

Repeated Integration : Fubini & Tonelli's Theorems

Fubini's Theorem

"Finiteness of multiple int \Rightarrow finiteness of all iterated ints (& all equal)".

Let $f(x, y)$ be Lebesgue int'ble on $\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2}$, then for a.e. $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1}$

(i) $f_x(y) = f(x, y)$ is an int'ble function of y on \mathbb{R}^{n_2}

(ii) $\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n_2}} f(x, y) dy$ is an int'ble function of x on \mathbb{R}^{n_1}

Moreover,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n_1}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n_2}} f(x, y) dy \right) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f.$$

In order to fully benefit from Fubini's theorem (using it "positively") we need a viable way to check that functions are integrable.

Tonelli's Theorem

"For $f \geq 0$: Finiteness of any one of Fubini's 3 ints \Rightarrow Finiteness of other two!"

Let $f(x, y)$ be non-negative and measurable on $\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2}$, then for a.e. $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1}$

(i) $f_x(y) = f(x, y)$ is measurable as a function of y on \mathbb{R}^{n_2}

(ii) $\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n_2}} f(x, y) dy$ is measurable as a function of x on \mathbb{R}^{n_1}

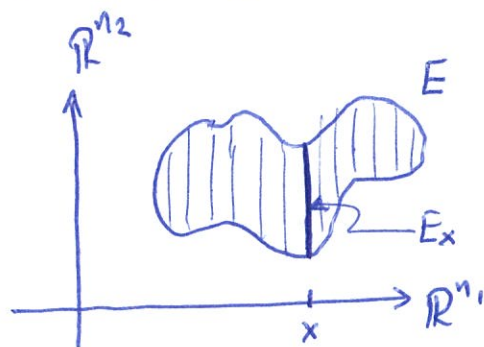
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Corollary (of Tonelli)

If E is a Lebesgue measurable subset of $\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2}$, then for a.e. $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1}$ the "slice" $E_x := \{y \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2} : (x, y) \in E\}$ is a Lebesgue measurable subset of \mathbb{R}^{n_2} and $m(E_x)$ is a measurable function of x in \mathbb{R}^{n_1} . Moreover,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n_1}} m(E_x) dx = m(E).$$



Is it true that if for a given set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2}$ we knew that for a.e. $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1}$ that the slices E_x were m'ble subsets of \mathbb{R}^{n_2} , then E measurable in $\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2}$?

NO! Consider $E = [0, 1] \times \mathcal{N} \Rightarrow E_x := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1} : (x, y) \in E\}$

$$= \begin{cases} [0, 1] & \text{if } y \in \mathcal{N} \\ \emptyset & \text{o/w} \end{cases} \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^{n_1}).$$

So if $E \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, Corollary $\Rightarrow E_x \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^{n_2})$, but $E_x = \mathcal{N} \nrightarrow$.

Remark: In practice we often combine Fubini & Tonelli as follows:

Let $f(x, y)$ be m'ble on $\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2}$. If either

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n_1}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n_2}} |f(x, y)| dy \right) dx \quad \text{or} \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n_2}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n_1}} |f(x, y)| dx \right) dy$$

is finite, then $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ (by Tonelli applied to $|f(x, y)|$), thus $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f < \infty$ and (by Fubini) we know that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n_1}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n_2}} f(x, y) dy \right) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n_2}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n_1}} f(x, y) dx \right) dy.$$

Two Examples (using Fubini to show functions are non-integrable)

Example 1

Let $f(x,y) = \frac{x-y}{(x+y)^3}$ on $[0,1] \times [0,1]$.

Since $\int_0^1 \left(\int_0^1 \frac{x-y}{(x+y)^3} dy \right) dx = \frac{1}{2}$ (Exercise)

we also have that

$$\int_0^1 \left(\int_0^1 \frac{x-y}{(x+y)^3} dx \right) dy = -\frac{1}{2}$$

and Fubini $\Rightarrow f \notin L^1([0,1] \times [0,1])$.

Example 2 (converse of Fubini false!)

Let $f(x,y) = \frac{xy}{(x^2+y^2)^2}$ on $[-1,1] \times [-1,1]$.

It is immediately clear that

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x,y) dx = \int_{-1}^1 f(x,y) dy = 0$$

and hence that both iterated integrals equal 0.

However,

$$\int_{-1}^1 \left(\int_{-1}^1 |f(x,y)| dx \right) dy \stackrel{\text{Exercise}}{=} 2 \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{y} - \frac{y}{1+y^2} \right) dy \text{ which } \underline{\underline{DNE!}}$$

Fubini $\Rightarrow |f| \notin L^1([-1,1] \times [-1,1]) \Leftrightarrow f \notin L^1([-1,1] \times [-1,1])$.

Appendix (on Measurability on $\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2}$).

Lemma

If f measurable on \mathbb{R}^{n_1} , then $F(x, y) = f(x)$ is measurable on $\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2}$.

Proof: Assume that $n_2 = 1$. Need to show that for all $a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R} : F(x, y) > a\} \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}).$$

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$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : f(x) > a\} \times \mathbb{R}$$

* Things thus reduce to showing that if $E \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then $E \times \mathbb{R} \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$:

- Write $E = H \cup N$ with H a F_σ -set and $m(N) = 0$.

$$\Rightarrow E \times \mathbb{R} = (H \times \mathbb{R}) \cup (N \times \mathbb{R}).$$

Since $H \times \mathbb{R}$ is clearly a F_σ -set in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} we will be done if we can show that $N \times \mathbb{R}$ has measure zero in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} :

- Define $E_k = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |x| \leq k\}$, then $E_1 \subseteq E_2 \subseteq \dots$ & $\bigcup_k E_k = \mathbb{R}$.

$$\Rightarrow N \times E_1 \subseteq N \times E_2 \subseteq \dots \text{ and } \bigcup_k (N \times E_k) = N \times \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\text{and hence that } m(N \times \mathbb{R}) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} m(N \times E_k) = 0 \quad \square$$

Claim: For each $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $m(N \times E_k) = 0$.

Pf: Fix k & let $\varepsilon > 0$. Since N is null in \mathbb{R}^n we know that

$$N \subseteq \bigcup_j Q_j \text{ with } \sum_j |Q_j| < \varepsilon / 2k. \quad (\text{with } \{Q_j\} \text{ closed cubes})$$

$$\Rightarrow N \times E_k \subseteq \bigcup_j \underbrace{(Q_j \times E_k)}_{\text{cubes!}} \text{ with } \sum_j |Q_j \times E_k| = \sum_j 2k |Q_j| < \varepsilon \quad \square$$

Consequence of Lemma 1

(1) f & g m'ble on \mathbb{R}^{n_1} & $\mathbb{R}^{n_2} \Rightarrow H(x,y) = f(x)g(y)$ m'ble on $\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2}$

$$\left[H(x,y) = F(x,y)G(x,y) \text{ where } F(x,y) = f(x) \text{ \& } G(x,y) = g(y). \right]$$

(2) f, g m'ble on $\mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow h(x,y) = f(x-y)g(y)$ m'ble on \mathbb{R}^{2n} .

$$\left[\begin{aligned} h(x,y) &= F \circ T(x,y) G(x,y) \text{ where } F(x,y) = f(x), G(x,y) = g(y) \\ &= F(x-y, x+y) G(x,y) \text{ and } T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \right]$$

(3) $f \geq 0$ & m'ble $\Rightarrow \tilde{F}(x,y) = y - f(x)$ m'ble on \mathbb{R}^{n+1}
on \mathbb{R}^n for any $y \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\left[\tilde{F}(x,y) = G(x,y) - F(x,y) \text{ where } G(x,y) = y \text{ \& } F(x,y) = f(x) \right]$$

"Area under Graph"

Suppose $f(x) \geq 0$ on \mathbb{R}^n & $A := \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R} : 0 \leq y \leq f(x)\}$, then

(i) f m'ble on $\mathbb{R}^n \iff A \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$

(ii) f m'ble on $\mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) dx = m(A)$.

Proof: (i): (\Rightarrow) follows from (3) since $A = \{y \geq 0\} \cap \{\tilde{F} \leq 0\}$

(\Leftarrow) Corollary of Tonelli $\Rightarrow f(x) = m(dx)$ is m'ble.

(ii) Corollary of Tonelli $\Rightarrow m(A) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} m(A_x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) dx$. □