

MATH201A_Chapter2_Exercises

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2.1 (Measurable functions)

Below (X, \mathcal{M}) is always a measurable space.

Exercise 1

Let

$$f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}, \quad Y = f^{-1}(\mathbb{R}).$$

Then f is measurable iff

- $f^{-1}(\{-\infty\}) \in \mathcal{M}$,
- $f^{-1}(\{\infty\}) \in \mathcal{M}$,

and

f is measurable on Y .

Exercise 2

Suppose $f, g : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ are measurable.

(a)

The product

$$fg : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}, \quad 0 \cdot (\pm\infty) = 0,$$

is measurable.

(b)

Fix $a \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ and define

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} a, & f(x) = -g(x) = \pm\infty, \\ f(x) + g(x), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then h is measurable.

Exercise 3

If $\{f_n\}$ is a sequence of measurable functions on X , then the set

$$\{x \in X : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) \text{ exists}\}$$

is measurable.

Exercise 4

If $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and

$$f^{-1}((r, \infty]) \in \mathcal{M} \quad \forall r \in \mathbb{Q},$$

then f is measurable.

Exercise 5

If $X = A \cup B$ where $A, B \in \mathcal{M}$, then f is measurable on X iff f is measurable on both A and B .

Exercise 6

The supremum of an uncountable family of measurable \mathbb{R} -valued functions on X may fail to be measurable (unless the σ -algebra \mathcal{M} is very special).

Exercise 7

Suppose for each $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ we are given sets $E_\alpha \in \mathcal{M}$ such that:

- $\alpha < \beta \Rightarrow E_\alpha \subset E_\beta$,
- $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}} E_\alpha = X$,
- $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}} E_\alpha = \emptyset$.

Then there exists a measurable function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that:

- $f(x) \leq \alpha$ on E_α ,
- $f(x) \geq \alpha$ on E_α^c .

(Hint: Use Exercise 4.)

Exercise 8

If $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is monotone, then f is Borel measurable.

Exercise 9

Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be the Cantor function, and define

$$g(x) = f(x) + x.$$

(a)

g is a bijection from $[0, 1]$ to $[0, 2]$, and

$$h = g^{-1} : [0, 2] \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

is continuous.

(b)

If C is the Cantor set, then

$$m(g(C)) = 1.$$

(c)

By Exercise 29 of Chapter 1, $g(C)$ contains a Lebesgue non-measurable set. Let $B = g^{-1}(A)$. Then B is Lebesgue measurable but not Borel measurable.

(d) There exist:

- a Lebesgue measurable function

$$F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

- and a continuous function

$$G : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

such that the composition

$$F \circ G$$

is not Lebesgue measurable.

Exercise 10

Prove Proposition 2.11.

(Insert proposition text here if needed — I can also supply a fully typeset R-markdown proof.)

Exercise 11

Suppose

$$f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

satisfies:

1. for each fixed $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$y \mapsto f(x, y) \quad \text{is Borel measurable;}$$

2. for each fixed $y \in \mathbb{R}^k$,

$$x \mapsto f(x, y) \quad \text{is continuous.}$$

Construction of the approximating functions

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, define

$$a_i = \frac{i}{n}.$$

For $a_i \leq x \leq a_{i+1}$, define

$$f_n(x, y) = \frac{f(a_{i+1}, y)(x - a_i) + f(a_i, y)(a_{i+1} - x)}{a_{i+1} - a_i}.$$

Equivalently, $f_n(x, y)$ is the linear interpolation in the x -variable between the values

$$f(a_i, y), \quad f(a_{i+1}, y).$$

Claim 1: f_n is Borel measurable on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^k$.

- On each strip $[a_i, a_{i+1}] \times \mathbb{R}^k$,
 f_n is a finite linear combination of
 $f(a_i, y)$ and $f(a_{i+1}, y)$
with coefficients depending continuously on x only.
- Since $y \mapsto f(a_i, y)$ is Borel measurable for each i ,
 f_n is measurable on each strip.
- The union of the strips covers $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^k$.

Thus

f_n is Borel measurable.

Claim 2: $f_n(x, y) \rightarrow f(x, y)$ pointwise.

For each fixed y :

- $x \mapsto f(x, y)$ is continuous,
- $f_n(\cdot, y)$ is the linear interpolation of $f(\cdot, y)$ on a mesh of size $1/n$.

Hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x, y) = f(x, y).$$

Conclusion

Since f_n are Borel measurable and

$$f_n \rightarrow f \quad \text{pointwise,}$$

it follows that

f is Borel measurable on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^k$.

Final Statement (Induction)

Conclude by induction on dimension that:

Every function

$$f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

that is continuous in each variable separately

is Borel measurable.

2.2 (Integration of Nonnegative functions)

Exercise 12

Prove Proposition 2.20. (See Proposition 0.20, where a special case is proved.)

Exercise 13

Suppose $\{f_n\} \subset L^+$, $f_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise, and $\int f = \lim \int f_n < \infty$. Then $\int_E f = \lim \int_E f_n$ for all $E \in \mathcal{M}$. However, this need not be true if $\int f = \lim \int f_n = \infty$.

Exercise 14

If $f \in L^+$, let $\lambda(E) = \int_E f d\mu$ for $E \in \mathcal{M}$. Then λ is a measure on \mathcal{M} , and for any $g \in L^+$, $\int g d\lambda = \int f g d\mu$. (First suppose that g is simple.)

Exercise 15

If $\{f_n\} \subset L^+$, f_n decreases pointwise to f , and $\int f_1 < \infty$, then $\int f = \lim \int f_n$.

Exercise 16

If $f \in L^+$ and $\int f < \infty$, for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $E \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $\mu(E) < \infty$ and $\int_E f > (\int f) - \varepsilon$.

Exercise 17

Assume Fatou's lemma and deduce the monotone convergence theorem from it.

2.3 (Integration of complex functions)

Exercise 18

Fatou's lemma remains valid if the hypothesis that $f_n \in L^+$ is replaced by the hypothesis that f_n is measurable and $f_n \geq -g$ where $g \in L^+ \cap L^1$. What is the analogue of Fatou's lemma for nonpositive functions?

Exercise 19

Suppose $\{f_n\} \subset L^1(\mu)$ and $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly.

a. If $\mu(X) < \infty$, then $f \in L^1(\mu)$ and $\int f_n \rightarrow \int f$.

b. If $\mu(X) = \infty$, the conclusions of (a) can fail. (Find examples on \mathbb{R} with Lebesgue measure.)

Exercise 20

(A Generalized Dominated Convergence Theorem) If $f_n, g_n, f, g \in L^1$, $f_n \rightarrow f$, $g_n \rightarrow g$ a.e., $|f_n| \leq g_n$, and $\int g_n \rightarrow \int g$, then $\int f_n \rightarrow \int f$. (Rework the proof of the dominated convergence theorem.)

Exercise 21

Suppose $f_n, f \in L^1$ and $f_n \rightarrow f$ a.e. Then $\int |f_n - f| \rightarrow 0$ iff $\int |f_n| \rightarrow \int |f|$. (Use Exercise 20.)

Exercise 22

Let μ be counting measure on \mathbb{N} . Interpret Fatou's lemma and the monotone and dominated convergence theorems as statements about infinite series.

Exercise 23

Given a bounded function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, let

$$H(x) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \sup_{|y-x| \leq \delta} f(y), \quad h(x) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \inf_{|y-x| \leq \delta} f(y).$$

Prove Theorem 2.28b by establishing the following lemmas:

- $H(x) = h(x)$ iff f is continuous at x .
- In the notation of the proof of Theorem 2.28a, $H = G$ a.e. and $h = g$ a.e. Hence H and h are Lebesgue measurable, and $\int_{[a,b]} H \, d\mu = \int_a^b f$, and $\int_{[a,b]} h \, d\mu = \int_a^b f$.

Exercise 24

Let (X, \mathcal{M}, μ) be a measure space with $\mu(X) < \infty$, and let $(X, \overline{\mathcal{M}}, \overline{\mu})$ be its completion. Suppose $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded. Then f is \mathcal{M} -measurable (and hence in $L^1(\overline{\mu})$) iff there exist sequences $\{\phi_n\}$ and $\{\psi_n\}$ of \mathcal{M} -measurable simple functions such that $\phi_n \leq f \leq \psi_n$ and $\int (\psi_n - \phi_n) \, d\mu < n^{-1}$. In this case, $\lim \int \phi_n \, d\mu = \lim \int \psi_n \, d\mu = \int f \, d\overline{\mu}$.

Exercise 25

Let $f(x) = x^{-1/2}$ if $0 < x < 1$, $f(x) = 0$ otherwise. Let $\{r_n\}_1^\infty$ be an enumeration of the rationals, and set $g(x) = \sum_1^\infty 2^{-n} f(x - r_n)$.

- $g \in L^1(m)$, and in particular $g < \infty$ a.e.
- g is discontinuous at every point and unbounded on every interval, and it remains so after any modification on a Lebesgue null set.
- $g^2 < \infty$ a.e., but g^2 is not integrable on any interval.

Exercise 26

If $f \in L^1(m)$ and $F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) \, dt$, then F is continuous on \mathbb{R} .

Exercise 27

Let $f_n(x) = ae^{-nax} - be^{-nbx}$ where $0 < a < b$.

- $\sum_1^\infty \int_0^\infty |f_n(x)| \, dx = \infty$.
- $\sum_1^\infty \int_0^\infty f_n(x) \, dx = 0$.
- $\sum_1^\infty f_n \in L^1([0, \infty), m)$, and $\int_0^\infty \sum_1^\infty f_n(x) \, dx = \log(b/a)$.

Exercise 28

Compute the following limits and justify the calculations:

- a. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\infty (1 + (x/n))^{-n} \sin(x/n) dx$.
- b. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 (1 + nx^2)(1 + x^2)^{-n} dx$.
- c. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\infty n \sin(x/n) [x(1 + x^2)]^{-1} dx$.
- d. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\infty n(1 + n^2 x^2)^{-1} dx$. (The answer depends on whether $a > 0$, $a = 0$, or $a < 0$. How does this accord with the various convergence theorems?)

Exercise 29

Show that $\int_0^\infty x^n e^{-x} dx = n!$ by differentiating the equation $\int_0^\infty e^{-tx} dx = 1/t$. Similarly, show that $\int_{-\infty}^\infty x^{2n} e^{-x^2} dx = (2n)! \sqrt{\pi}/4^n n!$ by differentiating the equation $\int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-tx^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi/t}$ (see Proposition 2.53).

Exercise 30

Show that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^k x^n (1 - k^{-1}x)^k dx = n!$.

Exercise 31

Derive the following formulas by expanding part of the integrand into an infinite series and justifying the term-by-term integration. Exercise 29 may be useful. (Note: In (d) and (e), term-by-term integration works, and the resulting series converges, only for $a > 1$, but the formulas as stated are actually valid for all $a > 0$.)

- a. For $a > 0$, $\int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-x^2} \cos ax dx = \sqrt{\pi} e^{-a^2/4}$.
- b. For $a > -1$, $\int_0^1 x^a (1 - x)^{-1} \log x dx = \sum_1^\infty (a + k)^{-2}$.
- c. For $a > 1$, $\int_0^\infty x^{a-1} (e^x - 1)^{-1} dx = \Gamma(a) \zeta(a)$, where $\zeta(a) = \sum_1^\infty n^{-a}$.
- d. For $a > 1$, $\int_0^\infty e^{-ax} x^{-1} \sin x dx = \arctan(a^{-1})$.
- e. For $a > 1$, $\int_0^\infty e^{-ax} J_0(x) dx = (s^2 + 1)^{-1/2}$, where $J_0(x) = \sum_0^\infty (-1)^n x^{2n} / 4^n (n!)^2$ is the Bessel function of order zero.

2.4 (modes of convergence)

Exercise 32

Suppose $\mu(X) < \infty$. If f and g are complex-valued measurable functions on X , define

$$\rho(f, g) = \int \frac{|f - g|}{1 + |f - g|} d\mu.$$

Then ρ is a metric on the space of measurable functions if we identify functions that are equal a.e., and $f_n \rightarrow f$ with respect to this metric iff $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure.

Exercise 33

If $f_n > 0$ and $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure, then $\int f \leq \liminf \int f_n$.

Exercise 34

Suppose $|f_n| \leq g \in L^1$ and $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure. a. $\int f = \lim \int f_n$. b. $f_n \rightarrow f$ in L^1 .

Exercise 35

$f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure iff for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\mu(\{x : |f_n(x) - f(x)| \geq \varepsilon\}) < \varepsilon$ for $n \geq N$.

Exercise 36

If $\mu(E_n) < \infty$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\chi_{E_n} \rightarrow f$ in L^1 , then f is (a.e. equal to) the characteristic function of a measurable set.

Exercise 37

Suppose that f_n and f are measurable complex-valued functions and $\phi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. a. If ϕ is continuous and $f_n \rightarrow f$ a.e., then $\phi \circ f_n \rightarrow \phi \circ f$ a.e. b. If ϕ is uniformly continuous and $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly, almost uniformly, or in measure, then $\phi \circ f_n \rightarrow \phi \circ f$ uniformly, almost uniformly, or in measure, respectively. c. There are counterexamples when the continuity assumptions on ϕ are not satisfied.

Exercise 38

Suppose $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure and $g_n \rightarrow g$ in measure. a. $f_n + g_n \rightarrow f + g$ in measure. b. $f_n g_n \rightarrow fg$ in measure if $\mu(X) < \infty$, but not necessarily if $\mu(X) = \infty$.

Exercise 39

If $f_n \rightarrow f$ almost uniformly, then $f_n \rightarrow f$ a.e. and in measure.

Exercise 40

In Egoroff's theorem, the hypothesis " $\mu(X) < \infty$ " can be replaced by " $|f_n| \leq g$ for all n , where $g \in L^1(\mu)$ ".

Exercise 41

If μ is σ -finite and $f_n \rightarrow f$ a.e., there exist measurable $E_1, E_2, \dots \subset X$ such that $\mu((\bigcup_1^\infty E_j)^c) = 0$ and $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly on each E_j .

Exercise 42

Let μ be counting measure on \mathbb{N} . Then $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure iff $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly.

Exercise 43

Suppose that $\mu(X) < \infty$ and $f : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a function such that $f(\cdot, y)$ is measurable for each $y \in [0, 1]$ and $f(x, \cdot)$ is continuous for each $x \in X$. a. If $0 < \varepsilon, \delta < 1$ then $E_{\varepsilon, \delta} = \{x : |f(x, y) - f(x, 0)| \leq \varepsilon \text{ for all } y < \delta\}$ is measurable. b. For any $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a set $E \subset X$ such that $\mu(E) < \varepsilon$ and $f(\cdot, y) \rightarrow f(\cdot, 0)$ uniformly on E^c as $y \rightarrow 0$.

Exercise 44

(Lusin's Theorem) If $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is Lebesgue measurable and $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a compact set $E \subset [a, b]$ such that $\mu(E^c) < \varepsilon$ and $f|_E$ is continuous. (Use Egoroff's theorem and Theorem 2.26.)

2.5 (Product Measure)

Exercise 45

If (X_j, \mathcal{M}_j) is a measurable space for $j = 1, 2, 3$, then $\bigotimes_{j=1}^3 \mathcal{M}_j = (\mathcal{M}_1 \otimes \mathcal{M}_2) \otimes \mathcal{M}_3$. Moreover, if μ_j is a σ -finite measure on (X_j, \mathcal{M}_j) , then $\mu_1 \times \mu_2 \times \mu_3 = (\mu_1 \times \mu_2) \times \mu_3$.

Exercise 46

Let $X = Y = [0, 1]$, $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{N} = \mathcal{B}_{[0,1]}$, $\mu = \text{Lebesgue measure}$, and $\nu = \text{counting measure}$. If $D = \{(x, z) : x = z \in [0, 1]\}$ is the diagonal in $X \times Y$, then $\iint \chi_D d\mu d\nu$, $\iint \chi_D d\nu d\mu$, and $\int \chi_D d(\mu \times \nu)$ are all unequal. (To compute $\int \chi_D d(\mu \times \nu) = \mu \times \nu(D)$, go back to the definition of $\mu \times \nu$.)

Exercise 47

Let $X = Y$ be an uncountable linearly ordered set such that for each $x \in X$, $\{y \in X : y < x\}$ is countable. (Example: the set of countable ordinals.)

Let $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{N}$ be the σ -algebra of countable or co-countable sets, and let $\mu = \nu$ be defined on \mathcal{M} by $\mu(A) = 0$ if A is countable and $\mu(A) = 1$ if A is co-countable. Let $E = \{(x, y) \in X \times X : y < x\}$. Then E_x and E^y are measurable for all x, y , and $\iint 1_E d\mu d\nu$ and $\iint 1_E d\nu d\mu$ exist but are not equal. (If one believes in the continuum hypothesis, one can take $X = [0, 1]$ [with a nonstandard ordering] and thus obtain a set $E \subset [0, 1]^2$ such that E_x is countable and E^y is co-countable [in particular, Borel] for all x, y , but E is not Lebesgue measurable.)

Exercise 48

Let $X = Y = \mathbb{N}$, $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{N} = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$, $\mu = \nu = \text{counting measure}$. Define $f(m, n) = 1$ if $m = n$, $f(m, n) = -1$ if $n = m + 1$, and $f(m, n) = 0$ otherwise. Then $\int |f| d(\mu \times \nu) = \infty$, and $\iint f d\nu d\mu$ and $\iint f d\mu d\nu$ exist and are unequal.

Exercise 49

Prove Theorem 2.39 by using Theorem 2.37 and Proposition 2.12 together with the following lemmas. a. If $E \in \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N}$ and $\mu \times \nu(E) = 0$, then $\nu(E_x) = \mu(E^y) = 0$ for a.e. x and y . b. If f is \mathcal{L} -measurable and $f = 0$ λ -a.e., then f_x and f^y are integrable for a.e. x and y , and $\int f_x d\nu = \int f^y d\mu = 0$ for a.e. x and y . (Here the completeness of μ and ν is needed.)

Exercise 50

Suppose (X, \mathcal{M}, μ) is a σ -finite measure space and $f \in L^+(X)$. Let

$$G_f = \{(x, y) \in X \times [0, \infty) : y \leq f(x)\}.$$

Then G_f is $\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$ -measurable and $\mu \times m(G_f) = \int f d\mu$; the same is also true if the inequality $y \leq f(x)$ in the definition of G_f is replaced by $y < f(x)$. (To show measurability of G_f , note that the map $(x, y) \mapsto f(x) - y$ is the composition of $(x, y) \mapsto (f(x), y)$ and $(z, y) \mapsto z - y$.) This is the definitive statement of the familiar theorem from calculus, “the integral of a function is the area under its graph.”

Exercise 51

Let (X, \mathcal{M}, μ) and (Y, \mathcal{N}, ν) be arbitrary measure spaces (not necessarily σ -finite). a. If $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is \mathcal{M} -measurable, $g : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is \mathcal{N} -measurable, and $h(x, y) = f(x)g(y)$, then h is $\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{N}$ -measurable. b. If $f \in L^1(\mu)$ and $g \in L^1(\nu)$, then $h \in L^1(\mu \times \nu)$ and $\int h d(\mu \times \nu) = \left[\int f d\mu \right] \left[\int g d\nu \right]$.

Exercise 52

The Fubini-Tonelli theorem is valid when (X, \mathcal{M}, μ) is an arbitrary measure space and Y is a countable set, $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{P}(Y)$, and ν is counting measure on Y . (Cf. Theorems 2.15 and 2.25.)

2.6 (The n-dim Lebesgue integral)

Exercise 53

Fill in the details of the proof of Theorem 2.41.

Exercise 54

How much of Theorem 2.44 remains valid if T is not invertible?

Exercise 55

Let $E = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$. Investigate the existence and equality of $\int_E f \, dm^2$, $\int_0^1 \int_0^1 f(x, y) \, dx \, dy$, and $\int_0^1 \int_0^1 f(x, y) \, dy \, dx$ for the following f .

- $f(x, y) = (x^2 - y^2)(x^2 + y^2)^{-2}$.
- $f(x, y) = (1 - xy)^{-a}$ ($a > 0$).
- $f(x, y) = (x - \frac{1}{2})^{-3}$ if $0 < y < |x - \frac{1}{2}|$, $f(x, y) = 0$ otherwise.

Exercise 56

If f is Lebesgue integrable on $(0, a)$ and $g(x) = \int_x^a t^{-1} f(t) \, dt$, then g is integrable on $(0, a)$ and $\int_0^a g(x) \, dx = \int_0^a f(x) \, dx$.

Exercise 57

Show that $\int_0^\infty e^{-sx} x^{-1} \sin x \, dx = \arctan(s^{-1})$ for $s > 0$ by integrating $e^{-sxy} \sin x$ with respect to x and y . (It may be useful to recall that $\tan(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta) = (\tan \theta)^{-1}$. Cf. Exercise 31d.)

Exercise 58

Show that $\int e^{-sx} x^{-1} \sin^2 x \, dx = \frac{1}{4} \log(1 + 4s^{-2})$ for $s > 0$ by integrating $e^{-sxy} \sin 2xy$ with respect to x and y .

Exercise 59

Let $f(x) = x^{-1} \sin x$.

- Show that $\int_0^\infty |f(x)| \, dx = \infty$.
- Show that $\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b f(x) \, dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$ by integrating $e^{-xy} \sin x$ with respect to x and y . (In view of part (a), some care is needed in passing to the limit as $b \rightarrow \infty$.)

Exercise 60

$\Gamma(x)\Gamma(y)/\Gamma(x+y) = \int_0^1 t^{x-1}(1-t)^{y-1} \, dt$ for $x, y > 0$. (Recall that Γ was defined in §2.3. Write $\Gamma(x)\Gamma(y)$ as a double integral and use the argument of the exponential as a new variable of integration.)

Exercise 61

If f is continuous on $[0, \infty)$, for $\alpha > 0$ and $x \geq 0$ let

$$I_\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} f(t) \, dt.$$

$I_\alpha f$ is called the α th fractional integral of f .

- $I_{\alpha+\beta} f = I_\alpha(I_\beta f)$ for all $\alpha, \beta > 0$. (Use Exercise 60.)

- b. If $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $I_n f$ is an n th-order antiderivative of f .

2.7 (Integration in polar coordinates)

Exercise 62

The measure σ on S^{n-1} is invariant under rotations.

Exercise 63

The technique used to prove Proposition 2.54 can also be used to integrate any polynomial over S^{n-1} . In fact, suppose $f(x) = \prod_1^n x_j^{\alpha_j}$ ($\alpha_j \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$) is a monomial. Then $\int f d\sigma = 0$ if any α_j is odd, and if all α_j 's are even,

$$\int f d\sigma = \frac{2\Gamma(\beta_1) \cdots \Gamma(\beta_n)}{\Gamma(\beta_1 + \cdots + \beta_n)}, \quad \text{where } \beta_j = \frac{\alpha_j + 1}{2}.$$

Exercise 64

For which real values of a and b is $|x|^a |\log |x||^b$ integrable over $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| < \frac{1}{2}\}$? Over $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| > 2\}$?

Exercise 65

Define $G : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ by $G(r, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_{n-2}, \theta) = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ where

$$x_1 = r \cos \phi_1, \quad x_2 = r \sin \phi_1 \cos \phi_2, \quad x_3 = r \sin \phi_1 \sin \phi_2 \cos \phi_3, \dots,$$

$$x_{n-1} = r \sin \phi_1 \cdots \sin \phi_{n-2} \cos \theta, \quad x_n = r \sin \phi_1 \cdots \sin \phi_{n-2} \sin \theta.$$

- G maps \mathbb{R}^n onto \mathbb{R}^n , and $|G(r, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_{n-2}, \theta)| = r$.
- $\det D_{(r, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_{n-2}, \theta)} G = r^{n-1} \sin^{n-2} \phi_1 \sin^{n-3} \phi_2 \cdots \sin \phi_{n-2}$.
- Let $\Omega = (0, \infty) \times (0, \pi)^{n-2} \times (0, 2\pi)$. Then $G|_{\Omega}$ is a diffeomorphism and $m(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus G(\Omega)) = 0$.
- Let $F(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_{n-2}, \theta) = G(1, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_{n-2}, \theta)$ and $\Omega' = (0, \pi)^{n-2} \times (0, 2\pi)$. Then $(F|_{\Omega'})^{-1}$ defines a coordinate system on S^{n-1} except on a σ -null set, and the measure σ is given in these coordinates by

$$d\sigma(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_{n-2}, \theta) = \sin^{n-2} \phi_1 \sin^{n-3} \phi_2 \cdots \sin \phi_{n-2} d\phi_1 \cdots d\phi_{n-2} d\theta.$$