
Real Variables: Problem Set XI

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Abstract

This work contains solutions to the problem set XI of Real Variables 2015 at NYU.

1 Solutions

Question Royden 17-6.

6. Let (X, \mathcal{M}, μ) be a measure space and X_0 belong to \mathcal{M} . Define \mathcal{M}_0 to be the collection of sets in \mathcal{M} that are subsets of X_0 and μ_0 the restriction of μ to \mathcal{M}_0 . Show that $(X_0, \mathcal{M}_0, \mu_0)$ is a measure space.

Solution. We first show that (X_0, \mathcal{M}_0) is a measurable space. To this end, we must show that \mathcal{M}_0 is a σ -algebra of X_0 . As \emptyset and X_0 belong to \mathcal{M} , are subsets of X_0 , it follows that \emptyset and X_0 belong to \mathcal{M}_0 . Let $\{A_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a countable collections of sets in \mathcal{M}_0 . As $A_n \subseteq X_0$ for all n , we have $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \subseteq X_0$. Furthermore, as \mathcal{M} is a σ -algebra, and $A_n \in \mathcal{M}$ for all n , we also have $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{M}$. Hence, it follows that $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{M}_0$. Now, let A be a set, belonging to \mathcal{M}_0 . Then, as $X_0 \setminus A$ is a subset of X_0 , and X_0 and A belong to \mathcal{M} , which gives $X_0 \setminus A \in \mathcal{M}$, we have $X_0 \setminus A$ belongs to \mathcal{M}_0 . Hence, we have shown that \mathcal{M}_0 is a σ -algebra, and (X_0, \mathcal{M}_0) is a measurable space. Now, it remains to be shown that the restricted map μ_0 has the properties of a measure. First, observe that $\emptyset \in \mathcal{M}_0$ and $\mu_0(\emptyset) = \mu(\emptyset) = 0$. Now, let $\{A_n\}$ be a countable disjoint sets from \mathcal{M}_0 . Since $A_n \in \mathcal{M}$ for all n , by the countable additivity of μ and the fact that \mathcal{M}_0 is a σ -algebra, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_0(A_n) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_n) \\ &= \mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) \\ &= \mu_0\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have shown that $(X_0, \mathcal{M}_0, \mu_0)$ is a measure space. □

Question Royden 17-15.

15. Show that if ν_1 and ν_2 are any two finite signed measures, then so is $\alpha\nu_1 + \beta\nu_2$, where α and β are real numbers. Show that

$$|\alpha\nu| = |\alpha||\nu| \text{ and } |\nu_1 + \nu_2| \leq |\nu_1| + |\nu_2|,$$

where $\nu \leq \mu$ means $\nu(E) \leq \mu(E)$ for all measurable sets E .

Solution. Let (X, \mathcal{M}) be a measurable space. Let ν_1 and ν_2 be two finite signed measures. Consider a set function $\alpha\nu_1 + \beta\nu_2$ on \mathcal{M} , for $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$, which is defined by

$$\alpha\nu_1 + \beta\nu_2(E) = \alpha\nu_1(E) + \beta\nu_2(E)$$

Question Royden 17-17.

17. Let μ and ν be finite signed measures. Define $\mu \wedge \nu = \frac{1}{2}(\mu + \nu - |\mu - \nu|)$ and $\mu \vee \nu = \mu + \nu - \mu \wedge \nu$.

- (i) Show that the signed measure $\mu \wedge \nu$ is smaller than μ and ν but larger than any other signed measure that is smaller than μ and ν .
- (ii) Show that the signed measure $\mu \vee \nu$ is larger than μ and ν but smaller than any other measure that is larger than μ and ν .
- (iii) If μ and ν are positive measures, show that they are mutually singular if and only if $\mu \wedge \nu = 0$.

Solution.

Question Royden 18-50.

50. Establish the uniqueness of the function f in the Radon-Nikodym Theorem.

Solution.

Question Royden 18-54.

54. Let μ , ν , and λ be σ -finite measures on the measurable space (X, \mathcal{M}) .

- (i) If $\nu \ll \mu$ and f is a nonnegative function on X that is measurable with respect to \mathcal{M} , show that

$$\int_X f \, d\nu = \int_X f \left[\frac{d\nu}{d\mu} \right] d\mu.$$

- (ii) If $\nu \ll \mu$ and $\lambda \ll \mu$, show that

$$\frac{d(\nu + \lambda)}{d\mu} = \frac{d\nu}{d\mu} + \frac{d\lambda}{d\mu} \text{ a.e. } [\mu].$$

- (iii) If $\nu \ll \mu \ll \lambda$, show that

$$\frac{d\nu}{d\lambda} = \frac{d\nu}{d\mu} \cdot \frac{d\mu}{d\lambda} \text{ a.e. } [\lambda].$$

Solution.

Question Royden 18-55.

55. Let μ , ν , ν_1 , and ν_2 be measures on the measurable space (X, \mathcal{M}) .

- (i) Show that if $\nu \perp \mu$ and $\nu \ll \mu$, then $\nu = 0$.
- (ii) Show that if ν_1 and ν_2 are singular with respect to μ , then, for any $\alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0$, so is the measure $\alpha\nu_1 + \beta\nu_2$.
- (iii) Show that if ν_1 and ν_2 are absolutely continuous with respect to μ , then, for any $\alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0$, so is the measure $\alpha\nu_1 + \beta\nu_2$.
- (iv) Prove the uniqueness assertion in the Lebesgue decomposition.

Solution.