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Lecture 5

Chapter 1.6 Integration

**Outline:** A function is Riemann integrable if it can be "approximated" by step functions. A function is Lebesgue integrable if it can be "approximated" by simple functions. In the following section we assume that  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  is a measure space and  $\mu$  is a positive measure. We start with the definition of integration for simple functions.

**Prelude: Arithmetic in  $\bar{\mathbb{R}}$**

**Outline** To define integration properly we have to deal with functions that take values in  $\{\pm\infty\}$ . To make this work we have to set a few conventions.

**Definition 1** On  $[0, \infty] = [0, +\infty] = \subset \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  we define:

a) Addition:  $a + \infty = \infty + a = \infty$  if  $0 \leq a \leq \infty$ .

b) Multiplication:

$$a \cdot \infty = \infty \cdot a = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } 0 < a \leq \infty \\ 0 & \text{if } a = 0 \end{cases}.$$

**Note** One verifies that with this definition in  $([0, \infty], +, \cdot)$

- $+$  and  $\cdot$  are commutative and associative operations.
- In  $([0, \infty], +, \cdot)$  the distributive laws hold.
- $a + b = a + c \Rightarrow b = c$  for  $a < \infty$   
 $a \cdot b = a \cdot c \Rightarrow b = c$  for  $0 < a < \infty$
- If  $(a_n)_n$  and  $(b_n)_n$  are increasing sequences in  $[0, \infty]$ , such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = b \quad \text{then} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \cdot b_n = a \cdot b.$$

The last statement together with **Ch.1.3 Theorem 4** and **Ch.1.4 Theorem 3** implies that

**Theorem 2**  $f, g : (X, \mathcal{M}) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  measurable then

$$f + g \quad \text{and} \quad f \cdot g \quad \text{measurable.}$$

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**Picture** Sketch the function  $3 \cdot \mathbf{1}_A$  and the function  $2 \cdot \mathbf{1}_B$  and  $3 \cdot \mathbf{1}_A + 2 \cdot \mathbf{1}_B$  for some  $A, B \subset \mathbb{R}$ .

**proof of Theorem 2**

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**Integration of simple functions**

**Definition 3 (Integration)** Let  $s : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be measurable simple function in the form

$$s = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot \mathbf{1}_{A_i} \text{ where } A_i \in \mathcal{M} \text{ for all } i.$$

Then for  $s$  we define integration in the natural way: If  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  then

$$\int_E s d\mu \stackrel{\text{Def.}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot \mu(A_i \cap E). \quad (\text{Int. of simple functions})$$

If  $f : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is measurable and  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  then we define

$$\int_E f d\mu \stackrel{\text{Def.}}{=} \sup \left\{ \int_E s d\mu \mid s \text{ simple, } 0 \leq s \leq f \right\}. \quad (\text{Int. of pos. measurable functions})$$

This integral is called the **Lebesgue integral of  $f$  over  $E$**  with respect to the measure  $\mu$ . Its value is in  $[0, \infty]$ .

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The following propositions are immediate consequences of the definitions.

**Proposition 4** Let  $f, g : (X, \mathcal{M}) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  be measurable functions and  $E \in \mathcal{M}$ . Then

- a) If  $f \leq g$ , then  $\int_E f d\mu \leq \int_E g d\mu$  (**Monotonicity for functions**)
- b) If  $A \subset B$ , then  $\int_A f d\mu \leq \int_B f d\mu$ . (**Monotonicity for sets**)
- c) If  $0 \leq c < \infty$  is a constant, then  $\int_E c \cdot f d\mu = c \cdot \int_E f d\mu$ .
- d) If  $f|_E = 0$ , then  $\int_E f d\mu = 0$  even if  $\mu(E) = \infty$ .  
If  $\mu(E) = 0$  then  $\int_E f d\mu = 0$  even if  $f|_E = \infty$  ( $0 \cdot \infty = \infty \cdot 0 = 0$ ).
- e)  $\int_E f d\mu = \int_X f \cdot \mathbb{1}_E d\mu$

**proof** We only prove a) and b) and leave the rest as an exercise.

- a) We recall that

$$\int_E f d\mu = \sup \left\{ \int_E s d\mu \mid s \text{ simple, } 0 \leq s \leq f \right\}.$$

By definition of  $g$  we know that  $s \leq f \leq g \Rightarrow s \leq g$  hence

- b) If  $A \subset B$ , we note that for any measurable simple function  $s : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  we have that

$$\int_A s d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot \mu(A_i \cap A) =$$

To later prove the additivity of the integral for functions, we first prove it for nonnegative simple functions.

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**Proposition 5** Let  $s, t : (X, \mathcal{M}) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be two nonnegative simple functions (nnsfs). For  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  we define

$$\varphi(E) = \int_E s \, d\mu.$$

Then  $\varphi$  is a measure on  $\mathcal{M}$  and

$$\int_X s + t \, d\mu = \int_X s \, d\mu + \int_X t \, d\mu. \quad (\text{Additivity of integration for nnsfs})$$

**proof** We know that  $s = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot \mathbf{1}_{A_i}$ , where  $0 < a_i < \infty$ . Furthermore  $\varphi(\emptyset) = 0 < \infty$ . It remains to show that  $\varphi$  is countably additive. Let  $(B_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a collection of mutually disjoint elements of  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $B = \bigsqcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} B_k$ , then

$$\varphi(B) =$$

To prove the second part let  $t = \sum_{j=1}^m c_j \cdot \mathbf{1}_{C_j}$ , where  $0 < c_j < \infty$ . We consider  $t$  and  $s$  on a common refinement: set  $E_{ij} = A_i \cap C_j$ . Then

**Picture**

As the statement is true on all  $(E_{ij})_{i,j}$ , it is true on  $X$  by the first part of the proposition.  $\square$

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The definition of measurable sets and measures allows us to easily deal with limits.

**Theorem 6 (Lebesgue's Monotone Convergence Theorem (MCT))** Let  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} : (X, \mathcal{M}) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  be a sequence of measurable functions on  $X$  such that for all  $x \in X$

- a)  $0 \leq f_1(x) \leq f_2(x) \leq \dots \leq \infty$
- b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$  i.e.  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  pointwise.

Then  $f$  is measurable and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu = \int_X f d\mu$ .

**proof** We note that by **Ch.1.3 Theorem 4**  $f = \sup_n f_n$  is measurable and therefore integrable. We show:

- 1.)  $(\int_X f_n d\mu)_n$  has a limit which is smaller than  $\int_X f d\mu$

Let  $I_n = \int_X f_n d\mu$ . Since by **Proposition 4 a)** we know that

we know that  $(I_n)_n$  is an increasing sequence which attains its limit  $I$  in  $[0, \infty]$ , i.e.

$$\boxed{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_n = I} \quad \text{and} \quad (1)$$

As  $f_n \leq f$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we know, again by **Proposition 4 a)** that

It remains to show:

- 2.)  $\int_X f d\mu \leq I = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu$

**Idea:**  $\int_X f d\mu = \sup\{\int_X s d\mu \mid s \text{ simple}, 0 \leq s \leq f\}$ . We have to look at those simple functions.

Let  $s : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a simple measurable functions, such that  $0 \leq s \leq f$  and let  $c \in (0, 1)$  be a fixed constant. We define for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$E_n = \{x \in X \mid f_n(x) \geq c \cdot s(x)\}. \quad \text{Then}$$

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- $E_n$  is measurable.
- $E_1 \subset E_2 \subset \dots$  as  $(f_n)_n$  is an increasing sequence of functions.
- $X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} E_n$  as for a fixed  $x \in X$  we have that  $f(x) > c \cdot s(x)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$ .

Furthermore for  $\varphi(E) = \int_E s d\mu$  we have as in **Proposition 5**:

As  $\varphi$  is a measure we have by **Ch.1.5 Theorem 2 d)** for the left hand side and the fact  $X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} E_n$ : for all  $c \in (0, 1)$ :

As this is true for all  $0 \leq s \leq f$  it is true for the supremum

Hence in total we have proven our claim. □

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