \{f = 1\}$,

$$\varphi_c(A) = \varphi(A \cap N^c), \quad \varphi_s(A) = \varphi(A \cap N).$$

Clearly $\varphi_s(N^c) = 0$,

$$\varphi(N) = \int_N f d(\varphi + \mu) = \int_N 1 d(\varphi + \mu) = \varphi(N) + \mu(N)$$

so $\mu(N) = 0, \varphi_s \perp \mu$.

On the other hand, if $\mu(A) = 0$, since $1 - f > 0$,

$$0 = \mu(AN^c) = \int_{AN^c} (1 - f) d(\varphi + \mu) \implies \varphi_c(A) \leq (\varphi + \mu)(AN^c) = 0.$$

Thus $\varphi_c \ll \mu$, we're done. \square

From this proof, we can see that the critical point is to find a set N , s.t. $\mu(N) = 0$ and $\varphi_c = \varphi(\cdot \cap N^c) \ll \mu$, i.e. in some sense the “largest” null set of μ .

So this can give another proof:

Proof. Let $\gamma := \sup\{\varphi(A) : A \in \mathcal{F}, \mu(A) = 0\}$.

Let $A_n \in \mathcal{F}, \mu(A_n) = 0$ and $\varphi(A_n) \rightarrow \gamma$. Let $N = \bigcup A_n$, then $\varphi(N) = \gamma, \mu(N) = 0$.

If $\mu(A) = 0, \varphi_c(A) > 0$ for some A , then $\mu(N \cup A) = 0$,

$$\varphi(N \cup A) = \varphi(N) + \varphi(A \cap N^c) > \varphi(N) = \gamma,$$

contradiction!

Hence $\varphi_c \ll \mu$. \square

Proposition 0.2.6

Let φ, μ be σ -finite measures, the Lebesgue decomposition holds.

Proof. Let $\{A_n\}$ be a partition of X , $\varphi(A_n) < \infty, \mu(A_n) < \infty$.

On $(A_n, A_n \cap \mathcal{F})$, there exists Lebesgue decomposition $\varphi_{n,c}, \varphi_{n,s}$, let $\varphi_c(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varphi_{n,c}(A \cap A_n)$, φ_s similarly defined, we can easily check that $\varphi_c \ll \mu$ and $\varphi_s \perp \mu$. \square

At last we prove the Lebesgue decomposition: Let X^+, X^- be the Hahn decomposition of φ , WLOG φ^- finite.

By previous propositions, we have $\varphi_c^\pm, \varphi_s^\pm$, since φ_s^-, φ_c^- finite, so φ_c, φ_s is well-defined. The rest is some trivial work to check they satisfy the condition.

Now it remains to check the uniqueness. Suppose $\varphi_{c,i}, \varphi_{s,i}$ are two decompositions, $i = 1, 2$.

Let N_i be sets s.t. $\mu(N_i) = |\varphi_{s,i}|(N_i^c) = 0$, let $N = N_1 \cup N_2$, we have

$$\mu(N) = 0 \implies \varphi_{c,i}(N) = 0; \quad |\varphi_{s,i}|(N^c) = 0, i = 1, 2.$$

Thus $\varphi_{c,i}(A) = \varphi_{c,i}(AN^c) = \varphi(AN^c)$, and $\varphi_{s,i}(A) = \varphi_{s,i}(AN) = \varphi(AN)$.

At last we take $\mu = |\phi|$ to finally conclude.

Example 0.2.7

Let μ be a probability on $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$, λ is Lebesgue measure.

If $\mu \ll \lambda$, we say μ is continuous, and $\frac{d\mu}{d\lambda}$ is the density function of μ .

If $\mu(\{x\}) > 0$, then we say x is an atom of μ ,

$$D = D_{\mu} := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \mu(\{x\}) > 0\},$$

then μ finite $\implies D$ countable.

If $\mu(D) = 1$, then we say μ is discrete.

If $\mu \perp \lambda$ and $D_{\mu} = \emptyset$, then we say μ is singular.

Then for any finite measure μ , let $\mu = \mu_c + \mu_s$ be the Lebesgue decomposition with respect to λ . Let $\mu_1 = \mu_c, \mu_2 = \mu(\cdot \cap D_{\mu}), \mu_3 = \mu_s - \mu_2$.

Then μ_1, μ_2, μ_3 are pairwise singular.

§0.3 Conditional expectations

Let (X, \mathcal{F}, P) be a probability space. Let \mathcal{G} be a sub σ -algebra of \mathcal{F} . Then we have another probability space (X, \mathcal{G}, P) .

Recall that $L_2(\mathcal{G}) \subset L_2(\mathcal{F})$ are Hilbert spaces.

Let $g \in \mathcal{G}$ be a function, $g \geq 0$, then $\int_X g dP$ is the same in two spaces. (By Levi's theorem)

By linear algebra, for any $f \in \mathcal{F}$, there's a unique optimal approximation (or orthogonal projection) $f^* \in \mathcal{G}$ s.t.

$$\|f - f^*\|_2 = \inf_{g \in L_2(\mathcal{G})} \|f - g\|_2.$$

Therefore by orthogonality,

$$Efg = Ef^*g, \forall g \in L_2(\mathcal{G}) \iff Ef\mathbf{I}_A = Ef^*\mathbf{I}_A, \forall A \in \mathcal{G}.$$

Let $\varphi(A) = Ef\mathbf{I}_A$, $\varphi \ll P$, in fact we have $f^* = \frac{d\varphi}{dP}$ in \mathcal{G} .

Remark 0.3.1 — $\int_X f d\mu$ only depends on $\sigma(f)$, so when $f \in \mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$, the integral is the same under both σ -algebra.

We can see that the condition L_2 is a little strong, so we can reduce it to existence of integrals.

Definition 0.3.2 (Conditional expectation). Let $f \in \mathcal{F}$ whose integral exists, we say the **conditional expectation** of f under \mathcal{G} is the function f^* with integral which satisfies:

$$f^* \in \mathcal{G}, \quad Ef^*\mathbf{I}_A = \int_A f dP, \forall A \in \mathcal{G}.$$

This function is denoted by $E(f|\mathcal{G})$.

By the notation $E(f|\mathcal{G})$ we mean a family of *almost surely* equal functions which are measurable in (X, \mathcal{G}, P) .

The **conditional probability** of A under \mathcal{G} is

$$P(A|\mathcal{G}) := E(\mathbf{I}_A|\mathcal{G}).$$

As we've said, let $\phi(A) = Ef\mathbf{I}_A$ be a signed measure, we have

$$\frac{d\phi}{dP} = f \in (X, \mathcal{F}), \quad \frac{d\phi|_{\mathcal{G}}}{dP} = f^* \in (X, \mathcal{G}).$$

All we've done is to find an approximation of f which isn't necessarily in \mathcal{G}

Let $g : (X, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{S})$. We say the conditional expectation of f with respect to g is defined as

$$E(f|g) = E(f|\sigma(g))$$

In probability courses we learned:

$$Ef = EE(f|g),$$

now it's almost trivial since $\int_X f dP = \int_X f^* dP$.

Example 0.3.3

Let $\mathcal{G} = \{\emptyset, B, B^c, X\}$, where $B \in \mathcal{F}$. Then $E(f|\mathcal{G}) = \int_B f dP P(B)^{-1} \mathbf{I}_B + \int_{B^c} f dP P(B^c)^{-1} \mathbf{I}_{B^c}$.

We can see that the conditional expectation is indeed an "expectation".

Also, $P(A|\mathcal{G}) = P(A \cap B)P(B)^{-1} \mathbf{I}_B + P(A \cap B^c)P(B^c)^{-1} \mathbf{I}_{B^c}$, thus $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$, which coincides with elementary probability.

Definition 0.3.4. Let $\{A_t, t \in T\}$ be a family of sets in \mathcal{F} , if $\forall n \geq 2, \{t_1, \dots, t_n\} \subset T$,

$$P\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^n A_{t_k}\right) = \prod_{k=1}^n P(A_{t_k}),$$

we say $\{A_t, t \in T\}$ are independent.

Likely, we can define the independence of collections of sets, and therefore random variables.

Lemma 0.3.5

Let f be a random variable whose integral exists, if f and \mathcal{G} are independent, we have

$$E(f\mathbf{I}_A) = (Ef) \cdot P(A), \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{G}$$

Next we'll study the properties of conditional expectations: Let f, g be functions whose integrals exist, $\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}_0$ are sub σ -algebras of \mathcal{F} ,

- (1) If $f \in \mathcal{G}$, then $E(f|\mathcal{G}) = f, a.s.$ (Trivial)
- (2) If f and \mathcal{G} are independent, then $E(f|\mathcal{G}) = Ef, a.s.$

Let $f^* = Ef$, we can see

$$Ef\mathbf{I}_A = (Ef)P(A) = Ef^*\mathbf{I}_A,$$

- (3) Let $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{G}_0$,

$$E(E(f|\mathcal{G})|\mathcal{G}_0) = E(f|\mathcal{G}) = E(E(f|\mathcal{G}_0)|\mathcal{G}), a.s.$$

The left hand side is immediate by (1). The right hand side can be checked directly using definition.

- (4) If $f \leq g, a.s.$ then $E(f|\mathcal{G}) \leq E(g|\mathcal{G}), a.s.$

$$Ef^*\mathbf{I}_A = Ef\mathbf{I}_A \leq Eg\mathbf{I}_A = Eg^*\mathbf{I}_A, \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{G}.$$

- (5) For all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, if $aEf + bEg$ exists, then

$$E(af + bg|\mathcal{G}) = aE(f|\mathcal{G}) + bE(g|\mathcal{G}).$$

This also can be checked using definition (let $h = af + bg$).

Theorem 0.3.6

Let f_1, f_2, \dots be r.v. whose integrals exist, $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$, then the limit theorems also holds:

- If $0 \leq f_n \uparrow f, a.s.$, then

$$0 \leq E(f_n|\mathcal{G}) \uparrow E(f|\mathcal{G}), a.s.;$$

- If $f_n \geq 0, a.s.$, then

$$E\left(\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n|\mathcal{G}\right) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(f_n|\mathcal{G}), a.s.;$$

- If $|f_n| \leq g, a.s.$ and $g \in L_1$, $f_n \rightarrow f, a.s.$ or in measure.

$$E(f|\mathcal{G}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(f_n|\mathcal{G}), a.s.$$

Proof. • Let $f_n^* = E(f_n|\mathcal{G})$, then they are a.s. increasing, let $\hat{f} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n^*$, then $\hat{f} \in \mathcal{G}$, and

$$E\hat{f}\mathbf{I}_A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E f_n^* \mathbf{I}_A = E f \mathbf{I}_A.$$

- Similarly, let

$$g_n := \inf_{m \geq n} f_m \uparrow \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n =: f.$$

We have $g_n^* \uparrow f^*$, so

$$g_n \leq f_n \implies g_n^* \leq f_n^* \implies f^* \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n^*, a.s.$$

- Lebesgue dominated theorem can be proved similarly. □

Theorem 0.3.7

Let f, g are r.v. whose integrals exist, $g \in \mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$.

$$E(fg|\mathcal{G}) = gE(f|\mathcal{G}), a.s.$$

Proof. Fix f , we use typical method on g . When $g = \mathbf{I}_A$, $A \in \mathcal{G}$, then the conclusion holds:

$$E(f^* \mathbf{I}_A \mathbf{I}_B) = E(f^* \mathbf{I}_{AB}) = E f \mathbf{I}_{AB} = E(f \mathbf{I}_A \mathbf{I}_B).$$

Since $AB \in \mathcal{G}$.

Now using the linearity and limit theorems we're done. Note that we need to prove on $\{f, g \geq 0\}$ and other 3 sets respectively. □

§0.4 Regular conditional distribution

Let $\{A_n\}$ be a partition of X , $\mathcal{G} = \sigma(\{A_n\})$, $P(A_n) > 0$. Thus if $B \in \mathcal{G}$ and $P(B) = 0 \implies B = \emptyset$. So the conditional expectations are uniquely determined (the only null set is the empty set).

We'll compute the conditional expectation of f under \mathcal{G} .

$$f^*(x) = \sum_n a_n \mathbf{I}_{A_n}(x), \quad \forall x. \quad E f^* \mathbf{I}_{A_n} = E f \mathbf{I}_{A_n} \implies a_n = \frac{E f \mathbf{I}_{A_n}}{P(A_n)}.$$

Hence $\forall x \in X, A \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$p(x, A) = P(A|\mathcal{G})(x) = (\mathbf{I}_A)^*(x) = \sum_n \frac{P(A \cap A_n)}{P(A_n)} \mathbf{I}_A(x).$$

We get a function $p(x, \cdot)$, which is a probability on \mathcal{F} , and $p(x, \cdot) = P(\cdot|A_n)$ when $x \in A_n$.

For a fixed x ,

$$(\mathbf{I}_A)^*(x) = \int_X \mathbf{I}_A(y) dp(x, \cdot), \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Now using typical method we can generalize \mathbf{I}_A to any measurable function f . Since here *a.s.* means equal at every point, so all the functions are determined.

Now what we've done is to realize conditional expectation as an integral over **conditional probabilities** $p(x, \cdot)$:

$$f^*(x) = \int_X f(y) dp(x, \cdot) = \int_X f(y) p(x, dy).$$