

Measure and Integration.

Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ be a σ -finite measure space. (Throughout, unless otherwise specified.)

Our aim is to define $\int f d\mu = \int f(x) \mu(dx) = \mu(f)$ for as rich a class of functions $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as possible. (Basically everything below also works for $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$ unless "oo-oo" shows up.)

Definition. Say $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a **simple** function if for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ there are sets

$E_1, \dots, E_n \in \mathcal{F}$ and constants $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}$ st. $f = c_1 \mathbf{1}_{E_1} + \dots + c_n \mathbf{1}_{E_n}$.

For such f , we define $\int f d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \mu(E_i)$ $\mathbf{1}_E(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1, & \omega \in E \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Exercise: If f is simple then in fact there are disjoint sets $D_1, \dots, D_\ell \in \mathcal{F}$ and constants $b_1, \dots, b_\ell \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f = \sum_{i=1}^\ell b_i \mathbf{1}_{D_i}$.

(Proof: For $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ set $b_S = \sum_{i \in S} c_i$, $D_S = \bigcap_{i \in S} E_i \cap \bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N} \setminus S} E_i^c$)

Exercise: If $\sum_{i=1}^n c_i \cdot \mathbf{1}_{E_i} = \sum_{j=1}^m d_j \mathbf{1}_{F_j}$ for some $F_1, \dots, F_m \in \mathcal{F}$ and $d_1, \dots, d_m \in \mathbb{R}$ then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c_i \mu(E_i) = \sum_{j=1}^m d_j \mu(F_j). \quad (\text{So the definition makes sense.})$$

Definition For $E \in \mathcal{F}$, say E occurs μ -almost everywhere (or μ -a.e.) if $\mu(E^c) = 0$.

Proposition (Basic properties) Let $f, g: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be simple.

① If $f \geq 0$ μ -a.e. then $\int f d\mu \geq 0$

② If $a \in \mathbb{R}$ then $\int af + g d\mu = a \int f d\mu + \int g d\mu$.

Proof ① Write $f = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \mathbf{1}_{E_i}$ with E_1, \dots, E_n disjoint. If some $c_i < 0$ then since

$f \geq 0$ μ -a.e. we must have $\mu(E_i) = 0$. Thus $\int f d\mu = \sum_{i: c_i > 0} c_i \mu(E_i) \geq 0$.

② Write $g = \sum_{j=1}^m d_j \mathbf{1}_{F_j}$. Then $af + g = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \mathbf{1}_{E_i} + \sum_{j=1}^m d_j \mathbf{1}_{F_j}$.

so $\int af + g d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \mu(E_i) + \sum_{j=1}^m d_j \mu(F_j) = a \int f d\mu + \int g d\mu$. \square

Corollary If f, g simple and $f \leq g$ a.e. then $\int f d\mu \leq \int g d\mu$.

Proof Here $g - f \geq 0$ a.e., so $0 \leq \int g - f d\mu = \int g d\mu - \int f d\mu$. \square

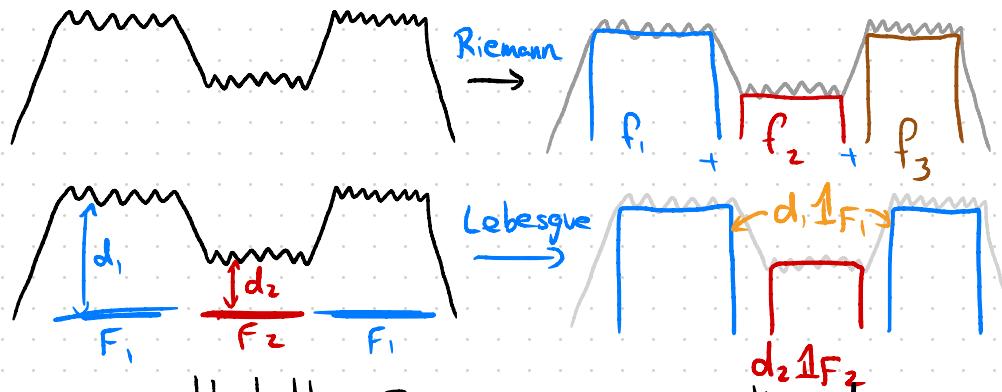
Definition Let $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be non-negative and $(\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$ -measurable. Then define

$\int f d\mu = \sup_{\substack{g \leq f \\ g \text{ simple}}} \int g d\mu$. We call a simple function $g \leq f$ a Lebesgue approximation of f .

Remarks

① If f is simple then for $g \leq f$ simple, $\int g d\mu \leq \int f d\mu$ so $\sup_{\substack{g \leq f \\ g \text{ simple}}} \int g d\mu = \int f d\mu$

② The definition of $\int f d\mu$ is a "horizontal" definition via lower approximation, whereas Riemann integration uses a "vertical" approximation.



Alternately, one may say that the Riemann approximation decomposes the **domain**; the Lebesgue approx. decomposes the **range**.

Finally, let $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be $(\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$ -measurable and write $f^+ = \max(f, 0)$, $f^- = -\min(f, 0)$. **Exercise:** these are measurable!

Definition If either $\int f^- d\mu < \infty$ or $\int f^+ d\mu < \infty$ then we define $\int f d\mu := \int f^+ d\mu - \int f^- d\mu$.

Exercise If $f \geq 0$ then $f^- = 0$ so $\int f^- = 0$ so this definition agrees with above one.

Notation

If $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu) = (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}), \text{Leb})$ we generally write $\int f(x) dx = \int f \text{Leb}(dx)$.

If $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ is a ps., $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a rv, we generally write $E[f] = \int f d\mathbb{P}$.

Basic facts

(All f 's below $(\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$ -measurable.

Monotonicity

If $f \leq g$ a.e. and $\int f d\mu$ and $\int g d\mu$ are defined then $\int f d\mu \leq \int g d\mu$

Monotone convergence theorem

If $f_n \geq 0$ and $0 \leq f_n \uparrow f$ a.e. then $\int f_n d\mu \uparrow \int f d\mu$ [Midterm: what if $\int f_0^+ - \int f_0^- > -\infty$?]

Linearity of Expectation

For $f, g \geq 0$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $\int a f + g d\mu = a \int f d\mu + \int g d\mu$.

First do $f \geq 0$, and assume "everywhere" rather than "a.e."

(Beppo Levi's Thm? Billingsley '63)

Proofs Monotonicity ✓ Here $g^+ \geq f^+$ and $g^- \leq f^-$ so $\int g^+ d\mu - \int g^- d\mu \geq \int f^+ d\mu - \int f^- d\mu$. □

Monotone convergence theorem

For each n we have $f_n \leq f$ so $\int f_n d\mu \leq \int f d\mu$; thus $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu \leq \int f d\mu$.

To prove the converse, fix any simple function $g = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \mathbf{1}_{E_i}$ with $0 \leq g \leq f$ ($c_i > 0$, E_i disjoint)

Case 1: $\mu(E_i) = \infty$, some i

Then $\int f d\mu = \infty$. For $n \geq 1$ write $E_{i,n} = E_i \cap \{f_n > c_i/2\} = \{\omega \in E_i : f_n(\omega) \geq c_i/2\}$.

Then $E_{i,n} \uparrow E_i$ so $\mu(E_{i,n}) \uparrow \mu(E_i)$ so $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n \geq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int \frac{c_i}{2} \mathbf{1}_{E_{i,n}} = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c_i}{2} \mu(E_{i,n}) = \frac{c_i}{2} \mu(E_i) = \infty$

Case 2: $\mu(E_i) < \infty$ for all i . Fix $\varepsilon > 0$, let $\delta < \varepsilon / \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \mu(E_i)$, and repeat the same idea.

For each $1 \leq i \leq m$, each $n \geq 1$ let $E_{i,n} = E_i \cap \{f_n > c_i - \delta\}$. Then $f_n \geq \sum_{i=1}^m (c_i - \delta) \mathbf{1}_{E_{i,n}}$

$$\text{So } \int f_n \geq \sum_{i=1}^m (c_i - \delta) \mu(E_{i,n}) = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \mu(E_{i,n}) - \delta \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \mu(E_{i,n}) \geq \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \mu(E_{i,n}) - \delta \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \mu(E_i)$$

Moreover, $f_n \uparrow f$ so $E_{i,n} \uparrow E_i$ so

$$\sum_{i=1}^m c_i \mu(E_{i,n}) \uparrow \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \mu(E_i). \text{ Therefore } \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu \geq \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \mu(E_i) - \varepsilon = \int g d\mu - \varepsilon.$$

This holds for all $\varepsilon > 0$ and all simple $0 \leq g \leq f$, so $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu \geq \int f d\mu$ □

↳ The 'a.e.' part is missing; we'll fill this in shortly.

Linearity of Integration We already proved this when f and g are simple. For general case need a lemma.

Lemma Let $f \geq 0$ be measurable. Then there exist simple f_n 's ($f_n, n \geq 1$) s.t. $0 \leq f_n \uparrow f$.

Proof. For $0 \leq k < n \cdot 2^n$ let $B_{n,k} = \left\{ \frac{k}{2^n} \leq f < \frac{k+1}{2^n} \right\}$. Then set $f_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n \cdot 2^n} \frac{k}{2^n} \mathbf{1}_{B_{n,k}}$.

Then $f_n \leq f$ and $f \mathbf{1}_{f \leq n} \leq f_n + \frac{1}{2^n}$.

$$\text{So } \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n \geq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(f \mathbf{1}_{f \leq n} - \frac{1}{2^n} \right) = f. \quad \square$$

← Picture

Linearity of integration proof

Let $0 \leq f_n \uparrow f$, $0 \leq g_n \uparrow g$. Then $c f_n + g_n \uparrow c f + g$, so

$$\int c f + g \, d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int c f_n + g_n \, d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (c \int f_n \, d\mu + \int g_n \, d\mu) = c \int f \, d\mu + \int g \, d\mu.$$

□

Corollary $\int |f| \, d\mu = \int f^+ \, d\mu + \int f^- \, d\mu$. □

If $\int |f| \, d\mu < \infty$ we say f is μ -integrable, write $f \in L(\mu)$. If $\int f^+ < \infty$ or $\int f^- < \infty$, say $\int f \, d\mu$ is defined.

Exercises

- Show that if f, g are μ -integrable then $\int af + bg = a \int f + b \int g$.
- Let $f \geq 0$ measurable. Then $\int f \, d\mu = 0 \iff f = 0$ a.e.

↑ Recall exercise.

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(Throughout class,
 $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ σ -finite
and "measurable" means
 $\mathcal{F}/B(\mathbb{R})$ -measurable unless
otherwise specified.)

- Definition of integral for simple functions is "forced".
- Any non-negative f^n is \uparrow limit of simple f_n^n 's so if we want $\int f = \lim_n \int f_n$ when $0 \leq f_n \uparrow f$, then def. of integral for non-neg. f is forced.
- And then general def. forced if we want linearity of \int .

Prop If $0 \leq f \leq^{\text{a.e.}} g$ then $\int f d\mu \leq \int g d\mu$.

Proof Write $\hat{g} = g + (f-g) \mathbf{1}_{f>g}$. Then $f \leq \hat{g}$ so $\int f d\mu \leq \int \hat{g} d\mu$. Also, g and $f-g \mathbf{1}_{f>g} \geq 0$

$$\text{so } \int \hat{g} d\mu = \int g d\mu + \int (f-g) \mathbf{1}_{f>g} d\mu.$$

But $(f-g) \mathbf{1}_{f>g} \stackrel{\text{a.e.}}{=} 0$ so RHS = $\int g d\mu$. \square

Corollary If $f \stackrel{\text{a.e.}}{=} g$ then $\int f d\mu = \int g d\mu$ (provided the integrals are defined).

Proof $f \leq^{\text{a.e.}} g$ and $g \leq^{\text{a.e.}} f$ \square

Corollary If $0 \leq f_n \uparrow f$ a.e. then $\int f_n d\mu \rightarrow \int f d\mu$.

Monotone
convergence
theorem

Proof Define the event $E = \{\omega \in \Omega : f_n(\omega) \uparrow f(\omega) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty\}$. By assumption $\mu(E^c) = 0$.

Now set $f'_n = f_n \cdot \mathbf{1}_E$ and $f' = f \mathbf{1}_E$.

Then $0 \leq f'_n \uparrow f'$ everywhere, so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f'_n d\mu = \int f' d\mu$.

But $f'_n \stackrel{\text{a.e.}}{=} f_n$ and $f' \stackrel{\text{a.e.}}{=} f$, so $\int f'_n d\mu = \int f_n d\mu$ and $\int f' d\mu = \int f d\mu$. \square

Exercise . If $(g_n, n \geq 1)$ non-negative, measurable, then $\sum_{n \geq 1} \int g_n d\mu = \int \sum_{n \geq 1} g_n d\mu$. (46)

Fatou's Lemma If $(g_n, n \geq 1)$ non-negative, measurable then $\int \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n d\mu \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int g_n d\mu$

Proof By definition, $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\inf_{m \geq n} g_m)$ and $\inf_{m \geq n} g_m \uparrow \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n$, so

$$\text{by M.C.T. } \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int \inf_{m \geq n} g_m d\mu = \text{RHS}$$

By monotonicity, for all $p \geq n$, $\int \inf_{m \geq n} g_m d\mu \leq \int g_p d\mu$, so $\int \inf_{m \geq n} g_m d\mu \leq \inf_{p \geq n} \int g_p d\mu$,

$$\text{so RHS} \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int g_p d\mu = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int g_n d\mu \quad \square$$

$$\underbrace{\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int X_n dP}_{\text{LHS}} \leq \underbrace{\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int X_n dP}_{\text{RHS}}$$

In Probability: This says that for a sequence $(X_n, n \geq 1)$ of non-neg. r.v.s, $\mathbb{E} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} X_n$

Dominated Convergence Theorem

Suppose $f_n \xrightarrow{\mu\text{-a.e.}} f$. If there exists $g \in L_1(\mu)$ s.t. $|f_n| \leq g$ μ -a.e.
for all $n \geq 1$, then $\int f_n d\mu \rightarrow \int f d\mu$.

Proof Can assume $f_n \rightarrow f$ everywhere and that $|f_n| \leq g$ everywhere (for all n).

Note $0 \leq g - f_n \leq 2g$ and $0 \leq g + f_n \leq 2g$ so $g - f_n, g + f_n \in L_1(\mu)$.

Now apply Fatou's lemma to $g + f_n, g - f_n$ to get

$$\int g + f \, d\mu = \int \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (g + f_n) \, d\mu \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int g + f_n \, d\mu \leq g + \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n \, d\mu$$

$$\int g - f \, d\mu = \int \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (g - f_n) \, d\mu \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int g - f_n \, d\mu = g - \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n \, d\mu$$

Subtract $\int g \, d\mu$ from both equations to get $\int f \, d\mu \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n \, d\mu \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n \, d\mu \leq \int f \, d\mu$

So the limit must exist and equal $\int f \, d\mu$ \square

Corollary (Bounded convergence theorem). Suppose $\mu(\Omega) < \infty$. If $f_n \rightarrow f$ μ -a.e. and there is

$M > 0$ s.t. $|f_n| \leq M$ for all $n \geq 1$ then $\int f_n \, d\mu \rightarrow \int f \, d\mu$.

Proof Apply DCT with $g \equiv M$. \square

Special Case: If $(X_n, n \geq 1)$ bounded r.v.s $X_n: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X$ then $\mathbb{E}X_n \rightarrow \mathbb{E}X$.

Exercise If $(f_n, n \geq 1)$ measurable and $\sum_{n \geq 1} \int |f_n| \, d\mu < \infty$, then $\sum_{n \geq 1} f_n$ is μ -a.e. uniformly convergent and $\sum_{n \geq 1} \int f_n \, d\mu = \int \sum_{n \geq 1} f_n \, d\mu$.