

Tutorial 8 - Measurable functions and the integral II

Exercise 1 (4 Points).

Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}), (\Omega', \mathcal{F}'), (\Omega'', \mathcal{F}'')$ be measurable spaces and $f : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega'$ measurable and $Z : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega''$. Then, Z is $\sigma(f)$ -measurable if and only if there is a $\mathcal{F}'/\mathcal{F}''$ -measurable mapping $\varphi : \Omega' \rightarrow \Omega''$ with $\varphi \circ f = Z$.

Solution.

' \Leftarrow ': Assume there is a $\mathcal{F}'/\mathcal{F}''$ -measurable mapping $\varphi : \Omega' \rightarrow \Omega''$ with $\varphi \circ f = Z$, let us show that Z is $\sigma(f)$ -measurable. That is $\forall A \in \mathcal{F}'', Z^{-1}(A) \in \sigma(f)$. Since φ is $\mathcal{F}'/\mathcal{F}''$ -measurable, then $\varphi^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{F}'$. f is $\sigma(f)$ -measurable, so $f^{-1}(\varphi^{-1}(A)) \in \sigma(f)$. But $Z^{-1} = (\varphi \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ \varphi^{-1}$. Hence, $Z^{-1}(A) \in \sigma(f)$.

' \Rightarrow ': It suffices to consider the case $Z \geq 0$; otherwise, we write $Z = Z^+ - Z^-$. First, let $Z = 1_A$ for $A \in \sigma(f)$. Then there is an $A' \in \mathcal{F}'$ with $f^{-1}(A') = A$, i.e. $Z = 1_{f^{-1}(A')} = 1_{A'} \circ f$, i.e. $\varphi = 1_{A'}$ fulfills the statement. Due to linearity, the statement is also true for simple functions, i.e. finite linear combinations of indicator functions. In the general case, there are simple functions $Z_1, Z_2, \dots \geq 0$ with $Z_n \uparrow Z$. In addition, there are \mathcal{F}' -measurable functions φ_n with $Z_n = \varphi_n \circ f$. Then $\varphi = \sup_n \varphi_n$ is again \mathcal{F}' -measurable and, since $Z \geq 0$, and

$$\varphi \circ f = (\sup_n \varphi_n) \circ f = \sup_n (\varphi_n \circ f) = \sup_n Z_n = Z.$$

Exercise 2 (4 Points).

Prove Theorem 3.25

Solution.

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a < b$, and $f, f_1, f_2, \dots : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be piecewise continuous. If $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$ uniformly, then (using \int for the Riemann integral)

$$\int_a^b f_n(x) dx \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f(x) dx.$$

We will use the results from Proposition 3.19 here. Since f_n converges uniformly to f on $[a, b]$, for every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists an integer N such that for all $n \geq N$ and for all $x \in [a, b]$:

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon.$$

We need to show that:

$$\left| \int_a^b f_n(x) dx - \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

This can be expressed as:

$$\left| \int_a^b (f_n(x) - f(x)) dx \right|.$$

By the properties of integrals, we apply the triangle inequality:

$$\left| \int_a^b (f_n(x) - f(x)) dx \right| \leq \int_a^b |f_n(x) - f(x)| dx.$$

Since $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$ for all $x \in [a, b]$ when n is sufficiently large, we can bound the integral:

$$\int_a^b |f_n(x) - f(x)| dx < \int_a^b \epsilon dx = \epsilon(b - a).$$

Thus, for $n \geq N$:

$$\left| \int_a^b f_n(x) dx - \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| < \epsilon(b - a).$$

Since $b - a$ is a positive constant, we can say that:

$$\left| \int_a^b f_n(x) dx - \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| < \delta,$$

for any $\delta > 0$ by choosing ϵ appropriately. Specifically, we can choose $\epsilon = \frac{\delta}{b-a}$. Therefore, we conclude that:

$$\int_a^b f_n(x) dx \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f(x) dx.$$

Exercise 3 (4 Points).

Let λ be Lebesgue measure on $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$. Find $f, f_1, f_2, \dots \in \mathcal{L}^1(\lambda)$ with $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$ almost everywhere, with $\int f_n d\lambda \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f d\mu$, but the corresponding Riemann integrals do not converge.

Solution.

Let $f_n(x) = \frac{1}{n}$ if $x \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$ (the rationals within $[0, 1]$) and $f_n(x) = 0$ otherwise. That is,

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} & \text{if } x \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. For any $x \in [0, 1]$: If x is rational, $f_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$; If x is not rational, $f_n(x) = 0$ for all n . Thus, $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$, which means $f_n \rightarrow f$ almost everywhere. The Lebesgue integral of f_n :

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} f_n d\lambda = \int_{[0, 1]} f_n(x) d\lambda = \int_{[0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}} \frac{1}{n} d\lambda = 0,$$

since the set of rational numbers has measure zero. So, $f, f_1, f_2, \dots \in \mathcal{L}^1(\lambda)$. Therefore, $\int f_n d\lambda \rightarrow 0 = \int f d\lambda$. The function f_n is discontinuous at every point in $[0, 1]$: At any rational point, it is $\frac{1}{n}$ (non-zero) but 0 at nearby irrational points. At any irrational point, it is 0, but it takes the value $\frac{1}{n}$ at rational points nearby. Since f_n is discontinuous everywhere on $[0, 1]$, it is **not Riemann integrable**.

Exercise 4 (4 Points).

Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable with derivative f' . Show that f' is $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ - $\mathbb{B}(\mathbb{R})$ -measurable.

Solution.

f is differentiable $\implies f$ is continuous and thus measurable. We consider:

$$f_n(x) = \frac{f(x + \frac{1}{n}) - f(x)}{\frac{1}{n}};$$

f_n 's are all measurable functions because f is measurable, and $x \mapsto x + \frac{1}{n}$ is also measurable. Recall that $g : (a,b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h}$ exists, we say that g is differentiable at x , and we say that the above limit is the derivative of g at x , which we write as $g'(x)$. Moreover,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x + \frac{1}{n}) - f(x)}{\frac{1}{n}} = f'(x).$$

Hence, f' is measurable as a pointwise limit of measurable functions.