

which, as we have seen, does not affect the integrals.  $\square$

Exercise: <sup>check</sup> ~~Apply~~ this corollary ~~on~~ (a)  $\chi_{(a, \infty)}$  and (b)  $\eta \chi_{(0, \infty)}$ .

Exercise: Suppose  $f \in L^1$  satisfies  $\int f dm < \infty$ . Show that  $f < \infty$  a.e.

Integrating  $\mathbb{R}$ -valued Functions

Suppose  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Lebesgue measurable. Then if

$$E = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : f(x) \geq 0\} = f^{-1}([0, \infty)),$$

we have  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  and so

$$f_+ = f \chi_E \quad \text{and} \quad f_- = -f \chi_{E^c}$$

are elements of  $L^1$  with

$$f = f_+ - f_-.$$

We want to define the Lebesgue integral of  $f$  as

$$\int f_+ dm - \int f_- dm,$$

but if  $\int f_{\pm} dm = \infty$ , we cannot make sense of " $\infty - \infty$ ".

However, note that

$$|f| = f_+ + f_- \in L^1$$

If  $\int |f| dm < \infty$ , then  $\int f_{\pm} dm < \infty$  and so we can reconcile  $\int f_+ dm - \int f_- dm$ .

Def: We say a ~~measurable~~ Lebesgue measurable function  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Lebesgue integrable if  $\int |f| dm < \infty$ .

(Equivalently, if  $\int f_+ dm, \int f_- dm < \infty$ .)

In this case we define the Lebesgue integral

of  $f$  to be the quantity

$$\int f d\mu := \int f_+ d\mu - \int f_- d\mu.$$

We denote by  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d, \mu)$  (or just  $L^1(\mu)$ ) the set of Lebesgue integrable functions.

Exercise Show that  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d, \mu)$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ , on which  $f \mapsto \int f d\mu$  defines a linear functional.

Prop: If  $f \in L^1(\mu)$ , then  $|\int f d\mu| \leq \int |f| d\mu$

Pf:

$$\begin{aligned} |\int f d\mu| &= |\int f_+ d\mu - \int f_- d\mu| \leq \int f_+ d\mu + \int f_- d\mu \\ &= \int |f| d\mu. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

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(i)  $\int_E f d\mu = \int_E g d\mu$  for all  $E \in \mathcal{M}$ .

(ii)  $\int |f-g| d\mu = 0$

(iii)  $f = g$  a.e.

Pf: (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii): we have  $\int |f-g| d\mu = \int (f-g)_+ d\mu + \int (f-g)_- d\mu$ .

Let

$$E_+ = \{x: f(x) \geq g(x)\}, \quad E_- = \{x: f(x) < g(x)\}.$$

Then

$$(f-g)_+ = (f-g) \chi_{E_+}$$

$$(f-g)_- = (g-f) \chi_{E_-}$$

Thus

$$\int (f-g)_+ d\mu = \int (f-g) \chi_{E_+} d\mu = \int_{E_+} (f-g) d\mu = 0.$$

So  $\int |f-g| d\mu = 0$ .

(ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii):  $\int |f-g| d\mu = 0 \Leftrightarrow |f-g| = 0$  a.e.  $\Leftrightarrow f = g$  a.e.  $\square$

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i)  $f = g$  a.e.  $\Rightarrow f \chi_E = g \chi_E$  a.e.  $\forall E \in \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow$  (i).  $\square$

Rem: This prop tells us that with respect to integration, modifying ~~sets~~ functions on measure zero sets has no effect (as was so for measurability & measures of sets). Hence, since  $\int |f| d\mu < \infty \rightarrow f$  is finite a.e., we can treat every  $f \in L^1(\mu)$  as finitely valued everywhere by setting it to, say, 0 wherever it was originally infinitely valued.

In fact, we can go further: we can redefine  $L^1(\mu)$  as the set of equivalence classes of measurable integrable functions under the equiv. relation:

$$f \sim g \Leftrightarrow f = g \text{ a.e.}$$

Advantage: In this case, for  $f, g \in L^1(\mu)$  we have  $\int |f - g| d\mu = 0$  iff  $f = g$  (as equiv. classes). Consequently,  $L^1(\mu)$  is a metric space with metric:

$$d(f, g) := \int |f - g| d\mu$$

(Exercise: check other metric space properties)

Disadvantage: It no longer makes sense to discuss the value of  $f \in L^1(\mu)$  at a point, since up to a.e. equiv., the value can be anything.

(However, if one's goal to understand quantum mechanics this de-emphasizing of the space  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is a step in the right direction.)

Thm (Dominated Convergence Theorem):

Let  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq L^1(\mu)$  be a sequence s.t.

(a)  $f_n \rightarrow f$  a.e.

(b)  $\exists g \in L^1(\mu)$  s.t.  $|f_n| \leq g$  a.e. for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then  $f \in L^1(\mu)$  with

$$\int f d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu.$$

Exercise: Check why this theorem doesn't apply to  $f_n = \chi_{[n, \infty)}$  or  $f_n = n \chi_{[0, 1/n]}$ .

Proof (DCT): By an earlier prop,  $f$  is measurable, and  $1_A \leq |g|$  a.e. Hence  $\int |f| d\mu \leq \int |g| d\mu < \infty$ ,

so  $f \in L^1(\mu)$ . Note that  $g \pm f_n \geq 0$  a.e. so by Fatou's lemma we have:

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

So, subtracting  $\int g d\mu$  (finite) from each side, we have:

$$\int f d\mu \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu$$
$$-\int f d\mu \leq -\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu$$

or:

$$\int f d\mu \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu = \int f d\mu$$

So all the inequalities are equalities implying  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu$  exists and equals  $\int f d\mu$ .  $\square$

Thm Suppose  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq L^1(\mu)$  satisfies  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int |f_n| d\mu < \infty$ .

Then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$  converges a.e. to a function in  $L^1(\mu)$  and

$$\int \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n d\mu = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int f_n d\mu.$$

Pf: By the first theorem after the MCT

$$\int \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |f_n| d\mu = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int |f_n| d\mu < \infty.$$

So ~~we can apply the DCT~~  $g := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |f_n| \in L^1(\mu)$  and ~~recall~~ recall that this implies  $g$  is finite a.e. and so the series converges a.e. Since

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^N f_n \right| \leq \sum_{n=1}^N |f_n| \leq g \quad \forall N \in \mathbb{N}$$

the DCT implies

$$\int \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n d\mu = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int \sum_{n=1}^N f_n d\mu$$

$$(DCT) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int \sum_{n=1}^N f_n d\mu$$

$$(linearity of \int) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N \int f_n d\mu$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int f_n d\mu. \quad \square$$

Thm: If  $f \in L^1(\mu)$ , for any  $\epsilon > 0 \exists \phi \in L^1(\mu)$  simple s.t.

$$\int |f - \phi| d\mu < \epsilon.$$

Pf: Recall we proved  $\exists (\phi_k)$  conv simple s.t.

$$0 \leq |\phi_k| \leq |\phi_{k+1}| \leq \dots \leq |f|$$

s.t.  $\phi_k \rightarrow f$  pointwise. Then  $|f - \phi_k| \leq 2|f| \in L^1(\mu)$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $|f - \phi_k| \rightarrow 0$  pointwise.

So by the DCT

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int |f - \phi_k| d\mu = \int 0 d\mu = 0.$$

Thus  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\phi = \phi_{k_0}$  satisfies

$$\int |f - \phi| d\mu < \epsilon. \quad \square$$

Rem: This says that simple functions are dense in the metric space  $(L^1(\mu), \int |\cdot - \cdot| d\mu)$ .

Thm: If  $f \in L^1(\mu)$ , for any  $\epsilon > 0, \exists g$  cts and compactly supported s.t.

$$\int |f - g| d\mu < \epsilon.$$

Pf: Step 1 Suppose  $f = \chi_E$  for  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $\mu(E) < \infty$ .

By arg from below,

$$\mu(E) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(E \cap B(0, n))$$

So  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\mu(E \cap B(0, n)) > \mu(E) - \epsilon/2$ .

Define  $E_0 := E \cap B(0, \eta)$ . Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \int |X_{E_0} - X_E| d\mu &= \int X_{\overline{E \setminus E_0}} d\mu \\ &= m(E \setminus E_0) = m(E) - m(E_0) < m(E) - m(E) + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, since  $E_0 \subset \mathcal{M} \cap \mathcal{F}$  is a  $G_\delta$  set and an  $F_\sigma$  set

$$G = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} U_i \leftarrow \text{open} \quad F = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} V_j \leftarrow \text{closed}$$

st.  $m(G) = m(F) = m(E_0)$  and  $G \supseteq E \supseteq F$ . Since  $E_0$  is held, the original construction insured each  $U_i$  is held.

By cty from above and below resp.

$$m(E_0) = \lim_{I \rightarrow \infty} m\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^I U_i\right) \quad m(E_0) = \lim_{J \rightarrow \infty} m\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^J V_j\right)$$

So  $\exists I, J \in \mathbb{N}$  st.

$$m\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^I U_i\right) \leq m(E_0) + \frac{\epsilon}{4}$$

and

$$m\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^J V_j\right) \geq m(E_0) - \frac{\epsilon}{4}.$$

Set  $U := \bigcap_{i=1}^I U_i$ ,  $V := \bigcup_{j=1}^J V_j$ . Then  $V \subseteq E_0 \subseteq U$   
closed open, held.

$$\begin{aligned} m(U \setminus V) = m(U) + m(V) &\leq m(E_0) + \frac{\epsilon}{4} - m(E_0) + \frac{\epsilon}{4} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

(Note that  $V \subseteq E_0 \subseteq B(0, \eta)$ , so is compact as a closed and bdd set). Define

$$g(x) = \frac{d(x, U^c)}{d(x, U^c) + d(x, V)},$$

where for a set  $S$

$$d(x, S) = \inf \{d(x, y) : y \in S\}.$$

It follows that  $0 \leq g \leq 1$ ,  $g|_{U^c} = 0$ ,  $g|_V = 1$ , and (exercise)  $g$  is cts. Then

$$\int |g - X_{E_0}| d\mu = \int X_{U \setminus V} d\mu = m(U \setminus V) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

Putting this together with our previous estimate,

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we have  $\int |\chi_E - g| dm < \epsilon$ .

Step 2 let  $f \in L^1(m)$  be arbitrary. By the previous theorem,  $\exists \phi \in L^1(m)$  simple s.t.

$$\int |f - \phi| dm < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

suppose  $\phi = \sum_{j=1}^N a_j \chi_{E_j}$ . Then, applying Step 1 for each  $j$  we find  $g_j$  cts with compact support s.t.

$$\int |g_j - \chi_{E_j}| dm < \frac{\epsilon}{2N|a_j|}$$

Then  $g = \sum_{j=1}^N a_j g_j$  is still cts w/ compact support, and

$$\begin{aligned} \int |f - g| dm &= \int \sum_{j=1}^N |a_j| \int |\chi_{E_j} - g_j| dm \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^N |a_j| \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2N|a_j|} = \frac{\epsilon}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\int |f - g| dm = \int |f - \phi| dm + \int |\phi - g| dm < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon. \quad \square$$

Rem: This theorem says cts, compactly supported functions are dense in the metric space  $(L^1(m), \int |\cdot| dm)$ .

Def: For  $f \in L^1(m)$  define its  $L^1$ -norm by

$$\|f\|_1 := \int |f| dm.$$

Note that  $\|\cdot\|_1$  is indeed a norm:

- (i)  $\|c f\|_1 = \int |c f| dm = |c| \int |f| dm = |c| \|f\|_1, c \in \mathbb{R}$
- (ii)  $\|f\|_1 = 0 \iff \int |f| dm = 0 \iff f = 0 \text{ a.e.} \iff f = 0 \text{ in } L^1(m)$
- (iii)  $\|f + g\|_1 = \int |f + g| dm = \int (|f| + |g|) dm = \|f\|_1 + \|g\|_1$

Lemma: Let  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed vector space. Then it is complete iff every absolutely convergent series converges.

PF:  $(\Rightarrow)$  Suppose  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  is complete. Let

$(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq V$  be s.t. the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|x_n\|$$

converges. Then for  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$\sum_{n=N_0}^{\infty} \|x_n\| < \epsilon.$$

Consequently,  $\forall N, M \geq N_0$  (say  $N \leq M$ ) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{n=1}^N x_n - \sum_{n=1}^M x_n \right\| &= \left\| \sum_{n=N+1}^M x_n \right\| \leq \sum_{n=N+1}^M \|x_n\| \\ &\leq \sum_{n=N_0}^M \|x_n\| < \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

That is  $(\sum_{n=1}^N x_n)_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence, hence it converges.  $\rightarrow$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n.$$

$(\Leftarrow)$  ~~Suppose~~ Let  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a Cauchy sequence.

It suffices to show  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  has a conv. subsequence. ~~And then~~ we can find increasing integers

$$n_1 < n_2 < \dots$$

s.t.  $\|x_{n_k} - x_{n_{k-1}}\| < 2^{-k} \quad \forall k, m \geq n_k$ . Define

$$y_1 = x_{n_1}$$

$$y_k = x_{n_k} - x_{n_{k-1}} \quad k \geq 2$$

Observe that

$$\sum_{k=1}^K y_k = x_{n_1} + \sum_{k=2}^K (x_{n_k} - x_{n_{k-1}}) = x_{n_K}.$$

Now,  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|y_k\| \leq \|y_1\| + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} 2^{-(k-1)} = \|y_1\| + 1 < \infty$

Thus, by our hypothesis  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y_k$  converges. This means

$$\left( \sum_{k=1}^K y_k \right)_{K \in \mathbb{N}} = (x_{n_K})_{K \in \mathbb{N}}$$



converges. Thus  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges and so  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  is complete.  $\square$

Thm  $L^1(\mu)$  equipped with the  $L^1$ -norm is a Banach space: a complete, normed vector space

Pf: It was an exercise to show  $L^1(\mu)$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ , so it remains to show it is complete. By the Lemma, it suffices to consider abs. conv series. Let  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq L^1(\mu)$  be s.t.

$$B := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|f_n\|_1 < \infty.$$

Define

$$G = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |f_n| \quad G_N = \sum_{n=1}^N |f_n|.$$

Then by the MCT

$$\int G \, d\mu = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int G_N \leq B < \infty$$

So  $G \in L^1(\mu)$ , and in particular  $G < \infty$  a.e. Consequently  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$  converges a.e. Set

$$F = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$$

so that  $|F| \leq G$  and hence  $F \in L^1(\mu)$ . Moreover for each  $N \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\left| F - \sum_{n=1}^N f_n \right| \leq |F| + \sum_{n=1}^N |f_n| \leq 2|G| \in L^1(\mu)$$

So by the DCT

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\| F - \sum_{n=1}^N f_n \right\|_1 = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int \left| F - \sum_{n=1}^N f_n \right| \, d\mu$$

$$= \int \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left| F - \sum_{n=1}^N f_n \right| \, d\mu$$

$$= \int 0 \, d\mu = 0.$$

Thus  $\left( \sum_{n=1}^N f_n \right)_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $F$  w.r.t.  $\|\cdot\|_1$ .  $\square$