

Last time

• Continuous linear functional: continuous = continuous at 0 = bounded $\leftrightarrow$ positive.

• Riesz representation theorem (L^p).

$$(L^p)^* = L^q$$

$\leftrightarrow$

Suppose μ is a σ -finite measure on X .

Suppose $1 \leq p < \infty$, $1 \leq q \leq +\infty$ s.t. $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$.

Then any linear functional continuous $\ell: L^p(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is of the form $\ell(f) = L_g(f) = \int_X f g d\mu$ for some $g \in L^q(X)$.

Main ingredient: Radon-Nikodym Theorem.

Today, Radon-Nikodym-Lebesgue Theorem

1. Signed measure

• Recall: In Lecture 10, 11, 16 we have seen that the "countable additivity w.r.t. domain"

$$\int_{\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n} f(x) d\mu = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{A_n} f(x) d\mu \quad (A_n \in \mathcal{F}, \text{ disjoint})$$

$\Rightarrow$ • If f is non-negative, then $\mu_f = f d\mu$ defines a measure on $\mathcal{F}$ via

$$\mu(A) = \int_A f d\mu, \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{F}.$$

• If f is absolutely integrable, then $\mu_f = f d\mu$ defines a "signed measure".

[In the sense that one still has "countable additivity", but one loses the "non-negativity", i.e. one may have $\mu(A) < 0$.]

Note: The measure of a set could be $+\infty$.

So the signed measure of a set could be $\pm\infty$.

In other words, we don't really need f to be absolutely integrable.

• On the other hand side, we don't want a signed measure to take both the value $+\infty$ and the value $-\infty$.

if $\mu(A) = +\infty$, $\mu(B) = -\infty$, what can $\mu(A \cup B)$ be?

• This motivates

Def: A signed measure on a measurable space $(X, \mathcal{F})$ is a map $\mu: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [-\infty, +\infty]$

s.t. (1) $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$.

(2) $\mu(\mathcal{F}) \subset [-\infty, +\infty)$ or $\mu(\mathcal{F}) \subset (-\infty, +\infty]$.

(3) $\mu(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_n)$ if $A_n \in \mathcal{F}$ are disjoint, where we assume the series converges absolutely if the measure in the LHS is finite. (in the RHS)

Examples: (1) If μ_1, μ_2 are measures, and either μ_1 or μ_2 is a finite measure, then $\mu = \mu_1 - \mu_2$ is a signed measure.

(2) If f is measurable w.r.t. a measure μ , and either f_+ or f_- is ~~absolutely~~ integrable, then $\mu_f = f d\mu$ is a signed measure. (c.f. Lec. 11, page 1)

- Def. Let μ be a signed measure on $(X, \mathcal{F})$.
- (1) We say a set $A \in \mathcal{F}$ is a positive set if $\forall$ measurable set $B \subset A$, we have $\mu(B) \geq 0$.
 - (2) - - - - - negative set - - - - - $\mu(B) \leq 0$.
 - (3) If $A \in \mathcal{F}$ is both positive and negative, we say A is a null set.

Note. A is null means $\mu(B) = 0$ for any measurable $B \subset A$.

This is different from simply requiring $\mu(A) = 0$.

For any function $f: X \rightarrow [-\infty, +\infty]$, one can decompose X into $X_+ \cup X_-$ s.t. f is $\begin{cases} \geq 0 & \text{on } X_+ \\ < 0 & \text{on } X_- \end{cases}$.

Similarly, for signed measures, we have

Thm. (The Hahn decomposition theorem) Let μ be a signed measure on $(X, \mathcal{F})$.

Then $\exists$ positive set X_+ and negative set X_- for μ s.t. $X = X_+ \cup X_-$ and $X_+ \cap X_- = \emptyset$. Moreover, if X'_+, X'_- is another such decomposition of X , then $X_+ \Delta X'_+$ is null. [Note: $X_+ \Delta X'_+ = X_- \Delta X'_-$]

Proof: WLOG, we may assume $\mu(A) < +\infty, \forall A \in \mathcal{F}$.

[Idea: Pick X_+ to be the positive set of maximal measure.]

• Let $m_+ = \sup \{ \mu(A) : A \text{ is a positive set} \} < +\infty$. Why?

Let $A_1, A_2, \dots$ be a sequence of positive sets s.t. $\mu(A_n) \rightarrow m_+$.

Let $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$. Then A is positive. Why? and by (today's) PSet 13.1, problem 1,

$$m_+ \geq \mu(A) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^n A_n\right) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) = m_+.$$

So we get $m_+ = \mu(A) < +\infty$.

• Let $X_+ = A, X_- = X \setminus X_+$. We need to show that X_- is a negative set.

- Suppose X_- is NOT a negative set, then $\exists B_1 \subset X_-$ s.t. $\mu(B_1) > 0$.

If B_1 is a positive set, then $X_+ \cup B_1$ is a positive set with $\mu(X_+ \cup B_1) > m_+$, contradiction.

So B_1 is NOT a positive set. In other words, $\exists B_2 \subset B_1$ s.t. $\mu(B_2) > \mu(B_1)$.

$$\Rightarrow \exists n, \text{ s.t. } \mu(B_2) \geq \mu(B_1) + \frac{1}{n}.$$

Greedy choice. We will pick B_2, n_1 s.t. n_1 is the smallest positive integer s.t. B_2 exists.

We continue this process to get $B_3, n_2, B_4, n_3, \dots$ s.t.

$$B_1 \supset B_2 \supset B_3 \supset \dots$$

$$\text{and } \mu(B_{k+1}) \geq \mu(B_k) + \frac{1}{n_k} \geq \mu(B_{k-1}) + \frac{1}{n_{k-1}} + \frac{1}{n_k} \geq \dots \geq \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{n_i}.$$

Since $\mu(B_1) < +\infty$, by PSet 13-1 Problem 1, if we write $B = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k$, then

$$+\infty > \mu(B) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(B_k) \geq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n_i} > 0.$$

This implies $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} n_i = +\infty$.

~~In particular, we can find k large s.t. $n_k \geq 2n_1$.~~

- We claim that B is a positive set in $X^\bullet$ with $\mu(B) > 0$. This contradicts with the choice of $X_+^\bullet$, so we are done.

Again we argue by contradiction. Suppose B is NOT a positive set, then $\exists C \subset B$ s.t. $\mu(C) > \mu(B) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(B_k)$

So $\exists m_0 > 0$ and $N_0 > 0$ s.t. $\mu(C) - \mu(B_k) > \frac{1}{m_0}$ for $\forall k > N_0$.

However, since $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} n_i = +\infty$, one can find k s.t. $n_k > m_0$.

This contradicts with the choice of B_{k+1} , n_k : n_k is the smallest ~~finite~~ ^{positive} integer s.t. one can find $B_{k+1} \subset B_k$ and

• As a consequence, we get

$$\mu(B_{k+1}) \geq \mu(B_k) + \frac{1}{n_k}$$

□

Thm. (Jordan decomposition theorem) Let μ be a signed measure on $(X, \mathcal{F})$.

Then $\exists$ unique (positive) measures μ_+ , μ_- s.t. $\mu = \mu_+ - \mu_-$.

Moreover, $\mu_+|_{X_-} = 0$, $\mu_-|_{X_+} = 0$ for a Hahn decomposition $X = X_+ \cup X_-$.

The expression $\mu_\pm|_{X_\mp} = 0$ means:
 $\forall A \subset X_-$, $\mu_+(A) = 0$
 $\forall A \subset X_+$, $\mu_-(A) = 0$

Proof: Let $X = X_+^\bullet \cup X_-$ be the Hahn decomposition. Define for $\forall A \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$\mu_+(A) = \mu(A \cap X_+), \quad \mu_-(A) = -\mu(A \cap X_-).$$

Since X_+ is a positive set, X_- is a negative set, both μ_+ and μ_- are (positive) measures.

By definition, we have $\mu = \mu_+ - \mu_-$ and $\mu_+|_{X_-} = 0$, $\mu_-|_{X_+} = 0$.

• To prove the uniqueness, suppose $\mu = \nu_+ - \nu_-$, where ν_+ and ν_- are (positive) measures, and $\nu_+|_{X_-} = 0$, $\nu_-|_{X_+} = 0$, $X = X'_+ \cup X'_-$ is a Hahn decomposition.

Then $\forall A \subset X'_+$, we have $\mu(A) = \nu_+(A)$

$$\forall B \subset X'_-, \quad \mu(B) = \nu_-(B)$$

Since $X_+ \Delta X'_+$ is a null set, and since $\forall A \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow (A \cap X_+) \Delta (A \cap X'_+) \subset X_+ \Delta X'_+$, we get for $\forall A \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$\mu_+^*(A) = \mu(A \cap X_+) = \mu(A \cap X'_+) = \nu_+(A \cap X'_+) = \nu_+(A).$$

$$\mu_-(A) = -\mu(A \cap X_-) = -\mu(A \cap X'_-) = \nu_-(A \cap X'_-) = \nu_-(A). \quad \square$$

• Finally suppose $X = X''_+ \cup X''_-$ is another such decomposition.

$$\text{Then } X_+ \setminus X'_+ = X_+ \cap (X'_+)^c = X_+ \cap X''_-$$

$\Rightarrow X_+ \setminus X'_+$ is both positive and negative, i.e. $X_+ \setminus X'_+$ is null.

Similarly $X'_+ \setminus X_+$ is null. So $X_+ \Delta X'_+$ is null.

Remark: In the Jordan decomposition $\mu = \mu_+ - \mu_-$, we will call μ_+ and μ_- the positive/negative part, or the positive/negative variation of μ .

Inspired by the decomposition $f = f_+ - f_-$ and $|f| = f_+ + f_-$ of functions, we will call

$$|\mu| = \mu_+ + \mu_-$$

the absolute value or the total variation of μ .

We call a signed measure μ is a finite/ σ -finite, if $|\mu|$ is finite/ σ -finite.

Note: μ is finite means $|\mu(A)| \leq C$ for some constant C , $\forall A \in \mathcal{F}$.

2. The Lebesgue-Radon-Nikodym Theorem

Let μ, ν be two signed measures on $(X, \mathcal{F})$.

Def. We say μ and ν are mutually singular, and write $\mu \perp \nu$, if $\exists$ decomposition $X = X_1 \cup X_2$, $X_1 \cap X_2 = \emptyset$, s.t. X_2 is null for μ , and X_1 is null for ν .
 μ is supported on X_1 , ν is supported on X_2

Example: In Jordan decomposition $\mu = \mu_+ - \mu_-$, we have $\mu_+ \perp \mu_-$.

For any delta measure μ_{x_0} on $\mathbb{R}^d$, we have $\mu \perp \mu_{x_0}$.
 $\uparrow$ the Lebesgue measure

Let μ, ν be signed measures on $(X, \mathcal{F})$.

Def. We say ν is absolutely continuous w.r.t. μ , and write $\nu \ll \mu$, if every μ -null set is also a ν -null set.

Example: Suppose f is measurable and a.e. finite. Let $\mu_f = f d\mu$.

Then $\mu_f \ll \mu$.

Reason: If $\mu(A) = 0$, then $f \cdot \chi_A = 0$ a.e.

$$\Rightarrow \mu_f(A) = \int_A f d\mu = \int_X f \chi_A d\mu = 0$$

Prop. Let ν be a finite signed measure, and let μ be a (positive) measure on $(X, \mathcal{F})$. Then $\nu \ll \mu$ if and only if $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $\forall A \in \mathcal{F}$, if $\mu(A) < \delta$, then $|\nu(A)| < \epsilon$.

[Compare: "Absolute continuity" in Lecture 11, page 5:

$$f \in L^1(A) \Rightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t.}$$

$$\forall B \subset A, \mu(B) < \delta \Rightarrow \mu_{|B|}(B) = \int_B |f| dx < \epsilon.]$$

Proof will be left as an exercise

Given any measure μ and signed measure ν , we want to know: when can we find a measurable function f s.t. ~~$\nu = \mu_f$~~ $\nu = \mu_f$.

Note that this "should" require $\nu \ll \mu$.

Moreover, if $\nu \perp \mu$, then one can never have $\nu = \mu_f$ unless $\nu = 0$.

The main theorem is

Thm. (The Lebesgue-Radon-Nikodym Theorem)

Let μ be a σ -finite measure, and ν a σ -finite signed measure, on $(X, \mathcal{F})$.

Then there exists unique signed measures μ_f and μ_s s.t.

$$\nu = \mu_f + \mu_s,$$

where $\mu_f \perp \mu$ and $\mu_f \ll \mu$. Moreover, $\textcircled{1} \exists$ ~~measurable~~ ^{extended integrable} function f on X s.t. $\mu_f = \mu_f = f d\mu$. $\textcircled{2} \mu_f$ is a measure iff $f \geq 0$.

$\textcircled{3} \mu_s$ is finite iff $f \in L^1(X, \mu)$.

f is extended integrable:
 $\bullet f$ is measurable
 $\bullet$ either $f_+ \in L^1$, or $f_- \in L^1$

As a corollary, we get

Cor. (The Radon-Nikodym Theorem)

Let μ be a σ -finite measure, and ν a σ -finite signed measure on $(X, \mathcal{F})$.

Suppose $\nu \ll \mu$. Then $\exists$ extended integrable function f s.t. $\nu = \mu_f$.
 Moreover, if ν is finite, then $f \in L^1(X, \mu)$.

Before we prove the theorem, we first prove a technical lemma.

Lemma. Let μ, ν be finite (positive) measures on $(X, \mathcal{F})$. Then either $\nu \perp \mu$, or $\exists \varepsilon > 0$ and $A \in \mathcal{F}$ s.t. $\nu(A) > 0$, and A is a positive set for the signed measure $\mu - \varepsilon \nu$.

Proof. Consider the sequence of signed measures $\mu - \frac{1}{n} \nu$.

Denote the corresponding Hahn decompositions by $X = X_n^+ \cup X_n^-$.

Let $X^+ = \bigcup_n X_n^+$, $X^- = \bigcap_n X_n^- = (X^+)^c$.

Then $\forall n$, $X^- \subset X_n^- \Rightarrow X^-$ is a negative set for $\mu - \frac{1}{n} \nu$, i.e.

$$0 \leq \mu(X^-) \leq \frac{1}{n} \nu(X^-), \quad \forall n$$

letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get $\mu(X^-) = 0$.

Case 1: $\nu(X^+) = 0$. Then $\nu \perp \mu$.

Case 2: $\nu(X^+) > 0$. Since $\nu(X^+) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \nu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^N X_n^+\right)$, one can find X_n^+ s.t. $\nu(X_n^+) > 0$. Then for $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{n}$, the set $A = X_n^+$ is a positive set for $\mu - \frac{1}{n} \nu$ by def. $\square$

Proof of the Lebesgue-Radon-Nikodym Theorem

Case 1: ν is finite and positive.

• Define $M = \{f: X \rightarrow [0, +\infty] : \int_A f d\mu \leq \nu(A), \forall A \in \mathcal{F}\}$

Then $M \neq \emptyset$ since $0 \in M$.

• Suppose $f, g \in M$, then $\max(f, g) \in M$, since

(for $B = \{x: f > g\}$ and for $\forall A \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$\int_A \max(f, g) d\mu = \int_{A \cap B} f d\mu + \int_{A \cap B^c} g d\mu$$

$$\leq \nu(A \cap B) + \nu(A \cap B^c) = \nu(A)$$

• Now set

$$m := \sup_{f \in M} \int_X f d\mu \leq \nu(X) < +\infty$$

Let $f_n \in M$ be s.t. $\int_X f_n d\mu \rightarrow m$. Let $g_n = \sup\{f_1, \dots, f_n\} \in M$.

Then $g_n \nearrow f := \sup_n f_n$. So

$$m = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X g_n d\mu \leq m.$$

It follows from the monotone convergence theorem that

$$m = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X g_n d\mu = \int_X f d\mu. (\Rightarrow f \text{ is a.e. finite})$$

• WLOG, we assume $f < \infty$. Then we get $\int_X f d\mu \leq \nu(X)$.

• Now consider the measure $\mu_s = \nu - f d\mu$. [It is a measure since $f \in M$]

Suppose μ_s is NOT singular w.r.t. μ . Then by lemma, $\exists \varepsilon > 0$

and $A \in \mathcal{F}$ s.t. $\mu_s(A) > 0$, and $\mu_s(B) > \varepsilon \mu(B)$ for $\forall B \subset A$

In particular, for $\forall C \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C (f + \varepsilon \chi_A) d\mu &= \int_C f d\mu + \varepsilon \mu(A \cap C) \\ &\leq \int_C f d\mu + \nu(A \cap C) - \int_{A \cap C} f d\mu \\ &= \int_{C \cap A^c} f d\mu + \mu(A \cap C) \\ &\leq \nu(C \cap A^c) + \mu(C \cap A) \\ &= \nu(C) \end{aligned}$$

So $f + \varepsilon \chi_A \in M$, i.e.

$$m \geq \int (f + \varepsilon \chi_A) d\mu = \int f d\mu + \varepsilon \mu(A) > m$$

a contradiction. Thus we get

$$\mu_s \perp \mu.$$

For any $A \in \mathcal{F}$, we have by monotone convergence,
 $\int_A f d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A g_n d\mu \leq \nu(A)$
 So $f \in M$.

• Let $\mu_r = \nu - \mu_s = f d\mu$. Then we get the desired decomposition

$$\nu = \mu_r + \mu_s, \quad \mu_s \perp \mu, \quad \mu_r \ll \mu.$$

Moreover, $f \geq 0$, and $f \in L^1(X, \mu)$ since $\int_X f d\mu \leq \nu(X) < +\infty$.

• To prove the uniqueness, we suppose

$$\nu = \mu'_r + \mu'_s, \quad \mu'_s \perp \mu, \quad \mu'_r \ll \mu.$$

Then $\mu'_r - \mu_r = \mu_s - \mu'_s$. Since $\mu'_r - \mu_r \ll \mu$, ~~$\mu_s - \mu'_s \perp \mu$~~ , we must have $\mu'_r - \mu_r = 0 = \mu_s - \mu'_s$, i.e. $\mu_r = \mu'_r$, $\mu_s = \mu'_s$.

Case 2: μ, ν are σ -finite (positive) measures.

• We write $X = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$, where $\mu(X_n) < +\infty$, $\nu(X_n) < +\infty$, and X_n 's are disjoint. How?

Define two sequences of measures μ_n, ν_n on $\mathcal{F}$ via

$$\mu_n(A) := \mu(A \cap X_n), \quad \nu_n(A) := \nu(A \cap X_n).$$

They are ~~finite~~ finite measures. So one has

$$\nu_n = \mu_n^r + \mu_n^s, \quad \mu_n^r \ll \mu_n, \quad \mu_n^s \perp \mu_n, \quad \text{and } \mu_n^r = f_n d\mu_n, \quad f_n \geq 0, \quad f_n \in L^1(X, \mu).$$

By definition, $\mu_n(X_n^c) = \nu_n(X_n^c) = 0$. So we may assume $f_n = 0$ on X_n^c [so $f_n d\mu_n = f_n d\mu$]

Let $f = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$, $\mu_r = \sum \mu_n^r = f d\mu$, and let $\mu_s = \sum \mu_n^s$.

One can check ~~$\mu_s \perp \mu$~~ $\mu_s \perp \mu$, $\mu_r \ll \mu$.

$$\nu = \mu_r + \mu_s.$$

Case 3: ν is only σ -finite signed measure.

• Write $\nu = \nu^+ - \nu^-$, where one of ν^+, ν^- is a finite measure

We have $\nu^\pm = \mu_r^\pm + \mu_s^\pm$. Let $\mu_r = \mu_r^+ - \mu_r^-$, $\mu_s = \mu_s^+ - \mu_s^-$.

Then $\mu_r^\pm = f_\pm^\pm d\mu$, and either $f_\pm^+$ or $f_\pm^- \in L^1$.

$\Rightarrow f = f^+ - f^-$ is extended integrable.

• Uniqueness:

Write $X = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$, $\nu(X_n) < +\infty$, and X_n 's are disjoint.

Again, we can define $\nu_n(A) = \nu(A \cap X_n)$ to get finite signed measure ν_n 's.

Note: If $\nu = \mu_r + \mu_s$, then $\mu_n = \mu_r^n + \mu_s^n$, where $\mu_r^n(A) = \mu_r(A \cap X_n)$, $\mu_s^n(A) = \mu_s(A \cap X_n)$.

By uniqueness in Case 1, these μ_r^n, μ_s^n are unique.

Now let $\nu = \tilde{\mu}_r + \tilde{\mu}_s$. Then $\mu_n = \tilde{\mu}_r^n + \tilde{\mu}_s^n$. So we must have

$$\tilde{\mu}_r^n = \mu_r^n, \quad \tilde{\mu}_s^n = \mu_s^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\mu}_r = \mu_r, \quad \tilde{\mu}_s = \mu_s. \quad \square$$

Notation: If $d\nu = f d\mu$, we say f is the Radon-Nikodym derivative of ν w.r.t. μ

Since formally we have $\frac{d\nu}{d\mu} = f$.