

# 1 Set Theory

1.1. Write the definitions of: **sequence of sets**  $\{E_n\}_n$ , **increasing** and **decreasing sequence of sets**  $\{E_n\}_n$ ,  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n$ ,  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E$ .

Let  $X$  be a set. We denote  $\mathcal{P}(X) := \{Y | Y \subseteq X\}$  the power set of  $X$ .

Let  $I$  be a (general) index set. Then  $\{E_i\}_{i \in I}$  is called family or collection indexed by  $I$  and  $E_i \subseteq X \forall i \in I$ .

If  $I = \mathbb{N}$  then  $\{E_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is called sequence of sets.

A sequence  $\{E_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  is monotone increasing if  $E_n \subseteq E_{n+1} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $[E_n \nearrow]$

A sequence  $\{E_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  is monotone decreasing if  $E_n \supseteq E_{n+1} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $[E_n \searrow]$

Let  $\{E_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ . We define:

$$\limsup_n E_n := \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \bigcup_{n=k}^{\infty} E_n \right] \quad (\bigcup_{i \in I} E_i = \{x \in X : \exists i \in I \ x \in E_i\})$$

$$\liminf_n E_n := \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \bigcap_{n=k}^{\infty} E_n \right] \quad (\bigcap_{i \in I} E_i = \{x \in X : \forall i \in I \ x \in E_i\})$$

If  $\limsup_n E_n = \liminf_n E_n := F$  then we define  $\lim_n E_n = F$ .

1.2. Write the definitions of: **cover** (or covering) of a set, **subcover**, **open cover** of a set, **finite subcover**.

Let  $X$  be a set,  $I$  be a (general) index set. A family of sets  $\{E_i\}_{i \in I}$  is called cover of  $X$  if  $X \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} E_i$ .

A subfamily of a cover which itself forms a cover is called a subcover.

A cover  $\{E_i\}_{i \in I}$  is said to be open if every element  $E_i$  of the cover is an open set.

A subcover is said to be finite if it has a finite number of elements.

1.3. Write the definitions of: **equivalence relation**, **equivalence class**, **quotient set**.

Let  $X$  be a set. A relation in  $X$  is a subset  $R \subseteq X \times X$  (denoted  $(x, y) \in R$  or  $xRy$ ).

The relation  $R$  in  $X$  is an equivalence relation if  $\forall x, y, z \in X$  the following properties hold:

1. reflexivity:  $xRx$
2. symmetry:  $xRy \Rightarrow yRx$
3. transitivity:  $xRy, yRz \Rightarrow xRz$

Given  $x \in X$  and  $R$  relation, we define the equivalence class of  $x$  as:  $E_x := \{y \in X : yRx\}$ .

The equivalence classes form a partition of the set  $X$ .

The set  $\frac{X}{R} := \{E_x : x \in X\}$  is called quotient set of  $X$  over the relation  $R$ .

The quotient set is a set of sets, the elements are equivalence classes.

1.4. Write the definitions of: **order relation**, **partially ordered set**, **totally ordered set** (or **chain**).

Provide examples of partially ordered sets and of totally ordered sets.

Let  $X$  be a set. A relation in  $X$  is a subset  $R \subseteq X \times X$  (denoted  $(x, y) \in R$  or  $xRy$ ).

The relation  $R$  in  $X$  is an order relation if  $\forall x, y, z \in X$  the following properties hold:

1. reflexivity:  $xRx$
2. antisymmetry:  $xRy, yRx \Rightarrow x = y$
3. transitivity:  $xRy, yRz \Rightarrow xRz$

A set  $P \subseteq X$  with an order relation  $R$  is called a partially ordered set.

If  $\forall x, y \in P$  either  $xRy$  or  $yRx$  then  $P$  is a totally ordered set (or chain).

Examples: 

- $(\mathbb{R}, \leq)$  is totally ordered, since  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  it holds either  $x \leq y$  or  $y \leq x$ .
- $X = \mathbb{Z}^n$  with the relation  $[x \leq y \Leftrightarrow x \text{ divides } y]$  is partially ordered but not totally ordered.  
For example, 2 is in relation with 4 (2 divides 4), but 3 is not in relation with 4.  
There exist two elements  $x, y \in \{3, 4\}$  for which neither  $xRy$  nor  $yRx$  holds.

1.5. Write the definition of **equipotent sets**, **cardinality of a set**. State the **Schröder - Bernstein theorem** and the **Cantor theorem**.

Two sets  $X, Y$  are equipotent if there exists a bijection  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ .

The cardinality of  $X$  is defined as the collection of all sets equipotent to  $X$ , namely:

$$|X| := \{Y | \exists f : X \rightarrow Y \text{ bijection}\}.$$

Therefore we can say that  $X, Y$  are equipotent  $\Leftrightarrow |X| = |Y|$ .

**Theorem.** Schröder - Bernstein

Let  $X, Y$  be two sets. If  $|X| \leq |Y|$  and  $|Y| \leq |X| \Rightarrow |X| = |Y|$ .

**Theorem.** Cantor

Let  $X$  be any set. Then:  $|X| \leq |\mathcal{P}(X)|$ .

It is always possible to obtain a bigger cardinality through the operation of power set.

1.6. Write the definitions of: **infinite set**, **finite set**, **countable set**, **uncountable set**. Provide examples.

Let  $X$  be a set. Then  $X$  is said to be infinite if there exists  $E \subsetneq X$  such that  $|X| = |E|$ .

The set  $X$  is said to be finite if it is not infinite.

The set  $X$  is said to be countable if  $|X| \leq |\mathbb{N}|$ .

The set  $X$  is said to be uncountable if it is not countable.

Examples: 

- $\mathbb{Q}$  is countable
- $\mathbb{R}$  is uncountable
- if  $X, Y$  are countable, then  $X \times Y$  is countable
- the countable union of countable sets is countable

**1.7.** Write the continuum hypothesis and the axiom of choice.

**Axiom. Continuum hypothesis**

There is no set whose cardinality is strictly between that of  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Axiom. Axiom of choice**

Let  $X$  be a set,  $I$  a (general) index set. Given any disjoint family of sets  $\{E_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ , there exists a set  $V \subseteq X$  that contains exactly one element of every  $E_i$ , namely:  $V \cap E_i = \{x_i\} \forall i \in I$ .  
Given a collection of non-empty sets, we can choose one element from each set.

**1.8.** Write the definitions of: maximal element, upper bound, sup of a subset of a partially ordered set.  
State the Zorn's lemma. Which is the relation between the axiom of choice and Zorn's lemma?

Let  $(P, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set with the generic order relation  $\leq$ .

$M \in P$  is called maximal element of  $P$  if:  $(M \leq x \text{ for some } x \in P) \Rightarrow (x = M)$ .

Let  $A \subseteq P$  and  $u \in P$ . We say that  $u$  is an upper bound if:  $a \leq u \forall a \in A$ .

If  $u \leq v \forall v$  upper bound of  $A$ , then we say that  $u$  is the supremum of  $A$  and we denote it as:  $u := \sup A$ .

(Recall) In a partially ordered set  $(P, \leq)$ , if  $\forall x, y \in P$  either  $x \leq y$  or  $y \leq x$  holds, then  $P$  is a chain.

**Lemma. Zorn's lemma**

Let  $(P, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set.

If every chain has an upper bound, then  $P$  has a maximal element.

Zorn's lemma is an equivalent formulation of the axiom of choice, hence:  $AC \Leftrightarrow$  Zorn's lemma.

## 2 Metric Spaces

**Def. Metric space**

Let  $X \neq \emptyset$  be any set. A distance (metric) on  $X$  is a function  $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  s.t.:

- 1.  $d(x, y) \geq 0 \forall x, y \in X$  and  $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$
- 2.  $d(x, y) = d(y, x) \forall x, y \in X$
- 3.  $\forall x, y, z \in X : d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$  (triangular inequality)

If  $d$  is a distance on  $X$  then  $(X, d)$  is a metric space.

$\mathbb{R}^N$ $\mathbb{R}^N$ $C^0([a, b])$ $\ell^p = \{x = \{x^{(k)}\}_k \subseteq \mathbb{R} : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty}  x^{(k)} ^p < +\infty\}$ $\ell^{\infty} = \{x = \{x^{(k)}\}_k \subseteq \mathbb{R} : \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}}  x^{(k)}  < +\infty\}$	$d_p(x, y) = (\sum_{j=1}^N  x_j - y_j ^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad \forall p \geq 1$ $d_{\infty}(x, y) = \max_{j=1, \dots, N}  x_j - y_j $ $d(x, y) = \max_{t \in [a, b]}  x(t) - y(t) $ $d_p(x, y) = (\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}  x^{(k)} - y^{(k)} ^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ $d_{\infty}(x, y) = \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}}  x^{(k)} - y^{(k)} $
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**Def. Open ball**

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $x_0 \in X$  and  $r > 0$ . The open ball with center in  $x_0$  and radius  $r$  is defined as:  $B(x_0, r) = \{y \in Y : d(x_0, y) < r\}$

**Def. Open/Closed set**

$(X, d)$  metric space. Let  $A \subseteq X$ .

$A$  is open if:  $\forall x \in A \exists r = r_x > 0$  such that  $B(x, r) \subseteq A$ .

$A$  is closed if  $X \setminus A$  is open.

**Def. Basic notions**

$(X, d)$  metric space. Let  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $x_0 \in X$ :

- $x_0$  is an interior point of  $A$  if  $\exists r > 0 : B(x_0, r) \subseteq A$
- $x_0$  is an exterior point of  $A$  if  $\exists r > 0 : B(x_0, r) \subseteq X \setminus A$
- $x_0$  is a boundary point of  $A$  if  $\forall r > 0 : B(x_0, r) \cap A \neq \emptyset$  and  $B(x_0, r) \cap X \setminus A \neq \emptyset$
- $x_0$  is an accumulation point of  $A$  if  $\forall r > 0 : \exists x_r \in (B(x_0, r) \cap A) \setminus \{x_0\}$
- interior of  $A = \text{int}(A) := \{x \in X : x \text{ interior point of } A\}$
- exterior of  $A = \text{ext}(A) := \{x \in X : x \text{ exterior point of } A\}$
- boundary of  $A = \partial A := \{x \in X : x \text{ boundary point of } A\}$
- closure of  $A = \bar{A} = \text{cl}(A) := A \cup \partial A$

**Prop.**  $A$  is open  $\Leftrightarrow A = \text{int}(A)$  ( $\text{int}(A)$  is the biggest open set which is contained in  $A$ )

$A$  is closed  $\Leftrightarrow \partial A \subseteq A = \bar{A}$  ( $\bar{A}$  is the smallest closed set which contains  $A$ )

**Def. Sequence**

$(X, d)$  metric space. A sequence in  $X$  is a map  $x : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$  and we denote it as  $x = \{x_n\}_n$ .

**Def. Convergent sequence**

$(X, d)$  metric space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}_n \subseteq X$  converges to  $x_0 \in X$ , namely  $x_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{d} x_0$ , if:  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_0) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_0) = 0$ .

The sequence  $\{d(x_n, x_0)\}_n$  is a sequence of real numbers. Let  $\{a_n\}_n$  be a real sequence:

if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \bar{n} \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\forall n \geq \bar{n} |a_n - a| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$ .

**Prop.** In  $(\mathbb{R}^N, d_p)$ ,  $\forall 1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , it holds:  $x_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{d_p} x_0 \Leftrightarrow x_n^{(i)} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{d_p} x_0^{(i)} \forall i = 1, \dots, N$ .  $(x_n^{(i)}, x_0^{(i)}) \in \mathbb{R}$

The convergence of the sequence is equivalent to the convergence of the components.

**Prop.** In  $(C^0([a, b]), d)$  it holds:  $x_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{d} x_0 \Leftrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\max_{t \in [a, b]} |x_n(t) - x_0(t)|) = 0$ .

This means that the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n \subseteq C^0([a, b])$  has to uniformly converges to  $x_0$ .

**Prop. Closed set (with sequences)**

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $A \subseteq X$ . The set  $A$  is closed if:

$\forall x_0 \in X$  for which  $\exists \{x_n\}_n \subseteq A$  with  $x_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{d} x_0$  (hence  $x_0 \in \bar{A}\} \Rightarrow x_0 \in A$ .

**Def. Bounded sequence**

$(X, d)$  metric space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}_n \subseteq X$  is bounded if  $\exists x_0 \in X, M > 0$  such that:

$d(x_n, x_0) < M \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Theorem.** Uniqueness of the limit

$(X, d)$  metric space. If a sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  has a limit, then the limit is unique.

**Def.** Cauchy sequence

$(X, d)$  metric space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  is Cauchy if:

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \bar{n}_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N}: d(x_m, x_n) < \varepsilon \quad \forall n, m > \bar{n}_\varepsilon.$$

A convergent sequence is Cauchy, not every Cauchy sequence converges.

Cauchy sequences are always bounded.

**Def.** Complete metric space

$(X, d)$  metric space is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence is convergent.

Examples: •  $(\mathbb{R}^N, d_p)$  is complete  $\forall p \in [1, +\infty]$

•  $(C^0([a, b]), d(x, y) = \max_{t \in [a, b]} |x(t) - y(t)|)$  is complete

**Prop.**  $(X, d)$  complete metric space,  $B \subseteq X$  closed  $\Rightarrow (B, d)$  complete.

**Def.** Bounded subset of a metric space  $(X, d)$

A subset  $S$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$  is bounded if:

$$\exists r > 0 \text{ such that } \forall s, t \in S: d(s, t) < r.$$

## 2.1 Separability

**1.9.** Write the definitions of: **dense set**, **separable metric space**, **nowhere dense set**, **set of first category**, **set of second category**. Provide an example of a nowhere dense and one of a set of first category.

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space.

A set  $A \subset X$  is dense in  $X$  if the closure of  $A$  is equivalent to  $X$ , namely  $\overline{A} = X$ .

The metric space  $(X, d)$  is separable if  $\exists A \subset X$  countable and dense in  $X$ .

A set  $E \subseteq X$  is nowhere dense if  $\text{int}(\overline{E}) = \emptyset$ . A nowhere dense set does not contain any open ball.

A set  $E \subseteq X$  is of first category (meagre) in  $X$  if  $E$  is the countable union of nowhere dense sets in  $X$ .

A set  $E \subseteq X$  is of second category (not meagre) in  $X$  if it is not of first category.

Examples: •  $E = \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{R} = X \Rightarrow \overline{E} = E \Rightarrow \text{int}(\overline{E}) = \text{int}(E) = \emptyset \Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is nowhere dense (in  $\mathbb{R}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad E = \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R} = X \Rightarrow \mathbb{Q} &= \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{q_n\} := \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \\ &\Rightarrow \text{int}(A_n) = \text{int}(A_n) = \emptyset \Rightarrow A_n \text{ is nowhere dense} \\ &\Rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \text{ is of first category in } \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

• any countable set in  $\mathbb{R}$  is of first category (in  $\mathbb{R}$ )

**1.10.** Write the definition of **sequence of nested balls**. State the **theorem of nested balls** (or the Cantor intersection theorem).

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. A sequence  $\{B_n\}_n$  of closed balls in a metric space  $X$  is called nested if:

$$B_n \supset B_{n+1} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (B_1 \supset B_2 \supset \dots \supset B_k \supset \dots).$$

Let  $r_n$  be the radius of  $B_n$ . Then  $\{r_n\}_n$  is a decreasing sequence, namely  $\{r_n\}_n \searrow$ .

**Theorem.** **Cantor intersection theorem (theorem of nested balls)**

The metric space  $(X, d)$  is complete  $\Leftrightarrow$  any nested sequence of closed balls whose radius tends to 0 has non-empty intersection, namely  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \neq \emptyset$ .

**1.11.** State and prove the **Baire category theorem** and its corollary. (The proof includes also the preliminary lemma.)

**Lemma.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $A \subseteq X$  a nowhere dense set.

Then, every closed ball in  $X$  contains a closed ball which does not intersect  $A$ .

*proof.*

- Let  $B \subset X$  be a closed ball, so that  $B = \overline{B}$ .

Then  $\text{int}(B) = \text{int}(\overline{B}) \not\subseteq \overline{A}$ , since  $A$  is nowhere dense and cannot contain any open ball ( $\text{int}(B)$  is open).

$$\Rightarrow \exists x_0 \in \text{int}(B) \setminus \overline{A} := E.$$

$E$  is open since it's the difference between an open set ( $\text{int}(B)$ ) and a closed set ( $\overline{A}$ ).

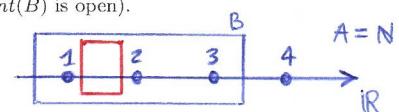
- Since  $E$  is open and  $x_0 \in E$ , by definition of open sets:  $\exists B_r(x_0) \subset E$ .

- Since  $B_r(x_0)$  is entirely contained in  $E$ :

$$\Rightarrow \overline{B_{\frac{r}{2}}(x_0)} \subset E$$

- Since  $E \cap A = \emptyset \Rightarrow \overline{B_{\frac{r}{2}}(x_0)} \cap A = \emptyset$ .

It exists a closed ball inside  $B$  which does not intersect  $A$ .



**Theorem.** **Baire category theorem**

Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space. Then  $E = X \subseteq X$  is of second category in itself.

A complete metric space has to be of second category in itself.

*proof.*

- Suppose by contradiction that  $X$  is of first category, so that:

$$X = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n, \quad A_n \subset X \text{ and nowhere dense } (\text{int}(\overline{A_n}) = \emptyset) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

- By the previous lemma, there exists a closed ball  $B_1$  of radius  $r_1 < 1$  which does not intersect  $A_1$  (since  $A_1$  is, by assumption, nowhere dense).

- By the lemma again,  $B_1$  contains a closed ball  $B_2$  of radius  $r_2 < \frac{1}{2}$  such that  $B_2$  does not intersect  $A_2$ .

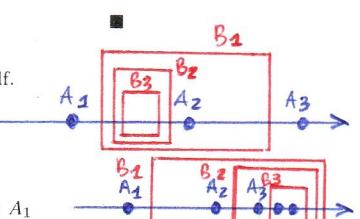
- Carrying on this process we obtain a nested sequence  $\{B_n\}_n$  of closed balls such that:

$$B_n \cap A_n = \emptyset \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \text{and} \quad r_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

- Thus, since  $X$  is complete, by the theorem of nested balls:  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \neq \emptyset$ .

- On the other hand, since  $B_n \cap A_n = \emptyset \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ :  $(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n) \cap (\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) = \emptyset$ .

But:  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = X \Rightarrow \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n = \emptyset \Rightarrow$  contradiction  $\Rightarrow X$  must be of second category.



**Corollary.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space.

Then, the intersection of a countable family of open dense sets in  $X$  is a set which is dense in  $X$ .

*Alternative from.* Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space.

Let  $\{A_n\}_n \subset X$  be a countable family of open dense sets in  $X$  ( $\overline{A_n} = X \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ).

Then, also  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$  is dense in  $X$ , namely  $\overline{\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n} = X$ .

The corollary says that density is preserved under countable intersection.

*proof.*

- Let  $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset X$  be a sequence of open dense sets, so that  $\overline{A_n} = X \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  
By contraddiction suppose that:  $E := \overline{\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n} \not\subseteq X$ .
- $E$  is closed so, by definition,  $E^c$  is open  $\Rightarrow \exists B \subset E^c$  closed.  
 $\Rightarrow B$  is closed in  $X$   
 $\Rightarrow (B, d)$  is a complete metric space ( $(X, d)$  complete,  $B \subseteq X$  closed  $\Rightarrow (B, d)$  complete)  
 $\Rightarrow B$  is of **second category** (by Baire category theorem).
- On the other hand, by our construction:  

$$\begin{aligned} (\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n) \cap B &= \emptyset \Rightarrow \text{De Morgan law: } \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n = (\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n^c)^c \\ &\Rightarrow (\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n^c) \cap B = B \\ &\Rightarrow \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (A_n^c \cap B) = B \end{aligned}$$
We define  $G_n := A_n^c \cap B$  and so:  $B = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} G_n$ .
- Since  $A_n$  is open and  $\overline{A_n} = X \Rightarrow A_n^c$  is closed and  $\text{int}(\overline{A_n}) = \text{int}(A_n^c) = \emptyset$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \text{int}(\overline{G_n}) = \text{int}(\overline{A_n^c \cap B}) \subseteq \text{int}(\overline{A_n^c}) = \text{int}(A_n^c) = \emptyset$   
 $\Rightarrow B = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} G_n$  and  $G_n$  is nowhere dense, since  $\text{int}(\overline{G_n}) = \emptyset$   
 $\Rightarrow B$  is of **first category** (countable union of nowhere dense sets)  
 $\Rightarrow$  contraddiction  $\Rightarrow E = X$  ■

## 2.2 Compactness

**1.12.** Write the definitions of: **compact** metric space, **sequentially compact** metric space, **totally bounded** metric space. Explain how these properties are related.

A metric space  $(X, d)$  is compact:

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{any open cover has a finite subcover.}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall \{x_i\}_{i=1}^n \subset X \ \exists \delta > 0 \text{ such that: } X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_\delta(x_i).$$

A metric space  $(X, d)$  is sequentially compact:

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{any bounded sequence } \{x_n\}_n \text{ has a convergent subsequence.}$$

A metric space  $(X, d)$  is totally bounded:

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0 \ \exists A \subset X, A \text{ finite, such that } \forall x \in X: \text{dist}(x, A) := \inf_{y \in A} d(x, y) < \varepsilon.$$

*It is always possible to find a set of points that is close to all the points of  $X$ .*

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall r > 0 \ \exists \{x_i\}_{i=1}^n \subset X \text{ such that: } X \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_r(x_i).$$

*The above means that  $\exists$  a finite cover made of balls of radius that we choose.*

**Theorem.** Characterization of compact metric spaces

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. The below conditions are equivalent:

- $X$  is compact
- $X$  is sequentially compact
- $X$  is complete and totally bounded

**Prop.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space.

- $E \subseteq X$  is compact  $\Rightarrow E$  is closed and bounded.
- $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$  is compact  $\Leftrightarrow E$  is closed and bounded (Heine-Borel theorem).

## 2.3 Compactness in $C^0([a, b])$

**Def.** Set of continuous functions  $C^0(X)$

Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space. We define the space of continuous functions over  $X$  as:

$$C^0(X) := \{f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ continuous}\}.$$

On this set we define the distance:  $d(f, g) = \sup_{x \in X} |f(x) - g(x)| = \|f - g\|_\infty$ .

**Prop.** Completeness of  $C^0(X)$

The metric space  $(C^0(X), d)$  defined as above is complete.

**1.13.** Write the  $\varepsilon - \delta$  definition of **equicontinuous** subset  $F$  of  $C^0(X)$ , where  $X$  is a compact metric space. Explain from which parameters  $\delta$  depends. In particular, write the definition when  $F = \{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ .

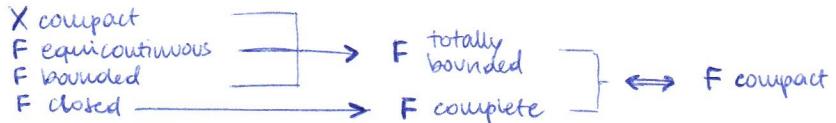
Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space. The subset  $F \subseteq C^0(X)$  is equicontinuous if:

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \ \exists \delta_\varepsilon > 0 : \forall f \in F \ \forall x, y \in X \quad d(x, y) < \delta_\varepsilon \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon.$$

In this case,  $\delta_\varepsilon$  does not depend on  $f$ . Moreover  $\delta_\varepsilon$  is independent of  $x$ . In conclusion,  $\delta_\varepsilon$  depends only on  $\varepsilon$ .

In particular, if  $F = \{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  then  $F$  is equicontinuous if:

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \ \exists \delta_\varepsilon > 0 : \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \ \forall x, y \in X \quad d(x, y) < \delta_\varepsilon \Rightarrow |f_n(x) - f_n(y)| < \varepsilon.$$



#### 1.14. State and prove the Ascoli-Arzelà theorem.

The Ascoli-Arzelà theorem is a sufficient condition for compactness (of a set in  $C^0(X)$ ).

##### Theorem. Ascoli-Arzelà

Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space.

If  $F \subset C^0(X)$  is bounded, closed and equicontinuous, then  $F$  is compact.

proof.

- By the characterization of compact metric spaces:  $F$  compact  $\Leftrightarrow$   $F$  complete and totally bounded.
- $F \subset C^0(X)$ ,  $F$  closed,  $C^0(X)$  complete  $\Rightarrow$   $F$  is complete.  $((C^0(X), d) \text{ complete}, F \subset C^0(X) \text{ closed} \Rightarrow (F, d) \text{ complete})$
- By hypothesis we have:

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad F \text{ equicontinuous} &\Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0 \ \exists \delta_\varepsilon := \delta > 0 : \forall f \in F \ \forall x, y \in X \quad d(x, y) < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon \\ (2) \quad X \text{ compact} &\Leftrightarrow X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_\delta(x_i) \text{ for some } \delta > 0 \\ (3) \quad F \text{ bounded} &\Leftrightarrow \exists k > 0 : \forall f \in F, \forall x \in X : |f(x)| \leq k \end{aligned}$$

- Let  $E := [-k, k] \subset \mathbb{R}$ .

We define a mapping  $T : F \rightarrow E^n$  such that:

$$T(f) = (f(x_1), f(x_2), \dots, f(x_n)) \quad \forall f \in F$$

where  $\forall i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $x_i$  is the center of the ball  $B_\delta(x_i)$  introduced before.

Since  $E^n$  is the cartesian product of compact intervals:

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow E^n &\subset \mathbb{R}^n \text{ is compact} \\ \Rightarrow E^n &\text{ is totally bounded.} \end{aligned}$$

- Because of (3),  $\forall f \in F$  every component of  $T(f)$  is such that  $|\cdot| \leq k$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow T(F) &\subseteq E^n \\ \Rightarrow T(F) &\text{ is totally bounded. (a subset of a totally bounded set is totally bounded)} \end{aligned}$$

- Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $T(F)$  is totally bounded, we can cover  $T(F)$  by finitely many open balls of radius  $\varepsilon$ , say:  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m$ .  $(T(F) \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^m B_j)$

For each  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  we choose a  $f_j \in F$  such that:  $T(f_j) \in B_j$ .

- Claim:*  $F$  is covered by a finite number of open balls of radius  $4\varepsilon$ , which means that  $F$  is totally bounded.

- Since  $T(F)$  is covered by  $\bigcup_{j=1}^m B_j$ :
 
$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \forall f \in F : T(f) &\in B_j \text{ for some } j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \\ \Rightarrow d(T(f), T(f_j)) &< 2\varepsilon \text{ since they're in the same ball } B_j \text{ of radius } \varepsilon \\ \Rightarrow |f(x_i) - f_j(x_i)| &\leq d(T(f), T(f_j)) < 2\varepsilon \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

- By (2):  $\forall x \in X \ \exists x_i \in X : d(x, x_i) < \delta$

$$\Rightarrow \text{due to (1): } \forall f \in F \quad |f(x) - f(x_i)| < \varepsilon \quad (2)$$

Since it holds  $\forall f \in F$ , in particular it holds for  $f_j$  for each  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ :

$$\Rightarrow |f_j(x) - f_j(x_i)| < \varepsilon \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (3)$$

- Combining (1), (2) and (3) we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x \in X : \quad |f(x) - f_j(x)| &= |f(x) \pm f(x_j) \pm f_j(x_i) - f_j(x)| \\ &\leq |f(x) - f(x_i)| + |f(x_i) - f_j(x_i)| + |f_j(x_i) - f_j(x)| \\ &< \varepsilon + 2\varepsilon + \varepsilon = 4\varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

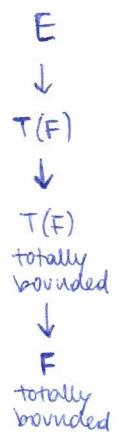
$$\Rightarrow \forall f \in F \ \exists j \in \{1, \dots, m\} : d(f, f_j) < 4\varepsilon$$

$\Rightarrow$  if we consider  $f_j$  as the center of the ball  $B_{4\varepsilon}(f_j)$  of radius  $4\varepsilon$ , we conclude that:

$$\forall f \in F \ \exists j \in \{1, \dots, m\} : f \in B_{4\varepsilon}(f_j)$$

$$\Rightarrow F \text{ is covered by } m \text{ open balls of radius } 4\varepsilon$$

$\Rightarrow F$  is totally bounded. ■



#### 1.15. Write the statement of the Ascoli-Arzelà theorem when the subset of $C^0(X)$ is a sequence $\{f_n\}_n$ .

##### Theorem. Ascoli-Arzelà (for sequences)

Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space,  $F = \{f_n\}_n \subset C^0(X)$ .

If  $\{f_n\}_n$  is bounded and equicontinuous then:

$$\exists \{f_{n_k}\}_k \subset \{f_n\}_n \text{ such that: } f_{n_k} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} f \text{ in } C^0(X) \text{ for some } f \in C^0(X).$$

(Recall) The sequence  $\{f_n\}_n \subset C^0(X)$  is always closed (by definition).

(Recall) The sequence  $\{f_n\}_n$  is bounded if  $\exists M > 0 : \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \ \sup_{x \in X} |f_n(x)| \leq M$ .

(Recall) The thesis is the notion of sequentially compact.

##### Corollary. Ascoli-Arzelà corollary

Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space,  $C > 0$ . Then, the set:

$$E := \{f \in C^1([a, b]) : \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x)| + \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f'(x)| \leq C\}$$

is compact in  $C^0([a, b])$ .

##### Corollary. Ascoli-Arzelà corollary (for sequences)

Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space,  $\{f_n\}_n \subset C^1([a, b])$  and assume that  $\exists C > 0$  such that:

$$\sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f_n(x)| + \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f'_n(x)| \leq C \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then:

$$\exists \{f_{n_k}\}_k \subset \{f_n\}_n \text{ such that: } f_{n_k} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} f \text{ in } C^0(X) \text{ for some } f \in C^0(X).$$

Namely,  $\{f_n\}_n$  is sequentially compact in  $C^0([a, b])$ .

### 3 Measure

#### 3.1 $\sigma$ -Algebra

**2.1.** Write the definitions of: **algebra**,  **$\sigma$ -algebra**, **measurable space**, **measurable set**. Show that if  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra and  $\{E_k\}_k \subset \mathcal{A}$ , then  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Let  $X$  be a set.

A family  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  is said to be an algebra if:

- (i)  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{A}$
- (ii)  $E \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow E^c \in \mathcal{A}$
- (iii)  $A, B \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow A \cup B \in \mathcal{A}$

Property (i) and (ii) give that:  $\emptyset^c = X \Rightarrow X \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Property (ii) and (iii) gives that:  $A, B \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow A \cap B = (A^c \cup B^c)^c \in \mathcal{A}$

A family  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  is said to be an  $\sigma$ -algebra if:

- (i)  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{A}$
- (ii)  $E \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow E^c \in \mathcal{A}$
- (iii)  $\{E_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k \in \mathcal{A}$

Let  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra. Then  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is called measurable space.

The elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  are called measurable sets. Hence, a set is measurable if it belongs to a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

**Prop.** If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra and  $\{E_k\}_k \subset \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k \in \mathcal{A}$

*proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \{E_k\}_k \subset \mathcal{A} &\Rightarrow E_k^c \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ by property (ii)} \\ &\Rightarrow \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k^c \in \mathcal{A} \text{ by property (iii)} \\ &\Rightarrow (\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k^c)^c \in \mathcal{A} \text{ by property (ii)} \\ &\Rightarrow (\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k^c)^c = \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k \in \mathcal{A} \text{ by De Morgan's law.} \end{aligned}$$

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**2.2.** State the theorem concerning the existence of the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by a given set. Give an idea of the proof.

**Theorem. Generation of a  $\sigma$ -algebra**

Let  $X$  be a set,  $S \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ . Then there exists a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\sigma_0(S)$  such that:

- (i)  $S \subseteq \sigma_0(S)$
- (ii)  $\forall \sigma\text{-algebra } \mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X) \text{ such that } S \subset \mathcal{A} \text{ we have: } \sigma_0(S) \subseteq \mathcal{A}$

This theorem ensures that starting from  $\forall S \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  there exists a  $\sigma$ -algebra that contains  $S$  and that is contained in each  $\sigma$ -algebra that contains  $S$ . In some sense, any other  $\sigma$ -algebra that contains  $S$  is bigger (with respect to  $\subseteq$ ) of  $\sigma_0(S)$ .

We can conclude that  $\sigma_0(S)$  is the smaller (with respect to  $\subseteq$ )  $\sigma$ -algebra containing  $S$ .

*(idea) proof.*

We define the set  $\nu := \{\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X) \text{ such that } S \subseteq \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A} \text{ a } \sigma\text{-algebra}\} = \text{all } \sigma\text{-algebras that contain } S$ .

We define  $\sigma_0(S) := \bigcap \{\mathcal{A} : \mathcal{A} \in \nu\}$  = intersection of all the  $\sigma$ -algebras containing  $S$ .

The intersection of all possible  $\sigma$ -algebras containing  $S$  is the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing  $S$ .

The proof consists in proving that  $\sigma_0(S)$  defined as above is actually a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

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In conclusion,  $\sigma_0(S)$ , which existence is guaranteed by the theorem, is called  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $S$ .

#### 3.2 Borel Sets

**2.3.** Write the definition of the **Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra** in a metric space. Provide classes of Borel sets.

Characterize  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\mathbb{R}^N$ .

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space.

In a metric space we have the notion of *open set*, hence we can define:

$$\mathcal{G} := \{E \subseteq X : E \text{ is open}\}.$$

This set  $\mathcal{G}$ , defined as the set containing all the open sets, is called topology.

It is possible to apply the theorem of generation of a  $\sigma$ -algebra starting from the set  $\mathcal{G}$ .

Then, the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by open sets, namely  $\sigma_0(\mathcal{G})$ , is called Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra and it is denoted by  $\mathcal{B}(X)$ .

*In this way,  $\sigma_0(\mathcal{G})$  is the intersection of all the  $\sigma$ -algebras which contain all the open sets.*

The elements of the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra are called Borel measurable sets.

The following sets are Borel: (Borel is **not** only these sets)

- open sets
- closed sets
- countable intersections of open sets ( $G_\delta$ )
- countable union of closed sets ( $F_\sigma$ )

To generate  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$  we consider all the open sets of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then, we generate all the  $\sigma$ -algebras containing all the open sets of  $\mathbb{R}$  and we intersect them. The intersection of these  $\sigma$ -algebras is a  $\sigma$ -algebra, in particular it is the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ . However, to generate the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra it is enough to consider special families of sets:

(i)	$\mathbb{R}$	$\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) = \sigma_0(I_1)$	$I_1 = \{(a, b) : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a \leq b\}$
		$\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) = \sigma_0(I_2)$	$I_2 = \{[a, b] : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a \leq b\}$
		$\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) = \sigma_0(I_3)$	$I_3 = \{(a, b] : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a \leq b\}$
		$\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) = \sigma_0(I_4)$	$I_4 = \{(a, b] : -\infty \leq a \leq b < \infty\} \cup \{(a, \infty) : a \in \mathbb{R}\}$
		$\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) = \sigma_0(I_5)$	$I_5 = \{(a, \infty) : a \in \mathbb{R}\}$
(ii)	$\overline{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$	$\mathcal{B}(\overline{\mathbb{R}}) = \sigma_0(\tilde{I}_1)$	$\tilde{I}_1 = \{(a, b) : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a < b\} \cup \{[-\infty, b) : b \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{(a, \infty) : a \in \mathbb{R}\}$
		$\mathcal{B}(\overline{\mathbb{R}}) = \sigma_0(\tilde{I}_2)$	$\tilde{I}_2 = \{(a, \infty) : a \in \mathbb{R}\}$
(iii)	$\mathbb{R}^N$	$\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^N) = \sigma_0(K_1)$	$K_1 = \{N\text{-dimensional closed rectangles}\}$
		$\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^N) = \sigma_0(K_2)$	$K_2 = \{N\text{-dimensional open rectangles}\}$

### 3.3 Measure

**2.4.** Write the definitions of: **measure**, **finite measure**,  **$\sigma$ -finite measure**, **measure space**, **probability space**. Provide some examples of measures.

Let  $X$  be a set,  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  such that  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{C}$ .  
A function  $\mu : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+$  is a measure on  $\mathcal{C}$  if:

- (i)  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$
- (ii)  $\sigma$ -additivity:  $\forall \{E_k\}_k \subseteq \mathcal{C}$  disjoint such that  $\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k \in \mathcal{C}$ , then:  

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_k)$$

In order to talk about the measure of  $\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$ , the requirement  $\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k \in \mathcal{C}$  is needed.  
If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra then  $\forall \{E_k\}_k \subseteq \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k \in \mathcal{C}$ , hence the requirement is always satisfied.

A measure  $\mu$  is finite if  $\mu(X) < \infty$ .

A measure  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite if there exists  $\{E_k\}_k \subseteq \mathcal{C}$  such that:  $X = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$  and  $\mu(E_k) < \infty \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra,  $\mu : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+$  a measure. Then  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  is called measure space.

- If  $\mu$  is finite ( $/\sigma$ -finite) the measure space is called finite ( $/\sigma$ -finite).
- If  $\mu(X) = 1$  then  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  is a probability space and  $\mu$  is a probability measure.

Examples:

- Let  $X$  be a set,  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ :  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{C}$ . The function  $\mu : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+$  defined by  $\mu(\emptyset) := 0$ ,  $\mu(E) := \infty \forall E \in \mathcal{C}, E \neq \emptyset$ , is a measure.
- Let  $X$  be a set. The function  $\mu : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+$  such that:  $\mu(E) := |E|$  if  $E$  is finite,  $\mu(E) := \infty$  otherwise, with  $|E|$  = number of elements of  $E$ , is a measure and it is called counting measure ( $\mu^\#$ ).
- Let  $X \neq \emptyset$  be a set,  $x_0 \in X$ . The function  $\delta_{x_0} : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+$  such that:  $\delta_{x_0}(E) := 1$  if  $x_0 \in E$ ,  $\delta_{x_0}(E) = 0$  otherwise, is a measure and it is called Dirac measure concentrated at  $x_0$ .

**2.5.** State and prove the theorem regarding properties of measures.

For what concerns continuity w.r.t. a descending sequence  $\{E_k\}_k$ , show that the hypothesis  $\mu(E_1) < +\infty$  is essential.

#### Theorem. Properties of measures

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space. Then:

- (i)  $\forall \{E_1, \dots, E_n\} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  disjoint :  $\mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^n E_k\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n \mu(E_k)$  (additivity)
- (ii)  $\forall E, F \in \mathcal{A}$  :  $E \subseteq F \Rightarrow \mu(E) \leq \mu(F)$  (monotonicity)
- (iii)  $\forall \{E_k\}_k \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  :  $\mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_k)$  ( $\sigma$ -subadditivity)
- (iv)  $\forall \{E_k\}_k \subseteq \mathcal{A} \nearrow$  :  $\mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(E_k)$  (continuity of the measure)
- (v)  $\forall \{E_k\}_k \subseteq \mathcal{A} \searrow, \mu(E_1) < \infty$  :  $\mu\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(E_k)$  (continuity of the measure)

proof.

- (i) Set  $E_{n+1} = E_{n+2} = \dots = \emptyset$ .

$$(1) \quad \mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^n E_k \cup \bigcup_{k=n+1}^{\infty} E_k\right) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^n E_k \cup \bigcup_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \emptyset\right) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^n E_k \cup \emptyset\right) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^n E_k\right)$$

By property (i) of  $\mu$  we have that  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ , hence:

$$(2) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_k) = \sum_{k=1}^n \mu(E_k) + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \mu(E_k) = \sum_{k=1}^n \mu(E_k) + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} 0 = \sum_{k=1}^n \mu(E_k)$$

By property (ii) of the  $\mu$ : (1) = (2), hence:  $\mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_k)$ .

- (ii) Since  $E \subseteq F$  we can write:  $F := E \cup (F \setminus E) \Rightarrow E \cap (F \setminus E) = \emptyset$ . (\*)

Since in (\*) we have two disjoint sets we can apply property (i):

$$\mu(F) = \mu(E) + \mu(F \setminus E) \geq \mu(E)$$

The  $\geq$  is guaranteed because  $\mu$  is non-negative.

- (iii) Let's define a new family of sets:  $F_1 := E_1, F_n := E_n \setminus (\bigcup_{k=1}^{n-1} E_k)$  for  $n = 2, 3, \dots$

Then  $\{F_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  is disjoint sequence of sets,  $F_k \subseteq E_k \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$  and it holds:  $\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$ .

Therefore, by  $\sigma$ -additivity ( $\{F_k\}_k$  is disjoint) and by monotonicity ( $F_k \subseteq E_k \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ ):

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(F_k) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_k)$$

- (iv) Let's define:  $E_0 := \emptyset, F_k := E_k \setminus E_{k-1}$ .

Then  $\bigcup_{k=1}^n F_k = E_n$  and  $\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$ .

Since  $\{F_k\}_k$  are disjoint and by (i):

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(F_k) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \mu(F_k) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^n F_k\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(E_n)$$

- (v) Let's define:  $F_k := E_1 \setminus E_k$ .

Then  $\{F_k\}_k \nearrow$  and so, we can apply property (iv):

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k\right) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(F_k) = \mu(E_1) - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(E_k). \quad (1)$$

The last equivalence is possible only because  $\mu(E_1) < \infty$ .

On the other hand:

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k &= \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} (E_1 \cap E_k^c) = E_1 \cap \left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k^c\right) = E_1 \setminus \left(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right) \\ &\Rightarrow \mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k\right) = \mu(E_1) - \mu\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right). \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

By combining (1) and (2) we obtain:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(E_k) = \mu\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right)$$

The hypothesis  $\mu(E_1) < \infty$  is essential. In fact, if  $\mu(E_1) = \infty$  then (v) fails.

Let's consider  $(\mathbb{N}, \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}), \mu^\#)$ ,  $\mu^\#$  counting measure, and:

$$E_n := \{k \in \mathbb{N} : k \geq n\} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (\{E_n\}_n \searrow)$$

Then:

$$(1) \quad \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n = \emptyset \Rightarrow \mu^\#\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right) = \mu^\#(\emptyset) = 0.$$

$$(2) \quad \mu^\#(E_n) = +\infty \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu^\#(E_n) = \infty.$$

By combining (1) and (2) we obtain:

$$\mu^\#\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right) \neq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu^\#(E_n).$$

In particular, we underly that  $\mu(E_1) = \infty$ .

**Lemma. Borel-Cantelli**

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space,  $\{E_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ .  
If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n) < \infty \Rightarrow \mu(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n) = \mu(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} [\bigcup_{n=k}^{\infty} E_n]) = 0$ .

*proof.*

Let's define:  $F_k := \bigcup_{n=k}^{\infty} E_n \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \{F_k\}_k \searrow$ .  
Because of  $\sigma$ -subadditivity ( $\{E_k\}_k \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ :  $\mu(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_k)$ )  
 $\mu(F_k) \leq \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \mu(E_n)$ . (1)

In particular:

$$\mu(F_1) = \mu(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n) < \infty.$$

Because of (1) and because of the point (v) of the properties of measures:

$$\mu(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n) = \mu(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k) = \lim_k \mu(F_k) \leq \lim_k (\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \mu(E_n)) = 0 \text{ since } k \rightarrow \infty. \blacksquare$$

### 3.4 Sets of Zero Measure

**2.6.** Write the definitions of: **sets of zero measure, negligible sets**.

What is meant by saying that a property holds a.e.? Provide typical properties that can be true a.e. .

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space.

The set  $N \subseteq X$  is said to be a set of zero measure if  $N \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\mu(N) = 0$ .

The set  $E \subseteq X$  is said to be negligible if  $\exists N \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $E \subseteq N$  and  $\mu(N) = 0$ .

We call  $\mathcal{N}_{\mu}$  the collection of sets of zero measure.

We call  $\mathcal{T}_{\mu}$  the collection of negligible sets.

A property  $P$  on  $X$  is said to be true almost everywhere (a.e.) if:

$$\{x \in X : P(x) \text{ is false}\} \in \mathcal{N}_{\mu}$$

namely, if the set where the property is false is measurable and its measure is zero.

Examples: •  $f, g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are equal a.e. if:  $\{x \in X : f(x) \neq g(x)\} \in \mathcal{N}_{\mu}$ .

•  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  is finite a.e. if:  $\{x \in X : f(x) = \pm\infty\} \in \mathcal{N}_{\mu}$ .

•  $D \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $f : D \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  is defined a.e. in  $X$  if:  $D^c \in \mathcal{N}_{\mu}$ .

**2.7.** Write the definition of **complete measure space**. State the theorem concerning the **existence of the completion of a measure space**. Give just an idea of the proof.

A measure space  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  is said to be complete if every negligible set is also measurable, namely  $\mathcal{T}_{\mu} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ .

In such case,  $\mu$  is said to be a complete measure and  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be a complete  $\sigma$ -algebra.

Furthermore, it holds that:  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  is complete  $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{N}_{\mu} = \mathcal{T}_{\mu}$ .

Thus, a complete measure space is such that any negligible set is measurable with zero measure.

**Theorem. Completion of a measure space**

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space. We define:

- $\bar{\mathcal{A}} := \{E \subseteq X : \exists F, G \in \mathcal{A} \text{ such that } F \subseteq E \subseteq G, \mu(G \setminus F) = 0\}$
- $\bar{\mu} : \bar{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$  such that:  $\bar{\mu}(E) := \mu(E)$

— any subset of a zero-measure set is measurable with measure zero

Then:

- (i)  $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra which contains  $\mathcal{A}$
- (ii)  $\bar{\mu}$  is a complete measure,  $\bar{\mu}|_{\mathcal{A}} = \mu$ , so  $(X, \bar{\mathcal{A}}, \bar{\mu})$  is a complete measure space, more precisely it is the smallest (w.r.t. inclusion) complete measure space which contains  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ .

*(idea) proof.*

It is straightforward to prove that  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \bar{\mathcal{A}}$ . Indeed, if  $E \in \mathcal{A}$  then we can choose  $F = G = E$  and so  $E \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}$ . Because of this, if  $E \in \mathcal{A}$  it holds  $\bar{\mu}(E) = \mu(E)$  and so we can conclude  $\bar{\mu}|_{\mathcal{A}} = \mu$ .

The overall idea is that we can construct a **complete** measure space out of **any** general measure space  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ .

To do so, we need to enlarge the original  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  and to extend the original measure  $\mu$ .

The sets that we need to add to the original  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  are the negligible sets and the extension of the original measure  $\mu$  has to be such that the added negligible sets have zero-measure. Proceeding like this, we obtain  $(X, \bar{\mathcal{A}}, \bar{\mu})$  which will be complete since all the negligible sets will belong to  $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$  and will have zero measure through  $\bar{\mu}$ . (■)

### 3.5 Outer Measure

**2.8.** Write the definition of **outer measure**. State and prove the theorem concerning **generation of outer measure on a general set  $X$** , starting from a set  $K \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ , containing  $\emptyset$ , and a function  $\nu : K \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$ ,  $\nu(\emptyset) = 0$ . Intuitively, which is the meaning of  $(K, \nu)$ ?

Let  $X$  be a set.

A function  $\mu^* : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$  is said to be an outer measure on  $X$  if:

- (i)  $\mu^*(\emptyset) = 0$
- (ii) monotonicity:  $\forall E_1, E_2 \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ :  $E_1 \subseteq E_2 \Rightarrow \mu^*(E_1) \leq \mu^*(E_2)$
- (iii)  $\sigma$ -subadditivity:  $\forall \{E_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ :  $\mu^*(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(E_n)$

The outer measure is defined on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ . In particular, since all the properties of the outer measure are valid for a measure, if  $\mu$  is a measure on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  then  $\mu$  is an outer measure.

**Theorem. Generation of outer measure**

Let  $X$  be a set,  $K \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  be a set such that  $\emptyset \in K$ ,  $\nu : K \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$  be a function such that  $\nu(\emptyset) = 0$ .

We define  $\mu^* : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$  such that:

- $\mu^*(E) := \inf_{\{I_n\}_n \subseteq K: E \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu(I_n) \right\}$   
if  $E \subseteq X$  can be covered by a countable union of sets  $I_n \in K$
- $\mu^*(E) := +\infty$  otherwise

Then  $\mu^*$  is an outer measure on  $X$ .

*proof.*

We have to prove that the 3 properties of the outer measure are fulfilled.

- (i) As a general remark: if  $I \in K$  then  $\mu^*(I) \leq \nu(I)$ , since  $\mu^*$  is defined as the infimum.

Let's consider  $\emptyset \in K$ . Because of the above remark and since  $\mu^*$  is non-negative:

$$\Rightarrow \mu^*(\emptyset) \leq \nu(\emptyset) = 0 \Rightarrow \mu^*(\emptyset) = 0.$$

- (ii) Consider  $E_1 \subseteq E_2$ . If there exists a countable cover of  $E_2$  then it is also a countable cover of  $E_1$ .

Since both  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  have a countable cover, both  $\mu^*(E_1)$  and  $\mu^*(E_2)$  are defined with the infimum.

but since  $E_1 \subseteq E_2$  then, from the very definition of  $\mu^*$  it follows:

$$\mu^*(E_1) \leq \mu^*(E_2).$$

If  $E_2$  does not have a countable cover, then:

$$\mu^*(E_1) \leq \mu^*(E_2) = \infty$$

hence, whatever  $\mu^*(E_1)$  is, it holds  $\mu^*(E_1) < \infty$ .

- (iii) Let  $\{E_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ .

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(E_n) = \infty$  then it is obvious.

On the contrary, if:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(E_n) < \infty \Rightarrow \mu^*(E_n) < \infty \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

By the definition of  $\mu^*$ :

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \exists \{I_{n,k}\}_k \subseteq K \text{ such that: } E_n \subseteq \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} I_{n,k}$$

By the definition of infimum,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ :

$$\mu^*(E_n) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^n} > \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \nu(I_{n,k})$$

Since  $\{I_{n,k}\}_k \subseteq K \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$\Rightarrow \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \subseteq \bigcup_{n,k=1}^{\infty} I_{n,k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu^*\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right) \leq \sum_{n,k=1}^{\infty} \nu(I_{n,k}), \text{ since it is the infimum}$$

$$< \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \mu^*(E_n) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^n} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(E_n) + \varepsilon.$$

Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary:

$$\mu^*\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(E_n). \quad \blacksquare$$

Intuitively, we see the function  $\nu$  as an *elementary measure* and  $K \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  as a set made of *special sets* on which this elementary measure can be applied. Starting from these two objects we can define an outer measure on every set of  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ .

Consider  $E \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ . We try to cover  $E$  with a countable union of sets belonging to  $K$ , namely  $I_n \in K \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If this is possible, we collect all the possible cover of  $E$ , we apply  $\nu$  on every cover and we set the outer measure of  $E$ , namely  $\mu^*(E)$ , as the infimum of these values. If we cannot cover  $E$  with a countable union of sets belonging to  $K$  then we set  $\mu^*(E) = \infty$ . Proceeding like this, the resulting function  $\mu^*$  is an outer measure defined on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ .

### 2.9. What is the Caratheodory condition? How can it be stated in an equivalent way? Prove it.

Let  $X$  be a set,  $\mu^*$  an outer measure on  $X$ .

A set  $E \subseteq X$  satisfies the Caratheodory condition if:  $\mu^*(Z) \geq \mu^*(Z \cap E) + \mu^*(Z \cap E^c) \quad \forall Z \subseteq X$ .

The Caratheodory condition is equivalent to say:  $\mu^*(Z) = \mu^*(Z \cap E) + \mu^*(Z \cap E^c) \quad \forall Z \subseteq X$ .

*proof.*

It is enough to show that  $\forall E \subseteq X$ :

$$\mu^*(Z) \leq \mu^*(Z \cap E) + \mu^*(Z \cap E^c) \quad \forall Z \subseteq X.$$

Since  $\forall E \subseteq X$  we can write  $X = E \cup E^c$ :

$$Z = Z \cap X = Z \cap (E \cup E^c) = (Z \cap E) \cup (Z \cap E^c) \quad \forall Z \subseteq X$$

By  $\sigma$ -subadditivity of the outer measure we get:

$$\mu^*(Z) \leq \mu^*(Z \cap E) + \mu^*(Z \cap E^c) \quad \forall Z \subseteq X \quad \blacksquare$$

A set  $E \subseteq X$  which satisfies the Caratheodory condition is said to be  $\mu^*$ -measurable.

### 2.10. Can it exist a set of zero outer measure, which does not fulfill the Caratheodory condition? Prove it.

It cannot exist a set of zero outer measure which does not fulfill the Caratheodory condition.

Let  $X$  be a set,  $\mu^*$  an outer measure on  $X$ ,  $E \subseteq X$ .

**Lemma.** If  $\mu^*(E) = 0$  then  $E$  is  $\mu^*$ -measurable. ( $\Leftrightarrow E$  satisfies the Caratheodory condition)

*proof.*

By monotonicity of  $\mu^*$ :

$$\mu^*(Z \cap E) + \mu^*(Z \cap E^c) \leq \mu^*(E) + \mu^*(Z) = \mu^*(Z) \quad \forall Z \subseteq X$$

since  $Z \cap E \subseteq E$ ,  $Z \cap E^c \subseteq Z$  and  $\mu^*(E) = 0$ .

So, the Caratheodory condition is satisfied.  $\blacksquare$

## 3.6 Generation of Measure

### 2.11. State the theorem concerning generation of a measure as a restriction of an outer measure.

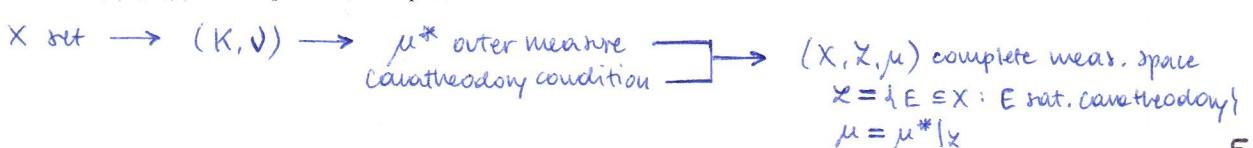
**Theorem.** Let  $X$  be a set. Let  $\mu^*$  be an outer measure on  $X$ . Then:

- (i) the collection  $\mathcal{L} := \{E \subseteq X : E \text{ is } \mu^*\text{-measurable}\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra  
equivalent formulation:  $\mathcal{L} := \{E \subseteq X : E \text{ satisfies Caratheodory condition}\}$

- (ii)  $\mu^*|_{\mathcal{L}}$  is a complete measure on  $\mathcal{L}$ .

This theorem states that an outer measure combined with the Caratheodory condition allows us to construct a measure. Starting from an outer measure  $\mu^*$ , we consider the family of sets that satisfy the Caratheodory condition. This family,  $\mathcal{L}$ , is a  $\sigma$ -algebra. The outer measure restricted to this  $\sigma$ -algebra,  $\mu = \mu^*|_{\mathcal{L}}$ , is a complete measure.

In conclusion,  $(X, \mathcal{L}, \mu)$  is a complete measure space.



**3.1.** Show that the measure induced by an outer measure on the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all sets fulfilling the Caratheodory condition is complete.

Let  $X$  be a set and let  $\mu^*$  be an outer measure on  $X$ .

We define  $\mathcal{L} := \{E \subseteq X : E \text{ is } \mu^*\text{-measurable}\} = \{E \subseteq X : E \text{ satisfies Caratheodory condition}\}$ , which is a  $\sigma$ -algebra. Then, the measure induced by  $\mu^*$  on  $\mathcal{L}$ , namely  $\mu = \mu^*|_{\mathcal{L}}$ , is complete.

*proof.*

Consider  $N \in \mathcal{L}$  such that  $\mu^*(N) = \mu(N) = 0$ . (since  $N \in \mathcal{L}$  and  $\mu = \mu^*|_{\mathcal{L}}$ )

Consider  $E \subset N$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^* \text{ monotone} &\Rightarrow 0 \leq \mu^*(E) \leq \mu^*(N) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \mu^*(E) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \text{by the lemma which states that if } \mu^*(E) = 0 \text{ then } E \text{ is } \mu^*\text{-measurable:} \\ &\Rightarrow E \text{ is } \mu^*\text{-measurable, namely } E \text{ satisfies Caratheodory condition} \\ &\Leftrightarrow E \in \mathcal{L}, \text{ hence we can write } \mu(E), \text{ which by definition is } \mu(E) = \mu^*(E) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

We showed that every subset of a zero-measure set is measurable and of zero-measure:

$$\Rightarrow \mu = \mu^*|_{\mathcal{L}} \text{ is complete.}$$

## 3.7 Lebesgue Measure

**3.2.** Describe the construction of the Lebesgue measure in  $\mathbb{R}$  and in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $X$  be a set.

**Construction of an outer measure  $\mu^*$  starting from  $(K, \nu)$ .**

We define  $(K, \nu)$  from which we can construct an outer measure  $\mu^*$  on every set of  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ .

We see the function  $\nu$  as an *elementary measure* and  $K \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  as a set made of *special sets* on which this elementary measure can be applied. Consider  $E \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ . We try to cover  $E$  with a countable union of sets belonging to  $K$ , namely  $I_n \in K \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If this is possible, we collect all the possible cover of  $E$ , we apply  $\nu$  on every cover and we set the outer measure of  $E$ , namely  $\mu^*(E)$ , as the infimum of these values. If we cannot cover  $E$  with a countable union of sets belonging to  $K$  then we set  $\mu^*(E) = \infty$ . Proceeding like this, the resulting function  $\mu^*$  is an outer measure defined on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ .

**Construction of a measure  $\mu$  starting from an outer measure  $\mu^*$ .**

We define  $\mathcal{L}$  as the collection of sets that satisfy the Caratheodory condition.  $\mathcal{L}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra. We restrict the outer measure  $\mu^*$  on the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{L}$ , obtaining a complete measure  $\mu = \mu^*|_{\mathcal{L}}$ . Thus,  $(X, \mathcal{L}, \mu)$  is a complete measure space.

**Construction of the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ .**

### 1. Context.

Consider an interval  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ :  $I = (a, b)$  with  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a \leq b$ .

The length of such interval is:  $\ell(I) = b - a$ , if the interval is bounded,  $\ell(I) = +\infty$  otherwise.

Starting from this, we want to define the measure of a general set (not only for intervals).

The goal is to construct a specific  $\sigma$ -algebra, whose elements will be called Lebesgue-measurable sets, and a specific measure  $\lambda$ , called Lebesgue measure. In particular, we want  $\lambda$  to satisfy two properties:

- (i)  $\lambda(I) = \ell(I) \quad I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  interval
- (ii)  $\lambda(E + x_0) = \lambda(E) \quad x_0 \in \mathbb{R}, E \subseteq \mathbb{R}, E + x_0 := \{x + x_0 : x \in E\}$

If so, the resulting measure  $\lambda$  will be the natural extension of the length of an interval.

### 2. Construction.

Consider  $\mathcal{I} = \{(a, b] : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a \leq b\}, \emptyset \in \mathcal{I}$ .

We define a function  $\ell : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ :

- $\ell(\emptyset) := 0$
- $\ell((a, b]) := b - a$

We choose  $X = \mathbb{R}, (K, \nu) = (\mathcal{I}, \ell)$  and, by means of the previous construction, we get the Lebesgue measure.

More precisely, with  $(\mathcal{I}, \ell)$  we obtain an outer measure  $\lambda^*$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that:

- $\lambda^*(E) := \inf \{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ell(I_n) : E \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n\}$   
if  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  can be covered by a countable union of sets  $I_n \in \mathcal{I}$
- $\lambda^*(E) := +\infty$  otherwise

Notice that, by definition, if  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is an interval then  $\lambda^*(I) = \ell(I)$ .

Then, combining  $\lambda^*$  and the Caratheodory condition, we get the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{L}$ .

The outer measure  $\lambda^*$  restricted on this  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{L}$  defines the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

### 3. Definition.

The outer measure  $\lambda^*$  generated by  $(\mathcal{I}, \ell)$  is called Lebesgue outer measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

The  $\lambda^*$ -measurable sets are called Lebesgue measurable sets.

The corresponding  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{L}$  is called Lebesgue  $\sigma$ -algebra and it is denoted by  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$ .

The measure  $\lambda = \lambda^*|_{\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})}$  is called Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}), \lambda)$  is a complete measure space.

**Construction of the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}^N$ .**

Consider  $\mathcal{I}^N := \{\prod_{k=1}^N (a_k, b_k] : a_k, b_k \in \mathbb{R}, a_k \leq b_k \forall k = 1, \dots, N\}$ .

We define a function  $\ell^N : \mathcal{I}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ :

- $\ell^N(\emptyset) := 0$
- $\ell^N(\prod_{k=1}^N (a_k, b_k]) := \prod_{k=1}^N (b_k - a_k)$

We choose  $X = \mathbb{R}^N, (K, \nu) = (\mathcal{I}^N, \ell^N)$  and we repeat the same construction as before.

With  $(\mathcal{I}^N, \ell^N)$  we obtain an outer measure  $\lambda^{*,N}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^N$ .

Combining the outer measure  $\lambda^{*,N}$  with the Caratheodory condition, we get the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .

The outer measure  $\lambda^{*,N}$  restricted on  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^N)$  define the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}^N$ , namely  $\lambda^N := \lambda^{*,N}|_{\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^N)}$ . Thus,  $(\mathbb{R}^N, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^N), \lambda^N)$  is a complete measure space, with  $\lambda^N$  which is the  $N$ -dimensional Lebesgue measure.

**4.1.** Are there disjoint subsets  $A, B \subset \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\lambda^*(A \cup B) < \lambda^*(A) + \lambda^*(B)$ ? Justify the answer.

Consider the Lebesgue outer measure  $\lambda^*$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ . There are disjoint sets  $A, B \subset \mathbb{R}$  such that:

$$\lambda^*(A \cup B) < \lambda^*(A) + \lambda^*(B).$$

*proof.*

Assume by contradiction that:

$$\lambda^*(A \cup B) = \lambda^*(A) + \lambda^*(B) \quad \forall A, B \subset \mathbb{R} \text{ disjoint} \quad (*)$$

Then, every set satisfies the Caratheodory condition.

In fact  $\forall E \subset \mathbb{R}, \forall Z \subset \mathbb{R}$  we can choose  $A = E \cap Z, B = E^c \cap Z$ , so that  $A \cup B = Z$ :

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^*(E \cap Z) + \lambda^*(E^c \cap Z) = \lambda^*(A) + \lambda^*(B) = \lambda^*(A \cup B) = \lambda^*(Z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall E \subset \mathbb{R} \text{ is measurable.}$$

This is a contradiction because there exist non-measurable sets, for example the Vitali set. (3.7.)

Hence, there exist  $A, B$  such that in  $(*)$  holds the strict inequality. ■

**3.3.** Prove that any countable subset  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$  is Lebesgue measurable and  $\lambda(E) = 0$ .

Consider  $(X, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}), \lambda)$ . Any countable subset  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$  is Lebesgue measurable and  $\lambda(E) = 0$ .  
*proof.*

- Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \{a\} \subseteq (a - \varepsilon, a] \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^*((a - \varepsilon, a]) = \varepsilon \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \text{ by definition of } \lambda^*$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^*(\{a\}) \leq \varepsilon \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \text{ since } \lambda^* \text{ is monotone}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^*(\{a\}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \{a\} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}) \text{ and } \lambda(\{a\}) = 0.$$

- Since  $E$  is countable  $E = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{a_n\}$ , and since  $\lambda^*$  is  $\sigma$ -subadditive:

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^*(E) = \lambda^*(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{a_n\}) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda^*(\{a_n\}) = 0, \text{ since } \lambda^*(\{a_n\}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^*(E) = 0, \text{ since } \lambda^* \text{ is non-negative}$$

$$\Rightarrow E \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}) \text{ and } \lambda(E) = 0.$$

**3.4.** Show that  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$ .

$\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$ .

*proof.*

Since  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) = \sigma_0((a, +\infty))$ , with  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , it is enough to show that  $(a, +\infty) \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$ .

- Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be any set.

We assume that  $a \notin A$ , otherwise we replace  $A$  by  $A \setminus \{a\}$ , since  $\lambda^*(A)$  would remain unchanged.

- We have to show that the Caratheodory condition holds for  $E = (a, +\infty)$ , namely:

$$\lambda^*(A \cap E^c) + \lambda^*(A \cap E) := \lambda^*(A_1) + \lambda^*(A_2) \leq \lambda^*(A) \quad (1)$$

where  $A_1 := A \cap (-\infty, a], A_2 := A \cap (a, +\infty)$ .

- Since  $\lambda^*(A)$  is defined as an infimum, to verify (1) it is necessary and sufficient to show that for any countable collection  $\{I_k\}_k$  of open bounded intervals that cover  $A$ :

$$\lambda^*(A_1) + \lambda^*(A_2) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \ell(I_k).$$

In fact, if the inequality holds for any countable collection  $\{I_k\}_k$ , then it will also hold for the infimum.

- For each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  we define:

$$I'_k := I_k \cap (-\infty, a]$$

$$I''_k := I_k \cap (a, +\infty).$$

Then,  $I'_k$  and  $I''_k$  are disjoint intervals and:

$$\ell(I_k) = \ell(I'_k) + \ell(I''_k).$$

- Furthermore,  $\{I'_k\}_k$  is a countable cover of  $A_1$  and  $\{I''_k\}_k$  is a countable cover of  $A_2$ .

Hence, by definition of outer measure:

$$\lambda^*(A_1) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \ell(I'_k)$$

$$\lambda^*(A_2) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \ell(I''_k).$$

Therefore:

$$\lambda^*(A_1) + \lambda^*(A_2) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \ell(I'_k) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \ell(I''_k)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [\ell(I'_k) + \ell(I''_k)]$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \ell(I_k)$$

**Theorem.**  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}), \lambda)$  is the completion of  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}), \lambda|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})})$ .

**3.5.** Prove that the translate of a measurable set is measurable.

Consider  $(X, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}), \lambda)$ . The translate of a measurable set is measurable.  
*proof.*

Let  $E$  be a measurable set.

Since  $\lambda^*$  is defined by means of length of interval and the length of interval is translation invariant:

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^* \text{ is translation invariant.}$$

Hence,  $\forall A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\lambda^*(A) = \lambda^*(A - x_0)$$

$$= \lambda^*((A - x_0) \cap E) + \lambda^*((A - x_0) \cap E^c), \text{ Caratheodory condition for } E \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$$

$$= \lambda^*(A \cap (E + x_0)) + \lambda^*(A \cap (E + x_0)^c)$$

$$\Rightarrow (E + x_0) \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}).$$

3.6. Write the **excision property** and prove it.

**Lemma. Excision property**

Consider  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}), \lambda)$  and the Lebesgue outer measure  $\lambda^*$ . If  $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$  is such that  $\lambda^*(A) < \infty$  and  $A \subseteq B$ , then:

$$\lambda^*(B \setminus A) = \lambda^*(B) - \lambda^*(A).$$

*proof.*

Since  $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$  and since  $A \subseteq B$ :

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^*(B) = \lambda^*(B \cap A) + \lambda^*(B \cap A^c) = \lambda^*(A) + \lambda^*(B \setminus A)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^*(B) - \lambda^*(A) = \lambda^*(B \setminus A). \quad \blacksquare$$

**Theorem. Regularity of Lebesgue measure (approximation of a Lebesgue set with Borel sets)**

Let  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . The following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $E \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$
- (ii)  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  open s.t.  $E \subseteq A : \lambda^*(A \setminus E) < \varepsilon$  (outer approx.)
- (iii)  $\exists G \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  of class  $G_\delta (= \bigcap_{n=1}^\infty$  open) s.t.  $E \subseteq G : \lambda^*(G \setminus E) = 0$  (outer approx.)
- (iv)  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists C \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  closed s.t.  $C \subseteq E : \lambda^*(E \setminus C) < \varepsilon$  (inner approx.)
- (v)  $\exists F \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  of class  $F_\sigma (= \bigcup_{n=1}^\infty$  closed) s.t.  $F \subseteq E : \lambda^*(E \setminus F) = 0$  (inner approx.)

*proof.*

We give a simplified partial proof: (i)  $\xrightarrow{1}$  (ii), (ii)  $\xrightarrow{2}$  (iii), (iii)  $\xrightarrow{3}$  (i), with  $E \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\lambda(E) < \infty$ .

1. By the definition of outer measure,  $\exists \{I_k\}_k$  which covers  $E$  for which:  $\sum_{k=1}^\infty \ell(I_k) < \lambda^*(E) + \varepsilon$ . Let  $O := \bigcup_{k=1}^\infty I_k$ . Then  $O$  is open and  $E \subseteq O$ . By  $\sigma$ -subadditivity:
 
$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lambda^*(O) &\leq \sum_{k=1}^\infty \ell(I_k) < \lambda^*(E) + \varepsilon \\ \Rightarrow \lambda^*(O) - \lambda^*(E) &< \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$
 By assumption  $E \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\lambda^*(E) < \infty$ , so, by excision property:
 
$$\lambda^*(O \setminus E) = \lambda^*(O) - \lambda^*(E) < \varepsilon.$$
2.  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$  we can find  $O_k \supseteq E$  open for which:
 
$$\lambda^*(O_k \setminus E) < \frac{1}{k}.$$
 Define  $G := \bigcap_{k=1}^\infty O_k$ . Then  $G$  is a  $G_\delta$  set and  $G \supseteq E$ . Moreover,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}: G \setminus E \subseteq O_k \setminus E$ . Since  $\lambda^*$  is monotone:
 
$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lambda^*(G \setminus E) &\leq \lambda^*(O_k \setminus E) < \frac{1}{k} \\ \Rightarrow \lambda^*(G \setminus E) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$
3. Because of a property of the outer measure,  $\lambda^*(G \setminus E) = 0 \Rightarrow G \setminus E \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$ .
 
$$\Rightarrow (G \setminus E)^c \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$$
 Moreover,  $G \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$  since  $G \in G_\delta \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$ .
 
$$\Rightarrow E = G \cap (G \setminus E)^c \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}). \quad \blacksquare$$

### 3.8 Non Measurable Sets

3.7. Define the **Vitali set**. Prove that any measurable bounded set  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  with  $\lambda(E) > 0$  contains a subset which is not Lebesgue measurable.

Consider  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}), \lambda)$ .

**Lemma.** Let  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be measurable and bounded. Suppose that there is a bounded and countably infinite set  $\Sigma \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  for which  $\{\sigma + E\}_{\sigma \in \Sigma}$  is a disjoint family. Then  $\lambda(E) = 0$ .

*proof.*

Since the translation of a measurable set is measurable, then  $\sigma + E$  is measurable  $\forall \sigma \in \Sigma$ .

Since  $\{\sigma + E\}_{\sigma \in \Sigma}$  is a disjoint family, by the  $\sigma$ -additivity of  $\lambda$ :

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(\bigcup_{\sigma \in \Sigma} (\sigma + E)) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \lambda(\sigma + E) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \lambda(E) \quad (1)$$

Since  $E$  and  $\Sigma$  are bounded:

$$\Rightarrow \bigcup_{\sigma \in \Sigma} (\sigma + E) \text{ is bounded}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(\bigcup_{\sigma \in \Sigma} (\sigma + E)) < \infty \quad (2)$$

Combining (1) and (2):

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(\bigcup_{\sigma \in \Sigma} (\sigma + E)) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \lambda(E) < \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \lambda(E) < \infty$$

But, since  $\Sigma$  is countably infinite, if  $\lambda(E) > 0$  then  $\sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \lambda(E) = \infty$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(E) = 0. \quad \blacksquare$$

**Construction of the Vitali set.**

Consider  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $E \neq \emptyset$ , and  $x, y \in E$ . We define the relation  $x \sim y \Leftrightarrow x - y \in \mathbb{Q}$ , which is an equivalence relation. Given an equivalence relation, the equivalence classes form a partition of the set on which the relation is defined. Thus, there is a disjoint decomposition of  $E$  into the collection of equivalence classes. By the axiom of choice, we can construct a set  $V \subseteq E$ , called Vitali set, containing exactly one member of each equivalence class. The Vitali set  $V$  is such that:

- (i) the difference of two points of  $V$  is **not** rational, otherwise the two points would be in the same equivalence class  
 $\Leftrightarrow \forall \Sigma \subseteq \mathbb{Q}: \{\sigma + V\}_{\sigma \in \Sigma}$  is a disjoint family
- (ii)  $\forall x \in E \ \exists c \in V$  for which:  $x = c + q$  with  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$

**Theorem. Vitali**

Any measurable bounded set  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  with  $\lambda(E) > 0$  contains a subset which is not Lebesgue measurable. Namely,  $\forall E \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$  bounded s.t.  $\lambda(E) > 0 \ \exists F \subset E$  s.t.  $F \notin \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}) \subsetneq \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ .

*proof.*

Consider the Vitali set  $V$ .

Since we can construct  $V$  starting from  $\forall E \subset \mathbb{R}$  with  $\lambda(E) > 0$ , the thesis follows if we prove that  $V \notin \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$ .

- Let  $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{Q}$  be any bounded countably infinite set.
- Suppose by contradiction that  $V$  is Lebesgue measurable.

By property (i) of  $V$  and by the previous lemma:

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(V) = 0.$$

Moreover:

$$\lambda(\bigcup_{\sigma \in \Sigma} (\sigma + V)) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \lambda(\sigma + V) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \lambda(V) = 0.$$

- Since  $E$  is bounded:

$$\Rightarrow \exists b > 0 \text{ such that } E \subset [-b, b].$$

Thus, we choose  $\Sigma := [-2b, 2b] \cap \mathbb{Q}$ . In this way,  $\Sigma$  is bounded and countably infinite.

- *Claim:*

$$E \subseteq \bigcup_{\sigma \in \Sigma} (\sigma + V) \quad (*)$$

In fact, by the property (ii) of  $V$ :

$$\Rightarrow \text{if } x \in E \text{ then } \exists c \in V \text{ for which: } x = c + q \text{ with } q \in \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\Rightarrow x, c \in [-b, b]$$

$$\Rightarrow q = x - c \in [-2b, 2b]$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall x \in E \ \exists c \in V \ \exists q \in \Sigma \text{ such that: } x = q + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{every element of } E \text{ is written as the sum of an element of } \Sigma \text{ and an element of } V$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (*) \text{ holds.}$$

However, this is a contradiction, in fact:

$$\lambda(E) > 0, \ E \subseteq \bigcup_{\sigma \in \Sigma} (\sigma + V), \ \lambda \text{ is monotone}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < \lambda(E) \leq \lambda(\bigcup_{\sigma \in \Sigma} (\sigma + V)) = 0.$$

Hence,  $V$  cannot be Lebesgue measurable. ■

contradiction:  
 $V \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$

$$\downarrow \\ \lambda(V) = 0$$

$$\downarrow \\ \lambda(\bigcup_{\sigma \in \Sigma} (\sigma + V)) = 0$$

$$\downarrow \\ E \subseteq \bigcup_{\sigma \in \Sigma} (\sigma + V)$$

$$\downarrow \\ \lambda(E) = 0 \quad \square$$

## 4 Measurable Functions

**3.8.** Write the definition of **measurable function**. Show the measurability of the composite function.

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}), (X', \mathcal{A}')$  be two measurable spaces.

A function  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  is said to be measurable if:  $f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{A}'$ .

**Prop.** Consider  $(X, \mathcal{A}), (X', \mathcal{A}'), (X'', \mathcal{A}'')$  measurable spaces.

Let  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  and  $g : X' \rightarrow X''$  be measurable.

Then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow X''$  is measurable.

*proof.*

By the measurability of  $f$  and  $g$  we have:

$$\forall E \in \mathcal{A}' : f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{A}$$

$$\forall F \in \mathcal{A}'' : g^{-1}(F) \in \mathcal{A}'$$

Combining the two results we obtain:

$$\forall F \in \mathcal{A}'' : (g \circ f)^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(\underbrace{g^{-1}(F)}_{=: E \in \mathcal{A}'}) = f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{A}$$

**3.9.** Characterize measurability of functions and prove it.

**Theorem. Characterization of measurability of functions**

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}), (X', \mathcal{A}')$  be two measurable spaces.

Let  $\mathcal{C}' \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X')$  such that  $\sigma_0(\mathcal{C}') = \mathcal{A}'$ .

Then:  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  is measurable  $\Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{C}'$ .

( $\mathcal{C}'$  generates  $\mathcal{A}'$ )

*proof.*

$\Rightarrow$  Suppose  $f$  measurable. Since  $\mathcal{C}' \subseteq \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{A}' \supseteq \mathcal{C}'$ .

$\Leftarrow$  Let's define the set  $\Sigma := \{E \subseteq X' : f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{A}\}$ , which is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

Suppose it holds the right-hand-side of the thesis:

$$\Rightarrow \forall E \in \mathcal{C}' \Rightarrow f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow E \in \Sigma$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}' \subseteq \Sigma$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}' = \sigma_0(\mathcal{C}') \subseteq \Sigma$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [\forall E \in \mathcal{A}' \Rightarrow E \in \Sigma]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [\forall E \in \mathcal{A}' \Rightarrow f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{A}]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f \text{ is measurable.} \quad \square$$

**3.10.** Write the definitions of: **Borel measurable functions**, **Lebesgue measurable functions**.

Let  $(X, \mathcal{L})$  be a measurable space. Let  $(X', d')$  be a metric space and let  $(X', \mathcal{B}')$  be the measurable space such that the  $\sigma$ -algebra is the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra constructed by means of open sets w.r.t. the metric  $d'$ .

If  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  is measurable then we say that  $f$  is Lebesgue measurable.

$f : (X, \mathcal{L}) \rightarrow (X', \mathcal{B}')$ , where  $\mathcal{L}$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra constructed as the collection of sets that satisfy Caratheodory condition.

Let  $(X, d), (X', d')$  be two metric spaces and let  $(X, \mathcal{B}), (X', \mathcal{B}')$  be the measurable spaces such that the  $\sigma$ -algebras are the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebras constructed by means of open sets w.r.t. the metrics  $d$  and  $d'$  (respectively).

If  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  is measurable then we say that  $f$  is Borel measurable.

$f : (X, \mathcal{B}) \rightarrow (X', \mathcal{B}')$ .

**3.11.** Prove that continuous functions are both Borel and Lebesgue measurable.

(Recall) Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}), (X', \mathcal{A}')$  be measurable spaces. Let  $\mathcal{C} := \{E \subseteq X : E \text{ open}\}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}' := \{E \subseteq X' : E \text{ open}\}$ . A function  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  is continuous if:  $f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{C} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{C}'$ . (the inverse image of an open set is open)

(Recall) **Theorem. Characterization of measurability of functions**

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}), (X', \mathcal{A}')$  be two measurable spaces.

Let  $\mathcal{C}' \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X')$  such that  $\sigma_0(\mathcal{C}') = \mathcal{A}'$ .

Then:  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  is measurable  $\Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{C}'$ .

**Prop.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  be continuous. Then  $f$  is both Borel measurable and Lebesgue measurable.  
proof.

Let  $\mathcal{C} := \{E \subseteq X : E \text{ open}\}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}' := \{E \subseteq X' : E \text{ open}\}$ .

(Borel) The function  $f$  is continuous:

$$\Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{C} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{C}'$$

$\Rightarrow$  since  $\mathcal{B}' = \sigma_0(\mathcal{C}')$ , we apply the characterization of measurability of functions:

$$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{B} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{B}'$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is Borel measurable.

(Lebesgue) The function  $f$  is continuous:

$$\Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{C} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{C}'$$

$\Rightarrow$  since  $\mathcal{B}' = \sigma_0(\mathcal{C}')$ , we apply the characterization of measurability of functions:

$$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{L} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{B}'$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is Lebesgue measurable.

**3.12.** Characterize Lebesgue measurability of functions and prove it.

(Recall) Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}), (X', \mathcal{A}')$  be two measurable spaces.

A function  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  is measurable if:  $f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{A}'$ .

(Recall) Let  $(X, \mathcal{L})$  be a measurable space. Let  $(X', d')$  be a metric space and let  $(X', \mathcal{B}')$  be the measurable space such that the  $\sigma$ -algebra is the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra constructed by means of open sets w.r.t. the metric  $d'$ . If  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  is measurable then we say that  $f$  is Lebesgue measurable.

(Recall) **Theorem. Characterization of measurability of functions**

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}), (X', \mathcal{A}')$  be two measurable spaces.

Let  $\mathcal{C}' \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X')$  such that  $\sigma_0(\mathcal{C}') = \mathcal{A}'$ .

Then:  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  is measurable  $\Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{C}'$ .

A function  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  is Lebesgue measurable  $\Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{L} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{C}' = \{E \subseteq X' : E \text{ open}\}$ .  
proof.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $f$  Lebesgue measurable:

$$\Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{L} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{B}'$$

$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{L} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{B}',$  since  $\mathcal{C}' \subseteq \mathcal{B}'$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose it holds the right-hand-side of the thesis:

$\Rightarrow$  since  $\mathcal{B}' = \sigma_0(\mathcal{C}')$ , we apply the characterization of measurability of functions:

$$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{L} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{C}'$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is Lebesgue measurable.

## 4.1 Real Valued Functions

**4.2.** Establish and show all equivalent statements to the fact that  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  is measurable.

(Recall) Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}), (X', \mathcal{A}')$  be two measurable spaces.

A function  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  is measurable if:  $f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{A}'$ .

(Recall) **Theorem. Characterization of measurability of functions**

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}), (X', \mathcal{A}')$  be two measurable spaces.

Let  $\mathcal{C}' \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X')$  such that  $\sigma_0(\mathcal{C}') = \mathcal{A}'$ .

Then:  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  is measurable  $\Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{C}'$ .

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space.

Let  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ , more precisely  $f : (X, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow (\overline{\mathbb{R}}, \mathcal{B}(\overline{\mathbb{R}}))$ .

Consider the set of measurable functions:

$$\mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) := \{f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}} \text{ measurable}\}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A}) := \{f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}} \text{ measurable, } f \geq 0 \text{ in } X\}.$$

Moreover,  $\forall \alpha > 0$  let:

$$\{f > \alpha\} := \{x \in X : f(x) > \alpha\} = f^{-1}((\alpha, \infty])$$

$$\{f \geq \alpha\} := \{x \in X : f(x) \geq \alpha\}$$

$$\{f < \alpha\} := \{x \in X : f(x) < \alpha\}$$

$$\{f \leq \alpha\} := \{x \in X : f(x) \leq \alpha\}.$$

**Theorem.** The following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is measurable, namely  $f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{B}(\overline{\mathbb{R}})$
- (ii)  $\{f > \alpha\}$  is measurable  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , namely  $\{f > \alpha\} \in \mathcal{A}$
- (iii)  $\{f \geq \alpha\}$  is measurable  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , namely  $\{f \geq \alpha\} \in \mathcal{A}$
- (iv)  $\{f < \alpha\}$  is measurable  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , namely  $\{f < \alpha\} \in \mathcal{A}$
- (v)  $\{f \leq \alpha\}$  is measurable  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , namely  $\{f \leq \alpha\} \in \mathcal{A}$

proof.

Steps: (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii), (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii), (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv), (iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (v), (v)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii).

1. It holds  $\mathcal{B}(\overline{\mathbb{R}}) = \sigma_0(\{(\alpha, \infty] : \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}) := \sigma_0(\mathcal{C})$ .

$\Rightarrow$  we apply the characterization of measurability of functions:

$$\Rightarrow f \text{ is measurable} \Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{C}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f^{-1}((\alpha, \infty]) \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \{f > \alpha\} \in \mathcal{A}.$$

2. It is possible to write:  $\{f \geq \alpha\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{f > \alpha - \frac{1}{n}\}$   
 $\Rightarrow \{f > \alpha - \frac{1}{n}\} \in \mathcal{A}$ , by point (ii)  
 $\Rightarrow \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{f > \alpha - \frac{1}{n}\} \in \mathcal{A}$ , since the countable intersection of measurable sets is measurable.
3. It is possible to write:  $\{f < \alpha\} = \{f \geq \alpha\}^c$   
 $\Rightarrow \{f \geq \alpha\} \in \mathcal{A}$ , by point (iii)  
 $\Rightarrow \{f \geq \alpha\}^c \in \mathcal{A}$ , by definition of  $\sigma$ -algebra.
4. It is possible to write:  $\{f \leq \alpha\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{f < \alpha + \frac{1}{n}\}$   
 $\Rightarrow \{f < \alpha + \frac{1}{n}\} \in \mathcal{A}$ , by point (iv)  
 $\Rightarrow \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{f < \alpha + \frac{1}{n}\} \in \mathcal{A}$ , since the countable intersection of measurable sets is measurable.
5. It is possible to write:  $\{f > \alpha\} = \{f \leq \alpha\}^c$   
 $\Rightarrow \{f \leq \alpha\} \in \mathcal{A}$ , by point (v)  
 $\Rightarrow \{f \leq \alpha\}^c \in \mathcal{A}$ , by definition of  $\sigma$ -algebra. ■

4.3. Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . What can we say about measurability of  $\{f < g\}$ ,  $\{f \leq g\}$ ,  $\{f = g\}$ ? Justify the answer.

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space.

Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

Consider the sets:

$$\begin{aligned}\{f < g\} &:= \{x \in X : f(x) < g(x)\} \\ \{f \leq g\} &:= \{x \in X : f(x) \leq g(x)\} \\ \{f = g\} &:= \{x \in X : f(x) = g(x)\}\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem.** Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . The following statements hold:

- (i)  $\{f < g\}$  is measurable, namely  $\{f < g\} \in \mathcal{A}$
- (ii)  $\{f \leq g\}$  is measurable, namely  $\{f \leq g\} \in \mathcal{A}$
- (iii)  $\{f = g\}$  is measurable, namely  $\{f = g\} \in \mathcal{A}$

*proof.*

(Recall)  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \Leftrightarrow \{f > \alpha\} \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \Leftrightarrow \{f < \alpha\} \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- (i) It is possible to write:  $\{f < g\} = \bigcup_{r \in \mathbb{Q}} [\{f < r\} \cap \{r < g\}]$   
 $\Rightarrow \{f < r\}, \{r < g\} \in \mathcal{A}$ , because  $f, g \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$  and  $r \in \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}$   
 $\Rightarrow \{f < r\} \cap \{r < g\} \in \mathcal{A}$ , since the intersection of two measurable sets is measurable  
 $\Rightarrow \bigcup_{r \in \mathbb{Q}} [\{f < r\} \cap \{r < g\}] \in \mathcal{A}$ , since the countable union of measurable sets is measurable.
- (ii) It is possible to write:  $\{f \leq g\} = \{f > g\}^c$   
 $\Rightarrow \{f > g\} \in \mathcal{A}$ , by property (i)  
 $\Rightarrow \{f > g\}^c \in \mathcal{A}$ , by definition of  $\sigma$ -algebra.
- (iii) It is possible to write:  $\{f = g\} = \{f \geq g\} \cap \{f \leq g\}$   
 $\Rightarrow \{f \geq g\}, \{f \leq g\} \in \mathcal{A}$ , by property (ii)  
 $\Rightarrow \{f \geq g\} \cap \{f \leq g\} \in \mathcal{A}$ , by definition of  $\sigma$ -algebra. ■

4.4. Let  $\{f_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Show that  $\sup_n f_n, \inf_n f_n, \limsup_n f_n, \liminf_n f_n \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Can there exist two functions  $f, g \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$  such that  $\max\{f, g\} \notin \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ ? Why?

**Theorem.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space,  $\{f_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Then  $\sup_n f_n, \inf_n f_n \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ .  
*proof.*

(Recall)  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \Leftrightarrow \{f > \alpha\} \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- ( $\sup_n$ ) It is possible to write:  $\{\sup_n f_n > \alpha\} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{f_n > \alpha\} \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $\Rightarrow \{f_n > \alpha\} \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , because  $f_n \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$   
 $\Rightarrow \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{f_n > \alpha\} \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , since the countable union of measurable sets is measurable  
 $\Rightarrow \{\sup_n f_n > \alpha\} \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $\Rightarrow \sup_n f_n$  is measurable.
- ( $\inf_n$ ) It is possible to write:  $\inf_n f_n = -\sup_n (-f_n)$   
 $\Rightarrow -f_n \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , since  $f_n \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$   
 $\Rightarrow \sup_n (-f_n) \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$   
 $\Rightarrow -\sup_n (-f_n) \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . ■

**Theorem.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space,  $\{f_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Then  $\limsup_n f_n, \liminf_n f_n \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ .  
*proof.*

- ( $\limsup_n$ ) By definition:  $\limsup_n f_n = \inf_{k \geq 1} (\sup_{n \geq k} f_n)$   
 $\Rightarrow \sup_n f_n \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , since  $f_n \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$   
 $\Rightarrow \inf_k (\sup_n f_n) \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ .
- ( $\liminf_n$ ) It is possible to write:  $\liminf_n f_n = -\limsup_n (-f_n)$   
 $\Rightarrow -f_n \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , since  $f_n \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$   
 $\Rightarrow \limsup_n (-f_n) \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$   
 $\Rightarrow -\limsup_n (-f_n) \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . ■

There **cannot** exist two functions  $f, g \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$  such that  $\max\{f, g\} \notin \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

This is because, if  $f, g \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$  then  $\max\{f, g\}, \min\{f, g\}, f_{\pm} \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

In particular, if  $\exists \max\{f, g\}$ , then  $\max\{f, g\} = \sup\{f, g\}$ , which we proved is measurable.

4.5. Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Show that  $f + g, f \cdot g \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

**Theorem.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space. Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f, g \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Then  $f + g, f \cdot g \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

*proof.*

- We introduce the functions:
  $\varphi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \varphi(x) := (f(x), g(x)) \quad x \in X$ 
 $\psi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \psi(s, t) := s + t$ 
 $\chi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \chi(s, t) := s \cdot t.$

So that, in particular:  $\psi \circ \varphi = f + g$ ,  $\chi \circ \varphi = f \cdot g$ .

- Since  $\psi, \chi \in C^0(\mathbb{R}^2) \Rightarrow \psi, \chi$  are measurable (continuous functions are measurable).
- *Claim:*  $\varphi$  is measurable.

1. We consider  $E = R = (a, b) \times (c, d)$ , namely open rectangles:

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi^{-1}(R) &= \{x \in X : (f(x), g(x)) \in R\} \\ &= \{x \in X : f(x) \in (a, b), g(x) \in (c, d)\} \\ &= f^{-1}((a, b)) \cap g^{-1}((c, d))\end{aligned}$$

Since  $f, g \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ :

$$\begin{aligned}&\Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(E), g^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \\ &\Rightarrow f^{-1}((a, b)), g^{-1}((c, d)) \in \mathcal{A}, \text{ since } (a, b), (c, d) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \\ &\Rightarrow f^{-1}((a, b)) \cap g^{-1}((c, d)) \in \mathcal{A}, \text{ by definition of } \sigma\text{-algebra} \\ &\Rightarrow \varphi^{-1}(R) \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall R \text{ open rectangle.}\end{aligned}$$

2. Every open set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  can be written as a countable union of open rectangles, namely:

$$\forall E \in \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ open: } E = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} R_k \quad \text{where } R_k = (a_k, b_k) \times (c_k, d_k).$$

Thus,  $\forall E \in \mathbb{R}^2$  open:

$$\varphi^{-1}(E) = \varphi^{-1}(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} R_k) = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \varphi^{-1}(R_k).$$

We proved that  $\varphi^{-1}(R) \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall R$  open rectangle and the countable union of measurable sets is measurable:

$$\Rightarrow \varphi^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ open.}$$

3. By definition:

$$\varphi \text{ is measurable} \Leftrightarrow \varphi^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2.$$

To prove that  $\varphi$  is measurable, we should consider every Borel set of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , however, by the characterization of measurability of functions, it is enough to consider only open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (since the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by open sets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is equivalent to the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ).

Since we proved that  $\varphi^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  open:

$$\Rightarrow \varphi \text{ is measurable.}$$

- The composition of two measurable functions is measurable:  
 $\Rightarrow \psi \circ \varphi = f + g, \chi \circ \varphi = f \cdot g$  are measurable.

#### 4.6. Prove that $A$ is measurable if and only if $\mathbf{1}_A$ is a measurable function.

**Lemma.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space.

Let  $A \subseteq X$  and let  $\mathbf{1}_A : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  be such that  $\mathbf{1}_A(x) \Leftrightarrow x \in A$ .

Then  $A \in \mathcal{A} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{1}_A \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

*proof.*

It is possible to write:

$$\{\mathbf{1}_A > \alpha\} = \{x \in X : \mathbf{1}_A(x) > \alpha\} = \begin{cases} X & \text{if } \alpha < 0 \\ A & \text{if } \alpha \in [0, 1) \\ \emptyset & \text{if } \alpha \geq 1 \end{cases} \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Since  $X$  and  $\emptyset$  are always measurable  $\Rightarrow [A \in \mathcal{A} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{1}_A \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})]$ . ■

#### 4.7. Prove or disprove the following statements:

- $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \Leftrightarrow f_{\pm} \in \mathcal{M}_{+}(X, \mathcal{A})$
- $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \Leftrightarrow |f| \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space. Let  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

The following relations holds:

- $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \Leftrightarrow f_{\pm} \in \mathcal{M}_{+}(X, \mathcal{A})$
- $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \Rightarrow |f| \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$
- $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \nLeftarrow |f| \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$

*proof.*

- By definition:  $f_+ = \max\{f, 0\}$ ,  $f_- = \max\{-f, 0\}$ ,  $f = f_+ - f_-$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  Since  $f$  is measurable:  
 $\Rightarrow -f$  measurable  
 $\Rightarrow \max\{f, 0\}, \max\{-f, 0\}$  measurable (since also  $f \equiv 0$  is measurable)  
 $\Rightarrow f_{\pm}$  measurable.
- $\Leftarrow$  Since  $f_{\pm}$  are measurable:  
 $\Rightarrow -f_-$  measurable  
 $\Rightarrow f_+ + (-f_-)$  measurable, since the sum of two measurable functions is measurable  
 $\Rightarrow f$  measurable.
- By definition:  $|f| = f_+ + f_-$ .  
 $\Rightarrow f$  is measurable:  
 $\Rightarrow f_{\pm}$  measurable, by property (i)  
 $\Rightarrow f_+ + f_-$  measurable, since the sum of two measurable functions is measurable  
 $\Rightarrow |f|$  measurable.
- Let  $E \subseteq X$  be a non measurable set, namely  $E \notin \mathcal{A}$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{1}_E(x) - \mathbf{1}_{E^c}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in E \\ -1 & x \in E^c \end{cases}$   
 $\Rightarrow |f| \equiv 1 \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

## 4.2 Simple Functions

**4.8.** Write the definition of **simple function**. What is its canonical form? How can we characterize measurability of a simple function? Write the definition of **step function**.

Let  $X$  be a set.

A function  $s : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be a simple function if  $S(X)$  is finite.

Thus, simple functions are functions that take only a finite number of values.

For every simple function  $s$  we can define:

$$\begin{aligned} s(X) &= \{c_1, \dots, c_n\} & c_i \in \mathbb{R} \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n \quad \text{such that: } c_i \neq c_j \quad \forall i \neq j \\ E_k &= \{x \in X : s(x) = c_k\} & \forall k = 1, \dots, n \\ X &= \bigcup_{k=1}^n E_k & E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset \quad \forall i \neq j \end{aligned}$$

Then, we can write the simple function  $s$  in a unique canonical form:

$$s = \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \mathbf{1}_{E_k}.$$

Consider  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  measurable space. It is true that  $A \subseteq X$  is measurable  $\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{1}_A$  is a measurable function. Thus, relying on the canonical form, we can characterize the measurability of simple functions:

$$s \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \Leftrightarrow E_k \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall k = 1, \dots, n.$$

Moreover, we introduce the following sets:

$$\mathcal{S}(X, \mathcal{A}) = \{s : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ measurable simple function}\}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_+(X, \mathcal{A}) = \{s : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ measurable simple function, } s \geq 0\}.$$

Consider an interval  $I = [a_0, a_1]$  and a partition  $\mathcal{P} := \{a_0 = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = a_1\}$ . Then, function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be a step function if:

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} c_k \mathbf{1}_{[x_k, x_{k+1})}(x) \quad c_k \in \mathbb{R} \quad \forall k = 0, \dots, n-1.$$

Step functions have finite number of values and they are constant on every interval. Therefore, step functions are special cases of simple functions.

simple  $\Leftarrow$  step  
 function  $\Rightarrow$  function  
 e.g.  $f(x) = \lfloor \frac{x}{Q} \rfloor$  is a simple function but not a step function

**4.9.** State and give a sketch of the proof of the **Simple Approximation Theorem**.

**Theorem. Simple Approximation Theorem**

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space,  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ .

Then, there exists a sequence  $\{s_n\}_n$  of simple functions such that:

$$s_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f \text{ pointwise in } X, \text{ namely } s_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f \quad \forall x \in X.$$

Moreover:

- (i)  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \Rightarrow \{s_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{S}(X, \mathcal{A}) = \{s : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ measurable simple functions}\}$
- (ii)  $f \geq 0 \Rightarrow \{s_n\}_n \nearrow, 0 \leq s_n \leq f$
- (iii)  $f$  bounded  $\Rightarrow s_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  uniformly in  $X$

(sketch) proof.

Let assume that  $f \geq 0$  and  $f$  bounded:

$$\Rightarrow \exists M > 0 \text{ such that } 0 \leq f(x) \leq M \quad \forall x \in X.$$

Without loss of generality we suppose  $M = 1$  (otherwise we can consider  $\frac{f}{M}$ ):

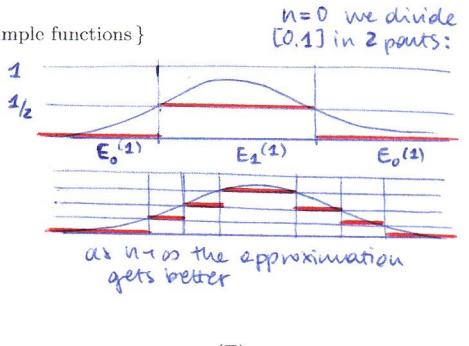
$$\Rightarrow f : X \rightarrow [0, 1].$$

We divide the interval  $[0, 1]$  in  $2^n$  intervals of length  $2^{-n}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we define:

$$\begin{aligned} E_k^{(n)} &:= \{x \in X : \frac{k}{2^n} \leq f(x) < \frac{k+1}{2^n}\} \quad \forall k = 0, \dots, 2^n - 1 \\ s_n(x) &:= \sum_{k=0}^{2^n-1} \frac{k}{2^n} \mathbf{1}_{E_k^{(n)}}(x) \quad x \in X, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

The sequence  $\{s_n\}_n$  has the desired properties.



(■)

## 4.3 Essentially Bounded Functions

**4.10.** Write the definitions of  $\text{ess sup}_X f$ ,  $\text{ess inf}_X f$ . State their properties and prove some of them.

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space and  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ .

Given a measure space, it is always possible to define:

$$\mathcal{N}_\mu := \{E \subseteq X : E \text{ measurable, } \mu(E) = 0\}.$$

Then, the essential supremum and the essential infimum of  $f$  are defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ess sup}_X f &:= \inf_{N \in \mathcal{N}_\mu} \{ \sup_{x \in N^c} f(x) \} \\ \text{ess inf}_X f &:= \sup_{N \in \mathcal{N}_\mu} \{ \inf_{x \in N^c} f(x) \} \end{aligned}$$

**Prop.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Then,  $\exists N \in \mathcal{N}_\mu$  such that:

$$\text{ess sup}_X f(x) = \inf_{N \in \mathcal{N}_\mu} \{ \sup_{x \in N^c} f(x) \} = \sup_{x \in N^c} f(x).$$

Moreover:

$$f(x) \leq \text{ess sup}_X f(x) \quad \text{a.e. in } X.$$

proof.

- 1.1. If  $\text{ess sup}_X f = \infty$  then it is obvious.

Indeed,  $\text{ess sup}_X f$  is defined as the infimum over  $N \in \mathcal{N}_\mu$  of  $\sup_{x \in N^c} f(x)$ .

Thus, if  $\text{ess sup}_X f = \infty$  it must be that  $\exists N \in \mathcal{N}_\mu$  such that  $\sup_{x \in N^c} f(x) = \infty$ .

- 1.2. Suppose that  $\text{ess sup}_X f < \infty$ :

$$\Rightarrow \forall k \in \mathbb{N} \ \exists N_k \in \mathcal{N}_\mu : \sup_{x \in N_k^c} f < \text{ess sup}_X f + \frac{1}{k} \quad \text{by definition of infimum}$$

since  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ :  $N_k \in \mathcal{N}_\mu$  (measurable and of zero-measure)

since the intersection of subsets is contained in each subset

by definition of infimum

since  $N^c \subseteq N_k^c$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow N &:= \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} N_k \in \mathcal{N}_\mu \\ \Rightarrow N^c &= \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} N_k^c \subseteq N_\infty^c \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N} \\ \Rightarrow \forall k \in \mathbb{N} : \text{ess sup}_X f &\leq \sup_{N^c} f \\ &\leq \sup_{N_\infty^c} f \\ &< \text{ess sup}_X f + \frac{1}{k} \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $k \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \text{ess sup}_X f = \sup_{N^c} f$ .

( $\exists N \in \mathcal{N}_\mu$  for which the inf is realized)

2. Let  $N \in \mathcal{N}_\mu$  be the set of the first part of the proposition.  
 Then, by the definition of supremum and by the first result of the proposition:  
 $\Rightarrow \forall x \in N^c: f(x) \leq \sup_{x \in N^c} f(x) = \text{ess sup}_X f(x). \quad (*)$   
 Let  $\bar{N} := \{x \in X : f(x) > \text{ess sup}_X f(x)\}$ .  
 Because of (\*):  
 $\Rightarrow \forall x \in \bar{N}: x \notin N^c \quad \text{and} \quad \forall x \in N^c: x \notin \bar{N}$   
 $\Rightarrow \bar{N} \cap N^c = \emptyset$   
 $\Rightarrow \bar{N} \subseteq N \in \mathcal{N}_\mu$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \bar{N} \in \mathcal{N}_\mu$   
 $\Rightarrow f \leq \text{ess sup}_X f \text{ a.e. in } X.$

**Prop.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Then:

- (i)  $\text{ess sup}_X f = -\text{ess inf}_X (-f)$
- (ii)  $\text{ess sup}_X (kf) = k \text{ess sup}_X f \quad \forall k \geq 0$

**Prop.** Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Then:

- (i)  $f \leq g \text{ a.e. in } X \Rightarrow \text{ess sup}_X f \leq \text{ess sup}_X g$
- (ii)  $\text{ess sup}_X (f+g) \leq \text{ess sup}_X f + \text{ess sup}_X g$
- (iii)  $f = g \text{ a.e. in } X \Rightarrow \text{ess sup}_X f = \text{ess sup}_X g$   
 $f = g \text{ a.e. in } X \Rightarrow \text{ess inf}_X f = \text{ess inf}_X g$
- (iv)  $g \geq 0 \text{ a.e. in } X \Rightarrow f \cdot g \leq (\text{ess sup}_X f) \cdot g \quad \text{a.e. in } X$

**Prop.** Let  $f : A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous. Then  $\text{ess sup}_A f = \text{ess inf}_A f$ .

Lastly, we say that  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$  is essentially bounded in  $X$  if:

$$\text{ess sup}_X |f| < \infty. \iff \exists M > 0: \mu(\{x \in X : |f(x)| > M\}) = 0 \iff f = g \text{ a.e. where } g \text{ is a bdd function}$$

**4.11.** What is  $\mathcal{L}^\infty$ ? Which is the relation between functions finite a.e. and essentially bounded functions?  
 Justify the answer.

(Recall) Starting from a measurable space  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ , it is always possible to define:

$$\mathcal{N}_\mu := \{E \subseteq X : E \text{ measurable, } \mu(E) = 0\}.$$

Then, the essential supremum of  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  is defined as:

$$\text{ess sup}_X f := \inf_{N \in \mathcal{N}_\mu} \{ \sup_{x \in N^c} f(x) \}.$$

We say that  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$  is essentially bounded in  $X$  if:

$$\text{ess sup}_X |f| < \infty.$$

Starting from a measurable space  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ , we define:

$$\mathcal{L}^\infty(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) := \{f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}} : f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \text{ essentially bounded}\}.$$

Then, the following statements hold:

- (i)  $f \in \mathcal{L}^\infty \Rightarrow f \text{ finite a.e. in } X$
- (ii)  $f \in \mathcal{L}^\infty \not\Rightarrow f \text{ finite a.e. in } X$

*proof.*

- (i) If  $f \in \mathcal{L}^\infty$  then  $|f| \leq \text{ess sup}_X |f| < \infty$  a.e. in  $X$  and so  $|f| < \infty$  a.e. in  $X$ .

- (ii) Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  such that:

$$f(x) := \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|x|} & x \neq 0 \\ +\infty & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Since  $f$  is finite in  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \Rightarrow f$  is finite a.e. in  $\mathbb{R}$ , since  $\mu(\{0\}) = 0$ .

However, since as  $x \rightarrow 0$  the function goes  $+\infty$ :

$$\Rightarrow \nexists M \geq 0: \mu(\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f(x)| > M\}) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{ess sup}_X f = \text{ess sup}_X |f| = \infty$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is **not** essentially bounded.

## 5 The Lebesgue Integral

### 5.1 Integral of Non-Negative Simple Functions

**4.12.** Write the definitions of the **Lebesgue integral of a non-negative measurable simple function over  $X$**  and over a measurable subset  $E \subseteq X$ . Write the main properties of the integral and prove some of them.

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space.

Let  $s \in \mathcal{S}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ , namely a non-negative simple function, and let  $s$  be written in the canonical form:

$$s = \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \mathbb{1}_{E_k} \quad c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}_+, \quad E_1, \dots, E_n \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall k = 1, \dots, n, \text{ pairwise disjoint and such that } X = \bigcup_{k=1}^n E_k.$$

Then, the Lebesgue integral of  $s$  over  $X$  is defined as:

$$\int_X s d\mu := \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \mu(E_k).$$

If  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ , the Lebesgue integral of  $s$  over  $E$  is defined as:

$$\int_E s d\mu := \int_X s \mathbb{1}_E d\mu.$$

**Prop.** Let  $s \in \mathcal{S}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$  and let  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then:

- (i)  $\int_E s d\mu = \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \mu(E_k \cap E)$
- (ii)  $\int_X \mathbb{1}_E d\mu = \mu(E)$
- (iii)  $\int_N s d\mu = 0 \quad \forall N \in \mathcal{N}_\mu$

*proof.*

- (i) The thesis follows from the fact that:  $s \mathbb{1}_E = \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \mathbb{1}_{E_k \cap E}$ .
- (ii) It is possible to write:  $\mathbb{1}_E(x) = \sum_{k=1}^2 c_k \mathbb{1}_{E_k}(x)$ , with  $E_1 = E$ ,  $E_2 = E^c$ ,  $c_1 = 1$ ,  $c_2 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathbb{1}_E$  is a simple function  
 $\Rightarrow \int_X \mathbb{1}_E d\mu = \sum_{k=1}^2 c_k \mu(E_k) = c_1 \mu(E_1) + c_2 \mu(E_2) = \mu(E)$ .

- (iii) By property (i):  
 $\Rightarrow \int_N s d\mu = \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \mu(E_k \cap N)$   
 $\Rightarrow \forall k \in \mathbb{N}: E_k \cap N \in \mathcal{A}$ , since it is the intersection of measurable sets  
 $\Rightarrow \forall k \in \mathbb{N}: 0 \leq \mu(E_k \cap N) \leq \mu(N) = 0$ , since  $E_k \cap N \subseteq N$   
 $\Rightarrow \int_N s d\mu = 0$ . ■

**Prop.** Let  $s, t \in \mathcal{S}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Then:

- (i)  $c \geq 0 \Rightarrow \int_X c \cdot s d\mu = c \cdot \int_X s d\mu$
- (ii)  $\int_X (s+t) d\mu = \int_X s d\mu + \int_X t d\mu$
- (iii)  $s \leq t \Rightarrow \int_X s d\mu \leq \int_X t d\mu$
- (iv)  $E, F \in \mathcal{A}, E \subseteq F \Rightarrow \int_E s d\mu \leq \int_F s d\mu$

**4.13.** Let  $s \in \mathcal{S}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ . For any  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ , let  $\varphi(E) := \int_E s d\mu$ . Prove that  $\varphi$  is a measure.

**Prop.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space,  $s \in \mathcal{S}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

Then, the function  $\varphi: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  defined as:

$$\varphi(E) := \int_E s d\mu \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{A}$$

is a measure.

Starting from a measure space  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  we can define another measure by means of the measure  $\mu$ , a simple function  $s$  and the Lebesgue integral. The variable of the function  $\varphi$  is  $E$ : given any  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\varphi$  provides a new measure for  $E$ . *proof.*

- (i) Since  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0 \Rightarrow \emptyset \in \mathcal{N}_\mu$ .  
 $\text{Since } \int_N s d\mu = 0 \quad \forall N \in \mathcal{N}_\mu \Rightarrow \varphi(\emptyset) = \int_\emptyset s d\mu = 0$ .
- (ii) Let  $\{E_k\}_k \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  be a disjoint collection of sets and let  $E := \bigcup_{k=1}^\infty E_k$ .  
It is possible to write the simple function  $s$  using the canonical form:  $s := \sum_{j=1}^m d_j \mathbf{1}_{F_j}$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \varphi(E) = \sum_{j=1}^m d_j \mu(F_j \cap E)$   
 $= \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^\infty d_j \mu(F_j \cap E_k) \quad \text{since } \mu \text{ is a measure and } \forall j \text{ fixed } \{F_j \cap E_k\}_k \text{ is a disjoint family}$   
 $= \sum_{k=1}^\infty \sum_{j=1}^m d_j \mu(F_j \cap E_k) \quad \text{since everything is } \geq 0 \text{ we can exchange the series}$   
 $= \sum_{k=1}^\infty \varphi(E_k) \quad \text{since } \sum_{j=1}^m d_j \mu(F_j \cap E_k) = \int_{E_k} s d\mu = \varphi(E_k)$   
 $\Rightarrow \sigma\text{-additivity holds.}$  ■

## 5.2 Integral of Non-Negative Measurable Functions

**4.14.** Write two possible equivalent definitions of Lebesgue integral of a measurable non-negative function.

(Recall) **Theorem. Simple Approximation Theorem**

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space,  $f: X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ .

Then, there exists a sequence  $\{s_n\}_n$  of simple functions such that:

$$s_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f \text{ pointwise in } X, \text{ namely } s_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f \quad \forall x \in X.$$

Moreover:

- (i)  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \Rightarrow \{s_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{S}(X, \mathcal{A}) = \{s: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ measurable simple functions}\}$
- (ii)  $f \geq 0 \Rightarrow \{s_n\}_n \nearrow, 0 \leq s_n \leq f$
- (iii)  $f$  bounded  $\Rightarrow s_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  uniformly in  $X$

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space.

Let  $f: X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$  such that  $f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

Then, the Lebesgue integral of  $f$  over  $X$  is defined as:

$$\int_X f d\mu := \sup_{s \in \mathcal{S}_f} \int_X s d\mu \quad \mathcal{S}_f := \{s \in \mathcal{S}_+(X, \mathcal{A}): s \leq f \text{ in } X\}.$$

If  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ , the Lebesgue integral of  $f$  over  $E$  is defined as:

$$\int_E f d\mu := \int_X f \mathbf{1}_E d\mu.$$

Because of the simple approximation theorem, we know that if  $f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$  then there exists  $\{s_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{S}(X, \mathcal{A})$  such that  $\{s_n\}_n \nearrow, 0 \leq s_n \leq f$  and such that  $s_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  in  $X$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{S}_f \neq \emptyset$ .

Exploiting the simple approximation theorem, it is possible to define the integral of  $f$  over  $X$  also as:

$$\int_X f d\mu := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X s_n d\mu. \quad (\text{where: } \{s_n\}_n \subseteq \mathbb{R}_+)$$

**Prop.** Let  $f, g: X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$  such that  $f, g \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Then:

- (i)  $c \geq 0 \Rightarrow \int_X c \cdot f d\mu = c \cdot \int_X f d\mu$
- (ii)  $\int_X (f+g) d\mu = \int_X f d\mu + \int_X g d\mu$
- (iii)  $f \leq g \Rightarrow \int_X f d\mu \leq \int_X g d\mu$
- (iv)  $E, F \in \mathcal{A}, E \subseteq F \Rightarrow \int_E f d\mu \leq \int_F f d\mu$
- (v)  $\forall N \in \mathcal{N}_\mu \quad \int_N f d\mu = 0$

**4.15.** State and prove the Chebychev inequality.

**Theorem. Chebychev inequality**

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space,  $f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Then,  $\forall c > 0$ :

$$\mu(\{f \geq c\}) \leq \frac{1}{c} \int_{\{f \geq c\}} f d\mu \leq \frac{1}{c} \int_X f d\mu.$$

*proof.*

Since  $f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ , we define  $E_c := \{f \geq c\} \subseteq X$  and we conclude  $E_c \in \mathcal{A}$ :

- $\Rightarrow c \mathbf{1}_{E_c} \leq f \mathbf{1}_{E_c}$ , because  $\mathbf{1}_{E_c} = 0$  when we're outside  $E_c$ , inside  $E_c$  it holds  $c \leq f$
- $\Rightarrow \int_X f d\mu \geq \int_{E_c} f d\mu = \int_X f \mathbf{1}_{E_c} d\mu \geq \int_X c \mathbf{1}_{E_c} d\mu = c \int_{E_c} \mathbf{1}_{E_c} d\mu = c \mu(E_c)$
- $\Rightarrow$  dividing by  $c$  we obtain the thesis. ■

**4.16.** Define the **Cantor set**. State its main properties and prove some of them.

The Cantor set is a subset  $C \subset [0, 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  which can be inductively constructed as follow.

- We remove from  $I_0 = [0, 1]$  the open interval:

$$I_{1,1} = \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$$

and we define:

$$J_{1,1} = [0, \frac{1}{3}], \quad J_{1,2} = [\frac{2}{3}, 1].$$

- We remove from  $J_{1,i}$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) the open interval  $I_{2,i}$  with the same center as  $J_{1,i}$  and length  $(\frac{1}{3})^2 = \frac{1}{9}$ .

Explicitly:

- from  $J_{1,1}$  we remove  $I_{2,1} = (\frac{1}{9}, \frac{2}{9})$
- from  $J_{1,2}$  we remove  $I_{2,2} = (\frac{7}{9}, \frac{8}{9})$

Then, we define:

$$J_{2,1} = [0, \frac{1}{9}], \quad J_{2,2} = [\frac{2}{9}, \frac{1}{3}], \quad J_{2,3} = [\frac{2}{3}, \frac{7}{9}], \quad J_{2,4} = [\frac{8}{9}, 1].$$

By proceeding in this way, after  $n$  steps we have removed from  $[0, 1]$  a number of open intervals which is:  $1 + 2 + 4 + \dots + 2^{n-1}$ . In fact, at each step  $k = 1, \dots, n$  we remove  $2^{k-1}$  intervals  $I_{k,i}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, 2^{k-1}$ ) with length:  $\lambda(I_{k,i}) = (\frac{1}{3})^k$ .

The remaining set is the disjoint union of  $2^n$  closed intervals  $J_{n,i}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, 2^n$ ) with length:  $\lambda(J_{n,i}) = (\frac{1}{3})^n$ .

We then proceed by removing from  $J_{n,i}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, 2^n$ ) the open interval  $I_{n+1,i}$  with the same center as  $J_{n,i}$  and with length:  $\lambda(I_{n+1,i}) = (\frac{1}{3})^{n+1}$ .

The remaining set is the disjoint union of  $2^{n+1}$  closed intervals denoted by  $J_{n+1,i}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, 2^{n+1}$ ).

Then, we define:

$$C_n := \bigcup_{k=1}^{2^n} J_{n,k}.$$

Lastly, we define the Cantor set as:

$$C := \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{k=1}^{2^n} J_{n,k}.$$

Properties of the Cantor set  $C$ :

- $C$  is closed.  
*proof.*

Since  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall k = 1, \dots, 2^n$   $J_{n,k}$  is closed  $\Rightarrow C_n = \bigcup_{k=1}^{2^n} J_{n,k}$  is closed  $\Rightarrow C = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n$  is closed. ■

- $C \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$ .  
*proof.*

This follows immediately from the fact that  $C$  is closed (since closed sets  $\in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ ). ■

- $\lambda(C) = 0$ .  
*proof.*

Since  $C \subseteq C_n \ \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ :  
 $\Rightarrow \lambda(C) \leq \lambda(C_n) = \lambda(\bigcup_{k=1}^{2^n} J_{n,k})$   
 $= \sum_{k=1}^{2^n} \lambda(J_{n,k}),$  since  $J_{n,k}$  are disjoint  
 $= \sum_{k=1}^{2^n} (\frac{1}{3})^n = 2^n (\frac{1}{3})^n = (\frac{2}{3})^n$   
 $\Rightarrow$  letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get  $\lambda(C) = 0$ . ■

- $\text{int}(C) = \emptyset$ .  
*proof.*

Since  $\text{int}(C) \subseteq C$  and  $\lambda(C) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda(\text{int}(C)) = 0$ , since  $\lambda$  is monotone.  
Since  $\text{int}(C)$  is open  $\Rightarrow \text{int}(C) = \emptyset$  necessarily. ■

- $[0, 1] \setminus C = [0, 1]$ .  
*proof.*

The property says that the complement of  $C$  is dense in  $[0, 1]$ .  
Let  $x_0 \in [0, 1]$  and  $r > 0$  be fixed:  
 $\Rightarrow (x_0 - r, x_0 + r) \cap ([0, 1] \setminus C) \neq \emptyset$   
otherwise  $(x_0 - r, x_0 + r)$  would be entirely contained in  $C$ , but  $\text{int}(C) = \emptyset$ .  
 $\Rightarrow [0, 1] \setminus C$  is dense in  $[0, 1]$  and so, its closure is equal to  $[0, 1]$ . ■

- $C$  is uncountable and  $|C| = |\mathbb{R}|$ , namely  $C$  has the same cardinality as  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
7.  $C = \{x \in [0, 1] : x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x_n}{3^n}, x_n \in \{0, 2\}\}$ .

**5.1.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$  be such that  $\int_X f d\mu < \infty$ . Show that  $f$  is finite a.e. in  $X$ .

**Prop.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space. Let  $f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$  be such that  $\int_X f d\mu < \infty$ .  
Then  $f$  is finite a.e. in  $X$ .

*proof.*

The thesis follows  $\Leftrightarrow \mu(\{f = \infty\}) = 0$ .

It is possible to write  $\{f = \infty\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{f > n\}$ .

Let  $E_n := \{f > n\}$ :

- $\{E_n\}_n \searrow$
- $\mu(E_n) \leq \frac{1}{n} \int_X f d\mu \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  (Chebychev inequality)

$$\Rightarrow \mu(\{f = \infty\}) = \mu(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(E_n) \quad \begin{aligned} &\text{since } \{E_n\}_n \searrow \text{ and } \mu(E_1) < \infty, \text{ so we apply the continuity of measure} \\ &\text{because of (b)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \int_X f d\mu \quad \begin{aligned} &\text{since } \int_X f d\mu < \infty. \\ &\mu(E_1) \leq \int_X f d\mu < \infty \quad \text{(b)} \end{aligned} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

**5.2. Prove the vanishing lemma** for functions  $f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

**Lemma.** **Vanishing lemma** for non-negative functions

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space. Let  $f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$  be such that  $\int_X f d\mu = 0$ . Then  $f = 0$  a.e. in  $X$ .

*proof.*

Since  $f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ , the thesis follows  $\Leftrightarrow \mu(\{f > 0\}) = 0$ .

It is possible to write  $\{f > 0\} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{f \geq \frac{1}{n}\}$ .

Let  $F_n := \{f \geq \frac{1}{n}\}$ :

(a)  $\{F_n\}_n \nearrow$

(b)  $\mu(F_n) \leq n \int_X f d\mu = 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  (Chebychev inequality and hypothesis  $(\int_X f d\mu = 0)$ )

$$\Rightarrow \mu(\{f > 0\}) = \mu(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(F_n)$$

since  $\{F_n\}_n \nearrow$ , so we apply the continuity of measure

$$\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \int_X f d\mu = 0 \quad \text{because of (c).}$$

■

### 5.3 Convergence Theorems - part 1

**5.3. State and prove the Monotone Convergence Theorem.**

**Theorem.** **Monotone Convergence Theorem (Beppo Levi) - MCT**

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space.

Let  $\{f_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ ,  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$  be such that:

(i)  $f_n \leq f_{n+1}$  in  $X \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

(ii)  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  pointwise in  $X$

Then:

$$\int_X f_n d\mu \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f d\mu. \quad (\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu = \int_X \underbrace{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n}_{:=f} d\mu)$$

*proof.*

Since  $\{f_n\}_n \subset \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A}) \Rightarrow \limsup_n f_n, \liminf_n f_n \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

Moreover, since  $\{f_n\}_n$  is pointwise converging  $\Rightarrow \limsup_n f_n = \liminf_n f_n = \lim_n f_n = f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

Since the sequence  $\{f_n\}_n$  is monotone increasing (by (i)):

$$\Rightarrow \int_X f_n d\mu \leq \int_X f_{n+1} d\mu \leq \int_X f d\mu \quad (*)$$

$\Rightarrow \{\int_X f_n d\mu\}_n$  is a monotone sequence of real numbers, so, it admits a limit

$$\Rightarrow \exists \alpha := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha \leq \int_X f d\mu$ , because of (\*).

*Claim:*  $\alpha \geq \int_X f d\mu$ .

– In fact  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\forall s \in \mathcal{S}_f = \{s : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ measurable simple function, } 0 \leq s \leq f \text{ in } X\}$  let:

$$E_n := \{(1 - \varepsilon)s \leq f_n\} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

so that:

(a)  $\{E_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{A}$

namely  $E_n$  is measurable  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , which follows from the fact that  $s$  and  $f_n$  ( $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) are measurable  
(if  $f, g$  are measurable then also  $\{f \leq g\}$  is measurable)

(b)  $\{E_n\}_n \nearrow$  because  $\{f_n\}_n \nearrow$

(c)  $X = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$

*proof.*

Clearly  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \subseteq X$ , since by definition  $E_n \subseteq X \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $E_n = \{x \in X : (1 - \varepsilon)s(x) \leq f_n(x)\}$

Let  $x \in X$ . (we need to prove that  $x \in \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$ )

If  $f(x) = \infty$ :

$\Rightarrow \exists \bar{n} \in \mathbb{N} : (1 - \varepsilon)s(x) < f_n(x) \quad \forall n > \bar{n}$ , since  $f_n(x) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty \Rightarrow x \in E_n \quad \forall n > \bar{n}$ .

If  $f(x) < \infty$ :

$\Rightarrow \exists \bar{n} \in \mathbb{N} : (1 - \varepsilon)s(x) \leq \underbrace{(1 - \varepsilon)f(x)}_{s \in \mathcal{S}_f} \leq f_n(x) \Rightarrow x \in E_n \quad \forall n > \bar{n}$ .

Therefore,  $X \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$ , and so,  $X = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$ .

■

– We now observe that:

$$(1 - \varepsilon) \int_{E_n} s d\mu \leq \int_{E_n} f_n d\mu \leq \underbrace{\int_X f_n d\mu}_{\substack{f_n \geq 0, \\ E_n \subseteq X \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}}} \quad (**)$$

– Because of (c), it holds:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{E_n} s d\mu = \int_X s d\mu.$$

In fact,  $\forall E \in \mathcal{A}$  define  $\varphi(E) := \int_E s d\mu$ , so that  $\varphi$  is a measure.

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(E_n) = \varphi(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n) = \varphi(X) = \int_X s d\mu$$

$\varphi$  measure,  
 $\{E_n\}_n \nearrow$

– Considering (\*\*) and letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$(1 - \varepsilon) \int_X s d\mu \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu = \alpha$$

$\Rightarrow \int_X s d\mu \leq \alpha$ , since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary

$$\Rightarrow \int_X f d\mu = \sup_{s \in \mathcal{S}_f} \int_X s d\mu \leq \alpha.$$

■

#### 5.4. State and prove the theorem concerning integration of series with general terms $f_n \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

**Theorem.** Series integration ( $f_n \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ )

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space,  $\{f_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Then:

$$\int_X (\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n d\mu) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_X f_n d\mu.$$

*proof.*

Since  $f_n$  measurable and positive  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^k f_n \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n := \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^k f_n \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A}).$$

We define:

$$\sigma_k := \sum_{n=1}^k f_n.$$

In this way:

$$(a) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_k = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$$

$$(b) \{\sigma_k\}_k \subseteq \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$$

$$(c) \{\sigma_k\}_k \nearrow, \text{ since } f_k \geq 0 \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$$

Then, since  $\sigma_k$  is a finite sum, it is possible to apply the property of the integral to obtain:

$$\Rightarrow \int_X \sigma_k d\mu = \sum_{n=1}^k \int_X f_n d\mu \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_X \sigma_k d\mu}_{\text{by MCT:}} = \underbrace{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^k \int_X f_n d\mu}_{\text{equivalent to:}}$$

$$\underbrace{\int_X (\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_k) d\mu}_{\text{equivalent to:}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_X f_n d\mu$$

$$\int_X (\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n) d\mu$$

#### 5.5. State and prove the Fatou's Lemma.

**Lemma.** Fatou's Lemma

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space,  $\{f_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Then:

$$\int_X (\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n) d\mu \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu.$$

*proof.*

Since  $f_n$  are measurable and positive  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

We define  $g_k : X \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  as:

$$g_k := \inf_{n \geq k} f_n.$$

In this way:

$$(a) \{g_k\}_k \subseteq \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$$

$$(b) \{g_k\}_k \nearrow$$

$$(c) g_k \leq f_k \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$(d) \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n = \sup_{k \geq 1} \inf_{n \geq k} f_n = \sup_{k \geq 1} g_k = \underline{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g_k}$$

Then, starting from (c) it is possible to obtain:

$$\Rightarrow \int_X g_k d\mu \leq \int_X f_k d\mu \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_X g_k d\mu}_{\{g_k\}_k \nearrow \Rightarrow \{\int_X g_k d\mu\}_k \nearrow, \{f_X g_k d\mu\}_k \subseteq \mathbb{R} \text{ and a monotone sequence of real numbers}} \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_k d\mu$$

sequence of real numbers  
always admits a limit:

$$\underbrace{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_X g_k d\mu}_{\text{by MCT:}}$$

$$\underbrace{\int_X (\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g_k) d\mu}_{\text{by (d):}}$$

$$\int_X (\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n) d\mu$$

**Prop.** There are cases in which Fatou's lemma holds with strict inequality.

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{N}) = (\mathbb{N}, \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}), \mu^\#)$ ,  $f_n = \mathbf{1}_{\{n\}}$ .

Then:

- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n = 0 \Rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{N}} (\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n) d\mu^\# = \int_{\mathbb{N}} (\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n) d\mu^\# = 0$

- $\int_{\mathbb{N}} f_n d\mu^\# = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} f_n(k) = 1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{N}} f_n d\mu^\# = 1$

#### 5.6. Let $f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Show that $\nu(E) := \int_E f d\mu$ is a measure, state and prove its properties.

**Theorem.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space,  $f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

Then, the function  $\nu : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  defined as:

$$\nu(E) := \int_E f d\mu \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{A}$$

is a measure.

Moreover, it holds:

$$(i) \quad g \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A}) \Rightarrow \int_X g d\nu = \int_X g f d\mu$$

$$(ii) \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{A}: \mu(E) = 0 \Rightarrow \nu(E) = 0$$

*proof.*

- Since  $\mu$  is a measure  $\Rightarrow \mu(\emptyset) = 0 \Rightarrow \int_{\emptyset} f d\mu = 0 \Leftrightarrow \nu(\emptyset) = 0$ .
- Let  $\{E_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  be a disjoint collection of sets and let  $E := \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$ .
- $$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \nu(E) &= \int_X f \mathbf{1}_E d\mu \\ &= \int_X f \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{1}_{E_k} d\mu \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_X f \mathbf{1}_{E_k} d\mu \quad \text{because of the integration for series' theorem} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \nu(E_k) \quad \text{since } \int_X f \mathbf{1}_{E_k} d\mu = \nu(E_k) \\ \Rightarrow \sigma\text{-additivity holds.}\end{aligned}$$

- (i) Let  $g \equiv s \in \mathcal{S}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ . It is possible to write the simple function  $s$  using the canonical form:

$$s := \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \mathbf{1}_{F_k}, \text{ with } \{F_k\}_k \subseteq \mathcal{A} \text{ disjoint, } X = \bigcup_{k=1}^n F_k.$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \int_X s d\nu &= \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \nu(F_k) \quad \text{by definition of simple function} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \int_{F_k} f d\mu \quad \text{by definition of } \nu(F_k) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \int_X f \mathbf{1}_{F_k} d\mu \\ &= \int_X (\sum_{k=1}^n c_k f \mathbf{1}_{F_k}) d\mu \\ &= \int_X f \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \mathbf{1}_{F_k} d\mu \\ &= \int_X f s d\mu \quad \text{by definition of } s\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we proved the thesis for the special case in which  $g$  is a simple function.

If  $g \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$  then, by the simple approximation theorem, we get the thesis.

- (ii) If  $\mu(E) = 0 \Rightarrow \int_E f d\mu = 0 \Leftrightarrow \nu(E) = 0$ . ■

## 5.4 Set of Zero Measure and Integrals

**5.7.** Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$  with  $f = g$  a.e. in  $X$ . Show that  $\int_X f d\mu = \int_X g d\mu$ .

**Theorem.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space,  $f, g \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$  such that  $f = g$  a.e. in  $X$ . Then  $\int_X f d\mu = \int_X g d\mu$ .

*proof.*

Let  $N := \{x \in X : f \neq g\}$ .

Since  $f, g \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$  and  $f = g$  a.e. in  $X$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow N &\in \mathcal{A}, \mu(N) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \int_N f d\mu &= \int_N g d\mu = 0, \text{ as they are integral on a set of zero measure} \\ \Rightarrow \int_X f d\mu &= \underbrace{\int_N f d\mu}_{=0} + \int_{N^c} f d\mu = \int_{N^c} f d\mu = \underbrace{\int_{N^c} g d\mu}_{\text{on } N^c: f=g} + \underbrace{\int_N g d\mu}_{=0} = \int_X g d\mu.\end{aligned}$$
■

**Corollary.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space,  $f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Then:

- (i)  $\int_X f d\mu = 0 \Leftrightarrow$  (ii)  $f = 0$  a.e. in  $X$ .

*proof.*

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): proved by the Vanishing lemma.

(i)  $\Leftarrow$  (ii): previous theorem with  $g = 0$ , since  $\int_X 0 d\mu = 0$ . ■

Therefore, in the definition of  $\int_X f d\mu$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$ , the sets of zero measure are not essential.

**Theorem. Monotone convergence theorem (Beppo Levi) - refined version**

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space.

Let  $f_n, f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$  defined a.e. in  $X$  be such that:

- (i)  $f_n \leq f_{n+1}$  a.e. in  $X \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$   
(ii)  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  a.e. in  $X$

Then:

$$\int_X f_n d\mu \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f d\mu.$$

## 5.5 Integrable Functions

**5.8.** Write the definition of: **integrable functions**, **Lebesgue integral**,  $\mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ .

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space.

The function  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  is said to be integrable on  $X$  if  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$  and:

$$\int_X f_+ d\mu < \infty, \quad \int_X f_- d\mu < \infty.$$

We denote by:

$$\mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) := \{f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}} : f \text{ is integrable in } X\}.$$

Then, the Lebesgue integral of a function  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  is defined as:

$$\int_X f d\mu := \int_X f_+ d\mu - \int_X f_- d\mu. \quad (f = f_+ - f_-)$$

This is always well defined because  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  and so, both  $\int_X f_+ d\mu$  and  $\int_X f_- d\mu$  are finite. If  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ , the Lebesgue integral of  $f$  over  $E$  is defined as:

$$\int_E f d\mu = \int_X f \mathbf{1}_E d\mu = \int_E f_+ d\mu - \int_E f_- d\mu.$$

$f \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$   
 $\Rightarrow f$  finite a.e. in  $X$

**5.9.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ . How the integrability of  $f$  is related to that of  $f_{\pm}$  and of  $|f|$ ? Justify the answer.  
Show that if  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1$ , then  $|\int_X f d\mu| \leq \int_X |f| d\mu$ .

(Recall) Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space.

The function  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  is said to be integrable on  $X$  if  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$  and:  $\int_X f_+ d\mu < \infty$ ,  $\int_X f_- d\mu < \infty$ .  
We denote by:  $\mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) := \{f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}} : \text{integrable in } X\}$ .

**Prop.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space,  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ . Then:

- (i)  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \Leftrightarrow f_{\pm} \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$
- (ii)  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \Leftrightarrow f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}), |f| \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \Leftrightarrow f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}), \int_X |f| d\mu < \infty$
- (iii)  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \Rightarrow |\int_X f d\mu| \leq \int_X |f| d\mu$

Property (ii) is an alternative characterization of  $\mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  functions.  
*proof.*

(i) By previous results we know that  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \Leftrightarrow f_{\pm} \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

Moreover, it holds:  $(f_+)_+ = f_+$ ,  $(f_+)_- = 0$ ,  $(f_-)_+ = f_-$ ,  $(f_-)_- = 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow f_+ \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \Leftrightarrow \int_X (f_+)_+ d\mu < \infty, \int_X (f_+)_- d\mu < \infty$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \int_X f_+ d\mu < \infty, \text{ since } (f_+)_+ = f_+ \text{ and } (f_+)_- = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f_- \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \Leftrightarrow \int_X (f_-)_+ d\mu < \infty, \int_X (f_-)_- d\mu < \infty$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \int_X f_- d\mu < \infty, \text{ since } (f_-)_+ = f_- \text{ and } (f_-)_- = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f_{\pm} \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \Leftrightarrow \int_X f_{\pm} d\mu < \infty \Leftrightarrow f \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu).$$

(ii) ( $\Leftarrow$ ) By definition:

$$|f| \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \Leftrightarrow |f| \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}), \int_X |f|_{\pm} d\mu < \infty$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |f| \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}), \int_X |f| d\mu < \infty, \text{ since } |f|_+ = |f| \text{ and } |f|_- = 0$$

Moreover, since  $|f| = f_+ + f_-$ :

$$\Rightarrow \int_X |f| d\mu = \int_X (f_+ + f_-) d\mu = \int_X f_+ d\mu + \int_X f_- d\mu$$

Therefore, if  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$  and  $|f| \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ :

$$\Rightarrow \int_X |f| d\mu < \infty \Leftrightarrow \int_X f_{\pm} d\mu < \infty \Leftrightarrow f \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu).$$

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Since  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \Rightarrow |f| \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

Moreover, since  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ :

$$\Rightarrow \int_X f_{\pm} d\mu < \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_X |f| d\mu = \int_X f_+ d\mu + \int_X f_- d\mu < \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow |f| \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu).$$

$$(iii) |\int_X f d\mu| = |\int_X f_+ d\mu - \int_X f_- d\mu| \quad \text{since } f = f_+ - f_-$$

$$\leq |\int_X f_+ d\mu| + |\int_X f_- d\mu| \quad \text{triangular inequality}$$

$$= \int_X f_+ d\mu + \int_X f_- d\mu \quad \text{since } f_{\pm} \geq 0 \text{ and so } \int_X f_{\pm} d\mu \geq 0$$

$$= \int_X |f| d\mu. \quad \blacksquare$$

**5.10.** Prove that  $\mathcal{L}^1$  is a vector space.

(Recall) Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space.

The function  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  is said to be integrable on  $X$  if  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$  and:  $\int_X f_+ d\mu < \infty$ ,  $\int_X f_- d\mu < \infty$ .

We denote by:  $\mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) := \{f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}} : \text{integrable in } X\}$ .

Equivalently,  $\mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) := \{f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}} : f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}), \int_X |f| d\mu < \infty\}$ .

**Prop.**  $\mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  is a vector space.  
*proof.*

Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \int_X f_{\pm} d\mu < \infty, \int_X g_{\pm} d\mu < \infty$$

$\Rightarrow f_{\pm}, g_{\pm}$  are finite a.e. in  $X$

$\Rightarrow f = f_+ - f_-, g = g_+ - g_-$  are finite a.e. in  $X$ .

Since  $f, g$  are both measurable and finite a.e., the function  $h := f + \lambda g$  is defined a.e. and measurable:

$$\Rightarrow \int_X |h| d\mu \leq \int_X |f| d\mu + |\lambda| \int_X |g| d\mu < \infty$$

$\Rightarrow h$  measurable,  $\int_X |h| d\mu < \infty$

$$\Rightarrow h \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  is a vector space. (it is closed w.r.t. sum and w.r.t. product by a real number)  $\blacksquare$

**5.11.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1$  be such that  $\int_E f d\mu = 0 \forall E \in \mathcal{A}$ . Show that  $f = 0$  a.e. in  $X$ .

(Recall) **Lemma.** Vanishing lemma for non-negative functions

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space. Let  $f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$  be such that  $\int_X f d\mu = 0$ .

Then  $f = 0$  a.e. in  $X$ .

**Theorem.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space. Let  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  such that  $\int_E f d\mu = 0 \forall E \in \mathcal{A}$ .  
Then  $f = 0$  a.e. in  $X$ .

*proof.*

Let  $E_+ := \{x \in X : f(x) \geq 0\}$ ,  $E_- := \{x \in X : f(x) < 0\}$ .

Since  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \Rightarrow E_+ = \{f \geq 0\}$ ,  $E_- = \{f < 0\} \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Thus, the hypothesis  $\int_E f d\mu = 0$  holds also for  $E = E_+$ ,  $E = E_-$ .

In  $E_+$ :  $f \geq 0 \Rightarrow$  by vanishing lemma:  $\int_{E_+} f d\mu = 0 \Rightarrow f = 0$  a.e. in  $E_+$ .

In  $E_-$ :  $f < 0 \Rightarrow$  by vanishing lemma:  $\int_{E_-} (-f) d\mu = -\int_{E_-} f d\mu = 0 \Rightarrow -f = 0$  a.e. in  $E_- \Rightarrow f = 0$  a.e. in  $E_-$ .

Then,  $f = 0$  a.e. in  $E_+ \cup E_- = X$ .  $\blacksquare$

**5.12.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1$ ,  $g \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $f = g$  a.e. in  $X$ . Show that  $g \in \mathcal{L}^1$  and  $\int_X g d\mu = \int_X f d\mu$ .

(Recall)

**Theorem.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space,  $f, g \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$  such that  $f = g$  a.e. in  $X$ . Then  $\int_X f d\mu = \int_X g d\mu$ .

**Theorem.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space,  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ ,  $g \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$  such that  $f = g$  a.e. in  $X$ . Then  $g \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  and  $\int_X f d\mu = \int_X g d\mu$ .  
proof.

Since  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

Since  $f, g \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$  and  $f = g$  a.e. in  $X \Rightarrow f_{\pm}, g_{\pm} \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$  and  $f_+ = g_+$ ,  $f_- = g_-$  a.e. in  $X$ .

By a previous result, if  $f, g \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$  such that  $f = g$  a.e. in  $X$  then  $\int_X f d\mu = \int_X g d\mu$ :

$$\Rightarrow \int_X f_+ d\mu = \int_X g_+ d\mu, \quad \int_X f_- d\mu = \int_X g_- d\mu.$$

Since  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ :

$$\Rightarrow \int_X g_+ d\mu = \int_X f_+ d\mu < \infty, \quad \int_X g_- d\mu = \int_X f_- d\mu < \infty$$

$\Rightarrow g \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  and:

$$\int_X g d\mu = \int_X g_+ d\mu - \int_X g_- d\mu = \int_X f_+ d\mu - \int_X f_- d\mu = \int_X f d\mu. \quad \blacksquare$$

## 5.6 Convergence Theorems - part 2

**5.13.** State and prove the Lebesgue theorem.

**Theorem.** **Dominated Convergence Theorem (Lebesgue) - DCT**

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space.

Let  $\{f_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$  be such that  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  a.e. in  $X$ .

Suppose that  $\exists g \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  such that:

$$|f_n| \leq g \quad \text{a.e. in } X \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then:

$$(i) \quad f_n, f \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$(ii) \quad \int_X |f_n - f| d\mu \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

$$(iii) \quad \int_X f_n d\mu \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f d\mu \quad (\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu = \int_X \underbrace{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n}_{:=f} d\mu)$$

proof.

(i) We check that  $f_n, f \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) = \{f : X \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}} : f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}), \int_X |f| d\mu < \infty\}$ .

Since  $f_n, f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow |f_n|, |f| \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

By assumptions  $|f_n| \leq g$  a.e. in  $X \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and so, since  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  a.e. in  $X$ :

$$\Rightarrow |f| \leq g \text{ a.e. in } X.$$

By assumptions  $g \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ , which implies  $\int_X g d\mu < \infty$ .

Therefore, since  $|f| \leq g$ ,  $|f_n| \leq g \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$\Rightarrow \int_X |f| d\mu \leq \int_X g d\mu < \infty \Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$$

$$\int_X |f_n| d\mu \leq \int_X g d\mu < \infty \Rightarrow f_n \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

(ii) Since  $g, f, f_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  are finite a.e. we can define  $g_n := 2g - |f_n - f| \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then,  $\{g_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ , since every  $g_n$  is defined as the difference of two measurable functions.

$(g \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \Rightarrow g \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \text{ and } f, f_n \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \Rightarrow |f - f_n| \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}))$

Moreover, since  $|f_n - f| \leq |f_n| + |f| \leq 2g$  a.e. in  $X \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$\Rightarrow g_n \geq 0 \quad \text{a.e. in } X \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{g_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$$

Then:

$$2 \int_X g d\mu = \int_X (\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n) d\mu$$

since  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$ , the pointwise limit of  $g_n$  is  $2g$

Fatou's lemma

$$= \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X (2g - |f_n - f|) d\mu$$

by definition of  $g_n$

$$= \int_X 2g d\mu + \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (- \int_X |f_n - f| d\mu)$$

since  $g$  does not depend on  $n$

$$= \int_X 2g d\mu - \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\int_X |f_n - f| d\mu)$$

$$\Rightarrow \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X |f_n - f| d\mu \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X |f_n - f| d\mu = 0$$

But, for positive sequences  $\limsup = \lim$ :

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X |f_n - f| d\mu = 0.$$

(iii) By result of point (ii):

$$|\int_X f_n d\mu - \int_X f d\mu| = |\int_X (f_n - f) d\mu| \leq \int_X |f_n - f| d\mu \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_X f_n d\mu \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f d\mu. \quad \blacksquare$$

**Prop.** In the context of the Lebesgue theorem (DCT), if the following conditions hold:

$$(i) \quad \mu(X) < \infty$$

$$(ii) \quad \exists M > 0: |f_n| \leq M \quad \text{a.e. in } X \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

then we can take  $g := M$ .

Indeed:  $\int_X g d\mu = M \mu(X) < \infty$ .

**5.15.** State and prove the theorem concerning integration for series with general terms  $f_n \in \mathcal{L}^1$ .

**Theorem.** Series integration ( $f_n \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ )

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space,  $\{f_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be such that:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_X |f_n| d\mu < \infty.$$

Then, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$  converges a.e. in  $X$  and:

$$\int_X (\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n) d\mu = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_X f_n d\mu.$$

**proof.**

$$\text{Since } \{f_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \Rightarrow \{f_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$$

$$\Rightarrow \{|f_n|\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^k |f_n| \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |f_n| := \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^k |f_n| \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A}).$$

Then, since  $\sum_{n=1}^k |f_n|$  is positive, measurable, monotone and converging, we apply MCT:

$$\Rightarrow \int_X (\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |f_n|) d\mu = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_X |f_n| d\mu < \infty, \text{ by assumptions}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |f_n| \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |f_n| \text{ is finite a.e. in } X$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n \text{ absolutely converges a.e. in } X \quad (\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n \text{ converges a.e. in } X)$$

We define:

$$\sigma_k := \sum_{n=1}^k f_n.$$

In this way:

$$(i) \quad \{\sigma_k\}_k \subseteq \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$$

$$(ii) \quad \sigma_k \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$$

$$(iii) \quad |\sigma_k| = |\sum_{n=1}^k f_n| \leq \sum_{n=1}^k |f_n| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |f_n| := g \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$$

Hence,  $\{\sigma_k\}_k$  satisfies all the assumptions of DCT:

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_X \sigma_k d\mu}_{\text{equivalent to:}} = \int_X \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_k d\mu = \int_X (\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n) d\mu$$

$$\underbrace{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_X \sum_{n=1}^k f_n d\mu}_{\text{since it is a finite sum:}}$$

$$\underbrace{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^k \int_X f_n d\mu}_{\text{equivalent to:}}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_X f_n d\mu$$

## 5.7 Riemann and Lebesgue Integrals

**5.14.** Describe the relations between Riemann and Lebesgue integrals.

Consider  $I = [a, b]$ , with  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{R}(I) := \{f : I = [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f \text{ Riemann-integrable}\}$ .

**Theorem.** Let  $I = [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  bounded. Then:

$f \in \mathcal{R}(I) \Leftrightarrow f \text{ is continuous } \lambda\text{-a.e. in } I. \text{ (the set of discontinuity points of } f \text{ has zero } \lambda\text{-measure)}$

**Theorem.** Let  $I = [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Then:

$f \in \mathcal{R}(I) \Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{L}^1(I, \mathcal{L}(I), \lambda) \text{ and } \int_I f d\lambda = \int_a^b f(x) dx$

The situation is different when we consider improper integrals.

Consider  $I = (\alpha, \beta)$  with  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{R}^g(I) := \{f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \text{integrable in the generalized sense}\}$ .

**Theorem.** Let  $I = (\alpha, \beta)$ , with  $\alpha, \beta \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ . Then:

$$(i) \quad f \in \mathcal{R}^g(I) \Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{M}(I, \mathcal{L}(I))$$

$$(ii) \quad |f| \in \mathcal{R}^g(I) \Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{L}^1(I, \mathcal{L}(I), \lambda) \text{ and } \int_I f d\lambda = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(x) dx$$

In the comparison of Lebesgue and Riemann we have to consider the interval where the function is defined. If the interval is bounded, the Lebesgue integral is a generalization of the Riemann integral. If, instead, we consider improper integrals, the Lebesgue integral is concerned with  $|f|$ .

Examples:

- Let  $I = [0, 1]$ ,  $f = \mathbf{1}_{I \cap \mathbb{Q}}$ . Then  $f \notin \mathcal{R}(I)$ , however  $f \in \mathcal{L}^1(I, \mathcal{L}(I), \lambda)$  and  $\int_I f d\lambda = 0$ .
- Let  $f : I = [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the Dirichlet function, namely:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Then  $f \in \mathcal{R}^g(I)$  since  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , however  $\int_{\mathbb{R}_+} \left| \frac{\sin(x)}{x} \right| d\lambda = \infty \Rightarrow f \notin \mathcal{L}^1(I, \mathcal{L}(I), \lambda)$ .

## 5.8 Derivative of Measures

**5.16.** Write the definition of Radon-Nikodym derivative of a measure  $\nu$  w.r.t. a measure  $\mu$ .

When  $\nu$  is said to be absolutely continuous w.r.t.  $\mu$ ?

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space and let  $\mu, \nu$  be two measures.

A function  $\Phi \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$  is said to be the Radon-Nikodym derivative of  $\nu$  w.r.t.  $\mu$  if:

$$\nu(E) = \int_E \Phi d\mu \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{A}.$$

We denote it:  $\Phi = \frac{d\nu}{d\mu}$ .

Let  $\mu, \nu$  be two general measures (not necessarily one the Radon-Nikodym derivative of the other).

We say that  $\nu$  is absolutely continuous w.r.t.  $\mu$  if:

$$\forall E \in \mathcal{A} \text{ such that } \mu(E) = 0 \Rightarrow \nu(E) = 0.$$

In this case we write  $\nu \ll \mu$ .

**5.17.** State the **Radon-Nikodym theorem**. Prove the uniqueness of the derivative of a measure.

(Recall) Let  $X$  be a set,  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  such that  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mu : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+$  a measure on  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite if there exists  $\{E_k\}_k \subseteq \mathcal{C}$  such that:  $X = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$  and  $\mu(E_k) < \infty \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Theorem. Radon-Nikodym**

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space and let  $\mu, \nu$  be two measures.  
Assume that  $\nu \ll \mu$  and that  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite.  
Then  $\frac{d\nu}{d\mu}$  exists.

**Theorem. Uniqueness of the Radon-Nikodym derivative**

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space and let  $\mu, \nu$  be two measures.  
If it exists, the Radon-Nikodym derivative  $\frac{d\nu}{d\mu}$  is unique a.e..

*proof.*

By contradiction, suppose that  $\exists \Phi_1, \Phi_2 \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$  and both are R-N derivative of  $\nu$  w.r.t.  $\mu$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \nu(E) = \int_E \Phi_1 d\mu = \int_E \Phi_2 d\mu \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{A}$   
 $\Rightarrow \int_E (\Phi_1 - \Phi_2) d\mu = 0 \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{A}$   
 $\Rightarrow \Phi_1 - \Phi_2 = 0 \text{ a.e. in } X \Leftrightarrow \Phi_1 = \Phi_2 \text{ a.e. in } X$ .

## 5.9 $L^1$ and $L^\infty$ Spaces

**5.18.** Write the definitions of  $L^1$  and of  $L^\infty$ . Show that they are metric spaces. Are  $L^1$  and  $L^\infty$  metric spaces?

(Recall) Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measurable space.

A function  $f : X \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  is integrable on  $X$  if  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$  and  $\int_X f_+ d\mu < \infty, \int_X f_- d\mu < \infty$ .  
Then we define:

$$\mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) := \{f : X \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}} : f \text{ is integrable in } X\}.$$

$$\text{Let } \mathcal{N}_\mu := \{E \subseteq X : E \text{ measurable, } \mu(E) = 0\}.$$

The essential supremum of  $f : X \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  is defined as  $\text{ess sup}_X f := \inf_{N \in \mathcal{N}_\mu} \{\sup_{x \in N^c} f(x)\}$ .

A function  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$  is essentially bounded in  $X$  if  $\text{ess sup}_X |f| < \infty$ .

Then we define:

$$\mathcal{L}^\infty(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) := \{f : X \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}} : f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A}) \text{ essentially bounded}\}.$$

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space.

We say that two functions  $f, g$  are in relation  $f \sim g \Leftrightarrow f = g$  a.e. in  $X$ , which is an equivalence relation.  
We consider  $\mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  and  $\mathcal{L}^\infty(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  and we define:

$$L^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) := \frac{\mathcal{L}^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)}{\sim}, \quad L^\infty(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) := \frac{\mathcal{L}^\infty(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)}{\sim}.$$

The elements of  $L^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  and  $L^\infty(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  are equivalence classes defined by the equivalence relation.  
However, to simplify we'll say  $f \in L^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  or  $f \in L^\infty(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ .

- Lemma.** 1.  $L^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  is a metric space with  $d(f, g) := \int_X |f - g| d\mu \quad \forall f, g \in L^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ .  
2.  $L^\infty(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  is a metric space with  $d(f, g) := \text{ess sup}_X |f - g| \quad \forall f, g \in L^\infty(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ .

*proof.*

1. Let  $f, g, h \in L^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ .

The function  $d : L^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \times L^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is such that:

- $f, g \in L^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  (which implies  $\int_X |f| d\mu < \infty, \int_X |g| d\mu < \infty$ )
  $\Rightarrow d(f, g) = \int_X |f - g| d\mu \leq \int_X |f| d\mu + \int_X |g| d\mu \in \mathbb{R}_+$
- $d(f, g) = \int_X |f - g| d\mu = \int_X |g - f| d\mu = d(g, f)$
- $d(f, g) = \int_X |f - g| d\mu \leq \int_X (|f - h| + |h - g|) d\mu = \int_X |f - h| d\mu + \int_X |h - g| d\mu = d(f, h) + d(h, g)$
- $f = g \Rightarrow d(f, g) = \int_X |f - g| d\mu = 0$ 
 $\Rightarrow |f - g| = 0 \text{ a.e. in } X, \text{ since } |f - g| \geq 0$ 
 $\Rightarrow f = g \text{ a.e. in } X$ 
 $\Rightarrow f = g \text{ in } L^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$

Therefore,  $d$  is a distance and  $(L^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu), d)$  a metric space.

2. Let  $f, g, h \in L^\infty(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ .

The function  $d : L^\infty(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \times L^\infty(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is such that:

- $f, g \in L^\infty(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  (which implies  $\text{ess sup}_X |f| < \infty, \text{ess sup}_X |g| < \infty$ )
  $\Rightarrow d(f, g) = \text{ess sup}_X |f - g| \leq \text{ess sup}_X |f| + \text{ess sup}_X |g| \in \mathbb{R}_+$
- $d(f, g) = \text{ess sup}_X |f - g| = \text{ess sup}_X |g - f| = d(g, f)$
- $d(f, g) = \text{ess sup}_X |f - g| \leq \text{ess sup}_X (|f - h| + |h - g|) \leq \text{ess sup}_X |f - h| + \text{ess sup}_X |h - g| = d(f, h) + d(h, g)$
- $f = g \Rightarrow d(f, g) = \text{ess sup}_X |f - g| d\mu = 0$ 
 $\Rightarrow |f - g| = 0 \text{ a.e. in } X, \text{ since } |f - g| \geq 0$ 
 $\Rightarrow f = g \text{ a.e. in } X$ 
 $\Rightarrow f = g \text{ in } L^\infty(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$

Therefore,  $d$  is a distance and  $(L^\infty(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu), d)$  a metric space.

However,  $L^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  and  $L^\infty(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  are not metric spaces.

In fact,  $d(f, g) = 0 \Rightarrow f = g$  only a.e. in  $X$ , which is not sufficient to say that  $f = g$  in  $L^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  or  $L^\infty(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ .  
Conversely, if  $f = g$  a.e. in  $X$  then they belong to the same equivalence class and so they are equivalent in  $L^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  and  $L^\infty(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ .

## 6 Types of Convergence

**5.19.** For a sequence of functions  $\{f_n\}_n \subset \mathcal{M}$ , write the definitions of: **pointwise convergence**, **uniform convergence**, **almost everywhere convergence**, convergence in  $L^1$ , convergence in  $L^\infty$ , convergence in measure.

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space.

Let  $\{f_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ ,  $f_n : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ .

Pointwise convergence	$f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$ pointwise in $X$	$\Leftrightarrow \forall x \in X : f_n(x) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$
Uniform convergence	$f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$ uniformly in $X$	$\Leftrightarrow \sup_{x \in X}  f_n(x) - f(x)  \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$
Convergence a.e.	$f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$ a.e. in $X$	$\Leftrightarrow \{x \in X : f_n(x) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x)\}^c$ is measurable and of zero measure <i>pointwise convergence for almost any <math>x \in X</math></i>
Convergence in $L^1$ $\{f_n\}_n \subseteq L^1$ , $f \in L^1$	$f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$ in $L^1$	$\Leftrightarrow \int_X  f_n(x) - f(x)  d\mu =: d(f_n, f) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$
Convergence in $L^\infty$ $\{f_n\}_n \subseteq L^\infty$ , $f \in L^\infty$	$f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$ in $L^\infty$	$\Leftrightarrow \text{ess sup}_X  f_n - f  =: d(f_n, f) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$
Convergence in measure $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$ $f, f_n$ finite a.e. in $X$	$f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$ in measure	$\Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} &\forall \varepsilon > 0 : \mu(\{ f_n - f  \geq \varepsilon\}) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \\ &\forall \varepsilon > 0 \ \forall \sigma > 0 \ \exists \bar{n} \in \mathbb{N} : \mu(\{ f_n - f  \geq \varepsilon\}) < \sigma \ \forall n \geq \bar{n} \end{aligned}$

The above expression is well-defined because  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ :  $\{|f_n - f| \geq \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{A}$  (since  $f_n$  and  $f$  are measurable functions). Furthermore,  $\{|f_n - f| \geq \varepsilon\}$  is a sequence of sets, instead,  $\mu(\{|f_n - f| \geq \varepsilon\})$  is a sequence of real numbers ( $\in \mathbb{R}_+$ ).

**5.20.** Give two equivalent formulations of a.e. convergence.

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space and let  $\mu$  be a measure on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Let  $f_n, f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$  be finite a.e. in  $X$   $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $B_n^\varepsilon := \{|f_n - f| \geq \varepsilon\}$   $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \ \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Prop.** The following statements hold:

- (i)  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  a.e. in  $X \Leftrightarrow \{x \in X : f_n(x) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x)\}^c$  is measurable and of zero measure
- (ii)  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  a.e. in  $X \Leftrightarrow \mu(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n^\varepsilon) = 0 \ \forall \varepsilon > 0$

Moreover, if  $\mu(X) < \infty$ , it holds:

- (iii)  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  a.e. in  $X \Leftrightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(\bigcup_{n=k}^{\infty} B_n^\varepsilon) = 0 \ \forall \varepsilon > 0$

**5.21.** Explain how the **Rademacher sequence** (also called the typewriter sequence) is defined.

In particular, write explicitly  $I_1, I_2, \dots, I_{14}$ .

Let  $I = [0, 1]$ , consider  $(I, \mathcal{L}(I), \lambda)$  and define  $\{I_n\}_n$  as follow:

		I <sub>10</sub>			
		I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>
		I <sub>5</sub>	I <sub>6</sub>	I <sub>7</sub>	I <sub>8</sub>
p = 0:	$I_0 = I$				
p = 1:	$I_1 = [0, \frac{1}{2}]$ , $I_2 = [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$				
p = 2:	$I_3 = [0, \frac{1}{4}]$ , $I_4 = [\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}]$ , $I_5 = [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}]$ , $I_6 = [\frac{3}{4}, 1]$				
p = 3:	$I_7 = [0, \frac{1}{8}]$ , $I_8 = [\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{4}]$ , $I_9 = [\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{8}]$ , $I_{10} = [\frac{3}{8}, \frac{1}{2}]$ , $I_{11} = [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{8}]$ , $I_{12} = [\frac{5}{8}, \frac{3}{4}]$ , $I_{13} = [\frac{3}{4}, \frac{7}{8}]$ , $I_{14} = [\frac{7}{8}, 1]$				
...					

In this way,  $\forall p = 0, 1, \dots$  we obtain  $2^p$  intervals, each one of length  $2^{-p}$ .

An analytical version of this sequence is given by:  $I_{n-1} = [\frac{n}{2^p} - 1, \frac{n+1}{2^p} - 1] \quad \forall p \geq 0, n \in [2^p, 2^{p+1})$ .

Then, the Rademacher sequence (typewriter sequence)  $\{f_n\}_n$  is defined as  $f_n = \mathbf{1}_{I_n}$ .

**6.1.** By means of a counterexample, show that in general  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in measure does not imply that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  a.e..

Let  $I = [0, 1]$  and consider  $(I, \mathcal{L}(I), \lambda)$ . Let  $\{\mathbf{1}_{I_n}\}_n = \{\mathbf{1}_n\}_n$  be the Rademacher sequence.

Then:

- (i)  $\mathbf{1}_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$  a.e. in  $[0, 1]$
- (ii)  $\mathbf{1}_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$  in measure
- (iii)  $\{\mathbf{1}_{n_k}\}_k := \{[0, \frac{1}{2^k}]\}_k \subseteq \{\mathbf{1}_n\}_n \Rightarrow \{\mathbf{1}_{n_k}\}_k \subseteq \{\mathbf{1}_n\}_n$  is such that:  $\mathbf{1}_{n_k} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0$  a.e. in  $[0, 1]$

**proof.**

- (i) We'll exploit an equivalent formulation of convergence a.e., namely:

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space,  $\mu$  a measure on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\mu(X) < \infty$ .

Let  $f_n, f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$  be finite a.e.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $B_n^\varepsilon := \{|f_n - f| \geq \varepsilon\}$ . Then:

$$f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f \text{ a.e. in } X \Leftrightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(\bigcup_{n=k}^{\infty} B_n^\varepsilon) = 0 \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0.$$

Let  $f \equiv 0$ .

Then  $B_n^\varepsilon = \{|f_n - f| \geq \varepsilon\} = \{\mathbf{1}_n \geq \varepsilon\} \quad \forall \varepsilon \in (0, 1) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (B_0^\varepsilon = [0, 1], B_1^\varepsilon = [0, \frac{1}{2}], B_2^\varepsilon = [\frac{1}{2}, 1], \dots)$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(\bigcup_{n=k}^{\infty} B_n^\varepsilon) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda([0, 1]) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1 = 1 \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \text{ a.e. in } X.$$

- (ii) From (i) we have:

$$\forall \varepsilon \in (0, 1): \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(B_n^\varepsilon) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{1}_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \text{ in measure.}$$

- (iii) We consider now the subsequence  $\{[0, \frac{1}{2^k}]\}_k \subseteq I_n$ .

Then,  $\forall x \in [0, 1] \ \exists k$  big enough such that the interval on which  $\mathbf{1}_{n_k} = 1$  is on the left of  $x$ .

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{1}_{n_k} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0 \text{ a.e. in } X.$$

### 6.2. Prove that convergence in measure implies convergence a.e. up to subsequences.

(Recall)

**Lemma. Borel-Cantelli**

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space,  $\{E_n\}_n \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ .

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n) < \infty \Rightarrow \mu(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n) = \mu(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} [\bigcup_{n=k}^{\infty} E_n]) = 0$ .

**Theorem.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space and let  $\mu$  be a measure on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Let  $f_n, f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$  be finite a.e. in  $X \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

If  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  in measure  $\Rightarrow \exists \{f_{n_k}\}_k \subseteq \{f_n\}_n$  such that:  $f_{n_k} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} f$  a.e. in  $X$ .

*proof.*

By definition,  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  in measure  $\Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0 \ \forall \sigma > 0 \ \exists \bar{n} \in \mathbb{N} : \mu(\{|f_n - f| \geq \varepsilon\}) < \sigma \ \forall n \geq \bar{n}$ .

We can choose  $\varepsilon = \sigma = \frac{1}{2^p}$ , with  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . In this way we obtain the characterization:

$f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  in measure  $\Leftrightarrow \forall p \in \mathbb{N} \ \exists n_p \in \mathbb{N} \ \forall n \geq n_p : \mu(\{|f_n - f| \geq \frac{1}{2^p}\}) < \frac{1}{2^p}$ .

Setting  $n = n_p$  we obtain  $B_p = \{|f_{n_p} - f| \geq \frac{1}{2^p}\}$ .

$\Rightarrow \mu(B_p) < \frac{1}{2^p} \ \forall p \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Now we define:

$$A_k := \bigcup_{p=1}^{\infty} B_p$$

$$A := \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k = \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{p=1}^{\infty} B_p = \limsup_{p \rightarrow \infty} B_p$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \mu(B_p) < \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^p} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(A) = 0, \text{ by Borel-Cantelli lemma}$$

Consider then  $x \in A^c$ :

$$\Rightarrow x \in A^c = (\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k)^c = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k^c = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} (\bigcup_{p=1}^{\infty} B_p)^c = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} (\bigcap_{p=1}^{\infty} B_p^c)$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{N} : x \in \bigcap_{p=1}^{\infty} B_p^c$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{N} \ \forall p \geq k : |f_{n_p}(x) - f(x)| < \frac{1}{2^p} \ (\xrightarrow{p \rightarrow \infty} 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow f_{n_p}(x) \xrightarrow{p \rightarrow \infty} f(x).$$

Thus, the convergence is guaranteed  $\forall x \in A^c$ .

The complementary of where we have convergence, namely  $A^{cc} = A$ , is such that  $\mu(A) = 0$ .

Therefore, the convergence is satisfied out of a set of zero measure.

$$\Rightarrow f_{n_p} \xrightarrow{p \rightarrow \infty} f \text{ a.e. in } X.$$

in measure



$\exists \{f_{n_k}\}_k \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} f$  a.e.

### 6.3. Under which hypothesis on $X$ does convergence a.e. imply convergence in measure? Show this property. What happens if one omits the key assumption on $X$ ?

**Theorem.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space and let  $\mu$  be a measure on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\mu(X) < \infty$ .

Let  $f_n, f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$  be finite a.e. in  $X \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

If  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  a.e.  $\Rightarrow f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  in measure.

*proof.*

The aim is to prove that  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 : \mu(\{|f_n - f| \geq \varepsilon\}) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \Leftrightarrow f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  in measure.

For the sake of later convenience, since this is only a matter of notation we change the index:

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 : \mu(\{|f_k - f| \geq \varepsilon\}) \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0 \Leftrightarrow f_k \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} f \text{ in measure.}$$

We'll exploit an equivalent formulation of convergence a.e., namely:

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space,  $\mu$  a measure on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\mu(X) < \infty$ .

Let  $f_n, f \in \mathcal{M}(X, \mathcal{A})$  be finite a.e.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $B_n^{\varepsilon} := \{|f_n - f| \geq \varepsilon\}$ . Then:

$$f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f \text{ a.e. in } X \Leftrightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(\bigcup_{n=k}^{\infty} B_n^{\varepsilon}) = 0 \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0.$$

Starting from convergence a.e., since  $B_k^{\varepsilon} \subseteq \bigcup_{n=k}^{\infty} B_n^{\varepsilon}$  and  $\mu$  is monotone:

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(\{|f_k - f| \geq \varepsilon\}) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(B_k^{\varepsilon}) \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(\bigcup_{n=k}^{\infty} B_n^{\varepsilon}) = 0 \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f_k \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} f \text{ in measure.}$$

a.e.

$$\mu(X) < \infty$$



in measure

The assumption that  $\mu(X) < \infty$  is needed in the proof to introduce the equivalent formulation of convergence a.e.. However, the assumption that  $\mu(X) < \infty$  is essential not only for the proof, but also for the validity of the theorem. In fact, if  $\mu(X) = \infty$  then convergence a.e. in  $X$  does **not** imply convergence in measure.

Consider  $X = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f_n := \mathbb{1}_{[n, \infty)}$ . Then:

•  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$  pointwise in  $\mathbb{R} \Rightarrow f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$  a.e. in  $\mathbb{R}$

•  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : \{f_n \geq \frac{1}{2}\} = [n, \infty) \Rightarrow \mu(\{f_n \geq \frac{1}{2}\}) = \infty \Rightarrow f_n \not\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$  in measure

### 6.4. Show that convergence in $L^1$ implies convergence in measure.

**Theorem.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space and let  $\mu$  be a measure on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Let  $f_n, f \in L^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \ \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

If  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  in  $L^1 \Rightarrow f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  in measure.

*proof.*

We recall that  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  in measure  $\Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0 \ \forall \sigma > 0 \ \exists \bar{n} \in \mathbb{N} : \mu(\{|f_n - f| \geq \varepsilon\}) < \sigma \ \forall n \geq \bar{n}$ .

Suppose by contradiction that  $f_n \not\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  in measure.

Then  $\exists \varepsilon > 0, \sigma > 0$  such that:

$$\mu(\{|f_n - f| \geq \varepsilon\}) \geq \sigma$$

for infinitely many  $n$  in  $\mathbb{N}$ .

Thus:

$$d_{L^1}(f_n, f) = \int_X |f_n - f| d\mu \geq \int_{\{|f_n - f| \geq \varepsilon\}} |f_n - f| d\mu \geq \varepsilon \int_{\{|f_n - f| \geq \varepsilon\}} d\mu = \varepsilon \mu(\{|f_n - f| \geq \varepsilon\}) \geq \varepsilon \sigma > 0$$

for infinitely many  $n$  in  $\mathbb{N}$ .

$$\Rightarrow f_n \not\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f \text{ in } L^1, \text{ which is a contradiction.}$$

$L^1$



in measure

6.5. Show that convergence in  $L^1$  implies convergence a.e. up to subsequences.

$\downarrow$

$\exists \{f_{n_k}\}_k \rightarrow f$   
a.e.

**Theorem.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space and let  $\mu$  be a measure on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Let  $f_n, f \in L^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

If  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  in  $L^1 \Rightarrow \exists \{f_{n_k}\}_k \subseteq \{f_n\}_n$  such that:  $f_{n_k} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} f$  a.e. in  $X$ .

**proof.**

If  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  in  $L^1$  then  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  in measure.

If  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  in measure then  $\exists \{f_{n_k}\}_k \subseteq \{f_n\}_n$  such that  $f_{n_k} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} f$  a.e. in  $X$ . ■

6.6. Does convergence in measure imply convergence in  $L^1$ ? Does convergence a.e. imply convergence in  $L^1$ ? Justify the answer.

in measure

$\downarrow$   
 $L^1$

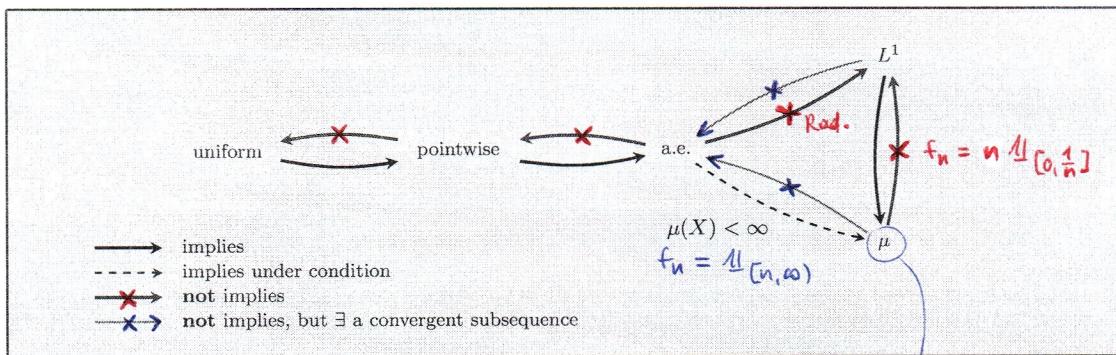
a.e.  
 $\downarrow$   
 $L^1$

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space,  $f_n, f \in L^1(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then, neither convergence in measure nor convergence a.e. implies convergence in  $L^1$ .

Consider  $X = [0, 1]$ , the Lebesgue measure  $\lambda$  and the sequence  $f_n(x) := n \mathbf{1}_{[0, \frac{1}{n}]}(x)$ . Then:

- $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$  a.e. in  $[0, 1] \Rightarrow f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$  in measure, since  $\lambda(X) = \lambda([0, 1]) = 1 < \infty$
- $\int_0^1 |f_n(x) - 0| dx = \int_0^1 f_n(x) dx = n \int_0^1 \mathbf{1}_{[0, \frac{1}{n}]}(x) dx = n \frac{1}{n} = 1 \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow f_n \not\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$  in  $L^1([0, 1])$



in general looking for  
convergence in  $\mu$  is difficult  
( $\Rightarrow$  a.e. if  $\mu(X) < \infty$ ,  $L^1$  otherwise)

## 7 Product Measure

6.7. Write the definitions of: product measurable space, section of measurable set. What is the product measure? Why is the definition well-posed?

Let  $(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1), (X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$  be two measurable spaces.

Let  $R := \{E_1 \times E_2 : E_1 \in \mathcal{A}_1, E_2 \in \mathcal{A}_2\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X_1 \times X_2)$ .

We define the product  $\sigma$ -algebra as the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $R$  and we denote it as  $\sigma_0(R) = \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2$ .

Then  $(X_1 \times X_2, \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2)$  is the product measurable space.

Let  $E \subseteq X_1 \times X_2$ .

- $\forall x_1 \in X_1$  we define the  $x_1$ -section of  $E$  as:  $E_{x_1} = \{x_2 \in X_2 : (x_1, x_2) \in E\} \subseteq X_2$
- $\forall x_2 \in X_2$  we define the  $x_2$ -section of  $E$  as:  $E_{x_2} = \{x_1 \in X_1 : (x_1, x_2) \in E\} \subseteq X_1$

Let  $E \in \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2$ . Then  $E_{x_1} \in \mathcal{A}_2 \forall x_1 \in X_1$  and  $E_{x_2} \in \mathcal{A}_1 \forall x_2 \in X_2$ .

If we have a measurable set in the product  $\sigma$ -algebra then also all sections are measurable in the  $\sigma$ -algebra they belong.

**Theorem.** Let  $(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1, \mu_1), (X_2, \mathcal{A}_2, \mu_2)$  be two  $\sigma$ -finite measure spaces. Let  $E \in \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2$ .

We define:

- $\varphi_1 : X_1 \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+$  such that:  $\varphi_1(x_1) := \mu_2(E_{x_1}) \quad x_1 \in X_1$
- $\varphi_2 : X_2 \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+$  such that:  $\varphi_2(x_2) := \mu_1(E_{x_2}) \quad x_2 \in X_2$

Then:

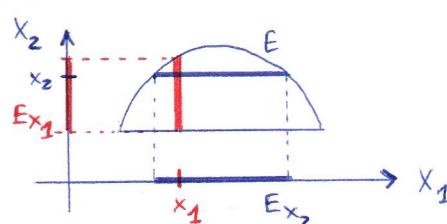
- (i)  $\varphi_i \in \mathcal{M}_+(X_i, \mathcal{A}_i) \quad i = 1, 2$
- (ii)  $\int_{X_1} \varphi_1(x_1) d\mu_1 = \int_{X_2} \varphi_2(x_2) d\mu_2 \Leftrightarrow \int_{X_1} \mu_2(E_{x_1}) d\mu_1 = \int_{X_2} \mu_1(E_{x_2}) d\mu_2$

$\varphi_i$  is measurable and non-negative (since it's a measure), hence we can define its integral (it can be  $+\infty$ , but still it would be well defined). This theorem says that a set in  $\mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2$  can be measured by its sections (and, obviously, if we measure horizontally or vertically we obtain two equal measures).

Therefore, we define the product measure as the function  $\mu_1 \times \mu_2 : \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2 \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}_+$ :

$$(\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(E) := \int_{X_1} \mu_2(E_{x_1}) d\mu_1 = \int_{X_2} \mu_1(E_{x_2}) d\mu_2$$

The product measure is a  $\sigma$ -finite measure.



$$\varphi(x_1) = \mu_2(E_{x_1})$$

$$\varphi(x_2) = \mu_1(E_{x_2})$$

**6.8.** Is the product measure space complete? Justify the answer. Which is the relation between  $(\mathbb{R}^{m+n}, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^{m+n}), \lambda_{m+n})$  and  $(\mathbb{R}^{m+n}, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^m) \times \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n), \lambda_m \times \lambda_n)$ ?

The product measure space is **not** complete.

To prove it, let  $(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1, \mu_1) = (X_2, \mathcal{A}_2, \mu_2) = (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}), \lambda)$  and consider the Vitali set in  $[0, 1] : V \subseteq [0, 1]$ .  $V$  is **not** measurable according to Lebesgue:  $V \notin \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$ .

Define now:  $E := \{x_0\} \times V$ , with  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\Rightarrow E_{x_0} = V \notin \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$$

$$\Rightarrow E \notin \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$$

This is due to a property of the product  $\sigma$ -algebra: if  $E \in \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2 \Rightarrow E_{x_2} \in \mathcal{A}_1$  and  $E_{x_1} \in \mathcal{A}_2$ . Since we negate the right-hand side, also the left-hand side doesn't hold.

Now, observe that:

$$E \subseteq F := \{x_0\} \times [0, 1]$$

with  $F \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$  such that:

$$(\lambda \times \lambda)(F) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \lambda(\{x_0\}) d\lambda = 0$$

since the Lebesgue measure of a point is zero ( $\lambda(\{x_0\}) = 0$ ).

We conclude that there is a set,  $E$ , which is **not** measurable but it is contained in a set which is measurable and of zero measure,  $F$ . Therefore  $(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}), \lambda \times \lambda)$  is **not** complete.

Consider  $(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^m), \lambda_m)$ ,  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n), \lambda_n)$ .

- Consider  $(\mathbb{R}^{m+n}, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^{m+n}), \lambda_{m+n})$ , where  $\lambda_{m+n}$  is the Lebesgue measure constructed by means of the  $(m+n)$ -dimensional rectangles. Because of its construction,  $(\mathbb{R}^{m+n}, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^{m+n}), \lambda_{m+n})$  is **complete**.
- Consider  $(\mathbb{R}^{m+n}, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^m) \times \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n), \lambda_m \times \lambda_n)$ . This measure space is constructed by means of the product measure and hence (differently from before) is not independent from  $(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^m), \lambda_m)$  and  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n), \lambda_n)$ .

The product measure space is not complete, therefore  $(\mathbb{R}^{m+n}, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^m) \times \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n), \lambda_m \times \lambda_n)$  is **not** complete.

We can conclude that  $(\mathbb{R}^{m+n}, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^{m+n}), \lambda_{m+n}) \neq (\mathbb{R}^{m+n}, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^m) \times \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n), \lambda_m \times \lambda_n)$ .

**Theorem.**  $(\mathbb{R}^{m+n}, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^{m+n}), \lambda_{m+n})$  is the completion of  $(\mathbb{R}^{m+n}, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^m) \times \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n), \lambda_m \times \lambda_n)$ .

### 6.9. State the Tonelli theorem.

**Theorem.** **Tonelli**

Let  $(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1, \mu_1)$ ,  $(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2, \mu_2)$  be two  $\sigma$ -finite measure spaces.

Let  $f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X_1 \times X_2, \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2)$ .

As a consequence, it holds:

- $\forall x_1 \in X_1 : f(x_1, \cdot) \in \mathcal{M}_+(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$
- $\forall x_2 \in X_2 : f(\cdot, x_2) \in \mathcal{M}_+(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$

Therefore, we define:

- $\psi_1 : X_1 \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+ : \psi_1(x_1) := \int_{X_2} f(x_1, x_2) d\mu_2 \quad x_1 \in X_1$
- $\psi_2 : X_2 \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+ : \psi_2(x_2) := \int_{X_1} f(x_1, x_2) d\mu_1 \quad x_2 \in X_2$

Then:

- (i)  $\psi_i \in \mathcal{M}_+(X_i, \mathcal{A}_i) \quad i = 1, 2$
- (ii)  $\int_{X_1 \times X_2} f(x_1, x_2) d(\mu_1 \times \mu_2) = \int_{X_1} \left[ \int_{X_2} f(x_1, x_2) d\mu_2 \right] d\mu_1 = \int_{X_1} \psi_1(x_1) d\mu_1$   
 $= \int_{X_2} \left[ \int_{X_1} f(x_1, x_2) d\mu_1 \right] d\mu_2 = \int_{X_2} \psi_2(x_2) d\mu_2$

### 6.10. State the Fubini theorem.

By means of a counterexample, show that it is not possible to omit the hypothesis  $f \in L^1$ .

**Theorem.** **Fubini**

Let  $(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1, \mu_1)$ ,  $(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2, \mu_2)$  be two  $\sigma$ -finite measure spaces.

Let  $f \in L^1(X_1 \times X_2, \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2, \mu_1 \times \mu_2)$ .

We define:

- $\psi_1 : X_1 \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+ : \psi_1(x_1) := \int_{X_2} f(x_1, x_2) d\mu_2 \quad x_1 \in X_1$
- $\psi_2 : X_2 \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+ : \psi_2(x_2) := \int_{X_1} f(x_1, x_2) d\mu_1 \quad x_2 \in X_2$

Then:

- (i)  $f(x_1, \cdot) \in L^1(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2, \mu_2) \quad \text{for a.e. } x_1 \in X_1$   
 $f(\cdot, x_2) \in L^1(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1, \mu_1) \quad \text{for a.e. } x_2 \in X_2$
- (ii)  $\psi_1 \in L^1(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1, \mu_1)$   
 $\psi_2 \in L^1(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2, \mu_2)$
- (iii)  $\int_{X_1 \times X_2} f(x_1, x_2) d(\mu_1 \times \mu_2) = \int_{X_1} \left[ \int_{X_2} f(x_1, x_2) d\mu_2 \right] d\mu_1 = \int_{X_1} \psi_1(x_1) d\mu_1$   
 $= \int_{X_2} \left[ \int_{X_1} f(x_1, x_2) d\mu_1 \right] d\mu_2 = \int_{X_2} \psi_2(x_2) d\mu_2$

The hypothesis of  $f \in L^1(X_1 \times X_2, \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2, \mu_1 \times \mu_2)$  is essential.

Consider  $(X_i, \mathcal{A}_i, \mu_i) = ([0, 1], \mathcal{L}([0, 1]), \lambda)$   $i = 1, 2$  and  $f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{x_1^2 - x_2^2}{(x_1^2 + x_2^2)^2}$  with  $x_1, x_2 \in [0, 1]$ .

Then  $f \notin L^1(X_1 \times X_2, \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2, \mu_1 \times \mu_2)$ .

This is because:

$$f_+ = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x_1 \leq x_2 \\ f & \text{if } x_1 > x_2 \end{cases} \in \mathcal{M}_+(X_1 \times X_2, \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2)$$

Therefore, we can apply Tonelli theorem:

$$\int_{X_1 \times X_2} f_+(x_1, x_2) d(\lambda \times \lambda) = \int_{X_1} [\int_{X_2} f_+(x_1, x_2) d\lambda] d\lambda = \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow f \notin L^1(X_1 \times X_2, \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2, \mu_1 \times \mu_2)$$

Moreover:

$$\int_{X_1} [\int_{X_2} f(x_1, x_2) dx_2] dx_1 = \frac{\pi}{4} \neq \int_{X_2} [\int_{X_1} f(x_1, x_2) dx_1] dx_2 = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

and this is because  $f \notin L^1(X_1 \times X_2, \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2, \mu_1 \times \mu_2)$ .

# 8 BV and AC Functions

## 8.1 BV Functions

**6.11.** Write the definition of **Lebesgue point**. What is about the measure of the set of points that are not Lebesgue points for a function  $f \in L^1$ ?

Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a Lebesgue measurable function. We say that  $x_0 \in [a, b]$  is a Lebesgue point for  $f$  if:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} |f(t) - f(x_0)| dt = 0.$$

Namely,  $x_0$  is a Lebesgue point if we can approximate  $f(x_0)$  with an integral average (e.g. jumps are not Lebesgue points).

**Theorem.** If  $f \in L^1([a, b])$  then almost all  $x_0 \in [a, b]$  are Lebesgue points for  $f$ .

Therefore, if  $f \in L^1([a, b])$  then the measure of the set of points that are not Lebesgue points is zero.

**6.12.** State and prove the **First Fundamental Theorem of Calculus** for  $f \in L^1$ .

Let  $f \in L^1([a, b])$  and define  $F(x) := \int_a^x f(t) dt \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$ .

We consider the Lebesgue measure  $\lambda$ , however to underly the variable of integration we write  $dt$  or  $dx$ .

**Theorem. First Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (1<sup>st</sup> FTC)**

If  $f \in L^1([a, b])$  then  $F$  is differentiable a.e. in  $[a, b]$  and  $F' = f$  a.e. in  $[a, b]$ .

*proof.*

Let  $x \in [a, b]$  be a Lebesgue point for  $f$  and let  $h \neq 0$  be such that  $x + h \in [a, b]$ .

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{F(x+h) - F(x)}{h} - f(x) &= \frac{\int_x^{x+h} f(t) dt}{h} - f(x) = \frac{1}{h} \left( \int_x^{x+h} f(t) dt - f(x) dt \right) \\ \Rightarrow \left| \frac{F(x+h) - F(x)}{h} - f(x) \right| &\leq \frac{1}{|h|} \left| \int_x^{x+h} |f(t) - f(x)| dt \right| \\ &\xrightarrow[h \rightarrow 0]{} 0 \\ &\text{since } x \text{ is a Lebesgue point} \\ \Rightarrow F'(x) &=: \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x+h) - F(x)}{h} = f(x). \end{aligned}$$

We recall that if  $f \in L^1([a, b])$  then almost all  $x \in [a, b]$  are Lebesgue points for  $f$ .

Therefore,  $F' = f$  a.e. in  $[a, b]$ . ■

**6.13.** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Write the definition of: **variation of  $f$**  relative to a partition of  $[a, b]$ , **total variation of  $f$**  over  $[a, b]$ , **function of bounded variation**.

Let  $I = [a, b]$  and let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $P = \{a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b\}$ , with  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , be a partition of the interval  $I$ .

We define the variation of  $f$  relative to the partition  $P$  of  $[a, b]$  as:

$$v_a^b(f; P) = \sum_{k=1}^n |f(x_k) - f(x_{k-1})|.$$

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the collection of all partitions of  $[a, b]$ .

Then, we define the total variation of  $f$  over  $[a, b]$  as:

$$V_a^b(f) = \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} v_a^b(f; P).$$

If  $V_a^b(f) < \infty$  then we say that  $f$  is a function of bounded variation.

The set of all functions of bounded variations in  $[a, b]$  is denoted by  $BV([a, b])$ .

**6.14.** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be monotone. Why  $f \in BV([a, b])$ ? Show that if  $f \in BV([a, b])$ , then  $f$  is bounded.

If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is monotone then  $V_a^b(f) = |f(b) - f(a)| < \infty$  and so  $f \in BV([a, b])$ .  
If  $f \in BV([a, b])$  then  $f$  is bounded.

monotone  $\Rightarrow$  BV  
bounded  $\Leftarrow$  BV

In fact, it always holds:

$$\sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x)| \leq |f(a)| + V_a^b(f)$$

Therefore, if  $f$  is unbounded  $\Rightarrow \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x)| = \infty \Rightarrow f \notin BV([a, b])$ .

However, the contrary does not hold, namely if  $f$  is bounded  $\not\Rightarrow f \in BV([a, b])$ .

Consider a bounded function, for example  $f$  defined as:

$$f = \begin{cases} x \sin(\frac{1}{x}) & \text{if } x \in (0, \frac{2}{\pi}] \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Moreover, consider the partition  $P_n = \{0, x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, \dots, x_1, x_0 = \frac{2}{\pi}\}$  with  $x_i = \frac{2}{(2i+1)\pi}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)| \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow f \notin BV([0, \frac{2}{\pi}]).$$

**Prop.**  $BV([a, b])$  is a vector space.

In fact, let  $f, g \in BV([a, b])$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then:

- (i)  $\lambda f \in BV([a, b])$  and  $V_a^b(\lambda f) = |\lambda| V_a^b(f)$
- (ii)  $f + g \in BV([a, b])$  and  $V_a^b(f + g) \leq V_a^b(f) + V_a^b(g)$

**Prop.** Let  $f \in BV([a, b])$ . Then:

- (i)  $V_a^b(f) = V_a^c(f) + V_c^b(f) \quad \forall c \in [a, b]$
- (ii)  $x \mapsto V_a^x(f)$ , with  $x \in [a, b]$ , is increasing

**Prop.** In general  $V_a^b(f)$  is not a norm on  $BV([a, b])$ , otherwise  $V_a^b(f) = 0$  would imply that  $f = 0$ , which is not true since  $V_a^b(f) = 0 \Rightarrow f = \text{constant}$ . Instead,  $\|f\| := |f(a)| + V_a^b(f)$  is a norm on  $BV([a, b])$ .

**7.1.** What is the **Jordan decomposition** of a  $BV$  function? Why a function of bounded variation is differentiable a.e.?

**Theorem.** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f \in BV([a, b]) \Leftrightarrow \exists \varphi, \psi : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  increasing such that  $f = \varphi - \psi$ .  
The decomposition  $f = \varphi - \psi$  is called **Jordan decomposition**.

**Theorem.** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be **monotone**. Then  $f$  is differentiable a.e. in  $[a, b]$ .

Because of the two previous theorems we can conclude that if  $f \in BV([a, b])$  then  $f$  is differentiable a.e. in  $[a, b]$ . In fact, if  $f \in BV([a, b])$  then  $\exists \varphi, \psi : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  increasing such that  $f = \varphi - \psi$  (Jordan decomposition). Since both  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are monotone then both  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are differentiable a.e. in  $[a, b]$ .

Therefore, since  $f$  is the difference of two functions differentiable a.e. in  $[a, b]$  then  $f$  is differentiable a.e. in  $[a, b]$ .

**7.2.** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be increasing. What can we say about  $f'$  and  $\int_{[a,b]} f' d\lambda$ ? Justify the answer.

**Theorem.** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be **increasing**. Then  $f' \in L^1([a, b])$  and  $\int_{[a,b]} f' d\lambda \leq f(b) - f(a)$ .  
*proof.*

Since  $f$  is increasing then  $f$  is differentiable a.e. in  $[a, b]$ , which means that  $f'$  exists a.e. in  $[a, b]$ . Moreover, since an increasing function is always integrable according to Riemann and since Riemann-integrability implies the measurability of a function:

$$f' \not\sim \Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{R}([a, b]) \Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{M}([a, b], \mathcal{L}([a, b])).$$

We set  $f(x) := f(b) \forall x > b$ .

We define:

$$g_n(x) := \frac{f(x + \frac{1}{n}) - f(x)}{\frac{1}{n}} \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$$

Then, since  $f$  is measurable and since  $f$  is increasing:

$$g_n \in \mathcal{M}_+([a, b], \mathcal{L}([a, b])).$$

Moreover:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = f'(x) \quad \text{for a.a. } x \in [a, b].$$

Then, since  $g_n \in \mathcal{M}_+([a, b], \mathcal{L}([a, b]))$ , also  $\limsup_n g_n$ ,  $\liminf_n g_n \in \mathcal{M}_+([a, b], \mathcal{L}([a, b]))$ , therefore:

$$f' \in \mathcal{M}_+([a, b], \mathcal{L}([a, b]))$$

By Fatou's lemma:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f'(x) dx &= \int_a^b \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n(x) dx = \int_a^b \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n(x) dx \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b g_n(x) dx \\ &= \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n \int_a^b f(x + \frac{1}{n}) dx - n \int_a^b f(x) dx] \\ &= \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n \int_{a+\frac{1}{n}}^{b+\frac{1}{n}} f(x) dx - n \int_a^b f(x) dx] \\ &= \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n \int_b^{b+\frac{1}{n}} f(x) dx - n \int_a^{a+\frac{1}{n}} f(x) dx] \\ &\stackrel{(*)}{\leq} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n \frac{1}{n} f(b) - n \frac{1}{n} f(a)] \\ &= f(b) - f(a). \end{aligned}$$

(\*)  $f$  is increasing:  $\int_a^{a+\frac{1}{n}} f dx \geq \frac{1}{n} f(a)$ , by definition of  $f$  for  $x > b$ :  $\int_b^{b+\frac{1}{n}} f dx \leq \frac{1}{n} f(b)$

**7.3.** Can there exist a function  $f \in BV([a, b])$  with  $f' \notin L^1([a, b])$ ? Justify the answer.

If  $f \in BV([a, b])$  then  $f'$  exists a.e. in  $[a, b]$  and  $f' \in L^1([a, b])$ .  
*proof.*

If  $f \in BV([a, b])$ , by Jordan decomposition we know that  $\exists \varphi, \psi : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  increasing such that  $f = \varphi - \psi$ .

Since  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are increasing then  $\varphi', \psi' \in L^1([a, b])$ .

Since  $L^1([a, b])$  is a vector space then  $f' = \varphi' - \psi' \in L^1([a, b])$ .

Therefore, it cannot exist a function  $f \in BV([a, b])$  such that  $f' \notin L^1([a, b])$ .

## 8.2 AC Functions

**7.4.** Write the definition of **absolutely continuous function**. Show that an absolutely continuous function is also uniformly continuous, but the viceversa is not true. Furthermore, a Lipschitz function is absolutely continuous, but the viceversa is not true.

Let  $J \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be an interval.

Let  $\mathcal{F}(J)$  be the set of finite collections of closed subintervals of  $J$  without interior points in common.

Then, a function  $f : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be **absolutely continuous** in  $J$  if:

$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \ \exists \delta > 0$  such that:

$$\forall \{(a_k, b_k)\}_{k=1,\dots,n} \in \mathcal{F}(J) \text{ for which } \sum_{k=1}^n (b_k - a_k) < \delta \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n |f(b_k) - f(a_k)| < \varepsilon.$$

We denote  $AC([a, b]) := \{f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ absolutely continuous}\}$ .

**Prop.** The following propositions hold:

- (i)  $f \in AC([a, b]) \Rightarrow f$  uniformly continuous in  $[a, b]$
- (ii)  $f \in AC([a, b]) \not\Rightarrow f$  uniformly continuous in  $[a, b]$
- (iii)  $f$  Lipschitz in  $[a, b] \Rightarrow f \in AC([a, b])$
- (iv)  $f$  Lipschitz in  $[a, b] \not\Rightarrow f \in AC([a, b])$

*proof.*

- (i) A function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is uniformly continuous if:

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \ \exists \delta > 0 \text{ such that: } \forall x, y \in [a, b] \text{ for which } |x - y| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$$

Thus, if we consider  $[x, y]$  as special case of  $\{(a_k, b_k)\}_{k=1,\dots,n}$ , with  $x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$ , then from the definition of absolutely continuity we get uniform continuity.

(ii) The function  $f$  defined as:

$$f = \begin{cases} x \sin(\frac{1}{x}) & \text{if } x \in [-1, 1] \setminus \{0\} \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

is not absolutely continuous in  $[-1, 1]$ , however  $f$  is uniformly continuous in  $[-1, 1]$ .

(iii) Consider  $\{(a_k, b_k)\}_{k=1,\dots,n} \in \mathcal{F}$  for which  $\sum_{k=1}^n (b_k - a_k) < \delta$ .

Then, by definition of Lipschitz function in  $[a, b]$ ,  $\exists L > 0$  such that:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n |f(b_k) - f(a_k)| &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n L(b_k - a_k) \\ &= L \sum_{k=1}^n (b_k - a_k) \\ &< L \delta = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

choosing  $\delta := \frac{\varepsilon}{L}$  we get  $f \in AC([a, b])$ .

(iv) The function  $f$  defined as:

$$f = \sqrt{x} = \int_0^x \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}} dt$$

is absolutely continuous, however  $f$  is not Lipschitz. ■

*Absolutely continuity is stronger than both continuity and uniform continuity, however is not stronger than Lipschitz.*

**7.5.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$  be such that  $\int_X f d\mu < \infty$ . Show that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for any  $E \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $\mu(E) < \delta$  there holds  $\int_E f d\mu < \varepsilon$ .

**Theorem.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$  be such that  $\int_X f d\mu < \infty$ . Then  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \ \exists \delta > 0$  such that:

$$\forall E \in \mathcal{A} \text{ for which } \mu(E) < \delta \Rightarrow \int_E f d\mu < \varepsilon.$$

**proof.**

Consider the sequence of sets  $\{F_n\}_n$  with  $F_n := \{f < n\} \ \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since  $f$  is measurable then  $F_n$  is measurable for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Moreover, since  $n \nearrow$  then also  $\{F_n\}_n \nearrow$ .

Then, we can write:

$$X = \{f = \infty\} \cup \{f < \infty\} = \{f = \infty\} \cup [\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n] \quad (*)$$

Since  $\int_X f d\mu < \infty$  we can conclude that  $f$  is finite a.e. in  $X$ , which means:

$$\mu(\{f = \infty\}) = 0.$$

Thus, combining this result with  $(*)$ , we obtain:

$$\int_X f d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{F_n} f d\mu$$

which is equivalent to say that  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \ \exists \bar{n} \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\forall n > \bar{n}$ :

$$\left| \int_{F_n} f d\mu - \int_X f d\mu \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

equivalent to:

$$\int_{F_n^c} f d\mu$$

Therefore, for any fixed  $n > \bar{n}$  we obtain that:

$$\int_E f d\mu = \int_{E \cap F_n} f d\mu + \int_{E \cap F_n^c} f d\mu < \underbrace{\int_{E \cap F_n} n d\mu}_{f < n \text{ on } F_n} + \underbrace{\int_{F_n^c} f d\mu}_{E \cap F_n^c \subseteq F_n^c} < n \mu(E \cap F_n) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \leq n \underbrace{\mu(E)}_{< \delta} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$$

choosing  $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{2n}$ . ■

**7.6.** Show that if  $f \in L^1([a, b])$ , then  $F(x) := \int_{[a, x]} f d\lambda$  is absolutely continuous in  $[a, b]$ .

Let  $f \in L^1([a, b])$ . Then  $F(x) := \int_{[a, x]} f d\lambda$  is  $AC([a, b])$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ .

**The integral function of an  $L^1$  function is absolutely continuous.**

**proof.**

Let  $\mathcal{F}([a, b])$  be the set of finite collections of closed subintervals of  $[a, b]$  without interior points in common.

Let  $E := \bigcup_{k=1}^n [a_k, b_k]$ , with  $\{(a_k, b_k)\}_{k=1,\dots,n} \in \mathcal{F}([a, b])$ .

Since the intervals do not have interior points in common, we have that:

$$\lambda(E) = \sum_{k=1}^n (b_k - a_k).$$

Now we consider:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n |F(b_k) - F(a_k)| = \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \int_{[a_k, b_k]} f d\lambda \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{[a_k, b_k]} |f| d\lambda = \int_E |f| d\lambda.$$

We recall a theorem stating that:

If  $f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$  is such that  $\int_X f d\mu < \infty$  then  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \ \exists \delta > 0$  such that:

$$\forall E \in \mathcal{A} \text{ for which } \mu(E) < \delta \Rightarrow \int_E f d\lambda < \varepsilon.$$

We can apply this theorem on  $|f|$  (since  $|f| \in \mathcal{M}_+([a, b], \mathcal{L}([a, b]))$ ) and we obtain that:

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \ \exists \delta > 0 \text{ such that: } \lambda(E) = \sum_{k=1}^n (b_k - a_k) < \delta \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n |F(b_k) - F(a_k)| \leq \int_E |f| d\lambda < \varepsilon$$

which is the definition of  $F$  being absolutely continuous. ■

**7.7.** Which is the relation between the spaces  $BV([a, b])$  and  $AC([a, b])$ ?

**Theorem.** If  $f \in AC([a, b]) \Rightarrow f \in BV([a, b])$ .

Moreover:  $x \mapsto V_a^x(f) \in AC([a, b])$ .

However, the reverse does not hold, namely:  $f \in BV([a, b]) \not\Rightarrow f \in AC([a, b])$ .

In fact, consider the function  $f$  defined as:

$$f = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in [0, 1] \\ -1 & x \in [-1, 0) \end{cases}$$

Then  $f \in BV([-1, 1])$ , however  $f \notin AC([-1, 1])$  (since it is not even continuous).

**Theorem.** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f \in AC([a, b]) \Leftrightarrow \exists \varphi, \psi \in AC([a, b])$  increasing such that  $f = \varphi - \psi$ .

**Lemma.** Let  $f \in AC([a, b])$ ,  $f \nearrow$  in  $[a, b]$ . If  $f' = 0$  a.e. in  $[a, b]$  then  $f \equiv c$  in  $[a, b]$  for some  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

### 7.8. State and prove the Second Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.

**Theorem.** **Second Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (2<sup>nd</sup> FTC)**

Let  $F : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . The following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $F \in AC([a, b])$
- (ii)  $F$  is differentiable a.e. in  $[a, b]$  with  $F' \in L^1([a, b])$  and:  

$$F(x) = F(a) + \int_{[a, x]} F' d\lambda \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$$

*proof.*

- (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) It is known that if  $f \in L^1([a, b]) \Rightarrow F(x) := \int_{[a, x]} f d\lambda$  is  $AC([a, b])$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ .

*proof.*

Let  $\mathcal{F}([a, b])$  be the set of finite collections of closed subintervals of  $[a, b]$  without interior points in common and let  $E := \bigcup_{k=1}^n [a_k, b_k]$ , with  $\{[a_k, b_k]\}_{k=1, \dots, n} \in \mathcal{F}([a, b])$ .

Since the intervals do not have interior points in common, we have that:

$$\lambda(E) = \sum_{k=1}^n (b_k - a_k).$$

Now we consider:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n |F(b_k) - F(a_k)| = \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \int_{[a_k, b_k]} f d\lambda \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{[a_k, b_k]} |f| d\lambda = \int_E |f| d\lambda.$$

We recall a theorem stating that:

If  $f \in \mathcal{M}_+(X, \mathcal{A})$  is such that  $\int_X f d\mu < \infty$  then  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$  such that:  
 $\forall E \in \mathcal{A}$  for which  $\mu(E) < \delta \Rightarrow \int_E f d\lambda < \varepsilon$ .

We can apply this theorem on  $|f|$  (since  $|f| \in \mathcal{M}_+([a, b], \mathcal{L}([a, b]))$ ) and obtain that:

$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$  such that:  $\lambda(E) = \sum_{k=1}^n (b_k - a_k) < \delta \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n |F(b_k) - F(a_k)| \leq \int_E |f| d\lambda < \varepsilon$   
which is the definition of  $F$  being absolutely continuous. ■

Thus, if we set  $F' = f$  we get (i), since a constant factor ( $F(a)$ ) does not affect  $F$  being in  $AC([a, b])$ .

- (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) For the second part of the proof we recall the following results.

1. If  $f \in L^1([a, b]) \Rightarrow F(x) := \int_{[a, x]} f d\lambda$  is differentiable a.e. in  $[a, b]$  and  $F' = f$  a.e. in  $[a, b]$ . (1<sup>st</sup> FTC)
2. If  $f \in L^1([a, b]) \Rightarrow F(x) := \int_{[a, x]} f d\lambda$  is  $AC([a, b])$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ .
3. If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is increasing  $\Rightarrow f' \in L^1([a, b])$  and  $\int_{[a, b]} f' d\lambda \leq f(b) - f(a)$ .
4. If  $f \in AC([a, b])$ ,  $f \nearrow$ ,  $f' = 0$  a.e. in  $[a, b] \Rightarrow f \equiv c$  in  $[a, b]$ , for some  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Since  $F \in AC([a, b]) \Rightarrow F \in BV([a, b]) \Rightarrow F$  is differentiable a.e. in  $[a, b]$  and  $F' \in L^1([a, b])$ .

- Suppose, in addition, that  $F$  is increasing.

We set:

$$G(x) := \int_{[a, x]} F' d\lambda \quad \forall x \in [a, b].$$

Since  $F'(x) \in L^1([a, b])$ , by the 1<sup>st</sup> FTC (1):

$$\Rightarrow G(x) \text{ is differentiable a.e. in } [a, b] \text{ and } G' = F' \text{ a.e. in } [a, b]$$

$$\Rightarrow (F - G)' = 0 \text{ a.e. in } [a, b].$$

Moreover, since  $G$  is the integral function of an  $L^1([a, b])$  function, by (2) we get:

$$\Rightarrow G \in AC([a, b]).$$

Thus, since both  $F, G \in AC([a, b])$  and since  $AC([a, b])$  is a vector space:

$$\Rightarrow F - G \in AC([a, b]).$$

Now we consider:  $a \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \leq b$ :

$$(F(x_2) - G(x_2)) - (F(x_1) - G(x_1)) = F(x_2) - F(x_1) - \underbrace{\int_{[x_1, x_2]} F' d\lambda}_{\text{by definition of } G} \geq 0$$

where (\*) is due to the fact that  $F$  is increasing and thus (3) holds.

Therefore,  $F - G$  is increasing.

Moreover, since  $F - G \in AC([a, b])$ ,  $F - G \nearrow$ ,  $(F - G)' = 0$  a.e. in  $[a, b]$ , by (4) we get:

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow F(x) - G(x) = \text{constant} \quad \forall x \in [a, b] \\ &\Rightarrow F(x) - G(x) = F(a) - G(a) \quad \forall x \in [a, b] \\ &\Rightarrow F(x) - G(x) = F(a) \quad \forall x \in [a, b] \end{aligned}$$

which is the thesis (for  $F$  increasing).

- For a general  $F$  we recall that, if  $F \in AC([a, b]) \Rightarrow \exists \varphi, \psi \in AC([a, b])$  increasing such that  $F = \varphi - \psi$ . So, we can apply the above reasoning to  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  and then the thesis follows for  $F$  too. ■