

Last time: "Convergence in non-negative theory"

• Levi's monotone convergence theorem: $0 \leq f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n \leq \dots$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_n(x) dx.$$

Fatou's lemma: For any non-negative measurable functions $\{f_n\}$, one has

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) dx \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_n(x) dx.$$

• Consequences:

• For non-negative measurable functions $\{f_n\}$, one has

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x) dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_n(x) dx.$$

• For $A_n \in \mathcal{L}$, $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$, $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \mathbb{R}^d$ and for any non-negative measurable function f , one has

$$\int_{\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n} f(x) dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{A_n} f(x) dx.$$

Today: Lebesgue integral for measurable functions (Absolutely integrable theory)

1. Lebesgue integral for general measurable functions: definition

• Let f be any measurable function defined on $\mathbb{R}^d$.

[It is enough to assume that f is a.e. defined on $\mathbb{R}^d$.]

Recall: $f^+(x) = \max\{f(x), 0\}$, $f^-(x) = \max\{-f(x), 0\}$ are both non-negative measurable functions, and $f(x) = f^+(x) - f^-(x)$, $|f(x)| = f^+(x) + f^-(x)$.

We want to define $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^+(x) dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^-(x) dx$, but this makes no sense if both ~~measures~~ integrals $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^+(x) dx$ and $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^-(x) dx$ are infinite.

Def: • If at least one of $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^+(x) dx$ and $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^-(x) dx$ are finite, then we define

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

• We say a measurable function f is integrable if both $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^+(x) dx$ and $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^-(x) dx$ are finite. ($\Rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx$ is finite.)

• We denote the space of integrable functions on $\mathbb{R}^d$ by $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

Rmk: • If f is defined on a measurable set A , one can perform the "zero extension"
 $\tilde{f}(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), & x \in A \\ 0, & x \notin A \end{cases} = f(x) \chi_A(x)$, and define $\int_A f(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \tilde{f}(x) dx$
if the latter is well-defined.

• $L^1(A)$ = the space of integrable function on A .

Rmk: By PSet 5, Part 1, Problem 2, if $A_i \subset A$ and $m(A_i) < \infty$, then $\int_A f dx = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \int_{A_i} f dx$.

The following proposition justifies the terminology "absolute integrability"

Prop. A measurable function $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ if and only if $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x)| dx < +\infty$.

Proof. If $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f| dx < +\infty$, then $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^+ dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f| dx < +\infty$, $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^- dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f| dx < +\infty$
 $\Rightarrow f$ is integrable.

If f is integrable, then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f| dx = \int_{f>0} f^+ dx + \int_{f<0} f^- dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^+ dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^- dx < +\infty. \quad \square$$

Def. We call the quantity

$$\|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x)| dx$$

the L^1 -norm of $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

It is obvious that the L^1 -norm satisfies

$$(1) \|cf\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} = |c| \cdot \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)}.$$

$$(2) \|f_1 + f_2\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq \|f_1\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} + \|f_2\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} \quad \leftarrow \text{triangle inequality.}$$

$$(3) \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} = 0 \iff f = 0 \text{ a.e.}$$

Remark. Given any two ~~measurable~~ integrable functions $f_1, f_2 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$, we can define their L^1 -distance to be

$$d_{L^1}(f_1, f_2) := \|f_1 - f_2\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)}.$$

If we regard a.e. equal functions in $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ as the same function, then d_{L^1} is a "distance" on $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$, and we will show later that $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is complete w.r.t. d_{L^1} .

Remark. For any $p \geq 1$, we can define

$$\|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} := \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p},$$

and define the L^p -space

$$L^p(\mathbb{R}^d) = \{f : f \text{ is measurable, and } \|f\|_{L^p} < +\infty\}.$$

Again each $L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is a linear space, and $\|\cdot\|_{L^p}$ gives a "norm" on it.

If $\|f_1\|_{L^p} < \infty$, $\|f_2\|_{L^p} < \infty$, then

$$\|c_1 f_1 + c_2 f_2\|_{L^p}^p \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} 2^p (|c_1|^p |f_1|^p + |c_2|^p |f_2|^p) < \infty.$$

We will study the properties of $L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ later.

Cor. $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is a linear space.

Proof. If $f_1, f_2 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$, then $\forall c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |c_1 f_1 + c_2 f_2| dx &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (|c_1| |f_1| + |c_2| |f_2|) dx \\ &\leq |c_1| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f_1| + |c_2| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f_2| \\ &< +\infty \end{aligned}$$

Cor. $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \Rightarrow f$ is a.e. finite.

2. Basic properties of Lebesgue integrals.

Prop. Let $f_1, f_2 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ be integrable functions. Then

(1) (linearity) $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (c_1 f_1 + c_2 f_2) dx = c_1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_1 dx + c_2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_2 dx, \quad \forall c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$

(2) (monotonicity) If $f_1 \leq f_2$, then $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_1 dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_2 dx.$

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

Proof. (1). It is enough to prove (a) $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} c f dx = c \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f dx, \quad \forall c \in \mathbb{R}.$

(b) $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (f_1 + f_2) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_1 dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_2 dx.$

To prove (a), we note that for $c \geq 0$, one has $(cf)^+ = cf^+, (cf)^- = cf^-.$

So if $c \geq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} cf dx &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (cf)^+ dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (cf)^- dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} cf^+ dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} cf^- dx \\ &= c \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^+ dx - c \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^- dx = c \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f dx. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, if $c \leq 0$, then $(cf)^+ = (-c) f^-$, $(cf)^- = (-c) f^+$. Since $-c \geq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} cf dx &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (-c) f^- dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (-c) f^+ dx \\ &= (-c) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^- dx - (-c) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^+ dx \\ &= c \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f dx. \end{aligned}$$

To prove (b), we denote $g(x) = f_1(x) + f_2(x)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} g^+ - g^- &= g = f_1 + f_2 = f_1^+ - f_1^- + f_2^+ - f_2^- \\ \Rightarrow g^+ + f_1^- + f_2^- &= g^- + f_1^+ + f_2^+ \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g^+ + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_1^- + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_2^- = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g^- + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_1^+ + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_2^+$$

$$\Rightarrow \int f_1 + f_2 = \int g = \int g^+ - \int g^- = \int f_1^+ - \int f_1^- + \int f_2^+ - \int f_2^- = \int f_1 + \int f_2.$$

(2). Suppose $f_1 \leq f_2$, then $f_2 - f_1 \geq 0$. So $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (f_2 - f_1) dx \geq 0$.

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_1 dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_1 dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (f_2 - f_1) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_2 dx.$$

f_1 integrable $\Rightarrow -f_1$ integrable $\Rightarrow f_2 - f_1$ integrable.

(3). This follows from translation invariance in non-negative theory.

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

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^+(x) dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^-(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx. \quad \square$$

~~Remark: According to (1), $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is a linear space.~~

The following property "countable additivity w.r.t. domain" still holds.

Prop. Suppose $A_i \in \mathcal{L}$, $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$. Let $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$.

If $f \in L^1(A)$, then $\int_A f(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_{A_i} f(x) dx$.

Proof. We first notice that $f \in L^1(A_i)$ since $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x) \chi_{A_i}| dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x) \chi_A| dx < \infty$.

According to the "countable additivity w.r.t. domain" theorem in non-negative theory,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_{A_i} f^{\pm}(x) dx = \int_A f^{\pm}(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^{\pm}(x) \chi_A dx < +\infty.$$

It follows

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_{A_i} f(x) dx &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\int_{A_i} f^+(x) dx - \int_{A_i} f^-(x) dx \right) \\ &= \int_A f^+(x) dx - \int_A f^-(x) dx = \int_A f(x) dx. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

- In non-negative theory, we have

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

Obviously this is no longer true for general $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$. However, we have

Prop. $f = 0$ a.e. on $A \Leftrightarrow \forall$ measurable subset $B \subset A$, $\int_B f dx = 0$.
[Assume f is measurable on A].

Proof. If $f = 0$ a.e. on A , then $f^{\pm} = 0$ a.e. on B .

$$\Rightarrow \int_B f dx = \int_B f^+ dx - \int_B f^- dx = 0.$$

If $\forall$ measurable subset $B \subset A$, we have $\int_B f dx = 0$.

$$\Rightarrow \int_{f>0} f dx = \int_A f^+ dx = 0, \quad \int_A f^- dx = -\int_{f<0} f dx = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f = 0 \text{ a.e. in } \{x: f > 0\} \text{ and } f = 0 \text{ a.e. in } \{x: f < 0\}$$

$$\Rightarrow f = 0 \text{ a.e.} \quad \square$$

In fact, we proved:
If $\int_B f \geq 0$ for any $B \subset A$,
then $f \geq 0$ a.e.

~~In the case that, one has even stronger result.~~

~~Prop. Suppose $f \in L^1([a, b])$, and $\int_{[a, c]} f(x) dx = 0, \forall c \in [a, b]$. Then $f = 0$ a.e. in $[a, b]$.~~

~~Proof.~~

In fact, we can prove a stronger result: It is enough to take the measurable subsets B to be boxes.

Prop. Suppose $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$, and $\int_B f(x) dx = 0, \forall$ box B . Then $f = 0$ a.e. in $\mathbb{R}^d$.

(Remark: If f is only defined on A , one can always perform zero extension of f)

Cor: There is no measurable set $A \subset [0,1]$ s.t. $m(A \cap [a,b]) = \frac{b-a}{2}$, $\forall 0 \leq a < b \leq 1$.

Proof: If there exist such A , then $\int_{[a,b]} (\chi_A - \frac{1}{2}\chi_{[0,1]}) = 0$, $\forall [a,b]$.
 $\Rightarrow \chi_A = \frac{1}{2}\chi_{[0,1]}$, contradiction. $\square$

Proof: We prove by contradiction.

• WLOG, assume $m(\{x: f(x) > 0\}) = a > 0$.

Since $\{x: f(x) > 0\} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{x: f(x) > \frac{1}{n}\}$, and $m(\{x: f(x) > 0\}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(\{x: f(x) > \frac{1}{n}\})$, one can pick n s.t. $m(\{x: f(x) > \frac{1}{n}\}) > \frac{a}{2}$.

• Now pick a closed set $F \subset \{x: f(x) > \frac{1}{n}\}$ s.t. $m(F) > \frac{a}{4}$. Then $\int_F f(x) dx \geq \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{a}{4} > 0$.

• Let $U = \mathbb{R}^d \setminus F$. Then U is open.

By the structure theorem of open sets (c.f. Lecture 3), $U = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i$, where B_i 's are almost disjoint union of closed boxes.

Let $U_1 = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i^\circ$. Then U_1 is the union of disjoint open sets, and $m(U \setminus U_1) = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{• By condition, } 0 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx = \int_F f(x) dx + \int_U f(x) dx \\ &= \int_F f(x) dx + \int_{U \setminus U_1} f(x) dx + \int_{U_1} f(x) dx \\ &= \int_F f(x) dx + \underbrace{\int_{U \setminus U_1} f(x) dx}_{=0 \text{ since } m(U \setminus U_1) = 0} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{\int_{B_i^\circ} f(x) dx}_{=0 \text{ since } B_i^\circ \text{ is a box}} \\ &= \int_F f(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction. $\square$

• Next we will prove the following "absolute continuity" property of Lebesgue's integral.

Thm. (Absolute continuity) Suppose $f \in L^1(A)$, where $A \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is measurable. Then $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ s.t. for any measurable subset $B \subset A$ with $m(B) < \delta$, one has $\int_B |f| dx < \varepsilon$.

Proof: First assume $f \geq 0$.

Then by non-negative theory, $\exists$ ^{non-negative} simple function $\varphi(x) \leq f(x)$ s.t.

$$0 < \int_A (f - \varphi) dx = \int_A f(x) dx - \int_A \varphi(x) dx < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Since φ is ~~non-negative~~ simple and integrable, one can find M s.t.

$$\varphi(x) \leq M \quad \text{a.e.}$$

Take $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{2M}$. Then for any $B \subset A$, $B \in \mathcal{L}$ and $m(B) < \delta$, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \int_B f dx &= \int_B (f - \varphi) dx + \int_B \varphi dx \leq \int_A (f - \varphi) dx + \int_B \varphi dx \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + M \cdot \delta < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

• For general f , one just apply the previous result to f^+ , f^- , and use the fact $|f| = f^+ + f^-$. $\square$

3. The Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem (LDCT)

- Again we want to ask: If $f_n \rightarrow f$ a.e., can we say $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_n dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f dx$?

At the end of last lecture, we studied the example

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} n, & 0 < x < \frac{1}{n} \\ 0, & x \leq 0 \text{ or } x \geq \frac{1}{n} \end{cases} \longrightarrow f(x) = 0.$$

$$\text{But } \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_n(x) dx = 1 \quad \not\longrightarrow \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) dx = 0$$

It turns out that the reason for the "non-convergence" is that the sequence of functions $\{f_n\}$ are NOT "controlled" by a single integrable function.

Thm. (Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem)

Let $\{f_n\}$ be measurable functions on $\mathbb{R}^d$, and $f_n \rightarrow f$ a.e.

Suppose $\exists g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ s.t. $|f_n(x)| \leq g(x)$ a.e., $\forall n$.

Then $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$, and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_n(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx$.

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