

Last time

- Any measurable function f is the limit of a sequence of simple functions. f_n 's:
 - If $f \geq 0$, then $\exists 0 \leq f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f$ s.t. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n = f$
 - In general, $\exists 0 \leq |f_1| \leq |f_2| \leq \dots \leq |f|$ s.t. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n = f$
 - If f is bounded, then $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly.
- Lusin: $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists F \subset A$ closed, with $m(A \setminus F) < \epsilon$, s.t. f is continuous on F
 - $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists$ continuous function g on $\mathbb{R}^n$ s.t. $m\{x \in A: f(x) \neq g(x)\} < \epsilon$.
 - $\exists$ a sequence of continuous functions $f_1, f_2, \dots$ on $\mathbb{R}^n$ s.t. $f_n \rightarrow f$ a.e. on A

Today: Lebesgue's integral of nonnegative functions

Integration of simple functions 1. Some explanation of Lebesgue's integration

- Idea: to define $\int_A f(x) dx$, one first define $\int_A f_n(x) dx$, where f_n is a simple function. then "approximate" $\int_A f(x) dx$ via $\int_A f_n(x) dx$.

Convergence issue: If $f_n \rightarrow f$, do we really have " $\int_A f_n(x) dx \rightarrow \int_A f(x) dx$ "?

- To get a clearer idea of how to solve this issue, let's look at infinite sums

Consider an infinite summation $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$.

"discrete version of integrals"

There are two different (but related) theory of the sum.

- (1) "non-negative theory": If $a_n \geq 0$ for all n , then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \in [0, +\infty].$$

The limit always exists, and could be infinity.

Moreover, one can change the order

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{\sigma(n)} \quad (\text{where } \sigma: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \text{ is a bijection}) \\ &= \sup_{S \subset \mathbb{N}, S \text{ finite}} \sum_{n \in S} a_n. \end{aligned}$$

Note: As "integrals", we don't care the "order of summation!"

- (2) "absolute summable theory": If $a_n \in \mathbb{R}$ (or $a_n \in \mathbb{C}$), to make the summation $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ independent of order, one need to pose the "absolute summable assumption"

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| < \infty.$$

[Think about this: why do we want order-independence?]

In this case, one can define

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^+ - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^- \quad (\text{for } a_n \in \mathbb{R}: a_n^+ = \max(a_n, 0), a_n^- = \max(-a_n, 0))$$

$$[\text{and if } a_n \in \mathbb{C}: \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \operatorname{Re}(a_n) + i \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \operatorname{Im}(a_n).]$$

- In analogue to infinite summations, we will see two (overlapping) types of integration theory: non-negative theory and absolutely integrable theory.

[And: we will use the 1st one to develop the 2nd one.]

- We will prove different convergence theorems. [Recall from lecture 1: one crucial advantage of Lebesgue's theory is that one have convergence theorems under very mild assumptions!]
- Nonnegative theory
 - Levi's monotone convergence theorem
 - Fatou lemma
 - Absolutely integrable theory
 - Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem.

[These convergence thms make Lebesgue's theory particularly useful in applications!]

2. Integration of simple functions

- For any measurable set $A \in \mathcal{L}$, it is reasonable to define

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \chi_A(x) dx := \int_A 1 dx := m(A).$$

Using this and "linearity" of integration, one can define

Def: || For any simple function $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \chi_{A_n}(x)$, one define

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n m(A_n).$$

One should check that this is well-defined. In other words, if $\sum a_n \chi_{A_n} = \sum \hat{a}_n \chi_{\hat{A}_n}$, then $\sum a_n m(A_n) = \sum \hat{a}_n m(\hat{A}_n)$.

More generally, for any measurable set $\tilde{A} \in \mathcal{L}$, we define

$$\int_{\tilde{A}} f(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \chi_{\tilde{A}} \cdot f(x) dx = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n m(A_n \cap \tilde{A})$$

since $\chi_{\tilde{A}} \cdot f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \chi_{A_n \cap \tilde{A}}(x)$.

As a result, it is enough to define $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f dx$: If f is only defined on A , we can extend f to a function on $\mathbb{R}^d$ by defining $f=0$ on $\mathbb{R}^d \setminus A$.

Example: $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \chi_{\mathbb{Q}}(x) dx = 0$.

- Let's list basic properties of integration of non-negative simple functions.

Prop: || Let f, g be non-negative simple functions.

(1) For any $c_1, c_2 \geq 0$, one has

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (c_1 f + c_2 g) dx = c_1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx + c_2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g(x) dx.$$

(2) If $f \leq g$, then $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g(x) dx$.

(3) $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx < \infty \Leftrightarrow f$ is finite almost everywhere, and $m(\text{supp } f) < \infty$.

(4) $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx = 0 \Leftrightarrow f = 0$ a.e.

(5) For any $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x+y) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx$.

where $\text{supp}(f) = \{x: f(x) \neq 0\}$.
[Note: We don't take closure here.]

Proof: (1). Let $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \chi_{A_i}(x)$, $g(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j \chi_{B_j}(x)$ where $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \bigcup_{j=1}^m B_j = \mathbb{R}^d$, then.

$c_1 f + c_2 g = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m (c_1 a_i + c_2 b_j) \chi_{A_i \cap B_j}$ ($\leftarrow \bigcup_{i,j} A_i \cap B_j = \mathbb{R}^d$, pairwise-disjoint)
is a simple function, and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (c_1 f + c_2 g) dx &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m (c_1 a_i + c_2 b_j) m(A_i \cap B_j) \\ &= c_1 \sum_{i=1}^n a_i m(A_i) + c_2 \sum_{j=1}^m b_j m(B_j) \\ &= c_1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f dx + c_2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g dx. \end{aligned}$$

(2). If $f \leq g$, then $g-f$ is a non-negative simple function, since

$$g-f = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m (b_j - a_i) \chi_{A_i \cap B_j} \quad (\leftarrow \text{simple}).$$

It follows by definition that $b_j - a_i \geq 0$ if $A_i \cap B_j \neq \emptyset$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (g-f) dx \geq 0.$$

$$\text{So } \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (g-f) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g dx$$

(3). If f is finite a.e., and $m(\text{supp } f) < \infty$, then

$$m(\{x: f(x) = +\infty\}) = 0$$

and $a := \sup \{f(x): f(x) < +\infty\} < +\infty$. (because f only take finitely many different values)

It follows

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i m(A_i) \\ &\leq a \cdot \sum_{a_i < +\infty} m(A_i) \\ &= a \cdot m(\text{supp } f) < +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

(5). $f(x+y) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \chi_{A_i - y}(x)$ is simple,
and
 $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x+y) dx = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i m(A_i - y) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i m(A_i) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx.$

Conversely, if f is not finite a.e., i.e. $m(\{x: f(x) = +\infty\}) > 0$, then
 $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f dx \geq +\infty \cdot m(\{x: f(x) = +\infty\}) = +\infty;$

if $m(\text{supp } f) = +\infty$, then let $b = \inf \{f(x): f(x) > 0\} > 0$, we get

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f dx \geq b \cdot m(\text{supp } f) = +\infty.$$

(think about this).

(4) If $f = 0$ a.e., then $A = \{x: f(x) \neq 0\} = \emptyset$. So $m(A_i) = 0$ for $a_i \neq 0$.
It follows $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i m(A_i) = 0$.

If $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i m(A_i) = 0$, then $\forall a_i > 0$, one has $m(A_i) = 0$.

So $A = \{x: f(x) \neq 0\} = \{x: f(x) = a_i > 0\} = \bigcup_{a_i > 0} A_i$ and $m(A) = \sum_{a_i > 0} m(A_i) = 0$. So $f = 0$ a.e. $\square$

We could define $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_n(x) dx$, where $f_n \nearrow f$, f_n are simple. Then we need to check the well-definedness, which is not obvious. Moreover, we can't use this to define lower/upper integrals.

3. Integration of non-negative functions

• Now let f be any non-negative measurable function.

As we have seen, one can approximate f by a sequence of non-negative ^{increasing} simple functions. This motivates us to define

Def: Suppose f is non-negative and measurable. We define the Lebesgue integral of f to be

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx = \sup \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g(x) dx : 0 \leq g \leq f, g \text{ is simple (and measurable)} \right\} \quad (*)$$

Remark: • Similarly for any measurable set A , one can define

$$\int_A f(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) \chi_A(x) dx.$$

• If f is ~~not~~ not measurable, one can still define the lower Lebesgue integral of f via (*):

$$\underline{\int}_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx = \sup \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g(x) dx : 0 \leq g \leq f, g \text{ is simple (and measurable)} \right\}$$

and define the upper Lebesgue integral of f similarly

$$\overline{\int}_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx = \inf \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g(x) dx : f \leq g, g \text{ is simple (and measurable)} \right\}$$

(If f is measurable ~~AND~~ ~~and~~ ~~for~~ bounded AND $m(\text{supp } f) < +\infty$, then the lower and upper Lebesgue integrals agree.)

• Again let's list basic properties of integration of non-negative measurable functions.

Prop: Let f, g be non-negative and measurable functions. Then

(1) If $f \leq g$, then $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g(x) dx$.

(2) For any $c_1, c_2 \geq 0$, one has

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (c_1 f + c_2 g) dx = c_1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx + c_2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g(x) dx.$$

(3) $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx = 0 \Leftrightarrow f(x) = 0$ a.e. $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

(4) [Translation invariance] For any $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x+y) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx$.

(5) [Markov's inequality] For any $0 < \lambda < \infty$, one has

$$m(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : f(x) \geq \lambda\}) \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx.$$

Proof: (1) If h is simple, $0 \leq h \leq f$, then $0 \leq h \leq g$. It follows

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx = \sup \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} h(x) dx : 0 \leq h \leq f, h \text{ is simple} \right\} \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g(x) dx.$$

(2) ~~***~~ We first prove $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} cf(x) dx = c \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx$ for any $c \geq 0$.

This is true because $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} ch(x) dx = c \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} h(x) dx$ for simple function h .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} cf(x) dx &= \sup \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} ch(x) dx : 0 \leq ch \leq cf, h \text{ is simple} \right\} \\ &= c \cdot \sup \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} h(x) dx : 0 \leq h \leq f, h \text{ is simple} \right\} \\ &= c \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

It remains to prove $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (f+g) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g dx$.

We will postpone the proof for a while. [We will use Levi's monotone convergence then to prove additivity. Try: can you prove this additivity without using convergence then?]

(3) If $f=0$ a.e., and $0 \leq h \leq f$, then $h=0$ a.e., so $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} h(x) dx = 0$.
It follows that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx = \sup \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} h(x) dx : 0 \leq h \leq f, h \text{ simple} \right\} = 0.$$

Conversely, according to (5) (the Markov inequality), for any $k > 0$,

$$m\left(\left\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : f(x) \geq \frac{1}{k}\right\}\right) \leq k \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx = 0.$$

$$\text{So } m(\{x : f(x) \neq 0\}) = m\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \left\{x : f(x) \geq \frac{1}{k}\right\}\right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} m\left(\left\{x : f(x) \geq \frac{1}{k}\right\}\right) = 0.$$

In other words, $f=0$ a.e.

(4) If h is simple and $0 \leq h \leq f$, $\forall x$ then $h(x+y)$ is simple as a function of x , and $0 \leq h(x+y) \leq f(x+y)$, $\forall x$.
~~Conversely, if $h(x+y)$ is simple as a function of x , then h is simple.~~ It follows

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x+y) dx \leq \sup \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} h(x+y) dx : 0 \leq h \leq f, h \text{ is simple} \right\} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx.$$

$$\text{Similarly } \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x+y) dx.$$

$$\text{So } \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x+y) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx.$$

(5) By definition we have

$$\lambda \cdot \chi_{\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : f(x) \geq \lambda\}} \leq f(x), \quad \forall x.$$

So by (1), one has

$$\lambda \cdot m(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : f(x) \geq \lambda\}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \lambda \chi_{\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : f(x) \geq \lambda\}} dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx. \quad \square$$

• Note that in the previous propositions, the integral could be $+\infty$.

Def. || A non-negative measurable function f is said to be integrable, if $\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) dx < \infty$.

We have seen that for a non-negative simple function f , it is integrable if and only if f is a.e. finite AND $m(\text{supp } f) < +\infty$. In the proof we have seen that $m(\text{supp } f) < +\infty$.

For general non-negative ~~functions~~ measurable functions, one can easily construct integrable function f with $m(\text{supp } f) = +\infty$. for integrable non-negative simple function f because f takes only finitely many distinct values. Of course this is no longer true for measurable functions.

For example, one just take $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \chi_{[n, n+1)}$. (check: $\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) dx = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$)

However, one still have

Prop. || If f is integrable, then f is a.e. finite.

Proof: This also follows from Markov's inequality:

$$m(\{x: f(x) = +\infty\}) = m\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \{x: f(x) \geq k\}\right) \leq m(\{x: f(x) \geq k\}) \leq \frac{1}{k} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) dx.$$

Letting $k \rightarrow \infty$, we get $m(\{x: f(x) = +\infty\}) = 0$. $\square$