

**DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL**

**MASTER OF SCIENCES- MATHEMATICS
SEMESTER -IV**

**ABSTRACT MEASURE THEORY
DEMATH4CORE1
BLOCK-2**

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

Postal Address:

The Registrar,

University of North Bengal,

Raja Rammohunpur,

P.O.-N.B.U.,Dist-Darjeeling,

West Bengal, Pin-734013,

India.

Phone: (O) +91 0353-2776331/2699008

Fax:(0353) 2776313, 2699001

Email: regnbu@sancharnet.in ; regnbu@nbu.ac.in

Website: www.nbu.ac.in

First Published in 2019



All rights reserved. No Part of this book may be reproduced or transmitted, in any form or by any means, without permission in writing from University of North Bengal. Any person who does any unauthorised act in relation to this book may be liable to criminal prosecution and civil claims for damages. This book is meant for educational and learning purpose. The authors of the book has/have taken all reasonable care to ensure that the contents of the book do not violate any existing copyright or other intellectual property rights of any person in any manner whatsoever. In the even the Authors has/ have been unable to track any source and if any copyright has been inadvertently infringed, please notify the publisher in writing for corrective action.

FOREWORD

The Self Learning Material (SLM) is written with the aim of providing simple and organized study content to all the learners. The SLMs are prepared on the framework of being mutually cohesive, internally consistent and structured as per the university's syllabi. It is a humble attempt to give glimpses of the various approaches and dimensions to the topic of study and to kindle the learner's interest to the subject

We have tried to put together information from various sources into this book that has been written in an engaging style with interesting and relevant examples. It introduces you to the insights of subject concepts and theories and presents them in a way that is easy to understand and comprehend.

We always believe in continuous improvement and would periodically update the content in the very interest of the learners. It may be added that despite enormous efforts and coordination, there is every possibility for some omission or inadequacy in few areas or topics, which would definitely be rectified in future.

We hope you enjoy learning from this book and the experience truly enrich your learning and help you to advance in your career and future endeavours

ABSTRACT MEASURE THEORY

BLOCK-1

- Unit 1 Σ -Algebras
- Unit 2 Measures
- Unit 3 Outer Measures
- Unit 4 Lebesgue Measure On \mathbb{R}^n
- Unit 5 Borel Measures
- Unit 6 Measurable Functions
- Unit 7 Cantor Ternary Set

BLOCK-2

- Unit 8 Cantor–Lebesgue Function 6
- Unit 9 Limit Of Sequences Of Sets..... 13
- Unit 10 Measurable Functions Theorems 36
- Unit 11 Convergence Theorems On Measurable Functions 71
- Unit 12 Product Measures Metric Outer Measures And Hausdorff Measure
..... 88
- Unit 13 Lebesgue Integral Of Nonnegative Measurable Function 96
- Unit 14 Lebesgue Integral: Riemann Integral 128

INTRODUCTION TO BLOCK-II

This block discusses about σ -algebra, its monotone classes, its restrictions and about Borel σ -algebra. we study about general measures, Point mass distributions, complete measures, restrictions and its uniqueness. We discusses different kinds of borel measures, outer measures and its constructions ,volume of intervals , lebesgue measure and its transformations and also about cantor set,cantor ternary set and its functions,different functions and arithmetic operations which we can perform on the measurable functions.

In this block We will be learning about the devil's staircase and seeing problems related to it.

UNIT 8 CANTOR–LEBESGUE FUNCTION

STRUCTURE

- 8.1 Objective
- 8.2 Introduction
- 8.3 Lemma's and theorems
- 8.4 completeness of a measure spaces
- 8.5 Let us sum up
- 8.6 Keywords
- 8.7 Questions for review
- 8.8 Suggested readings and references
- 8.9 Answers to check your progress

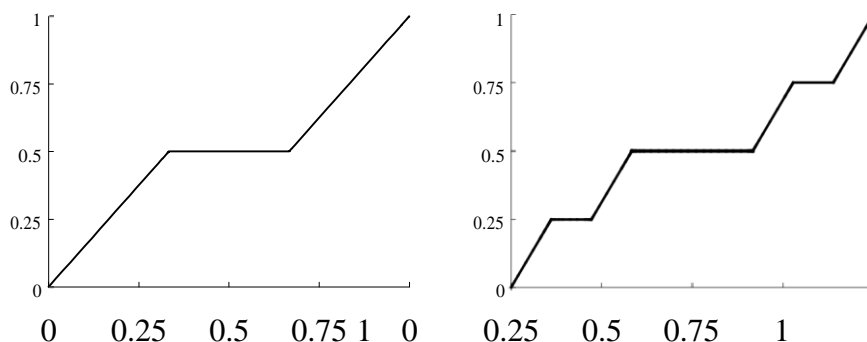
8.1 OBJECTIVE

In this chapter we are going to learn about the cantor lebesgue functions , its lemmas , its theorem's and problems related on it. We study about the completeness of a measure spaces, its definitions and see problems related to it

8.2 INTRODUCTION

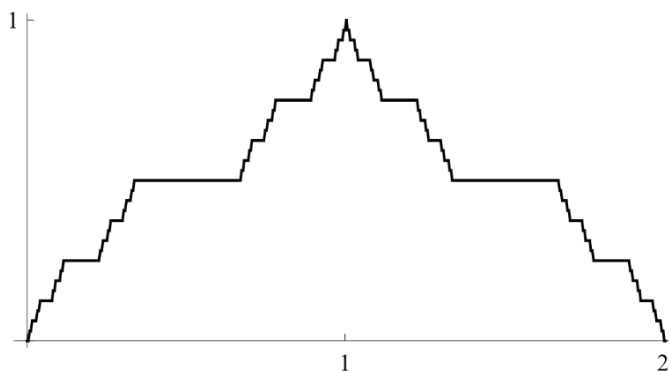
Consider the two functions ϕ_1, ϕ_2 pictured in. The function ϕ_1 takes the constant value $\frac{1}{2}$ on the interval $(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$ that is removed from $[0, 1]$ in the first stage of the construction of the Cantor middle-thirds set, and is linear on the remaining intervals. The function ϕ_2 takes the same constant $\frac{1}{2}$ on the interval $(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$ but additionally is constant with values $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ on the two intervals that are removed in the second stage of the construction of the Cantor set. We continue this process and define ϕ_3, ϕ_4, \dots in a similar way. Each function ϕ_k is continuous, and is constant on each of the open intervals that were removed at the k th stage of the construction of the

Cantor set. The following exercise shows that these functions converge uniformly to a continuous function.



Top left: The function ϕ_1 . Top right: The function ϕ_2 .

This limit function ϕ is called the *Cantor–Lebesgue function* or, more picturesquely, the *Devil’s staircase*. If we extend ϕ to \mathbb{R} by reflecting it about the point $x = 1$ and declaring it to be zero outside of $[0,2]$, we obtain the continuous function ϕ .



The reflected Devil’s staircase (Cantor–Lebesgue function).

The Cantor–Lebesgue function is not Lipschitz, but it does satisfy a weaker condition.

Exercise 1.57. Prove the following facts.

(a) Each function ϕ_k is monotone increasing on the interval $[0, 1]$, and

$|\phi_{k+1}(x) - \phi_k(x)| < 2^{-k}$ for every $x \in [0, 1]$.

(b) The functions ϕ_k converge uniformly on $[0, 1]$, and the limit function $\phi(x) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \phi_k(x)$ is continuous on $[0, 1]$. Moreover, ϕ is differentiable at almost every point $x \in [0, 1]$, and although ϕ is not differentiable at all points, we have $\phi'(x) = 0$ a.e. in $[0, 1]$. \blacklozenge

This limit function ϕ is called the Cantor-Lebesgue function or, more picturesquely, the Devil's staircase. If we extend ϕ to \mathbb{R} by reflecting it about the point $x = 1$ and declaring it to be zero outside of $[0, 2]$, we obtain the continuous function.

8.3 LEMMA'S AND THEOREM'S

Definition 8.2. We say that a function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *Hölder continuous* on \mathbb{R} with exponent $\alpha > 0$ if there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \quad |f(x) - f(y)| \leq C |x - y|^\alpha. \quad \blacklozenge$$

Thus Lipschitz continuity on \mathbb{R} is Hölder continuity with exponent $\alpha = 1$.

We will use the Cantor-Lebesgue function to derive some interesting insights into the behavior of measurable sets under continuous functions. First we show that a continuous function can map a set with zero measure to a set with positive measure.

Lemma 8.2. *The Cantor-Lebesgue function ϕ maps the Cantor set C , which has zero measure, to a set that has positive Lebesgue measure.*

Proof. If $x \notin C$, then x belongs to one of the open intervals removed at some stage in forming the Cantor set. Consequently $\phi(x)$ is a dyadic rational number, i.e., $\phi(x) = m/2^n$ for some integers m and n . Therefore ϕ maps the complement of the Cantor set into the set of rationals in $[0, 1]$, which is a countable set. Consequently $\phi(C)$ includes all of the irrational numbers in $[0, 1]$, so $\phi(C) = [0, 1] \setminus Z$ where $Z \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$. Since Z has measure zero, it follows that $\phi(C)$ is measurable and $|\phi(C)| = 1$. \square

Second, we show that a continuous function need not map a measurable set to a measurable set.

Lemma 8.3. *Let ϕ be the Cantor–Lebesgue function. There exists a measurable set $E \subseteq [0, 1]$ such that $\phi(E)$ is not measurable.*

Proof. Let N be a nonmeasurable subset of $[0, 1]$. By replacing N with $N \setminus \mathbb{Q}$, we may assume that N contains no rational numbers. Consequently $\phi^{-1}(N)$ is contained in the Cantor set C . Since C has zero measure, monotonicity implies that $|\phi^{-1}(N)| = 0$, so $E = \phi^{-1}(N)$ is measurable. However, since ϕ is surjective, the image of E under ϕ is N , which is not measurable.

Check your progress

1.1) Show that if a function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Hölder continuous for some exponent $\alpha > 1$, then f is constant.

8.4 COMPLETENESS OF A MEASURE SPACES

By definition, a set $E \subseteq X$ is a null set for a measure μ on X if $E \in \Sigma$ and $\mu(E) = 0$. In general, an arbitrary subset A of E need not be measurable, but if A happens to be measurable then monotonicity implies that $\mu(A) = 0$. A *complete measure* is one such that every subset A of every null set E is measurable.

Complete measures are often more convenient to work with than incomplete measures. Fortunately, if we have an incomplete measure μ in hand, there

is a way to extend μ to a larger σ -algebra Σ in such a way that the extended measure is complete. This new extended measure μ is called the *completion* of μ , and its construction is given in the next exercise.

Check your progress

Notes

1.2) Let (X, Σ, μ) be a measure space, and let \mathcal{N} be the collection of all μ -null sets in X :

$$\mathcal{N} = \{N \in \Sigma : \mu(N) = 0\}.$$

Define

$$\bar{\Sigma} = \{E \cup Z : E \in \Sigma, Z \subseteq N \in \mathcal{N}\},$$

and prove the following statements.

(a) $\bar{\Sigma}$ is a σ -algebra on X . (b) For each set $E \cup Z \in \bar{\Sigma}$, define

$$\mu(E \cup Z) = \mu(E).$$

Then $\bar{\mu}$ is a well-defined function on $\bar{\Sigma}$.

(c) $\bar{\mu}$ is a measure on $(X, \bar{\Sigma})$.

(d) $\bar{\mu}$ is the *unique* measure on $(X, \bar{\Sigma})$ that coincides with μ on Σ . $\bar{\mu}$ is $\bar{\Sigma}$ -complete.

8.5 LET US SUM UP

In this unit we discussed the following
cantor lebesgue functions
Lemma's and theorems.
completeness of a measure spaces

8.6 KEYWORDS

Lemma- Lemma is minor, proven proposition which is used as a stepping stone to a larger result. For that reason, it is also known as a "helping theorem" or an "auxiliary theorem".

Theorem-A theorem is a statement that can be demonstrated to be true by accepted mathematical operations and arguments. In general,

a theorem is an embodiment of some general principle that makes it part of a larger theory.

8.7 QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW

1) Let C be the Cantor set and ϕ the Cantor–Lebesgue function. Define $g(x) = \phi(x) + x$, and prove the following statements.

(a) Both $g: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 2]$ and $g^{-1}: [0, 2] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ are continuous, strictly increasing bijections.

(b) $g(C)$ is a closed subset of $[0, 2]$, and $|g(C)| = 1$.

(c) Let N be a nonmeasurable subset of $g(C)$ (such a set exists by Problem 1.32). Then $A = g^{-1}(N)$ is Lebesgue measurable.

2) Each function ϕ_k is monotone increasing on the interval $[0, 1]$, and $|\phi_{k+1}(x) - \phi_k(x)| < 2^{-k}$ for every $x \in [0, 1]$.

3) The functions ϕ_k converge uniformly on $[0, 1]$, and the limit function $\phi(x) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \phi_k(x)$ is continuous on $[0, 1]$. Moreover, ϕ is differentiable at almost every point $x \in [0, 1]$, and although ϕ is not differentiable at all points, we have $\phi'(x) = 0$ a.e. in $[0, 1]$.

4) Let $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^d}$ be the Borel σ -algebra on \mathbb{R}^d , and let μ be Lebesgue measure on $(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^d})$. Since every open subset of \mathbb{R}^d is Lebesgue measurable, $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^d}$ is contained in the σ -algebra $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{R}^d}$ of Lebesgue measurable subsets of \mathbb{R}^d . By Theorem 1.37, the σ -algebra $\overline{\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^d}}$ constructed in 1.1 is precisely $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{R}^d}$, and μ is Lebesgue measure $|\cdot|$ on $(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{R}^d})$. \diamond

5) Consider the δ -measure as a measure on $(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^d})$. In this case

$\overline{\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^d}} = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)$, and $\delta = \delta$ on $(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d))$.

8.8 SUGGESTED READINGS AND REFERENCES

Fundamentals of Real Analysis, S K. Berberian, Springer.

An introduction to measure theory Terence Tao

Measure Theory Authors: **Bogachev**, Vladimir I

Chovanec Ferdinand. Cantor sets. Sci. Military J. 2010

Christopher Shaver. An exploration of the cantor set. Rose-Hulman

Undergraduate Mathematics Journal.

Dauben Joseph Warren, Corinthians I. Georg cantor: The battle for transfinite set theory. American Mathematical Society.

Su Francis E, et al. Devil's staircase. Math Fun Facts.

8.9 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

1 .Check section 8.3. For answer to check your progress 1.1

2 .Check section 9.3 for check your progress to 1.2

UNIT 9 LIMIT OF SEQUENCES OF SETS

STRUCTURE

- 9.1 Objectives
- 9.2 Introduction
- 9.3 SEQUENCES AND SERIES OF FUNCTIONS
- 9.4 Limit Superior and Limit Inferior
- 9.5 Let us sum up
- 9.6 keywords
- 9.7 questions for review
- 9.8 suggested readings and references
- 9.9 Answers to check your progress

9.1 OBJECTIVE

After going through this unit, you will be able to:

- Understand what sequence and series of function is

Explain uniform convergence

In this unit we discuss about limit of sequences, limit superior and limit inferior.

9.2 INTRODUCTION

The study of advanced calculus is based on the thorough understanding of sequences and real numbers. There are various kinds of sequences such as bounded and monotonic sequences. A sequence (a_n) of real numbers is said to be bounded above if there exists a real number $M \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $a_n \leq M$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$. A sequence (a_n) is said to be bounded below if there exists a real number $m \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $m \leq a_n$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$. A sequence (a_n) is said to be bounded if it is both bounded above and bounded below. A sequence (a_n) is monotonic increasing if $a_{n+1} \geq a_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. The sequence is strictly monotonic increasing if we have

Notes

>in the definition. Monotonic decreasing sequences are defined similarly.

The limit of a sequence is the value that the terms of a sequence "tend to". If such a limit exists, the sequence is called convergent. A sequence which does not converge is said to be divergent. The limit of a sequence is said to be the fundamental notion on which the whole of analysis ultimately rests. A sequence is said to be convergent if it approaches some limit. A sequence converges when it keeps getting closer and closer to a certain value. A sequence $\{f_n\}$ of functions is said to converge point wise on a set S to a limit function f , if for each $x \in S$ and for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists an N (depending on x and ε) such that, $1/2 f_n(x) - f(x) 1/2 <$
 ε , for all $n > N$. A sequence of real valued functions $\langle f_n \rangle$ defined on a set S is said to converge uniformly to a real valued function f on S if for $\varepsilon > 0 \exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon \quad n \geq m \quad \text{and} \quad x \in S$$

In this unit, you will study about sequences and series of function, uniform convergence in detail.

In mathematics, the **limit** of a sequence of sets A_1, A_2, \dots (subsets of a common set X) is a set whose elements are determined by the sequence in either of two equivalent ways: **(1)** by upper and lower bounds on the sequence that converge monotonically to the same set (analogous to convergence of real-valued sequences) and **(2)** by convergence of a sequence of indicator functions which are themselves real-valued. As is the case with sequences of other objects, convergence is not necessary or even usual.

More generally, again analogous to real-valued sequences, the less restrictive **limit infimum** and **limit supremum** of a set sequence always exist and can be used to determine convergence: the limit exists if the limit infimum and limit supremum are identical. (See below). Such set limits are essential in measure theory and probability.

It is a common misconception that the limits infimum and supremum described here involve sets of accumulation points, that is, sets of $x = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k$, where each x_k is in some A_n . This is only true if convergence is determined by the discrete metric (that is, $x_n \rightarrow x$ if there is N such that $x_n = x$ for all $n \geq N$).

9.3 SEQUENCES AND SERIES OF FUNCTIONS

A sequence is a function whose domain is the set of natural numbers. If the codomain is the set \mathbb{R} of real numbers, it is called a real sequence; if it is the set \mathbb{C} of complex numbers, it is called a complex sequence and likewise if it is a set of polynomials, it is a sequence of polynomials.

The image of the numbers 1, 2, 3, ... are called the first, second, third terms of the sequence, respectively.

Thus a real sequence can be conceived as a collection of numbers so that to every natural number there is a unique member of that collection. If the natural number is n , the corresponding number is denoted by x_n or y_n or z_n or u_n etc., and is called the n th term of the sequence. The sequence is denoted by $\{x_n\}$.

$$\frac{1}{n} \quad \text{Thus } x_n = \frac{1}{n}$$

is a sequence whose 1st, 2nd, 3rd terms are respectively 1,

$$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots. \text{ This sequence is called the } \textit{harmonic sequence}.$$

2 3

Another example of a sequence is $y_n = (-1)^n$. The first few terms of the sequence are $\{-1, 1, -1, 1, \dots\}$.

The sequence $Z_n = 5$ is also a sequence, each of its term being 5.

Such a sequence is called a *constant sequence*.

Bounded and Unbounded Sequences

A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is said to be *bounded above* if all its terms are less than or

Notes

equal to a real number, i.e., there exists $K \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x_n \leq K$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

As for example, the sequence

is bounded above since $\left\{ \frac{1}{n} \right\}$ ≤ 1 for all n

$\in \mathbb{R}$, the sequence $\left\{ \frac{5n+1}{2n^2} \right\}$

is bounded above since

≤ 3 for all n , but the

sequence $\{n^2\}$ is not bounded above since there exists no such real number K so that $n^2 \leq K$ for all n . In fact it is easy to observe that for every real number K there is an n such that $n^2 > K$. Such a sequence as above is called an unbounded sequence.

A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is said to be *bounded below* if all its terms are greater than or equal to a real number, i.e., there exists $K \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x_n \geq K$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

□. The sequence

is bounded below since $\left\{ \frac{1}{n} \right\}$

for all n . The sequence $\frac{1}{n} \geq 0$

$\left\{ \frac{5n+1}{3n^2} \right\}$

is also bounded below since

for all n . The sequence $\left\{ \frac{5n+1}{3n^2} \right\}$

$\{(-1)^n\}$ is bounded below since $(-1)^n \geq -1$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, but the sequence $\{(-2)^n\}$ is not bounded below since there is no such real number k for which $k \leq (-2)^n$. Indeed, if k is a negative real number, there always exists, an (odd) integer n such that $(-2)^n < k$.

A sequence is said to be *bounded* if it is bounded both above and below, i.e., if there exist $K, k \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $k \leq x_n \leq K$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

The numbers K and k are called respectively an upper bound and a lower bound of the sequence $\{x_n\}$. Note that if a sequence $\{x_n\}$ has an upper bound, it has many upper bounds; similarly if a sequence $\{x_n\}$ has a lower bound, it has

many lower bounds. For example, for the sequence $\left\{ \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \right\}$ is an upper bound, any real number greater than 3 is also an upper bound.

Monotone Sequence

A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is said to be *monotone increasing* if $x_n \leq x_{n+1}$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$; the sequence is called *strictly increasing* if $x_n < x_{n+1}$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Clearly the sequence $\{n^2\}$ is monotone (strictly) increasing since $n^2 \leq (n+1)^2$ always.

The sequence $\{(-2)^n\}$ is not monotone increasing since $(-2)^2 \not\leq (-2)^3$.

A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is said to be *monotone decreasing* if $x_{n+1} \leq x_n$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

the sequence is called *strictly decreasing* if $x_{n+1} < x_n$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

The sequence

is monotone (strictly) decreasing as $\left\{ \frac{1}{n^2 + 1} \right\}$

$(n+1)^2$
n^2
1

Notes

for every n . The sequence $\{-n^3\}$ is strictly decreasing

as $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$

$-(n+1)^3 < -n^3$ but the sequence

is not monotone or strictly decreasing

as $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 < \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^3$.

Convergent Sequence

A very natural inquiry about a sequence $\{x_n\}$ is whether the terms x_n come close to any real number when n is very very large. This is what is known as the convergence of a sequence.

Definition: A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is said to *converge* to a real number l if for every ε

> 0 , there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$|x_n - l| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for every } n \geq n_0$$

The number l is called *limit* of the sequence $\{x_n\}$.

The fact that $\{x_n\}$ converges to l is expressed symbolically by $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = l$.

A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is called *convergent* if it converges to a limit l . A sequence which converges to zero is called a *null sequence*.

The following facts follow readily from the definition:

Fact 1: A sequence may or may not converge.

Fact 2: If a sequence is convergent, it converges to a unique limit, i.e., it cannot converge to two different limits.

Fact 3: Every convergent sequence is always bounded, but not

conversely.

Proof: Let $\{x_n\}$ be a convergent sequence with limit l . Then for a given ε

(> 0) = ε , say, there exists a positive integer n_0 such that

$$|x_n - l| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_0$$

i.e., $l - \varepsilon < x_n < l + \varepsilon$ for all $n \geq n_0$

Fact 4 : A monotone increasing sequence bounded above is always convergent and converges to its least upper bound.

Fact 5 : A monotone decreasing sequence bounded below is always convergent and converges to its greatest lower bound.

Fact 6 : Every constant sequence is

convergent. Let $L = \min \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots\}$

$$|l - L| = 0 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{and } U = \max \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots\} \in \mathbb{R}$$

then $L < x_n < U$ for all n . Hence $\{x_n\}$ is a bounded sequence.

But the converse of this theorem is not true.

For example, the sequence $\{1 + (-1)^n\}$ is bounded but it does not converge to any finite limit. If the sequence is $\{0, 2, 0, 2, \dots\}$ then its lower bound is 0 and upper bound is 2.

Cauchy's Criterion of Convergence

Since proof of convergence of a sequence requires determination of the limit, proving convergence is not always easy. Cauchy therefore provided an alternative way to prove convergence of a sequence, called Cauchy's criterion which avoids the determination of the limit. This may be stated as follows:

A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is convergent iff, for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$, usually depending on ε , such that

$$|x_m - x_n| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } m, n \geq n_0.$$

Notes

or equivalently, $|x_{n+p} - x_n| < \varepsilon$ for all $n \geq n_0, p = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

The sequence $\left\{ \frac{1}{n} \right\}$

$$\left| \frac{1}{n+p} - \frac{1}{n} \right| < \varepsilon \quad n$$

is convergent since

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n+p} - \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon \\ & \text{if } \frac{p}{n(n+p)} < \varepsilon \\ & \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon \quad \text{i.e., if } n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \\ & \text{i.e., if } n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}, \text{ i.e., if } n \geq \left\lceil \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right\rceil \\ & = \left\lceil \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right\rceil \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left| \frac{1}{n+p} - \frac{1}{n} \right| < \varepsilon \quad \Rightarrow \quad n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$$

Example 4.1: Show that the sequence $\{x_n\}$ is convergent when

$$x_n = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$$

Solution: Observe

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot n} < \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$$

For $m > n$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| -x_n - \left(\frac{1}{(n+1)!} + \frac{1}{(n+2)!} + \dots + \frac{1}{m} \right) \right| < \frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{m-1}} \\
 & x \\
 & m \\
 & = \\
 & = \frac{1}{2^n} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{m-n}} \right) \\
 & = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{m-n+1}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} < \frac{1}{2} \\
 & = \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} < \varepsilon \\
 & \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\{x_n\}$ is convergent.

Algebra of Limits

The following result is of immense importance in evaluation of limits.

Theorem 4.1: If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = l$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = m$, then

- (i) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{x_n + y_n\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = l + m.$
- (ii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{x_n - y_n\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = l - m.$
- (iii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{x_n y_n\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = l \cdot m$

(iv) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n}{y_n} = \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n} = \frac{l}{m}$

if $m \neq 0$, provided the above limits exist.

Notes

Another result plays a dominant role in many situations. This is the so called *sandwich theorem* stated as follows:

Theorem 4.2: (a) If $x_n < y_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n$.

(b) If $x_n < y_n < z_n$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = l$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = l$.

The proofs of the above theorems are outside the scope of this text.

Example 4.2: Show that the sequence $\left\{ \frac{2n+3}{3n-2} \right\}$ is convergent.

Solution: Since $-4 < 9$, $6n-4 < 6n+9$. or $\frac{2n+3}{3n-2} > \frac{2}{3}$

or

Hence the sequence $\left\{ \frac{2n+3}{3n-2} \right\}$ is bounded below.

Further taking, $x_n = \frac{2n+3}{3n-2}$, we observe

$$x_n - x_{n+1} = \frac{2n+3}{3n-2} - \frac{2(n+1)+3}{3(n+1)-2}$$

$$= \frac{(2n-3)(3n-1)(2n+5)(3n-2)}{(3n-2)^2}$$

=

i.e., $x_{n+1} \leq x_n$ for all n .

$$= \frac{\left\{ \frac{2n+3}{3n-2} \right\}}{\left\{ \frac{2n+3}{3n-2} \right\}} \frac{6n^2 + 11n - 3 - 6n^2 - 11n + 10}{(3n-2)(3n+1)} = \frac{13}{(3n-2)(3n+1)} \geq 0$$

for all n

Thus convergent.

being monotone decreasing and bounded

below is

Divergent and Oscillatory Sequences

A sequence may be such that its terms become successively larger and larger, ultimately exceeding any big number. Such a sequence is said to diverge to

$+\infty$. On the other hand, a sequence may have decreasing terms so that ultimately it becomes smaller than any negative but numerically large real number.

Such a sequence is said to diverge to $-\infty$. Such sequences are also possible the terms of which do not approach any definite real number nor do exceed any large positive real number or recede any arbitrary negative number.

These are nothing but oscillatory sequences. The formal definitions go as follows:

Definition: A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is said to *diverge* to $+\infty$ if for every large $G > 0$, there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$x_n \geq G \text{ for all } n \geq n_0.$$

The fact $\{x_n\}$ diverges to ∞ is expressed symbolically by $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n =$

∞ .

n

Notes

A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is said to diverge to $-\infty$ if for every large $G > 0$, there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$x_n \leq -G \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_0.$$

This is expressed symbolically by $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = -\infty$.

A non-constant sequence which is bounded and not convergent is a finitely oscillatory sequence and a non-constant sequence which is unbounded and not convergent is an infinitely oscillatory sequence. For example, the sequence $x_n = 5 - (-1)^n 2$ is a finitely oscillatory sequence but the sequence $y_n = (-2)^n$ is an infinitely oscillatory sequence.

Theorem 4.3: If $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence such that

$$0 < l < 1,$$

then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x_{n+1}| = l \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x_n|$$

the sequence $\{x_n\}$ is a null sequence, i.e., $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$.

Proof: Beyond the scope of this book.

$$x^n$$

Example 4.3: Prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{n} = 0 \quad \text{for every real value of } x.$$

n

n

x^n

Solution: Here $x =$

$$\left| \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} \right| = \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \times \frac{n}{x^n} \right| = \left| \frac{x}{n} \right|$$

and x_n

$$= \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{n+1} \rightarrow 0$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for all real value of x .

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} \right| = 0$$

Hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{n} = 0$$

Example 4.4: Prove that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{n} = 0$ if $|x| < 1$.

0 if $|x| < 1$.

Solution: Here $x = \frac{x}{n}$

and $x_{n+1} = x$

$$\square \quad \left| \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} \right| = \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \times \frac{n}{x^n} \right| = \left| \frac{nx}{n+1} \right| = \frac{n}{n+1} |x|$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} |x| = |x|$$

x 0 if $|x| < 1$.

n

When $x = 1$, the given sequence is a harmonic sequence which converges to $\frac{1}{n}$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and when $x = -1$, the given sequence is as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$\frac{1}{n}$ which converges to zero

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$$

$n \quad n$

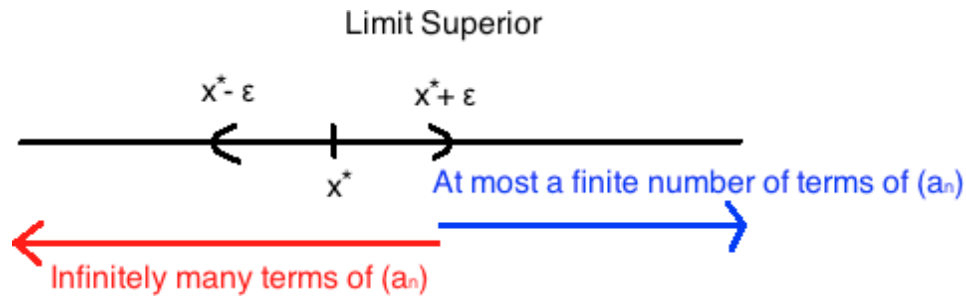
9.4 LIMIT SUPERIOR AND LIMIT INFERIOR

Definition: If (a_n) is a bounded sequence, then the limit superior of (a_n) is a real number x^* denoted $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = x^*$ such

that $\forall \epsilon > 0$ there exists an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that if $n \geq N$ then $a_n < x^* + \epsilon$ and there are infinitely many terms of a_n in $V_\epsilon(x^*)$. Similarly, the limit inferior is a

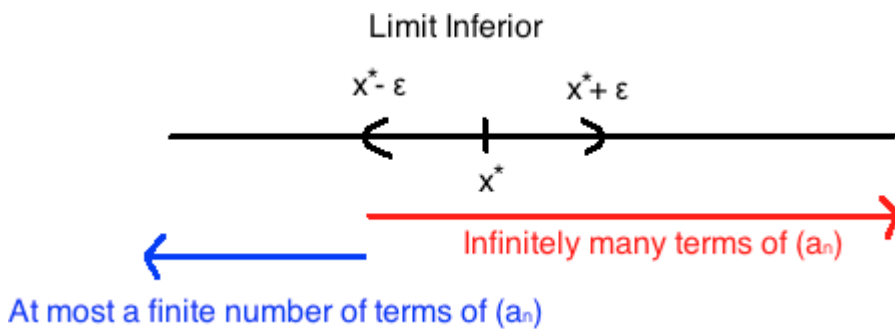
real number x_* denoted $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = x_*$ such that $\forall \epsilon > 0$ there exists an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that if $n \geq N$ then $x_* - \epsilon < a_n$ and there are infinitely many terms of a_n in $V_\epsilon(x_*)$.

Let's first look at the limit superior of a sequence:



From the definition of the limit superior of a bounded sequence, then for all $\epsilon > 0$ there exists an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that if $n \geq N$ then $a_n < x^* + \epsilon$.

Therefore, given some positive ϵ we can find a natural number N such that all successive terms a_n are less than $x^* + \epsilon$. Therefore, for finite first few terms up until N it is possible that $x^* + \epsilon < a_n$ but since there are only a finite number of terms for which this can happen, it follows that there are only a finite number of terms a_n such that $x^* + \epsilon < a_n$ for any $\epsilon > 0$.



The limit superior of a sequence is analogous. For all $\epsilon > 0$ there exists an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that if $n \geq N$ then $x^* - \epsilon < a_n$. Therefore, given some positive ϵ we can find a natural number N such that all successive terms a_n are greater than $x^* - \epsilon$. Therefore, for the finite first few terms up until N it is possible that $a_n < x^* - \epsilon$ but since there are only a finite

Notes

number of terms for which this can happen, it follows that there are only a finite number of terms a_n such that $a_n < x^* - \epsilon$.

Theorem 1: Let (x_n) be a bounded sequence. The following statements are equivalent:

a) $x^* = \limsup x_n$.

b) If $A = \{a : a \text{ is an accumulation point of } (x_n)\}$ then $x^* = \sup A$.

c) If $B = \{x : x < x_n \text{ for at most finitely many } n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ then $x^* = \inf B$.

Proof Let (x_n) be a bounded sequence of real numbers.

a) \Rightarrow b)

Let $x^* = \limsup x_n$, and let $s = \sup A$.

We ultimately want to show that $x^* = s$. First note

that x^* is an [accumulation point](#) of the

sequence (x_n) since $\forall \epsilon > 0$, by the definition of the limit

superior, $\forall \epsilon (x^*)$ contains infinitely many terms of (x_n)

and eventually for some $N \in \mathbb{N}$ if $n \geq N$ then all successive

terms x_n are contained in $\forall \epsilon (x^*)$.

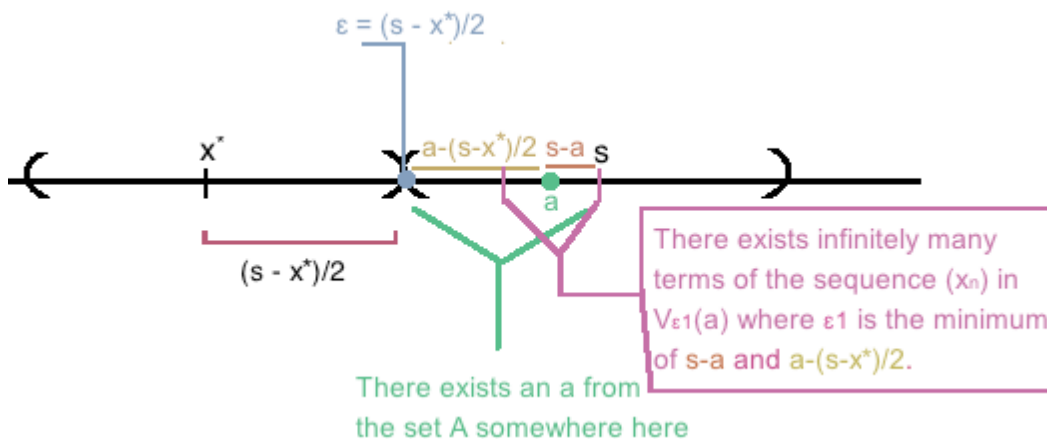
Therefore $x^* \in A$ and so $x^* \leq s = \sup A$ by the definition

that s is the supremum of A .

- Now we will show that it is not possible that $x^* < s$ which will force $x^* = s$.

- Suppose that $x^* < s$. Then it follows that $s - x^* > 0$ and so $(s - x^*)/2 > 0$. Let $\epsilon = (s - x^*)/2$.

- Now since $s = \sup A$ (as a reminder A is the set of accumulation points of the sequence (x_n)), then it follows that since $(s - x^*)/2 < s$ that there exists an accumulation point $a \in A$ such that $(s - x^*)/2 < a \leq s$. By the definition of an accumulation point of a sequence (x_n) there exists a subsequence of (x_n) , call it (x_{n_k}) such that $\forall \epsilon > 0$ and for all $N \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists an $n \geq N$ such that x_n is in $V_\epsilon(a)$. Let $\epsilon_1 = \min\{a - (s - x^*)/2, s - a\}$. Then there exists infinitely many terms of (x_n) in $V_{\epsilon_1}(a)$.



- But this is a contradiction to the fact that $x^* = \limsup x_n$ since then there exists infinitely many terms to the

Notes

right of $x^* + \epsilon$, in other words, there does not exist an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\forall n \geq N$ then $x_n < x^* + \epsilon$. Thus it cannot be that $x^* < s$ and so $x^* = s = \sup A$.

- $b) \Rightarrow c)$. Consider the set $B = \{x : x < x_n \text{ for at most finitely many } n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Notice that for all $\epsilon > 0$ we have that $(x^* + \epsilon) \in B$ since there are only a finite number of terms x_n such that $x^* + \epsilon < x_n$. Thus there are an infinite number of terms x_n such that $x^* - \epsilon < x_n < x^*$, and thus $\forall \epsilon > 0, (x^* - \epsilon) \notin B$. Since $x^* = \sup A$ it follows that then $x^* = \sup A = \inf B$.

Theorem. Let $\{A_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}^+}$ be a sequence of sets with $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+ = \{1, 2, \dots\}$. Then

1. for \mathbb{I} ranging over all infinite subsets of \mathbb{Z}^+ ,

$$\lim_{\mathbb{I}} \sup A_i = \sup_{i \in \mathbb{I}} A_i, \lim_{\mathbb{I}} \inf A_i = \inf_{i \in \mathbb{I}} A_i,$$

2. for \mathbb{I} ranging over all subsets of \mathbb{Z}^+ with finite complement,

$$\lim_{\mathbb{I}} \inf A_i = \inf_{i \in \mathbb{I}} A_i, \lim_{\mathbb{I}} \sup A_i = \sup_{i \in \mathbb{I}} A_i,$$

$$3. \liminf A_i \subseteq \limsup A_i \quad \liminf_{i \in I} A_i \subseteq \limsup_{i \in I} A_i.$$

Proof.

1. We need to show, for I ranging over all infinite subsets of \mathbb{Z}^+ ,

$$\bigcup_{I \in \mathcal{I}} \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{i=n}^{\infty} A_i. \quad (1)$$

Let x be an element of the LHS, the left hand side of Equation (1).

Then $x \in \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$ for some infinite subset $I \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^+$.

Certainly, $x \in \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$. Now,

suppose $x \in \bigcup_{i=k}^{\infty} A_i$. Since I is infinite, we can find

an $l \in I$ such that $l > k$. Being a member of I , we have

that $x \in A_l \subseteq \bigcup_{i=k+1}^{\infty} A_i$. By induction, we

have $x \in \bigcup_{i=n}^{\infty} A_i$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Thus x is an

element of the RHS. This proves one side of the inclusion (\subseteq) in (1).

To show the other inclusion, let x be an element of the RHS.

So $x \in \bigcup_{i=n}^{\infty} A_i$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. In $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$,

pick the least element n_0 such that $x \in A_{n_0}$. Next,

in $\bigcup_{i=n_0+1}^{\infty} A_i$, pick the least n_1 such

that $x \in A_{n_1}$. Then the set $I = \{n_0, n_1, \dots\}$ fulfills the

requirement $x \in \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$, showing the other inclusion (\supseteq).

2. Here we have to show, for I ranging over all subsets of \mathbb{Z}^+ with $\mathbb{Z}^+ - I$ finite,

$$\bigcup_{I \in \mathcal{I}} \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{i=n}^{\infty} A_i. \quad (2)$$

Notes

Suppose first that x is an element of the LHS so that $x \in \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$ for some I with $\mathbb{Z}^+ - I$ finite. Let n_0 be an upper bound of the finite set $\mathbb{Z}^+ - I$ such that for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ - I$, $n < n_0$. This means that any $m \geq n_0$, we have $m \in I$. Therefore, $x \in \bigcap_{i=n_0}^{\infty} A_i$ and x is an element of the RHS.

Next, suppose x is an element of the RHS so that $x \in \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k$ for some n . Then the set $I = \{n_0, n_0+1, \dots\}$ is a subset of \mathbb{Z}^+ with finite complement that does the job for the LHS.

3. The set of all subsets (of \mathbb{Z}^+) with finite complement is a subset of the set of all infinite subsets. The third assertion is now clear from the previous two propositions. QED

Corollary. If $\{A_i\}$ is a decreasing sequence of sets, then

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf A_i &= \limsup A_i = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \\ \limsup A_i &= \liminf A_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, if $\{A_i\}$ is an increasing sequence of sets, then

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf A_i &= \limsup A_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \\ \limsup A_i &= \liminf A_i = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\inf_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i = \liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} A_i$$

$$\sup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i = \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} A_i = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i.$$

Proof. We shall only show the case when we have a descending chain of sets, since the other case is completely analogous.

Let $A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq \dots$ be a descending chain of sets.

Set $A = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$. We shall show that

$$\limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} A_i = \liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} A_i = A.$$

First, by the definition of a sequence of sets:

$$\limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} A_i = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = A.$$

$$\liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} A_i = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = A.$$

Now, by Assertion 3 of the above Theorem, $\liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} A_i \subseteq \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} A_i = A$

$\liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} A_i \subseteq \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} A_i = A$, so we only need to show that $A \subseteq \liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} A_i$

$A \subseteq \liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} A_i$. But this is immediate from the definition of A ,

being the intersection of all A_i with subscripts i taking on all values

of \mathbb{Z}^+ . Its complement is the empty set, clearly finite. Having shown

both the existence and equality of the $\liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} A_i$'s, we conclude that

the limit of A_i 's exist as well and it is equal to A .

Check your progress

1. Example Calculate $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ and $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ for $a_n = (-1)^n(n+5)/n$.

9.5 LET US SUM UP

In this unit we discussed the following

- Limit of sequence of sets
- Limit superior and limit inferior

9.6 KEYWORDS

limit superior The **limit superior** of is the smallest real number such that, for any positive real number , there exists a natural number such that for all . In other words, any number larger than the **limit superior** is an eventual upper bound for the sequence.

Limit inferior The **limit inferior** of is the largest real number such that, for any positive real number , there exists a natural number such that for all . In other words, any number below the **limit inferior** is an eventual lower bound for the sequence

9.7 QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW

1.Example Calculate $\limsup a_n$ and $\liminf a_n$ for $a_n = (-1)^n n / (n + 8)$.

9.8 SUGGESTED READINGS AND REFERENCES

Fundamentals of Real Analysis, S K. Berberian, Springer.

An introduction to measure theory Terence Tao

Measure Theory Authors: **Bogachev**, Vladimir I

Chovanec Ferdinand. Cantor sets. Sci. Military J. 2010

Christopher Shaver. An exploration of the cantor set. Rose-Hulman Undergraduate Mathematics Journal.

Dauben Joseph Warren, Corinthians I. Georg cantor: The battle for transfinite set theory. American Mathematical Society.

Su Francis E, et al. Devil's staircase. Math Fun Facts.

<http://www.math.hmc.edu/funfacts>, <http://www.math.hmc.edu/funfacts>

Amir D. Aczel, A Strange Wilderness the Lives of the Great Mathematicians, Sterling Publishing Co. 2011.

Planetmath.org

Proofwiki.Org

9.9 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

1. Solution

Define $\alpha_n = \sup \{a_k \mid k \geq n\}$. Then

$\alpha_n = \sup \{(-1)^n(n+5)/n, (-1)^{n+1}(n+6)/(n+1), \dots, (-1)^n(n+5)/n$ for n even, and $(n+6)/(n+1)$ for n odd

$\rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Therefore $\limsup a_n = 1$. Similarly $\liminf a_n = -1$.

UNIT 10 MEASURABLE FUNCTIONS THEOREMS

STRUCTURE

10.1 Objectives

10.2 Introduction

10.3 Measurable Functions

10.3.1 Properties of Measurable Functions

10.3.2 Approximation of Measurable Functions by
Sequence of Simple Functions

10.3.3 Measurable Functions as nearly Continuous Functions

10.4 Egoroff's Theorem

10.5 Lusin's Theorem

10.6 Let us sum up

10.7 Key Words

10.8 Questions for Review

10.9 Suggested Readings and References

10.10 Answers to Check Your Progress Questions

10.1 OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit, you will be able to:

- Understand measurable functions
- Explain Egoroff's theorem
- Discuss Lusin's theorem

10.2 INTRODUCTION

Measurable functions are functions that we can integrate with respect to measures in much the same way that continuous functions can be integrated "dx". Recall that the Riemann integral of a continuous function f over a bounded interval is defined as a limit of sums of lengths of subintervals times values of f on the subintervals. The measure of a set generalizes the length while elements of

the σ -field generalize the intervals. Recall that a real-valued function is continuous if and only if the inverse image of every open set is open. This generalizes to the inverse image of every measurable set being measurable.

In other words we can say that, a measurable function is a function between two measurable spaces such that the preimage of any measurable set is measurable, analogously to the definition that a function between topological spaces is continuous if the preimage of each open set is open. In real analysis, measurable functions are used in the definition of the Lebesgue integral. In probability theory, a measurable function on a probability space is known as a random variable.

In this unit, you will study about measurable functions, Egoroff's theorem and Lusin's theorem in detail

10.3 MEASURABLE FUNCTIONS

Suppose X be a set and U be a σ -algebra on X .

Definition: The pair (X, U) is called a measurable space.

Definition: Let f be a function defined on a measurable space (X, U) , with values in the extended real number system. The function f is called measurable if the set $\{x: f(x) > a\}$ is measurable for every real a .

Theorem 10.1: The conditions given below are equivalent:

1. $\{x: f(x) > a\}$ is measurable for every real a .
2. $\{x: f(x) \geq a\}$ is measurable for every real a .
3. $\{x: f(x) < a\}$ is measurable for every real a .
4. $\{x: f(x) \leq a\}$ is measurable for every real a .

Proof: The statement follows the equalities,

$$1. \{x : f(x) \geq a\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{x : f(x) > a - \frac{1}{n}\}$$

$$2. \{x : f(x) < a\} = X \setminus \{x : f(x) \geq a\}$$

1

$$3. \{x : f(x) \leq a\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{x : f(x) < a + \frac{1}{n}\}$$

$$4. \{x : f(x) > a\} = X \setminus \{x : f(x) \leq a\}$$

Theorem 10.2: Let $f(n)$ be a sequence of measurable functions. For $x \in X$, put

$$g(x) = \sup_n f_n(x),$$

$$(n \in N)$$

$$h(x) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$$

Then g and h are measurable.

Proof: Here, $\{x : g(x) \leq a\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{x : f_n(x) \leq a\}$

Now as the Left hand side is measurable, it follows that the Right hand side is measurable too. The same proof works for inf. Now,

$$h(x) = \inf_m g(x), \text{ where } g$$

$$g(x) = \sup_{n \geq m} f_n(x)$$

Theorem 10.3: Let f and g be measurable real valued functions defined on X .

Let

F be a real and continuous function on R^2 . Set $h(x) = F(f(x),$

$g(x))$

($x \in X$). Then, h is measurable.

Proof: Suppose $G = \{(u, v) : F(u, v) > a\}$. Then G is open subset of R^2 , and

hence $G =$

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n, \text{ where } (I) \text{ is a sequence of open intervals, } I = \{(u, v) : a < u < b, c < v < d\}.$$

The sets $\{x: a$

$$\{x: f(x) < b\} \text{ and } \{x: (f(x), g(x)) \in I\} = \{x: a < f(x) < b\} \cap$$

$$\{x: c < g(x) < d\} \text{ are measurable.}$$

Hence, the same holds for

$$\{x: h(x) > a\} = \{x: (f(x), g(x)) \in G\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{x: (f(x), g(x)) \in I_n\}$$

Corollary: Let f and g be measurable. Then, the following functions are measurable:

1. $f + g$
2. $f \cdot g$
3. $|f|$
4. f/g (if $g \neq 0$)
5. $\max\{f, g\}, \min\{f, g\}$

since, $\max\{f, g\} = 1/2(f + g + |f - g|)$ and $\min\{f, g\} = 1/2(f + g - |f - g|)$.

Definition: Let E be a measurable set and f be a function defined on E . Then f is said to be measurable (Lebesgue function) if for any real α , any one of the following four conditions is satisfied:

1. $\{x | f(x) > \alpha\}$ is measurable.
2. $\{x | f(x) \geq \alpha\}$ is measurable.
3. $\{x | f(x) < \alpha\}$ is measurable.
4. $\{x | f(x) \leq \alpha\}$ is measurable.

We will first prove that the above four conditions are equivalent.

(1) \Leftrightarrow (4): Since,

$$\{x | f(x) > \alpha\} = \{x | f(x) \leq \alpha\}^c$$

and also we know that complement of a measurable set is measurable, therefore (1) \Rightarrow (4) and conversely.

(2) \Leftrightarrow (3): Similarly since (2) and (3) are complement of each other, (3) is measurable if (2) is measurable and conversely.

Notes

(1) \Leftrightarrow (2): Now, it is sufficient to prove that (1) \Rightarrow (2) and conversely. Firstly, we show that (2) \Rightarrow (1).

The set $\{x \mid f(x) \geq \alpha\}$ is given to be measurable. Now,

$$\{x \mid f(x) > \alpha\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{x \mid f(x) \geq \alpha + 1/n\}$$

But by (2), $\{x \mid f(x) \geq \alpha + 1/n\}$ is measurable and we know that countable union of measurable sets is measurable. Hence, $\{x \mid f(x) > \alpha\}$ is measurable which implies that (2) \Rightarrow (1). Conversely, let (1) holds. We have,

$$\{x \mid f(x) \geq \alpha\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{x \mid f(x) > \alpha - 1/n\}$$

The set $\{x \mid f(x) > \alpha - 1/n\}$ is measurable by (1). Moreover, intersection of measurable sets is also measurable. Hence, $\{x \mid f(x) \geq \alpha\}$ is also measurable. Thus (1) \Rightarrow (2).

Hence, the four conditions are equivalent.

Lemma: If α is an extended real number then, the above four conditions imply that $\{x \mid f(x) = \alpha\}$ is also measurable.

Proof: Let α be a real number, then $\{x \mid f(x) = \alpha\} = \{x \mid f(x) \geq \alpha\} \cap \{x \mid f(x) \leq \alpha\}$.

Since $\{x \mid f(x) \geq \alpha\}$ and $\{x \mid f(x) \leq \alpha\}$ are measurable by conditions (2) and (4), the set $\{x \mid f(x) = \alpha\}$ is measurable being the intersection of measurable sets.

Let, $\alpha = +\infty$. Then,

$$\{x \mid f(x) = \infty\} =$$

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{x \mid f(x) \geq n\}$$

which is measurable by the condition (2) and because the intersection of measurable sets is measurable.

Similarly when $\alpha = -\infty$, then $\{x \mid f(x) = -\infty\} =$

again measurable by condition (4).

Hence proved.

10.3.1 Properties of Measurable Functions

\square $\{x \mid f(x) \leq -n\}$, which is

The set $\{x \mid f(x) > \alpha\}$ is inverse image of $(\alpha, \infty]$, where α is real. In the same way, the sets $\{x \mid f(x) \geq \alpha\}$, $\{x \mid f(x) < \alpha\}$ and $\{x \mid f(x) \in \alpha\}$ are inverse images of $[\alpha, \infty]$, $[-\infty, \alpha)$ and $[-\infty, \alpha]$ respectively. Hence, we can also define a measurable function as follows.

A function f defined on a measurable set E is said to be measurable if for any real α any one of the four conditions is satisfied:

1. The inverse image $f^{-1}(\alpha, \infty]$ of the half-open interval $(\alpha, \infty]$ is measurable.
2. For every real α , the inverse image $f^{-1}[\alpha, \infty]$ of the closed interval $[\alpha, \infty]$ is measurable.
3. The inverse image $f^{-1}[-\infty, \alpha)$ of the half open interval $[-\infty, \alpha)$ is measurable.
4. The inverse image $f^{-1}[-\infty, \alpha]$ of the closed interval $[-\infty, \alpha]$ is measurable.

Notes:

1. A necessary and sufficient condition for measurability is that, $\{x \mid a \leq f(x) \leq b\}$ should be measurable for all a, b [including the case $a = -\infty, b = +\infty$], as any set of this form can be written as the intersection of two sets, $\{x \mid f(x) \geq a\} \cap \{x \mid f(x) \leq b\}$.

If f is measurable, each of these is measurable and so is $\{x \mid a \leq f(x) \leq b\}$. Conversely any set of the form occurring in the definition can easily be expressed in terms of the sets of the form $\{x \mid a \leq f(x) \leq b\}$.

2. As (α, ∞) is an open set, we can define a measurable function as a function f defined on a measurable set E , for which for every open set G in the real number system, $f^{-1}(G)$ is a measurable set.

Definition: Characteristic function of a set E is defined by,

$$\chi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in E \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin E \end{cases}$$

Notes

$$E \quad \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in E \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin E \end{cases}$$

if $x \in E$

if $x \notin E$

This is also known as indicator function.

Theorem 10.4: For any real c and two measurable real valued functions f, g the four functions $f + c, cf, f + g$ and fg are measurable.

Proof: We have that f is a measurable function and c is any real number. Then for any real number α ,

$$\{x \mid f(x) + c > \alpha\} = \{x \mid f(x) > \alpha - c\}.$$

But, $\{x \mid f(x) > \alpha - c\}$ is measurable by the condition (1) of the definition.

Hence $\{x \mid f(x) + c > \alpha\}$ and thus $f(x) + c$ is measurable.

Now, consider the function cf . When $c = 0$, cf is the constant function 0 and hence is measurable since, every constant function is continuous and so measurable. When $c > 0$, we have $\{x \mid cf(x) > \alpha\} = \{x \mid f(x) > \alpha/c\} = f^{-1}(\alpha/c, \infty]$, and so measurable. When $c < 0$, we have $\{x \mid cf(x) > r\} = \{x \mid f(x) < r/c\}$, and so measurable.

Now, if f and g are two measurable real valued functions defined on the same domain, we will show that $f + g$ is measurable. For this, it is sufficient to show that the set $\{x \mid f(x) + g(x) > \alpha\}$ is measurable.

If $f(x) + g(x) > \alpha$, then $f(x) > \alpha - g(x)$ and there is a rational number r such that,

$$\alpha - g(x) < r < f(x)$$

Since the functions f and g are measurable, the sets $\{x \mid f(x) > r\}$ and $\{x \mid g(x) > \alpha - r\}$ are measurable. Hence, their intersection, $S = \{x \mid f(x) > r\} \cap \{x \mid g(x) > \alpha - r\}$

$\{x \mid g(x) > \alpha - r\}$ is also measurable.

It can be shown that, $\{x \mid f(x) + g(x) > \alpha\} = \bigcup_r S$

$\{r \mid r \text{ is rational}\}$.

As the set of rationals, is countable and countable union of measurable sets

is measurable, therefore the set $\bigcup_r S$ and hence, $\{x \mid f(x) + g(x) > \alpha\}$

$f(x)$

$+ g(x) > \alpha$ is measurable which establishes that $f(x) + g(x)$ is measurable.

From this part it follows that $f - g = f + (-g)$ is also measurable, since when g is measurable $(-g)$ is also measurable. Next, we consider f/g . The measurability of f/g follows from the identity,

$$f/g = \frac{1}{2} [(f + g)^2 - f^2 - g^2]^{1/2}$$

if we prove that f^2 is measurable when f is

measurable. So, it is sufficient to prove that, $\{x \in E \mid f^2(x) > \alpha\}$, where α is a real number, is measurable.

Let, α be a negative real number. Then, the set $\{x \mid f^2(x) > \alpha\} = E$ (domain of the measurable function f). But, E is measurable by the definition of f . Hence $\{x$

$\mid f^2(x) > \alpha\}$ is measurable when $\alpha < 0$.

Now let $\alpha \geq 0$, then $\{x \mid f^2(x) > \alpha\} = \{x \mid f(x) >$

$\sqrt{\alpha}$

$$\sqrt{\alpha}\} \cup \{x \mid f(x) < -$$

$\sqrt{\alpha}\}$.

Since f is measurable, it follows from this equality that $\{x \mid f^2(x) > \alpha\}$ is measurable for $\alpha \geq 0$. Hence, f^2 is also measurable when f is measurable. Therefore, the theorem follows from the above identity, since measurability of f and g imply the measurability of $f + g$.

From this we can also conclude that f/g ($g \neq 0$) is also measurable.

Theorem 10.5: If f is measurable, then $|f|$ is also measurable.

Proof: It is sufficient to prove the measurability of the set,

$\{x : |f(x)| > \alpha\}$, where α is any real number.

If $\alpha < 0$, then $\{x : |f(x)| > \alpha\} = E$ (domain of f)

But E is assumed to be measurable. Hence $\{x : |f(x)| > \alpha\} = \{x : |f(x)| > \alpha\} \cup \{x \mid f(x) < -\alpha\}$

The right hand side of the equality is measurable since f is measurable.

Hence, $\{x : |f(x)| > \alpha\}$ is also measurable.

This proves the theorem.

Theorem 10.6: Let $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$

be a sequence of measurable functions. Then, $\sup\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\}$, $\inf\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\}$, $\sup f$, $\inf f$ and $\lim f$ are measurable.

$$\sup_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n, \inf_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$$

Proof: Define a function $\varphi(x) = \sup\{f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x)\}$.

We will prove that $\{x \mid \varphi(x) > \alpha\}$ is measurable. In fact,

$$\{x \mid \varphi(x) > \alpha\} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \{x \mid f_i(x) > \alpha\}$$

Since each f_i is measurable, each of the set $\{x \mid f_i(x) > \alpha\}$ is measurable

and therefore their union is also measurable. Hence, $\{x \mid \varphi(x) > \alpha\}$ and so $\varphi(x)$

is measurable. In the same way, define the function $m(x) = \inf\{f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x)\}$. Now

$$\{x \mid m(x) < \alpha\} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \{x \mid f_i(x) < \alpha\}$$

since, $m(x) < \alpha$ iff $f_i(x) < \alpha$ for some i we have $\{x \mid m(x) < \alpha\} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \{x \mid f_i(x) < \alpha\}$ and since $\{x \mid f_i(x) < \alpha\}$ is measurable on account of the measurability

of f_i , we conclude that $\{x \mid m(x) < \alpha\}$ and so $m(x)$ is measurable.

Define a function,

$$M'(x) = \sup_n f(x) = \sup \{f, f, \dots, f\}$$

We will now prove that the set,

$\{x \mid M'(x) > \alpha\}$ is measurable for any real α .

Now,

$$\{x \mid M'(x) > \alpha\} =$$

$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{x \mid f(x) > \alpha\}$ is measurable, since each f is measurable.

Similarly, if we define $m'(x) = \inf$

$f(x)$, then

$$\{x \mid m'(x) < \alpha\} =$$

$\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \{x \mid f(x) < \alpha\}$

Therefore, measurability of f_n

implies measurability of $m'(x)$. Now as

$$\limsup f_n = \lim \sup f_n = \inf$$

$$\{ \sup f_n \}$$

and

$$\liminf f_n = \lim \inf f_n = \sup$$

$$\{ \inf f_n \}$$

$$n \geq k$$

lim f

$$= \sup \{ \inf$$

$$f_n \}$$

Notes

$$\left. \begin{matrix} n \\ n \geq k \end{matrix} \right\}$$

the upper and lower limits are measurable.

Lastly, if the sequence is convergent, its limit is the common value of $\limsup f_n$ and $\liminf f_n$ and hence is measurable.

Definition: Let f and g be measurable functions. Then we define,

$$f^+ = \text{Max}(f, 0)$$

$$f^- = \text{Max}(-f, 0)$$

$$f \vee g = \frac{f + g + |f - g|}{2}$$

$$f + g + |f - g|$$

$$\text{, i.e., Max}(f, g)$$

$$\text{and } f \wedge g =$$

$$\frac{f + g - |f - g|}{2}, \text{ i.e., min}(f, g)$$

2

Theorem 10.7: Suppose f be a measurable function. Then, f^+ and f^- are both measurable functions.

Proof: Let us suppose that $f > 0$. Then we have,

$$f^+ = f \text{ and } f^- = 0 \quad \dots(10.1)$$

So in this case we have,

$$f^+ = f \text{ and } f^- = 0$$

Now, let us take f to be negative. Then,

$$f^+ = \text{Max}(f, 0) = 0$$

$$f^- = \text{Max}(-f, 0) = -f \quad \dots(10.2)$$

Therefore on subtraction,

$$f = f - f$$

In case $f = 0$, then

$$f = 0, \quad f = 0 \quad \dots(10.3)$$

f

Therefore,

$$f = f - f$$

Thus, for all f we have

$$f = f - f \quad \dots(10.4)$$

Also, adding the components of Equation (10.1) we have,

$$f = |f| = f - f \quad \dots(10.5)$$

since, f is positive.

And from Equation (10.2) when f is negative we have,

$$f + f = 0 - f = -f = |f| \quad \dots(10.6)$$

In case f is zero, then

$$f + f = 0 + 0 = 0 = |f| \quad \dots(10.7)$$

That is for all f , we have

$$|f| = f - f \quad \dots(10.8)$$

Adding Equations (10.4) and (10.8) we have,

$$f + |f| = 2f$$

$$\Rightarrow f = 1/2 (|f| - f) \quad \dots(10.9)$$

Similarly on subtracting, we obtain

Notes

$$- \quad f = 1/2 (|f| - f) \quad \dots(10.10)$$

Since, measurability of f implies the measurability of $|f|$, it is obvious from

Equations (10.9) and (10.10) that f and f are measurable.

Theorem 10.8: If f and g are two measurable functions, then $f \vee g$ and $f \wedge g$ are measurable.

Proof: We know that,

$$f + g + |f - g|$$

$$f \vee g = \frac{\quad}{2}$$

$$f + g - |f - g|$$

$$f \wedge g = \frac{\quad}{2}$$

Now, measurability of $f \Rightarrow$ measurability of $|f|$. Also if f and g are measurable, then measurable.

$f + g$,

$f - g$ are measurable. Hence, $f \vee g$ and $f \wedge g$ are

Definition: A statement is said to hold almost everywhere in E , if and only if it holds everywhere in E except possibly at a subset D of measure zero.

Examples:

1. Two functions f and g defined on E are said to be equal almost everywhere in E , iff $f(x) = g(x)$ everywhere except a subset D of E of measure zero.
2. A function defined on E is said to be continuous almost everywhere in E , if and only if there exists a subset D of E of measure zero such that, f is continuous at every point of $E - D$.

Theorem 10.9: (a) If f is a measurable function on the set E and $E \subset E$ is measurable set, then f is a measurable function on E_1 .

(b) If f is a measurable function on each of the sets in a countable collection

$\{E_i\}$ of disjoint measurable sets, then f is measurable.

Proof:

(a) For any real α , we have $\{x \in E ; f(x) > \alpha\} = \{x \in E ; f(x) > \alpha\} \cap E$.

The

1 1
 result follows as the set on the right hand side is measurable.

∞
 (b) Write $E = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i$. Clearly, E , being the union of measurable set is measurable.

The result now follows, since for each real α , we have

$$E = \{x \in E; f(x) > \alpha\} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \{x \in E_i; f(x) > \alpha\}.$$

Theorem 10.10: Suppose f and g be any two functions, which are equal almost everywhere in E . If f is measurable then g is also measurable.

Proof: Since f is measurable, for any real α the set $\{x | f(x) > \alpha\}$ is measurable. Now, we have to show that the set $\{x | g(x) > \alpha\}$ is measurable. For this, put

$$E_1 = \{x | f(x) > \alpha\}$$

$$E_2 = \{x | g(x) > \alpha\}$$

Consider the sets $E_1 - E_2$ and $E_2 - E_1$. Since $f = g$ almost everywhere, therefore measures of these sets are zero. That is, both of these sets are measurable. Now,

$$E_1 = [E_1 \cup (E_2 - E_1)] - (E_2 - E_1)$$

$$= [E_1 \cup (E_2 - E_1)] \cap (E_2 - E_1)^c$$

Since E_1 , $E_2 - E_1$ and $(E_2 - E_1)^c$ are measurable, therefore we get that E_1 is measurable. Hence, the theorem is proved.

Corollary: Let, $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of measurable functions such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n = f$$

f almost everywhere. Then, f is a measurable function.

Proof: We have already proved that if $\{f_n\}$ is a sequence of measurable functions

then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n$ is measurable. Also, it is given that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n = f$ almost everywhere.

Therefore, using the above theorem it follows that f is measurable.

Notes

Theorem 10.11: Characteristic function χ_A is measurable if and only if A is measurable.

Proof: Let A be measurable. Then,

$$\chi_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A, \text{ i.e., } x \in A^c \end{cases}$$

Hence, it is clear from the definition that domain of χ_A is $A \cup A^c$ which is measurable due to the measurability of A . Therefore, we need to prove that the set $\{x \mid \chi_A(x) > \alpha\}$ is measurable for any real α .

Let $\alpha \geq 0$. Then, $\{x \mid \chi_A(x) > \alpha\} = \{x \mid \chi_A(x) = 1\}$

$= A$ (By the definition of characteristic function)

But, A is given to be measurable. Hence for $\alpha \geq 0$, the set $\{x \mid \chi_A(x) > \alpha\}$ is measurable. Now, let us take $\alpha < 0$. Then,

$$\{x \mid \chi_A(x) > \alpha\} = A \cup A^c$$

So $\{x \mid \chi_A(x) > \alpha\}$ is measurable for $\alpha < 0$ also, since $A \cup A^c$ has been proved to be measurable. Therefore if A is measurable, then χ_A is also measurable.

Conversely, let us suppose that $\chi_A(x)$ is measurable or the set $\{x \mid \chi_A(x) > \alpha\}$ is measurable for any real α . Let $\alpha \geq 0$. Then,

$$\{x \mid \chi_A(x) > \alpha\} = \{x \mid \chi_A(x) = 1\} = A$$

Therefore, measurability of $\{x \mid \chi_A(x) > \alpha\}$ implies that of the set A for $\alpha \geq 0$. Now consider $\alpha < 0$. Then,

$$\{x \mid \chi_A(x) > \alpha\} = A \cup A^c$$

Thus measurability of $\chi_A(x)$ implies measurability of the set $A \cup A^c$ which implies that the set A is measurable.

Theorem 10.12: If a function f is continuous almost everywhere in E , then it is measurable.

Proof: As f is continuous almost everywhere in E , therefore there exists a subset D of E with $m^*D = 0$ such that f is continuous at every point of the set $C = E - D$. To prove that f is measurable, let α denote any given real number.

It is sufficient to prove that the inverse image $B = f^{-1}(\alpha, \infty) = \{x \in E \mid f(x) > \alpha\}$ of the interval (α, ∞) is measurable. For doing this, let X denote an arbitrary point in $B \cap C$. Then, $f(x) > \alpha$ and f is continuous at X . Hence, there exists an open

interval U_x

Let,

containing X such that $f(y) > \alpha$ holds true for every point y of $E \cap U$.

$$U = \bigcup_{x \in B \cap C} U_x$$

Since $x \in E \cap U \subset B$ holds for every $x \in B \cap C$, we have

$$B \cap C \subset E \cap U \subset B$$

This implies,

$$B = (E \cap U) \cup (B \cap D)$$

As an open subset of R , U is measurable. Hence, $E \cap U$ is measurable. On the other hand, since $m^*(B \cap D) \leq m^*D = 0$, $B \cap D$ is also measurable. This implies that B is measurable. This completes the proof of the theorem.

Definition: A function ϕ , defined on a measurable set E , is called simple if there is a finite disjoint class $\{E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n\}$ of measurable sets and a finite set $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ of real numbers such that,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \alpha_i & \text{if } x \in E_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n \end{cases}$$

if $x \in E_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

if $x \notin E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n$

Thus, a function is simple if it is measurable and takes only a finite number of different values.

The simplest example of a simple function is the characteristic function χ_E of a measurable set E .

Definition: A function is said to be a step function if, $f(x) = C_i$, $\xi_{i-1} < x < \xi_i$ for

some subdivision of $[a, b]$ and some constants C_i . Clearly, a step function is a simple function.

Theorem 10.13: Every simple function ϕ on E is a linear combination of characteristic functions of measurable subsets of E .

Proof: Let ϕ be a simple function and c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n denote the non zero real

numbers in its image $\phi(E)$. For each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

Let,

$$A_i = \{ x \in E : \phi(x) = c_i \}$$

Then we have,

$$\phi = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \chi_{A_i}$$

On the other hand, if $\phi(E)$ contains no non zero real number, then $\phi = 0$ and is the characteristic function χ_\emptyset of the empty subset of E .

10.3.2 Approximation of Measurable Functions by Sequence of Simple Functions

Definition: A function $s : X \rightarrow Y$ is a simple function if the range of s is a finite set. If s is a simple function and if $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ is the range of s , then we set $E =$

$s^{-1}(\{a_i\}), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Thus,

$$s(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \chi_{E_i}(x)$$

This is known as the canonical representation of the simple function s .

A nonnegative simple function is a simple function in which the range is contained in

$[0, \infty)$. In particular, simple functions only take on finite values.

Notes:

1. s is measurable if and only if each E_k in the canonical representation is measurable.

2. If $X = A \cup B$ and $A \cap B = \emptyset$, then $s = 1 = \chi_A + \chi_B$ is measurable irrespective of whether or not A and B are measurable. So if $A, B \neq \emptyset$, then $A, B \in \mathcal{M}$ if and only if $s^{-1}(\{y\})$ for any y in the range of s . Therefore, in the canonical representation we have $s(x) = \sum a_i \chi_{E_i}(x)$, where the a_i are mutually distinct and the E_i are mutually disjoint.

Theorem 10.14: If (X, \mathcal{M}) is a measurable space and $f : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is measurable, then there is a sequence $\{s_n\}$ of simple measurable functions such that,

- (a) For each $x \in X, 0 \leq s_1(x) \leq s_2(x) \leq \dots \leq f(x)$.
- (b) For each $x \in X, s_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
- (c) If $A \subseteq X$ is such that $f|_A$ is bounded, then $s_n|_A \rightarrow f|_A$ uniformly.

Proof: Set $n \in \mathbb{N}$. For $0 \leq k < n2^n$ we fix,

$$F_{n,k} = [k2^{-n}, (k+1)2^{-n}). \text{ Then, } F_{n,k} \cap F_{n,j} = \emptyset \text{ for } k \neq j \text{ and } n2^{n-1} \leq k, j < n2^n$$

□

$k=0$

$$F_{n,k}$$

$$= [0, n).$$

Define $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by

Notes

$$\varphi_n(t) = \begin{cases} k2^{-n}, & \text{if } t \in F \text{ where } 0 \leq k < n2^n \\ n, & \text{if } n \leq t \leq \infty \end{cases}$$

Then, each ϕ is Borel measurable

$$\varphi(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n2^n-1} k 2^{-n} \chi_{F_{n,k}}(x)$$

$$(x) + n\chi_{[n, \infty)}(x)$$

Claim: For each n we have,

$$\varphi_n(t) \leq \varphi_{n+1}(t)$$

Note that,

$$\forall t \in [0, \infty).$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{n,k} &= [k2^{-n}, (k+1)2^{-n}) \\ &= [2k 2^{-(n+1)}, 2(k+1)2^{-(n+1)}) \\ &= [2k 2^{-(n+1)}, 2(k+1)2^{-(n+1)}) \cup [(2k+1)2^{-(n+1)}, (2k+2)2^{-(n+1)}) \\ &= \sup_{x \in A} |s_n(x) - f(x)| \leq \sup_{t \in [0, M]} |\varphi_n(t) - t| \end{aligned}$$

$$= F_{n+1, 2k} \cup F_{n+1, 2k+1}$$

Thus, if $0 \leq t < n$, then $\exists k$ such that $t \in F_{n,k}$.

Case 1: If $t \in F_{n,k}$, then, $\varphi(t) = k2^{-n}$ and $\varphi_{n+1}(t) = 2k 2^{-(n+1)} = k2^{-n}$.

Case 2: If $t \in F_{n,k}$,

then, $\varphi(t) = k2^{-n}$ and $\varphi_{n+1}(t) = (k+1)2^{-(n+1)}$.

$$\phi(t) = (2k+1)2^{-(n+1)} = \varphi(t)$$

$$+2^{-(n+1)} \geq \varphi(t).$$

$$\frac{n+1, 2k+1}{n+1} \quad \frac{n}{n} \quad \frac{n}{n+1}$$

If $t \geq n$, then $\phi(t) = n$ and $\phi(t) \geq n$. This proves the claim.

Also, note that for each $t \in [0, \infty]$ we have $\phi(t) \leq t$ and $\phi(t) \rightarrow t$ as $n \rightarrow$

∞ . If $M > 0$, then $\phi(t) \rightarrow t$ uniformly on $[0, M]$, because whenever $n > M$

then, for all $t \in [0, M] \subseteq [0, n)$ we have, $|\phi(t) - t| = t - \phi(t) \leq 2^{-n}$.

Set $s(x) = \phi(f(x))$. Then, s is a simple function. It is measurable and $s(x) \rightarrow$

$f(x)$ for all $x \in X$. Furthermore, if $M \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\forall x \in A$ we have $f(x) \leq M$,

then

$$\sup_{x \in A} |s_n(x) - f(x)| \leq \sup_{t \in [0, M]} |\phi_n(t) - t|$$

$$\leq 2^{-n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } M < n \rightarrow \infty$$

10.3.3 Measurable Functions as nearly Continuous Functions

Continuity and Derivability of Functions Defined by Means of Integrals

If $f \in \mathfrak{R}[a, b]$, then function F on $[a, b]$ given by

$$F(x) = \int_a^x f$$

is well defined, because for each $x \in [a, b]$,

defined on $[a, b]$

$f \in \mathfrak{R}[a, x]$ and as such $F(x)$ is uniquely

We now proceed to examine certain properties of this function F , defined on $[a, b]$.

Continuity of F and its Derivability

Theorem 10.15: If

$$f \in \mathfrak{R}[a, b]$$

then the function F defined on $[a, b]$ by

Notes

$F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt \forall x \in [a, b]$ is continuous on $[a, b]$ and if f is continuous at a point c of $[a, b]$, then F is derivable at c and $F'(c) = f(c)$.

Proof: Continuity: If $f \in \mathcal{R} [a, b]$ then f is bounded on $[a, b]$ and so is $|f|$. Let M be the upper bound of $|f|$ on $[a, b]$. For $\varepsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $0 < M\delta < \varepsilon$, and if $x \in [a, b]$, $x + h \in [a, b]$ and $|h| < \delta$, then

$$|F(x+h) - F(x)| = \left| \int_a^{x+h} f(t) dt - \int_a^x f(t) dt \right| = \left| \int_x^{x+h} f(t) dt \right| \leq \int_x^{x+h} |f(t)| dt \leq M \int_x^{x+h} 1 dt = M|h| < M\delta < \varepsilon$$

$$|f(t)| dt \leq M |h| < M\delta < \varepsilon$$

Hence, F is continuous on $[a, b]$

Derivability: For f continuous at $c \in [a, b]$, given $\varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$ such that

$$|x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(c)| < \varepsilon$$

and for $s, t \in [a, b]$, $s \neq t$, $c - \delta < s \leq c \leq t < c + \delta$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{F(t) - F(s)}{t - s} - f(c) \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{t - s} \left| \int_s^t \{f(x) - f(c)\} dx \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{t - s} \int_s^t |f(x) - f(c)| dx < \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

$$t - s^s$$

i.e., $F'(c) = f(c)$.

Corollary: If $f \in \mathcal{R} [a, b]$ then $F(x)$ is continuous on $[a, b]$ and if f is also continuous on $[a, b]$ then $F(x)$ is derivable and $F'(x) = f(x)$ on $[a, b]$.

The above theorem asserts that a continuous function is the derivative of its integral. For this very reason the process of integration is viewed as an inverse operation of differentiation. At the same time it reflects that the process of differentiation may be viewed as the inverse operation of integration.

A derivable function f , if it exists on a domain D , such that its derivative F' equals to a given function f on D , is called a primitive of f on D . The knowledge of

the primitives helps to evaluate the integral $\int_s^b f(x) dx$.

Example 1: For $\sin^{-1} x$, which denotes the inverse of the function $\sin x$ in $[0, \pi/2]$, note that

$$(\sin^{-1} x)' =$$

$$\int_0^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt$$

Hence,

$$1$$

$$\sqrt{1-t^2}$$

$$= \sin^{-1} x, \forall x \in [0, 1] \sqrt{1-t^2}$$

(This gives another way of introducing the trigonometrical functions, through $\sin x$ defined as the inverse function of $\sin^{-1} x$ and $\sin^{-1} 1 = \pi/2$)

Besides continuity and derivability of the functions defined by means of integrals we can examine various other properties, such as uniform convergence of functional sequences defined by means of integrals.

Example 2: This sequence

$$a > 0.$$

$$\int_0^x t^a dt$$

Notes

$$\int_0^x \frac{1}{1+n^2 t^2} dt$$

converges uniformly to 0 on $[0, a]$ where

Solution: Since $\forall x \in [0, a], a > 0,$

$$\int_0^x \frac{1}{1+n^2 t^2} dt \leq \int_0^a \frac{1}{1+n^2 t^2} dt$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{n^2} \int_0^a \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt < \frac{a}{n^2}$$

$\rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty,$

$$\int_0^x \frac{1}{1+n^2 t^2} dt < \frac{a}{n^2}$$

therefore, for $\varepsilon > 0 \exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\left| \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+n^2 t^2} dt \right| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq m$$

and $\forall x \in [0, a].$

$$\int_0^x \frac{1}{1+n^2 t^2} dt$$

$$\int_0^x \frac{1}{1+n^2 t^2} dt$$

Hence,

$$\sqrt{\frac{a}{\varepsilon}}$$

$$\int_0^x \frac{1}{1+n^2 t^2} dt$$

$$\left(\int_0^x \frac{1}{1+n^2 t^2} dt \right)$$

converges uniformly to 0, on $[0, a]$ where $a > 0$.

$$\int_0^a \frac{1}{1+n^2t} dt$$

Now, in view of the fundamental theorem, if G be any other functions such that $G' = f$ besides $F' = f$ on (a, b) , then $F' = G'$ gives that

$$(F - G)' = 0$$

i.e., $F = G$ is a constant function on (a, b) .

Hence, every continuous function f admits primitives G which differ from the function F only by an additive constant. Therefore, if we can find, by any means, a primitive G of a continuous function f on an open interval containing c and d , then

$$\int_c^d f = F(d) - F(c),$$

$$= G(d) - G(c).$$

This provides a means to evaluate $\int_c^d f$

interval containing c and d .

when f is continuous on any open

Note: An independent approach to define the exponential function e^x is to consider it as the unique solution y of the equation.

$$x = \int_1^y \frac{1}{t} dt, \text{ for } y > 0$$

$\frac{1}{t}$

Unless this solution is identified with e^x let us denote it by $\exp(x)$.

Clearly $\exp(x)$ is non negative monotonically increasing on \mathbf{R} and as x

$\rightarrow -\infty$, \exp

$(x) \rightarrow +0$ and as $x \rightarrow +\infty$ and $\exp(0) = 1$. It follows that

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{y}, \text{ or } \frac{dy}{dx} = y,$$

i.e., $(\exp(x))' = \exp(x) \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$.

Thus, the derivative of $\exp(-x)$. $\exp(x+y)$ with respect to x reduces

Notes

to zero. So that $\exp(-x) \cdot \exp(x+y) = \exp(y)$, and on replacing x by $-x$ and y by $x+y$ it gives

have

by

$$\exp(x) \exp(y) = \exp(x+y), \forall x, y \in \mathbf{R}.$$

As the Taylor's series for $\exp(x)$ is same as for $e^x \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$, therefore, we

$$\exp(x) = e^x \forall x \in \mathbf{R}.$$

Obviously the inverse function of e^x , i.e., the natural logarithm $\log x$ is defined

$$\log x = \int \frac{dx}{x}, \forall x > 0.$$

†

Various other results concerning real logarithm and exponential functions are now simple consequences of the above analysis.

Theorem 10.16: If f has continuous derivative on (c, d) and $a, b \in (c, d)$, then

$$\int_a^b f'(x) dx = f(b) - f(a).$$

Proof: Let $P \in \square [a, b]$. Then by mean value theorem on every $\delta_r, \exists \xi_r \in$

such that

$$f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1}) = f'(\xi_r) \delta_r$$

This gives,

$$\sum_{r=1}^n f'(\xi_r) \delta_r = \sum \{f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})\}$$

1

$$= f(b) - f(a).$$

Since $f' \in \mathfrak{R} [a, b]$, therefore, on letting $\|P\| \rightarrow 0$ the result follows.

Corollary 1: If f is such that f' exists on $[a, b]$ and $f' \in \mathfrak{R} [a, b]$, then

$$\int_a^b f' = f(b) - f(a)$$

The proof is same as that of the above theorem.

Corollary 2: If f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and f' exists and is bounded and continuous on (a, b) , then

$$\int_a^b f' = f(b) - f(a)$$

Proof: From the theorem, for every $c, d \in (a, b)$,

$$\int_c^d f' = f(d) - f(c)$$

When f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and $c, d \in [a, b]$ the limit of the right hand side expression in Equation (4.12) exists as $c \rightarrow a$ and $d \rightarrow b$ from above or below as the case may be; and so, also the limit of the left hand side expression exists. Hence the result.

If a_1, \dots, a_p are p points of discontinuity of f on (a, b) , then on applying

Corollary 2 to $[a, a_1], [a_1, a_2], \dots, [a_p, b]$, we get an extension as

Corollary 3: If f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and f' exists and is bounded and continuous on (a, b) except at a finite set of points, then

$$\int_a^b f' = f(b) - f(a).$$

10.4 EGOROFF'S THEOREM

Theorem 10.17 (Egoroff): Let (X, μ) be a measure space of finite measure, and $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a sequence of measurable functions convergent almost everywhere to f . Then given any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a measurable subset $A \subseteq X$ such that $\mu(X \setminus A) < \varepsilon$ and the sequence f converges uniformly to f on A .

Proof: First define

$$B_{n,m} = \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} \left\{ |f_k - f| < \frac{1}{m} \right\}.$$

Fix m . For most $x \in X$, $f(x)$ converges to $f(x)$, so there exists n such that $|f(x) - f_k(x)| < 1/m$ for all $k \geq n$, so $x \in B_{n,m}$. Thus, we see $\{B_{n,m}\} \rightarrow X \setminus C$, C being some set of measure zero.

We construct the set A inductively as follows. Set $A_0 = X \setminus C$. For each $m > 0$, since $\{A_{n,m} \cap B_{n,m}\} \rightarrow A_{n,m}$, we have $\mu(A_{n,m} \setminus B_{n,m}) \rightarrow 0$, so we can choose

$n(m)$ such that

$$\mu(A_{n(m),m} \setminus B_{n(m),m}) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2^m}$$

$$\mu(A_{n(m),m} \setminus B_{n(m),m}) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2^m}$$

$$n(m), m \geq 2^m$$

Furthermore set,

$$A_m = A_{m-1}$$

$$\cap B_{n(m),m}$$

Since $A_m \oplus (A_{m-1} \setminus B_{n(m),m}) = A_{m-1}$, we have

$$\mu(A_m) > \mu(A_{m-1}) - \frac{\varepsilon}{2^m}$$

$$> \mu(X) - \varepsilon - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{4} - \dots - \frac{\varepsilon}{2^m} \geq \mu(X) - \varepsilon$$

The sets A_m are decreasing, so letting

$$A = \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m = \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} B_{n(m),m}$$

We have, $\mu(A) \geq \mu(X) - \varepsilon$, or $\mu(X \setminus A) \leq \varepsilon$. Finally, for $x \in A$, $x \in B_{n(m),m}$ for all m , implies that $|f(x) - f(x)| < 1/m$ whenever $k \geq n(m)$. This condition is

uniform for all $x \in A$.

10.5 LUSIN'S THEOREM

Egoroff's theorem says that on a set of finite measure, almost everywhere convergence of measurable functions to a finite limit is uniform convergence of a set of small measure. Lusin's theorem is a consequence of Egoroff's theorem and says that on a set of finite measure, any finite measurable function f can be restricted to a compact set K of almost full measure to form a continuous function.

Lemma: Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a measurable set with $m(A) < +\infty$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. Then there is compact set $K \subseteq A$ with $m(A \setminus K) < \varepsilon$.

Proof: We know that, there is a closed subset F of A with $m(A \setminus F) < \varepsilon/2$. Since the sequence,

$F \cap [-n, n] \rightarrow F$ and $m(F) < +\infty$, there is an n_0 such that $m(F \setminus [-n_0, n_0]) < \varepsilon/2$. The desired compact set is $F \cap [-n_0, n_0]$.

Theorem 10.18 (Lusin): Fix a measurable set $A \subseteq R$ with $m(A) < +\infty$, and let f be a real valued measurable function with domain A . For any $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a compact set $K \subseteq R$ with $m(A \setminus K) < \varepsilon$ such that the restriction of f to K is continuous.

Proof: Let (V_n) be an enumeration of the open intervals with rational endpoints in

R . Fix compact sets $K_n \subseteq f^{-1}[V_n]$ and K'

$\subseteq A \setminus$

$f^{-1}[V_n]$ for each n so that

$m(A \setminus (K_n \cup K')) < \varepsilon / 2^n$. Now, for

$K := \bigcup_n$

$(K_n \cup K')$, $m(A \setminus K) < \varepsilon$. Given x

$\in K$ and an n with $f(x) \in V_n$, $x \in K' := \bigcup_n$

and

$f[O \cap K] \subseteq V_n$.

The above result is true in general settings. The domain of f should have the property that sets of finite measure can be approximated from the inside by compact sets, and for the range, there should be a countable collection of open sets V_n such

that for each open set O and each $y \in O$ there is an n with $y \in V_n \subseteq O$. This is

known as the second Axiom of countability.

Corollary 1: Let A be a measurable set such that $m(A) < \infty$. Let $f: A \rightarrow R$ be measurable function and $\varepsilon > 0$. Then there exists a step function $h: R \rightarrow R$ such that,

$$m(|f - h| \geq \varepsilon) < \varepsilon$$

Furthermore, if f is bounded then $\sup |h| \leq \sup |f|$.

Proof: Let K be such that $f|_K$ is continuous and $m(A \setminus K) < \varepsilon$. As K is compact, we

know that K is bounded, say $K \subset [-N, N]$. Since $f|_K$ is continuous, it is also uniform continuous. Thus, we may find $0 < \delta < \varepsilon$ such that

$$t, s \in K \text{ and } |t - s| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(t) - f(s)| < \varepsilon$$

Let $n > \delta^{-1}$ and $x = -N + \frac{i}{n}, i = 0, \dots, 2Nn$. Let S be the collection of

indices such that there exists $i \in K$ such that $[x_i, x_{i+1}) \cap K \neq \emptyset$. For such $i \in S$ we

may choose $y_i \in [x_i, x_{i+1})$. We define the step function,

$$h = \sum_{i \in S} f(y_i) 1_{[x_i, x_{i+1})}$$

Let $s \in K$. Choose $i = 0, \dots, 2Nm$ such that, $x_i \leq s < x_{i+1}$. Then

$$K \cap [x_i, x_{i+1}) \cap K \neq \emptyset \text{ and } |y_i - s| < \frac{1}{n} < \delta. \text{ We get, } -$$

$$|h(s) - f(s)| = |f(y_i) - f(s)| < \varepsilon.$$

Thus,

$$m(\{h - f \geq \varepsilon\}) \leq m(A \setminus K) < \varepsilon.$$

Since h is constructed using the elements $f(y_i)$ we also get,

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |h(x)| \leq \sup_{x \in K} |f(x)|$$

This implies the second assertion.

Corollary 2: Let $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ be a measurable set, $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a measurable function and $\varepsilon > 0$. Then there exists a continuous function h such that,

$$m(\{f - h > \varepsilon\}) < \varepsilon$$

Moreover, we can choose h such that $\sup |h| \leq \sup |f| + \varepsilon$

Proof: It suffices to show that for every simple function $f = \sum_{i=1}^m r_i 1_{(x_{i-1}, x_i]}$

$$1_{(x_{i-1}, x_i]}$$

$$i=1 \dots m$$

we can find a continuous h with $\mu(|f - h| > \epsilon) < \epsilon$ and $|h| \leq |f|$.

It can be easily shown by induction that,

$$\mu\left(\left|\sum_i f_i - \sum_i h_i\right| > \sum_i \epsilon_i\right) \leq \sum_i \mu(|f_i - h_i| > \epsilon_i).$$

Therefore, it is sufficient to consider $f_i = 1_{[x_i, x_{i+1}]}$. Let, $0 < 2\delta < x_{i+1} - x_i$.

We define,

$$h_{i,\delta}(t) = \begin{cases} \delta^{-1}(t - x_i) & \text{if } x_i < t \leq x_i + \delta \\ 1 & \text{if } x_i + \delta \leq t \leq x_{i+1} - \delta \\ \delta^{-1}(x_{i+1} - t) & \text{if } x_{i+1} - \delta \leq t \leq x_{i+1} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Note that $h_{i,\delta} \leq 1_{(x_i, x_{i+1})}$ is continuous and that,

$$m(|h_{i,\delta} - 1_{[x_i, x_{i+1}]}| > 0) < 2\delta$$

Let, δ be such that $\frac{2\delta}{m} < \min_i(x_{i+1} - x_i)$. Then, we may define

$$h = \sum_i r_i \frac{h_{i,\delta}}{m}$$

Hence, we have

$$m(|f - h| > \delta) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{i+1} m(r_i |1_{[x_i, x_{i+1}]} - \frac{h_{i,\delta}}{m}| > \frac{\delta}{m}) < 2m \frac{\delta}{m} < 2\delta$$

For the second assertion, we note that $|h| \leq |f|$. Therefore, we also control the sup-norm.

Check Your Progress

1. Define measurable space.
2. What is step function?
3. Define a simple function.
4. What is a primitive?
5. State Egoroff's theorem.
6. State Lusin's theorem.

10.6 LET US SUM UP

In this unit, you have learned that:

- Let X be a set and U be a σ -algebra on X . The pair (X, U) is called a measurable space.
- The function f is called measurable if the set $\{x: f(x) > a\}$ is measurable for every real a .
- A necessary and sufficient condition for measurability is that, $\{x \mid a \leq f(x) \leq b\}$ should be measurable for all a, b [including the case $a = -\infty, b = +\infty$], as any set of this form can be written as the intersection of two sets, $\{x \mid f(x) \geq a\} \cap \{x \mid f(x) \leq b\}$.
- As (α, ∞) is an open set, we can define a measurable function as a function f defined on a measurable set E for which for every open set G in the real number system, $f^{-1}(G)$ is a measurable set.
- For any real c and two measurable real valued functions f and g , the four functions $f + c, cf, f + g$ and fg are measurable.
- If f is measurable, then $|f|$ is also measurable. If f and g are two measurable functions, then $f \vee g$ and $f \wedge g$ are measurable.
- If f is a measurable function on the set E and $E_1 \subset E$ is a measurable set, then f is a measurable function on E_1 .
- If f is a measurable function on each of the sets in a countable collection $\{E_i\}$ of disjoint measurable sets, then f is measurable.
- If a function f is continuous almost everywhere in E , then it is measurable.
- Every simple function ϕ on E is a linear combination of characteristic functions of measurable subsets of E .
- If $X = A \cup B$ and $A \cap B = \phi$, then $s = 1 = \chi_A + \chi_B$ is measurable irrespective of whether or not A and B are measurable. So if $A, B \neq \phi$, then $A, B \neq s^{-1}(\{y\})$ for any y in the range of s . Therefore, in the canonical representation we have $s(x) = \sum a_i \chi_{E_i}(x)$, where the a_i are mutually distinct and the E_i are mutually disjoint.
- A derivable function f , if exists on a domain D , such that its derivative F equals to a given function f on D , is called a primitive of f on D .
- Let (X, μ) be a measure space of finite measure, and $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a

sequence of measurable functions convergent almost everywhere to f . Then given any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a measurable subset $A \subseteq X$ such that $\mu(X \setminus A) < \varepsilon$ and the sequence f_n converges uniformly to f on A .

- Fix a measurable set $A \subseteq R$ with $m(A) < +\infty$, and let f be a real valued measurable function with domain A . For any $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a compact set $K \subseteq R$ with $m(A \setminus K) < \varepsilon$ such that the restriction of f to K is continuous.
- A sequence $\langle f_n \rangle$ of measurable functions is said to converge to f in measure if, given $\varepsilon > 0$, there is an N such that for all $n \geq N$ we have $m\{x \mid |f(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \varepsilon\} < \varepsilon$.
- A sequence $\{f_n\}$ of almost everywhere finite valued measurable functions is said to be fundamental in measure, if for every $\varepsilon > 0$, $m(\{x \mid |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| \geq \varepsilon\}) \rightarrow 0$ as n and $m \rightarrow \infty$.

10.7 KEY WORDS

- **Measurable space:** Let X be a set and U be a σ -algebra on X . The pair (X, U) is called a measurable space

- **Step function:** A function is said to be a step function if, $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n C_i \chi_{[a_i, b_i)}(x)$

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n C_i \chi_{[a_i, b_i)}(x)$$

for some subdivision of $[a, b]$ and some constants C_i

- **Finite set:** A function $s : X \rightarrow Y$ is a simple function if the range of s is a finite set.

10.8 QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW

1. List the equivalent formulations of measurable functions.
2. State the properties of measurable functions.
3. How can we approximate measurable functions by sequence of simple functions?
4. Define measurable functions as nearly continuous functions.
5. State Egoroff's theorem.

6. What is the significance of Lusin's theorem?
7. Explain the concept of measurable functions and their equivalent formulations.
8. Discuss the properties of measurable functions.
9. Describe approximation of measurable functions by sequence of simple functions.
10. Interpret measurable functions as nearly continuous functions.
11. Prove Egoroff's theorem and Lusin's theorem.

10.9 SUGGESTED READINGS AND REFERENCES

Rudin, Walter. 1976. *Principles of Mathematics Analysis*, 3rd edition. New York: McGraw Hill.

Carothers, N. L. 2000. *Real Analysis*, 1st edition. UK: Cambridge University Press.

Rudin, Walter. 1986. *Real and Complex Analysis*, 3rd edition. London: McGraw- Hill Education– Europe.

Barra, G. De. 1987. *Measure Theory and Integration*. New Delhi: Wiley Eastern Ltd.

Royden, H. L. 1988. *Real Analysis*, 3rd edition. New York: Macmillan Publishing Company.

Malik, S. C. and Savita Arora. 1991. *Mathematical Analysis*. New Delhi: Wiley Eastern Limited.

Gupta, S. L. and Nisha Rani. 2003. *Fundamental Real Analysis*, 4th edition.

New Delhi: Vikas Publishing House Pvt. Ltd

10.10 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

1. Suppose X be a set and U be a σ -algebra on X . The pair (X, U) is called a measurable space.
2. A function is said to be a step function if, $f(x) = C$,
 $\xi < x < \xi$ for some

Notes

subdivision of $[a, b]$ and some constants C . Clearly, a step function is a simple function.

3. A function $s : X \rightarrow Y$ is a simple function if the range of s is a finite set.
4. A derivable function f , if it exists on a domain D , such that its derivative F' equals to a given function f on D , is called a primitive of f on D .
5. Let (X, μ) be a measure space of finite measure, and $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a sequence of measurable functions convergent almost everywhere to f . Then given any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a measurable subset $A \subseteq X$ such that $\mu(X \setminus A) < \varepsilon$ and the sequence f converges uniformly to f on A .
6. Fix a measurable set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ with $m(A) < +\infty$, and let f be a real valued measurable function with domain A . For any $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a compact set $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ with $m(A \setminus K) < \varepsilon$ such that the restriction of f to K is continuous.

UNIT 11 CONVERGENCE

THEOREMS ON MEASURABLE FUNCTIONS

STRUCTURE

- 11.1 Objectives
- 11.2 Introduction
- 11.3 Convergence theorems on Measurable Functions
 - 11.3.1 Almost Convergence Theorem
 - 11.3.2 Bounded Convergence Theorem
 - 11.3.3 Lebesgue Convergence Theorem
- 11.4 Let us sum up
- 11.5 Key Words
- 11.6 Questions for review
- 11.7 Suggested Readings and reference
- 11.8 Answers to Check Your Progress Questions

11.1 OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit, you will be able to:

- Explain convergence theorem
- Discuss convergence theorem on measurable functions

11.2 INTRODUCTION

Convergence, in mathematics, property (exhibited by certain infinite series and functions) of approaching a limit more and more closely as an argument (variable) of the function increases or decreases or as the number of terms of the series increases. For example, the function $y = 1/x$ converges to zero as x increases. Although no finite value of x will cause the value of y to actually

become zero, the limiting value of y is zero because y can be made as small as desired by choosing x large enough. The line $y = 0$ (the x -axis) is called an asymptote of the function.

A measurable function is a function between two measurable spaces such that the preimage of any measurable set is measurable, analogously to the definition that a function between topological spaces is continuous if the preimage of each open set is open. In real analysis, measurable functions are used in the definition of the Lebesgue integral. In probability theory, a measurable function on a probability space is known as a random variable. Measurable functions in measure theory are analogous to continuous functions in topology. A continuous function pulls back open sets to open sets, while a measurable function pulls back measurable sets to measurable sets.

In this unit, you will study about the convergence theorem on measurable functions in detail.

11.3 CONVERGENCE THEOREMS ON MEASURABLE FUNCTIONS

Definition: A sequence $\langle f_n \rangle$ of measurable functions is said to converge to f in measure if, given $\varepsilon > 0$, there is an N such that for all $n \geq N$ we have $m\{x \mid |f(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \varepsilon\} < \varepsilon$.

Theorem 11.1 F. Riesz: Let $\langle f_n \rangle$ be a sequence of measurable functions that converges in measure to f . Then there is a subsequence $\langle f_{n_k} \rangle$ which converges to f almost everywhere.

Proof: Since $\langle f_n \rangle$ is a sequence of measurable functions which converges in measure to f , for any positive integer k there is an integer n_k such that for $n \geq n_k$, we have

$$m\{x \mid |f_n(x) - f(x)| \geq \frac{1}{2^k}\} < \frac{1}{2^k}$$

Let, $E_k = \{x \mid |f_{n_k}(x) - f(x)| \geq \frac{1}{2^k}\}$

Then if $x \notin \bigcap_{k=i}^{\infty} E_k$, we have

$$|f_{n_k}(x) - f(x)| < \frac{1}{2^k}$$

for $k \geq i$

and so $f_{n_k}(x) \rightarrow f(x)$.

Hence, $f_{n_k}(x) \rightarrow f(x)$

for any $x \notin A = \bigcap_{k=i}^{\infty} E_k$

But,

$$mA \leq m \left[\bigcap_{k=i}^{\infty} E_k \right]$$

$$= \sum_{k=i}^{\infty} mE_k$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^{k-1}}$$

$$2^{k-1}$$

Hence the measure of A is zero.

Example 11.1: A sequence $\langle f_n \rangle$ which converges to zero in measure on $[0,1]$ but such that $\langle f_n(x) \rangle$ does not converge for any x in $[0,1]$ can be constructed as

follows:

Let $n = k + 2^v$, $0 \leq k < 2^v$, and set $f_n(x) = 1$ if $x \in [k2^{-v}, (k+1)2^{-v}]$ and

$f_n(x) = 0$ otherwise. Then, $m\{x \mid f_n(x) > \varepsilon\} \leq 2^{-v}$

$$m\{x \mid f_n(x) > \varepsilon\} \leq 2^{-v}$$

n

and so, f_n

$\rightarrow 0$ in measure,

although for any $x \in [0, 1]$, the sequence $\langle f_n(x) \rangle$ has the value 1 for arbitrarily large values of n . So it does not converge.

Definition: A sequence $\{f_n\}$ of almost everywhere finite valued measurable functions is said to be fundamental in measure, if for every $\varepsilon > 0$, $m(\{x : |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| \geq \varepsilon\}) \rightarrow 0$ as n and $m \rightarrow \infty$.

Definition: A sequence $\{f_n\}$ of real valued functions is called fundamental almost

everywhere if there exists a set E_0 of measure zero such that, if $x \notin E_0$ and $\varepsilon > 0$,

then an integer $n = n(x, \varepsilon)$ has the property that,

$$|f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < \varepsilon, \text{ whenever } n \geq n_0 \text{ and } m \geq n_0.$$

Definition: A sequence $\{f_n\}$ of almost everywhere finite valued measurable functions is said to converge to the measurable function f almost uniformly if, for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a measurable set F such that $m(F) < \varepsilon$ and such that the sequence $\{f_n\}$ converges to f uniformly on F^c .

Note: Egoroff's theorem claims that on a set of finite measure, convergence almost everywhere implies almost uniform convergence.

Theorem 11.2: If $\{f_n\}$ is a sequence of measurable functions which converges to

f almost uniformly, then $\{f_n\}$ converges to f almost everywhere.

Proof: Let F be a measurable set such that $m(F) < 1/n$ and such that the sequence

$\{f_n\}$ converges to f uniformly on F^c , $n = 1, 2, \dots$. If $F = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n$,

1

then $m(F) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m(F_n) < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n = 1$

converges to $f(x)$.

so that $m(F) = 0$, and it is clear that, for $x \in F^c$, $\{f_n(x)\}$

11.3.1 Almost Convergence Theorem

Theorem 11.3: Almost uniform convergence implies convergence in measure.

Proof: If $\{f_n\}$ converges to f almost uniformly, then for any two positive numbers ϵ and δ there exists a measurable set F such that $m(F) < \delta$ such that

$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$, whenever x belongs to F^c and n is sufficiently large.

$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$, whenever x belongs to F^c and n is sufficiently large.

Theorem 11.4: If $\{f_n\}$ converges in measure to f , then $\{f_n\}$ is fundamental in measure. Also, if $\{f_n\}$ converges in measure to g , then $f = g$ almost everywhere.

Proof: The first claim of the theorem follows from the following relation,

$$\{x : |f_n(x) - f(x)| \geq \epsilon\} \subset \{x : |f_n(x) - f(x)| \geq \frac{\epsilon}{2}\} \cup \{x : |f(x) - f(x)| \geq \frac{\epsilon}{2}\}$$

For proving the second claim, we have

Notes

$$\{x : |f(x) - g(x)| \geq \varepsilon\} \subset \{x : f_n$$

(x) -

$$f(x) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\} \cup \{x : |f$$

$$2 \qquad \qquad \qquad n$$

$$(x) - g(x) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}$$

2

Since by appropriate selection of n , the measure of both sets on the right can be made arbitrarily small, we have

$$m(\{x : |f(x) - g(x)| \geq \varepsilon\}) = 0$$

for every $\varepsilon > 0$ which implies that $f = g$ almost everywhere.

Theorem 11.5: If $\{f_n\}$ is a sequence of measurable functions which is fundamental

in measure, then some subsequence $\{f_{n_k}\}$ is almost uniformly fundamental.

Proof: For any positive integer k we can find an integer $n(k)$ such that if $n \geq n(k)$

and $m \geq n(k)$, then

$$m(\{x : |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| \geq \frac{1}{2^k}\}) < \frac{1}{2^k}$$

We write,

$$n_1 = n(1), n_2 = (n_1 + 1) \cup n(2),$$

$$n_3 = (n_2 + 1) \cup n(3), \dots;$$

$$n_3 = (n_2 + 1) \cup n(3), \dots; \text{ then } n_1 < n_2$$

so that the sequence $\{f_{n_k}\}$ is certainly a subsequence of $\{f_n\}$. If,

$$E = \{x : |f$$

(x) - f

$$(x) \geq \frac{1}{2^k}\}$$

$$n_{k+1} \leq 2^k n_k$$

and $k \leq i \leq j$, then for every x which does not belong to

$E_k \cup E_{k+1} \cup E_{k+2} \cup \dots$, we have

$$\sum_{m=i}^{\infty} |f_{n_m}(x) - f_{n_{m+1}}(x)| < \sum_{m=i}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^m} = \frac{1}{2^{i-1}}$$

$$|f_{n_i}(x) - f_{n_j}(x)| \leq \sum_{m=i}^{j-1} |f_{n_m}(x) - f_{n_{m+1}}(x)| < \sum_{m=i}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^m} = \frac{1}{2^{i-1}}$$

$\frac{1}{2^{i-1}}$

$$m=i \qquad m=i \quad 2^m \qquad 2$$

so that, in other words, the sequence $\{f_{n_i}\}$ is uniformly fundamental on

$E \setminus (E_k \cup E_{k+1} \cup \dots)$, since

$$m(E \cup E_{k+1} \cup \dots) \leq \sum_{m=k}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^m} = \frac{1}{2^{k-1}}$$

$m(E$

$$) < \frac{1}{2^{k-1}}$$

$$m \leq 2^{k-1}$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

Theorem 11.6: If $\{f_n\}$ is a sequence of measurable functions which is fundamental in measure then there exists a measurable function f such that $\{f_n\}$ converges in measure to f .

Proof:

We write

$$f(x) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_{n_k}(x)$$

$$k \rightarrow \infty$$

every $\varepsilon > 0$

$f_{n_k}(x)$ for every x for which the limits exists and observe that, for

$$\{x : |f_{n_k}(x) - f(x)| \geq \varepsilon\} \subset \{x : |f_{n_k}(x) - f(x)| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\} \cup \{x : |f(x) - f(x)| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}$$

$$(x) -$$

$$f(x) | \geq \varepsilon] \subset \{x : |f_{n_k}(x) - f(x)| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\} \cup \{x : |f(x) - f(x)| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}$$

$$(x) - f$$

$$(x) | \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\} \cup \{x : |f(x) - f(x)| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}$$

$$|\geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}$$

$$\mu(\{x : |f_{n_k}(x) - f(x)| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}) \leq \frac{1}{2^n} + \mu(\{x : |f(x) - f(x)| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\})$$

Note here that, the measure of the first term on the right hand side is by hypothesis arbitrarily small if n and n_k are sufficiently large. Also, the measure of the second term also approaches 0 (as $k \rightarrow \infty$), since almost uniform convergence implies convergence in measure. Hence, the theorem follows.

Note: Convergence in measure does not essentially imply pointwise convergence at any point.

11.3.2 Bounded Convergence Theorem

Theorem 11.7 Lebesgue bounded convergence theorem: Let $\langle f_n \rangle$ be a sequence of measurable functions defined on a set E of finite measure and suppose that $\langle f_n \rangle$ is uniformly bounded, that is, there exists a real number M such that $|f_n(x)| \leq M$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and all $x \in E$.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_n(x) dx = \int_E f(x) dx$$

$$n \rightarrow \infty$$

$f(x)$ for each x in E , then

$$\int_E \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_n(x) dx$$

Proof: We will apply Egoroff's theorem to prove this theorem.

Therefore, for a

given $\varepsilon > 0$, there is an N and a measurable set $E \subset E_0$ such that $mE^c < \frac{\varepsilon}{4M}$,

and for $n \geq M$ and $x \in E$

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

Then we have,

we have

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$2m(E)$$

$$\left| \int_E f_n - \int_E f \right| = \left| \int_E (f_n - f) \right| \leq \int_E |f_n - f|$$

$$E \qquad E \qquad E \qquad E$$

$$= \int_E |f_n - f|$$

$$|f_n - f|$$

$$\int_E |f_n - f|$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} m(E)$$

$$+ \int_{E^c} |f_n - f|$$

Hence,

$$\left| \int_E f_n - \int_E f \right| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} m(E) + \int_{E^c} |f_n - f|$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$$

$$\int_E f_n \rightarrow \int_E f$$

$$E \qquad E$$

Thus, the theorem is proved.

11.3.3 Lebesgue Convergence Theorem

Theorem 11.8 Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem: Let $A \in \mathcal{A}$

,

(f_n) be a sequence of measurable functions such that $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ ($x \in A$). If

there

exists a function $g \in L^1(\mu)$ on A such that,

$$|f_n(x)| \leq g(x)$$

then,

$$\lim \int_A f_n d\mu = \int_A f d\mu.$$

Proof: From $|f_n(x)| \leq g(x)$ we get f_n

Fatou's lemma it follows that,

$$\int_A (f + g) d\mu \leq \underline{\lim}_n \int_A (f_n + g)$$

or,

$$\int_A f d\mu \leq \underline{\lim}_n \int_A f_n d\mu$$

$\in L^1(\mu)$. As f

+ $g \geq 0$ and $f + g \geq 0$, by

Since $g - f \geq 0$, in the same way

$$\int_A (g - f) d\mu \leq \underline{\lim}_n \int_A (g - f_n) d\mu$$

So that,

$$-\int_A f d\mu \leq -\underline{\lim}_n \int_A f_n d\mu$$

which is the same as

$$\int_A f d\mu \geq \lim_n \int_A f_n d\mu \quad \text{---}$$

Hence,

$$\underline{\lim}_n \int_A f_n d\mu = \lim_n \int_A f_n d\mu = \int_A f d\mu$$

Check Your Progress

1. When does a sequence $\langle f_n \rangle$ of measurable functions is said to converge?
2. State almost convergence theorem.
3. State Lebesgue bounded convergence theorem.
4. State Lebesgue's criterion for integrability.
5. State monotone convergence theorem.
6. Write the condition for a measurable function to be integrable.
7. State Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem.

11.4 LET US SUM UP

- A sequence $\langle f_n \rangle$ of measurable functions is said to converge to f in measure if, given $\varepsilon > 0$, there is an N such that for all $n \geq N$ we have

$$m\{x \mid |f_n(x) - f(x)| \geq \varepsilon\} < \varepsilon.$$

- Let $\langle f_n \rangle$ be a sequence of measurable functions that converges in measure to f . Then there is a subsequence $\langle f_{n_k} \rangle$ which converges to f everywhere.

> which converges to f almost

- Since $\langle f_n \rangle$ is a sequence of measurable functions which converges in measure to f , for any positive integer k there is an integer n_k such that for $n \geq n_k$, we

$$\text{have } m\{x \mid |f_n(x) - f(x)| \geq \frac{1}{k}\} < \frac{1}{k}.$$

- A sequence $\langle f_n \rangle$ which converges to zero in measure on $[0,1]$ but such that

$$\langle f_n(x) \rangle$$

does not converge for any x in

$[0,1]$ can be constructed as follows:

Let $n = k + 2^v$, $0 \leq k < 2^v$, and set $f_n(x) = 1$ if $x \in [k2^{-v}, (k+1)2^{-v}]$ and

Notes

$f(x) = 0$ otherwise.

- A sequence $\{f_n\}$ of almost everywhere finite valued measurable functions is said to be fundamental in measure, if for every $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$m(\{x : |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| \geq \varepsilon\}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \text{ and } m \rightarrow \infty.$$

- A sequence $\{f_n\}$ of real valued functions is called fundamental almost everywhere if there exists a set E_0 of measure zero such that, if $x \notin E_0$ and

$\varepsilon > 0$, then an integer $n = n(x, \varepsilon)$ has the property that,

$$|f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < \varepsilon, \text{ whenever } n \geq n_0 \text{ and } m \geq n_0.$$

- A sequence $\{f_n\}$ of almost everywhere finite valued measurable functions is said to converge to the measurable function f almost uniformly if, for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a measurable set F such that $m(F) < \varepsilon$ and such that the sequence $\{f_n\}$ converges to f uniformly on F^c .

- Egoroff's theorem claims that on a set of finite measure, convergence almost everywhere implies almost uniform convergence.

- If $\{f_n\}$ is a sequence of measurable functions which converges to f almost uniformly, then $\{f_n\}$ converges to f almost everywhere.

- Let F_n be a measurable set such that $m(F_n) < 1/n$ and such that the sequence $\{f_n\}$ converges to f uniformly on F_n^c , $n = 1, 2, \dots$. If $F = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n$,

$$m(F) \leq \mu(F) < \frac{1}{n}$$

—

$n=1 \quad c$

then

$m(F) = 0$, and it is clear that, for $x \in F$,

$\{f_n(x)\}$ converges to $f(x)$.

- Almost uniform convergence implies convergence in measure.
- If $\{f_n\}$ converges to f almost uniformly, then for any two positive numbers ε and δ there exists a measurable set F such that $m(F) < \delta$ such that $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$, whenever x belongs to F^c and n is sufficiently large.
- If $\{f_n\}$ converges in measure to f , then $\{f_n\}$ is fundamental in measure. Also,

n

n

if $\{f_n\}$ converges in measure to g , then $f_n = g$ almost everywhere.

- Since by appropriate selection of n , the measure of both sets on the right can be made arbitrarily small, we have

$$m(\{x : |f(x) - g(x)| \geq \varepsilon\}) = 0$$

for every $\varepsilon > 0$ which implies that $f = g$ almost everywhere.

- If $\{f_n\}$ is a sequence of measurable functions which is fundamental in measure, then some subsequence $\{f_{n_k}\}$ is almost uniformly fundamental.

- For any positive integer k we can find an integer $n(k)$ such that if $n \geq n(k)$ and $m \geq n(k)$, then

$$m(\{x : |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| \geq \frac{1}{2^k}\}) < \frac{1}{2^k}$$

- If $\{f_n\}$ is a sequence of measurable functions which is fundamental in measure then there exists a measurable function f such that $\{f_n\}$ converges in measure to f .

- **Lebesgue bounded convergence theorem:** Let $\langle f_n \rangle$ be a sequence of measurable functions defined on a set E of finite measure and suppose that $\langle f_n \rangle$ is uniformly bounded, that is, there exists a real number M such that $|f_n(x)| \leq M$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and all $x \in E$.

- We will apply Egoroff's theorem to prove this theorem. Therefore, for a given $\varepsilon > 0$, there is an N and a measurable set $E' \subset E$ such that $m(E \setminus E') < \varepsilon/$

4ε , and for $n \geq M$ and $x \in E'$

$$0 \leq |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$$

we have

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$$

Then we have,

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$2m(E')$$

$$\int_E |f_n - f| = \int_E |(f_n - f)| \leq \int_E |f_n - f|$$

$$= \int_E |f_n - f|$$

$$\int_E |f_n - f| \leq \int_E |f_n - f| + \int_E |f_n - f|$$

$$\leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$$

Hence,

$$\int_E f_n \rightarrow \int_E f$$

Thus, the theorem is proved.

- Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem: Let $A \in \mathcal{A}$, (f_n) be a sequence of measurable functions such that $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ ($x \in A$). If there exists a function $g \in L^1(\mu)$ on A such that,

$$|f_n(x)| \leq g(x)$$

11.5 KEY WORDS

- **Measurable space:** Let X be a set and \mathcal{U} be a σ -algebra on X . The pair (X, \mathcal{U}) is called a measurable space

- **Step function:** A function is said to be a step function if, $f(x) = C_i$, $\xi_{i-1} < x < \xi_i$ for some subdivision of $[a, b]$ and some constants C_i

- **Simple function:** A function $s : X \rightarrow Y$ is a simple function if the range of s

is a finite set

11.6 QUESTION FOR REVIEW

Short Answer Questions

1. What do you understand by convergence in measure?
2. What is the use of almost convergence theorem?
3. What is the significance of bounded convergence theorem?
4. State general Lebesgue integral.
5. Write an application of Lebesgue convergence theorem.
6. Discuss the properties of measurable functions.
7. Explain the convergence in measure and F. Riesz theorem for convergence in measure.
8. Illustrate almost convergence theorem.
9. Illustrate Lebesgue integral of a bounded function over a set of finite measure and its properties.
10. State and prove bounded convergence theorem.
11. Describe Lebesgue theorem regarding points of discontinuities of Riemann integrable functions.
12. State and prove monotone convergence theorem.

11.7 SUGGESTED READINGS AND REFERENCES

Rudin, Walter. 1976. *Principles of Mathematics Analysis*, 3rd edition.

New York: McGraw Hill.

Carothers, N. L. 2000. *Real Analysis*, 1st edition. UK: Cambridge

University Press.

Rudin, Walter. 1986. *Real and Complex Analysis*, 3rd edition. London:

McGraw- Hill Education– Europe.

Barra, G. De. 1987. *Measure Theory and Integration*. New Delhi: Wiley Eastern

Ltd.

Royden, H. L. 1988. *Real Analysis*, 3rd edition. New York: Macmillan

Publishing Company.

Malik, S. C. and Savita Arora. 1991. *Mathematical Analysis*. New Delhi: Wiley Eastern Limited.

Gupta, S. L. and Nisha Rani. 2003. *Fundamental Real Analysis*, 4th edition.

New Delhi: Vikas Publishing House Pvt. Ltd.

11.8 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

QUESTIONS

1. A sequence $\langle f_n \rangle$ of measurable functions is said to converge to f in measure if, given $\varepsilon > 0$, there is an N such that for all $n \geq N$ we have

$$m\{x \mid |f_n(x) - f(x)| \geq \varepsilon\} < \varepsilon$$

2. Almost uniform convergence implies convergence in measure.
3. Let $\langle f_n \rangle$ be a sequence of measurable functions defined on a set E of finite measure and suppose that $\langle f_n \rangle$ is uniformly bounded, that is, there exists a real number M such that $|f_n(x)| \leq M$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and all $x \in E$.

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_n(x) dx = \int_E f(x) dx$

for each X in E , then $\int_E f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_n(x) dx$.

$$\int_E f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_n(x) dx.$$

4. Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then, f is Riemann integrable if and only if f is bounded and the set of discontinuities of f has measure 0.
5. Let $\langle f_n \rangle$ be non decreasing sequence of non negative measurable functions with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n = f$.

$$\text{Then, } \int_A f d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A f_n d\mu,$$

$A \in \mathcal{A}$

6. A measurable function f is said to be integrable over E if f^+ and f^- are both integrable over E . In this case we define,

$$\int_E f = \int_E f^+ - \int_E f^-$$

7. Let $A \in \mathcal{A}$, (f_n) be a sequence of measurable functions such that $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ ($x \in A$). If there exists a function $g \in L^1(\mu)$ on A such that, $|f(x)| \leq g(x)$

then,

$$\lim_n \int_A f_n d\mu = \int_A f d\mu.$$

CHAPTER 12 PRODUCT MEASURES METRIC OUTER MEASURES AND HAUSDORFF MEASURE

STRUCTURE

- 12.1 Objective
- 12.2 introduction
- 12.3 product measures
- 12.4 Metric outer measures
- 12.5 Hausdorff measure
- 12.6 let us sumup
- 12.7 keywords
- 12.8 Questions for review
- 12.9 Suggested readings and references
- 12.10 Answers to check your progress

12.1 OBJECTIVE

In this unit we will describe the details about product measures .

12.2 INTRODUCTION

In mathematics a **Hausdorff measure** is a type of outer measure, named for Felix Hausdorff, The zero-dimensional Hausdorff measure is the number of points in the set (if the set is finite) or ∞ if the set is infinite. In mathematics, in particular in measure theory, an **outer measure** or **exterior measure** is a function defined on all subsets of a given set with values in the extended real numbers satisfying some additional technical conditions. A general theory of outer measures was first introduced by Constantin Carathéodory to provide a basis for the theory of measurable sets and countably additive measures. Carathéodory's work on outer measures found many

applications in measure-theoretic set theory (outer measures are for example used in the proof of the fundamental Carathéodory's extension theorem), and was used in an essential way by Hausdorff to define a dimension-like metric invariant now called Hausdorff dimension.

12.3 PRODUCT MEASURES

Definition 1.1. If X and Y are any two sets, their Cartesian product $X \times Y$ is

thesetofallorderpairs $\{(x,y):x \in X, y \in Y\}$.

If $A \subset X, B \subset Y, A \times B \subset X \times Y$ is called a rectangle. Suppose $(X, \mathcal{A}), (Y, \mathcal{B})$ are measurable spaces. A measurable rectangle is a set of the form $A \times B, A \in \mathcal{A}, B \in \mathcal{B}$. A set of the form

$Q = R_1 \cup \dots \cup R_n,$

where the R_i are disjoint measurable rectangles, is called an elementary sets. We

denote this collection by \mathcal{E} .

Exercise 1.1. Prove that the elementary sets form an algebra. That is, \mathcal{E} is closed under complementation and finite unions.

We shall denote by $\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B}$ the σ -algebra generated by the measurable rectangle which is the same as the σ -algebra generated by the elementary sets.

Product of finite number of measure spaces

Let $(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1, \mu_1), \dots, (X_n, \mathcal{A}_n, \mu_n)$ be σ -finite measure spaces. Then $\mathcal{A}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{A}_n = \sigma(\{A_1 \times \dots \times A_n | A_i \in \mathcal{A}_i \text{ for } i=1, \dots, n\})$.

Using theorem 13.0.16 (applied $n - 1$ times), we can construct a unique measure $\mu_1 \times \dots \times \mu_n$ on $\mathcal{A}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{A}_n$ that satisfies

$$(\mu_1 \times \dots \times \mu_n)(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n) = \mu_1(A_1) \cdots \mu_n(A_n)$$

whenever $A_i \in \mathcal{A}_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$. Integrals of functions with respect to $\mu_1 \times \dots \times \mu_n$ can be evaluated by repeated applications of Fubini's theorem

Check your progress

1. Prove that $B(\mathbb{R}) \times B(\mathbb{R}) = B(\mathbb{R}^2)$.

12.4 METRIC OUTER MEASURES.

Let (X, d) be a metric space. We recall that, if E, F are non-empty subsets of

X , the quantity $d(E, F) = \inf\{d(x, y) | x \in E, y \in F\}$

is the distance between E and F .

Definition 5.4 Let (X, d) be a metric space and μ^* be an outer measure on X . We say that μ^* is a metric outer measure if

$$\mu^*(E \cup F) = \mu^*(E) + \mu^*(F)$$

for every non-empty $E, F \subseteq X$ with $d(E, F) > 0$.

Theorem 5.8 Let (X, d) be a metric space and μ^* an outer measure on X . Then, the measure μ which is induced by μ^* on (X, Σ_{μ^*}) is a Borel measure (i.e. all Borel sets in X are μ^* -measurable) if and only if μ^* is a metric outer measure.

Proof: Suppose that all Borel sets in X are μ^* -measurable and take arbitrary non-empty $E, F \subseteq X$ with $d(E, F) > 0$. We consider $r = d(E, F)$ and the open set $U = \cup_{x \in E} B(x, r)$. It is clear that $E \subseteq U$ and $F \cap U = \emptyset$. Since U is μ^* -measurable, we have $\mu^*(E \cup F) = \mu^*((E \cup F) \cap U) + \mu^*((E \cup F) \cap U^c) = \mu^*(E) + \mu^*(F)$. Therefore, μ^* is a metric outer measure on X .

Now let μ^* be a metric outer measure and consider an open $U \subseteq X$. If A is a non-empty subset of U , we define

$$A_n = \left\{ x \in A \mid d(x, y) \geq \frac{1}{n} \text{ for every } y \in U \right\}.$$

It is obvious that $A_n \subseteq A_{n+1}$ for all n . If $x \in A \subseteq U$, there is $r > 0$ so that $B(x, r) \subseteq U$ and, if we take $n \in \mathbb{N}$ so that $\frac{1}{n} \leq r$, then $x \in A_n$. Therefore,

$$A_n \uparrow A.$$

We define, now, $B_1 = A_1$ and $B_n = A_n \setminus A_{n-1}$ for all $n \geq 2$ and have that the sets B_1, B_2, \dots are pairwise disjoint and that $A = \cup_{n=1}^{+\infty} B_n$. If $x \in A_n$ and $z \in B_{n+2}$, then $z \notin A_{n+1}$ and there is some $y \in U$ so that $d(y, z) < \frac{1}{n+1}$. Then

$d(x, z) \geq d(x, y) - d(y, z) > \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} = \frac{1}{n(n+1)}$. Therefore,

$$d(A_n, B_{n+2}) \geq \frac{1}{n(n+1)} > 0$$

for every n . Since $A_{n+2} \supseteq A_n \cup B_{n+2}$, we find $\mu^*(A_{n+2}) \geq \mu^*(A_n \cup B_{n+2}) = \mu^*(A_n) + \mu^*(B_{n+2})$. By induction we get

$$\mu^*(B_1) + \mu^*(B_3) + \cdots + \mu^*(B_{2n+1}) \leq \mu^*(A_{2n+1})$$

$$\text{and } \mu^*(B_2) + \mu^*(B_4) + \cdots + \mu^*(B_{2n}) \leq \mu^*(A_{2n})$$

for all n . If at least one of the series $\mu^*(B_1) + \mu^*(B_3) + \cdots$ and $\mu^*(B_2) + \mu^*(B_4) + \cdots$ diverges to $+\infty$, then either $\mu^*(A_{2n+1}) \rightarrow +\infty$ or $\mu^*(A_{2n}) \rightarrow +\infty$. Since the sequence $(\mu^*(A_n))$ is increasing, we get that in both cases it diverges to $+\infty$. Since, also $\mu^*(A_n) \leq \mu^*(A)$ for all n , we get that $\mu^*(A_n) \uparrow \mu^*(A)$. If both series $\mu^*(B_1) + \mu^*(B_3) + \cdots$ and $\mu^*(B_2) + \mu^*(B_4) + \cdots$ converge, for every $\epsilon > 0$ there is n so that $\sum_{k=n+1}^{+\infty} \mu^*(B_k) < \epsilon$. Now, $\mu^*(A) \leq \mu^*(A_n) + \sum_{k=n+1}^{+\infty} \mu^*(B_k) \leq \mu^*(A_n) + \epsilon$. This implies that $\mu^*(A_n) \uparrow \mu^*(A)$. Therefore, in any case,

$$\mu^*(A_n) \uparrow \mu^*(A).$$

We consider an arbitrary $E \subseteq X$ and we take $A = E \cap U$. Since $E \cup U^c \subseteq U^c$, we have that $d(A_n, E \cap U^c) > 0$ for all n and, hence, $\mu^*(E) \geq \mu^*(A_n \cup (E \cap U^c)) = \mu^*(A_n) + \mu^*(E \cap U^c)$ for all n . Taking the limit as $n \rightarrow +\infty$, we find

$$\mu^*(E) \geq \mu^*(E \cap U) + \mu^*(E \cap U^c).$$

We conclude that every U open in X is μ^* -measurable and, hence, every Borel set in X is μ^* -measurable.

12.5 HAUSDORFF MEASURE.

Let (X, d) be a metric space. The *diameter* of a non-empty set $E \subseteq X$ is defined as $\text{diam}(E) = \sup\{d(x, y) \mid x, y \in E\}$ and the diameter of the \emptyset is defined as $\text{diam}(\emptyset) = 0$.

We take an arbitrary $\delta > 0$ and consider the collection C_δ of all subsets of X of diameter not larger than δ . We, then, fix some α with $0 < \alpha < +\infty$ and consider the function $\tau_{\alpha, \delta}: C_\delta \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$ defined by $\tau_{\alpha, \delta}(E) = (\text{diam}(E))^\alpha$ for every $E \in C_\delta$. We are, now, ready to apply Theorem 3.2 and define

$$h_{\alpha,\delta}^*(E) = \inf \sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} (\text{diam}(E_j))^\alpha \mid E \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{+\infty} E_j, \text{diam}(E_j) \leq \delta \text{ for}$$

all j .

$j=1$

We have that $h_{\alpha,\delta}^*$ is an outer measure on X and we further define

$$h_\alpha^*(E) = \sup_{\delta > 0} h_{\alpha,\delta}^*(E), \quad E \subseteq X.$$

$\delta > 0$

We observe that, if $0 < \delta_1 < \delta_2$, then the set whose infimum is $h_{\alpha,\delta_1}^*(E)$ is included in the set whose infimum is $h_{\alpha,\delta_2}^*(E)$. Therefore, $h_{\alpha,\delta_2}^*(E) \leq h_{\alpha,\delta_1}^*(E)$ and, hence,

$$h_\alpha^*(E) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} h_{\alpha,\delta}^*(E), \quad E \subseteq X.$$

Theorem 5.9 Let (X,d) be a metric space and $0 < \alpha < +\infty$. Then, h_α^* is a metric outer measure on X .

Proof: We have $h_\alpha^*(\emptyset) = \sup_{\delta > 0} h_{\alpha,\delta}^*(\emptyset) = 0$, since $h_{\alpha,\delta}^*$ is an outer measure for every $\delta > 0$.

If $E \subseteq F \subseteq X$, then for every $\delta > 0$ we have $h_{\alpha,\delta}^*(E) \leq h_{\alpha,\delta}^*(F) \leq h_\alpha^*(F)$.

Taking the supremum of the left side, we find $h_\alpha^*(E) \leq h_\alpha^*(F)$.

If $E = \bigcup_{j=1}^{+\infty} E_j$, then for every $\delta > 0$ we have $h_{\alpha,\delta}^*(E) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} h_{\alpha,\delta}^*(E_j) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} h_\alpha^*(E_j)$ and, taking the supremum of the left side, we find $h_\alpha^*(E) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} h_\alpha^*(E_j)$.

Therefore, h_α^* is an outer measure on X .

Now, take any $E, F \subseteq X$ with $d(E, F) > 0$. If $h_\alpha^*(E \cup F) = +\infty$, then the equality $h_\alpha^*(E \cup F) = h_\alpha^*(E) + h_\alpha^*(F)$ is clearly true. We suppose that $h_\alpha^*(E \cup F) < +\infty$ and, hence, $h_{\alpha,\delta}^*(E \cup F) < +\infty$ for every $\delta > 0$. We take arbitrary $\delta < d(E, F)$ and an arbitrary covering $E \cup F \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{+\infty} A_j$ with $\text{diam}(A_j) \leq \delta$ for every j . It is obvious that each A_j intersects at most one of the E and F . We set $B_j = A_j$ when A_j intersects E and $B_j = \emptyset$ otherwise h_α^* and, similarly,

$C_j = A_j$ when A_j intersects F and $C_j = \emptyset$ otherwise. Then, $E \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{+\infty} B_j$ and $F \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{+\infty} C_j$ and, hence, $h_{\alpha,\delta}^*(E) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} (\text{diam}(B_j))^\alpha$ and $h_{\alpha,\delta}^*(F) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} (\text{diam}(C_j))^\alpha$. Adding, we find $h_{\alpha,\delta}^*(E) + h_{\alpha,\delta}^*(F) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} (\text{diam}(A_j))^\alpha$ and, taking the infimum of the right side, $h_{\alpha,\delta}^*(E) + h_{\alpha,\delta}^*(F) \leq h_{\alpha,\delta}^*(E \cup F)$.

Taking the limit as $\delta \rightarrow 0+$ we find $h_\alpha^*(E) + h_\alpha^*(F) \leq h_\alpha^*(E \cup F)$ and, since the opposite inequality is obvious, we conclude that

$$h_\alpha^*(E) + h_\alpha^*(F) = h_\alpha^*(E \cup F).$$

Definition 5.5 Let (X, d) be a metric space and $0 < \alpha < +\infty$. We call the α -dimensional Hausdorff outer measure on X and the measure h_α on $(X, \Sigma_{h_\alpha^*})$ is called the α -dimensional Hausdorff measure on X .

Proposition 5.3 Let (X, d) be a metric space, E a Borel set in X and let $0 < \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < +\infty$. If $h_{\alpha_1}(E) < +\infty$, then $h_{\alpha_2}(E) = 0$.

Proof: Since $h_{\alpha_1}^*(E) = h_{\alpha_1}(E) < +\infty$, we have that $h_{\alpha_1, \delta}^*(E) < +\infty$ for every $\delta > 0$. We fix such a $\delta > 0$ and consider a covering $E \subseteq \cup_{j=1}^{+\infty} A_j$ by subsets

of

X with $\text{diam}(A_j) \leq \delta$ for all j so that $(\sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} \text{diam}(A_j))^{\alpha_1} < h_{\alpha_1, \delta}^*(E) + 1 \leq h_{\alpha_1}^*(E) + 1$.

Therefore, $h_{\alpha_2, \delta}^*(E) \leq (\sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} \text{diam}(A_j))^{\alpha_2} \leq \delta^{\alpha_2 - \alpha_1} (\sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} \text{diam}(A_j))^{\alpha_1} \leq (h_{\alpha_1}^*(E) + 1)\delta^{\alpha_2 - \alpha_1}$ and, taking the limit as $\delta \rightarrow 0+$, we find $h_{\alpha_2}^*(E) = 0$. Hence,

$$h_{\alpha_2}(E) = 0.$$

Proposition 5.4 If E is any Borel set in a metric space (X, d) , there is an $\alpha_0 \in [0, +\infty]$ with the property that $h_\alpha(E) = +\infty$ for every $\alpha \in (0, \alpha_0)$ and $h_\alpha(E) = 0$ for every $\alpha \in (\alpha_0, +\infty)$.

Proof: We consider various cases.

$h_\alpha(E) = 0$ for every $\alpha > 0$. In this case we set $\alpha_0 = 0$.

$h_\alpha(E) = +\infty$ for every $\alpha > 0$. We, now, set $\alpha_0 = +\infty$.

There are α_1 and α_2 in $(0, +\infty)$ so that $0 < h_{\alpha_1}(E)$ and $h_{\alpha_2}(E) < +\infty$.

Proposition 5.3 implies that $\alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2$ and that $h_\alpha(E) = +\infty$ for every $\alpha \in (0, \alpha_1)$ and $h_\alpha(E) = 0$ for every $\alpha \in (\alpha_2, +\infty)$. We consider the set $\{\alpha \in (0, +\infty) | h_\alpha(E) = +\infty\}$ and its supremum $\alpha_0 \in [\alpha_1, \alpha_2]$. The same Proposition 5.3 implies that $h_\alpha(E) = +\infty$ for every $\alpha \in (0, \alpha_0)$ and $h_\alpha(E) = 0$ for every $\alpha \in (\alpha_0, +\infty)$.

Definition 5.6 If E is any Borel set in a metric space (X, d) , the α_0 of Proposition 5.4 is called the Hausdorff dimension of E and it is denoted $\dim_h(E)$

Check your progress

2. Prove that the following

Let (X, d) be a metric space and μ^* an outer measure on X . Then, the measure μ which is induced by μ^* on (X, Σ_{μ^*}) is a Borel measure (i.e. all Borel sets in X are μ^* -measurable) if and only if μ^* is a metric outer measure.

12.6 LET US SUMUP

In this unit we discussed about product measures in detail. In this unit we discussed about the Hausdorff measure and Metric outer measures.

12.7 KEYWORDS

Outer measure

Hausdorff dimension

lebesgue measure

Product measure

Measurable space

12.8 QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW

1. Prove that the elementary sets form an algebra. That is, E is closed under complementation and finite unions.

Let (X, d) be a metric space and $0 < \alpha < +\infty$. Then

Prove that

h_α^* is a metric outer measure on X .

12.9 SUGGESTED READINGS AND REFERENCES

Fundamentals of Real Analysis, S K. Berberian, Springer.

An introduction to measure theory Terence Tao

Measure Theory Authors: **Bogachev**, Vladimir I

Chovanec Ferdinand. Cantor sets. Sci. Military J. 2010

Christopher Shaver. An exploration of the cantor set. Rose-Hulman

Undergraduate Mathematics Journal.

Dauben Joseph Warren, Corinthians I. Georg cantor: The battle for transfinite set theory. American Mathematical Society.

Su Francis E, et al. Devil's staircase. Math Fun Facts.

<http://www.math.hmc.edu/funfacts>, <http://www.math.hmc.edu/funfacts>

Amir D. Aczel, A Strange Wilderness the Lives of the Great

Mathematicians, Sterling Publishing Co. 2011.

Planetmath.org

Proofwiki.Org

12.10 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

1. Please check section 12.3 for Question 1
2. check out section theorem 5.8 For answer to check your progress

UNIT 13 LEBESGUE INTEGRAL OF NONNEGATIVE MEASURABLE FUNCTION

STRUCTURE

13.1 Objectives

13.2 Introduction

13.3 Lebesgue Integral of Nonnegative Measurable Function

13.3.1 Monotone Convergence Theorem

13.3.2

Fatou's Lemma

13.4 General Lebesgue Integral

13.4.1 Lebesgue Convergence Theorem

13.5 Let us sum up

13.6 Key Words

13.7 Questions for review

13.8 Suggested Readings and references

13.9 Answers to check your progress

13.1 OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit, you will be able to:

- Understand what Lebesgue integral is
- Explain Lebesgue integral of non-negative measurable function
- Discuss general Lebesgue integral

13.2 INTRODUCTION

Lebesgue integration is an alternative way of defining the integral in terms of measure theory that is used to integrate a much broader class of functions than the Riemann integral or even the Riemann-Stieltjes integral. The idea behind the Lebesgue integral is that instead of approximating the total area by dividing it into vertical strips, one approximates the total area by dividing it into horizontal

strips. This corresponds to asking ‘for each y -value, how many x -values produce this value?’ as opposed to asking ‘for each x -value, what y -value does it produce?’

Because the Lebesgue integral is defined in a way that does not depend on the structure of \mathbb{R} , it is able to integrate many functions that cannot be integrated otherwise. Furthermore, the Lebesgue integral can define the integral in a completely abstract setting, giving rise to probability theory.

In this unit you will study about Lebesgue integral, Lebesgue integral of non-negative measurable function and general Lebesgue integral.

13.3 LEBESGUE INTEGRAL OF NONNEGATIVE MEASURABLE FUNCTION

In measure theory, a measurable function is defined as a function between two measurable spaces such that the pre-image of any measurable set is measurable. Principally, in analysis, the measurable functions are the Lebesgue integral.

The Lebesgue integral of non-negative Lebesgue measurable functions define the Lebesgue integral for simple functions. In addition, when a bounded function is defined on a Lebesgue measurable set E with $m(E) < \infty$ then it is Lebesgue integrable.

Throughout this section we will be using the measure space (X, F, μ) .

Definition: Let s be a non negative F measurable simple function so that,

N

$$s = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i X_{A_i}$$

with disjoint F measurable sets A_i , $\bigcup_{i=1}^N A_i = X$ and $a_i \geq 0$. For any

$E \in F$

$\int_E s \, d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i \mu(E \cap A_i)$

define the integral of f over E to be,

N

Notes

$$I_E(s) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i \mu(A_i \cap E)$$

with the

convention that if $a = 0$ and $\mu(A \cap E) = +\infty$ then $0 \times (+\infty) = 0$. So the area under

$s \equiv 0$ in R is zero.

Example 13.1: Consider $([0, 1], \mathcal{Q}, \mu)$. Define,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is rational} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$$

x rational

x irrational

This is a simple function with $A = \mathcal{Q} \cap [0, 1] \in L$ and A^c the set of irrationals in $[0, 1]$ which, as the complement of $\mathcal{Q} \cap [0, 1]$, is in L . Thus, f is measurable

and

$$\begin{aligned} I_{[0,1]}(f) &= 1\mu(\mathcal{Q} \cap [0, 1]) + 0\mu(\mathcal{Q}^c \cap [0, 1]) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

since, the Lebesgue measure of a countable set is zero.

Lemma 1: If $E_1 \subseteq E_2 \subseteq \dots$

\dots are in F and $E = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$

E_n then,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(E_n) = \mu(E)$$

and we say that we have an increasing sequence of sets.

Proof: If there exists an n such that $\mu(E_n) = +\infty$ then $E \subseteq E_n$ implies $\mu(E)$

$$= +\infty$$

and the result follows.

So assume that $\mu(E_n) < +\infty$ for all $n \geq 1$. Then, $E = E_1 \cup \bigsqcup_{n=2}^{\infty} (E_n \setminus E_{n-1})$ is a

disjoint union. Note that $E_n \setminus E_{n-1} \subseteq E_{n-1}$ implies that $E_n = (E_n \setminus E_{n-1}) \cup E_{n-1}$,

$$E_n = (E_n \setminus E_{n-1}) \cup E_{n-1}$$

$$\mu(E_n) = \mu(E_n \setminus E_{n-1}) + \mu(E_{n-1})$$

$$\mu(E_n \setminus E_{n-1}) = \mu(E_n) - \mu(E_{n-1})$$

, which is a

$$\mu(E_n \setminus E_{n-1}) = \mu(E_n) - \mu(E_{n-1})$$

disjoint union. So $\mu(E) = \mu(E_1) + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (\mu(E_n) - \mu(E_{n-1}))$

$$= \mu(E_1) + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (\mu(E_N) - \mu(E_1))$$

). Because the measures are finite,

we can rearrange this as

$$\mu(E) = \mu(E_1) + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (\mu(E_N) - \mu(E_1))$$

$$\mu(E) = \mu(E_1) + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (\mu(E_N) - \mu(E_1))$$

$$= \mu(E_1) + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (\mu(E_N) - \mu(E_1))$$

). So,

$$\mu(E) = \mu(E_1) + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (\mu(E_n) - \mu(E_{n-1}))$$

$$= \mu(E_1) + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (\mu(E_N) - \mu(E_1))$$

$$\mu(E) = \mu(E_1) + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (\mu(E_N) - \mu(E_1))$$

Notes

$$(\mu(E) - \mu(E))$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_{n-1})$$

(By the definition of infinite sum)

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mu(E_N)$$

$N \rightarrow \infty$

Theorem 13.1: Let s and t be two simple non negative F measurable functions on (X, F, μ) and $E, F \in F$. Then,

1. $I(cs) = cI(s)$ for all $c \in R$.
2. $I(s+t) = I(s) + I(t)$.
3. If $s \leq t$ on E then $I(s) \leq I(t)$. If $F \subseteq E$ then $I(s) \leq I(s)$.
4. If $E_1 \subseteq E$

$$\subseteq E \subseteq \dots \text{ and } E = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$$

$$E \text{ then } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} I_{E_k}(s) = I_E(s).$$

Proof: As in the Lemma above write,

and

$$s = \sum_{i=1}^M a_i X_{A_i}$$

$i=1$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{i=1}^N a_i X_{C_{ij}}$$

$$t = \sum_{j=1}^N b_j X_{B_j}$$

$j=1$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{i=1}^N b_j X_{C_{ij}}$$

$$i=1, j=1$$

with $C = A \cap B \in \mathcal{F}$.

1. Note that $cs = \sum_{i=1}^M c a_i \mu(A_i)$

and so,

$$M$$

$$I(cs) = \sum_{i=1}^M c a_i \mu(A_i)$$

$$i=1$$

$$M$$

$$= c \sum_{i=1}^M a_i \mu(A_i) = c I_E(s)$$

$$i=1$$

2. Then $s + t = \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^N (a_i + b_j) \mu(C_{ij})$

$(a + b) \mu(C)$

. So,

$$I(s + t) = \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^N (a_i + b_j) \mu(C_{ij} \cap E)$$

$$M \quad N$$

$$MN$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^M a_i \mu(C_{ij} \cap E) + \sum_{j=1}^N b_j \mu(C_{ij} \cap E)$$

$$i=1, j=1$$

$$i=1, j=1$$

$$M \quad (N$$

$$) \quad N \quad (M \quad)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^M a_i \mu(C_{ij} \cap E) + \sum_{j=1}^N b_j \mu(C_{ij} \cap E)$$

$$i=1$$

Notes

$$\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^M \bigcap_{i=1}^N \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^M a_i \mu(A_i \cap E) + \sum_{j=1}^N b_j \mu(B_j \cap E)$$

$$= I_E(s) + I_E(t)$$

$j=1$

3. Given any $1 \leq i \leq M$, $1 \leq j \leq N$ for which

$C \cap E \neq \emptyset$ we have for any

$x \in C \cap E$ that

i

$$a_i = s(x) \leq t(x) = b_j. \text{ So,}$$

$$I(s) = \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^N a_i \mu(C_{ij} \cap E)$$

E $i=1, j=1$

MN

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^N b_j \mu(C_{ij} \cap E)$$

$i=1, j=1$

$$= I_E(t)$$

4. By monotonicity of μ we have,

$$I(s) = \sum_{i=1}^M a_i \mu(A_i \cap F)$$

F $i=1$

M

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^M a_i \mu(A_i \cap E)$$

$i=1$

$$= I_E(s)$$

5. We know that if we have $E_1 \subseteq E \subseteq E$ $k=1$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(E_n) = \mu(E). \text{ Thus,}$$

$\subseteq \dots$ and $E = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$

E_k then

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_E I(s) d\mu \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^M a_i \mu(A_i \cap E_k) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^M a_i \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_i \cap E_k) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^M a_i \mu(A_i \cap E) \\ &= \int_E I(s) d\mu \end{aligned}$$

Definition: If $f: X \rightarrow R^+$ is a non negative F measurable function, $E \in F$, then the integral of f over E is

$$\int_E f d\mu = \sup \{ I_E(s) : s \text{ is a simple } F\text{-measurable function, } 0 \leq s \leq f \}$$

But, if $E \neq X$ we need only that f is defined on some domain containing E .

Let $I(f, E)$ denote the set,

$$\{ I(s) : s \text{ is a simple } F\text{-measurable function, } 0 \leq s \leq f \}$$

So the integral equals $\sup I(f, E)$.

Note: The integral exists for all nonnegative F measurable functions, though it might be infinite.

If $\int_E f d\mu = \infty$ we say that the integral is defined.

If $\int_E f d\mu < \infty$ we say that f is μ -integrable or summable on E .

Theorem 13.2: For a non negative, F measurable simple function t , we have

$$\int_E t d\mu = I_E(t).$$

Proof: Given any simple F measurable function, $0 \leq s \leq t$ we have $I(s) \leq I(t)$ by Theorem 13.1.

So $I_E(t)$ is an upper bound for $I(t, E)$ for which $\int_E t d\mu$ is the least of all upper bounds.

Hence,

$$\int_E t d\mu \leq I_E(t)$$

Also, $\int_E t d\mu \geq I_E(s)$ for all simple F measurable function, $0 \leq s \leq t$ and so is greater than $I_E(s)$ for any particular s , namely $s = t$. Hence, $\int_E t d\mu \geq I_E(t)$.

Example 13.2: If $f \equiv k$, i.e., a constant, then $\int_E f d\mu = I_E(f) = k_\mu(E)$.

Theorem 13.3: Consider that all sets are in F and all functions are non negative and F measurable.

1. For all $c \geq 0$,

$$\int_E c f d\mu = c \int_E f d\mu$$

2. If $0 \leq g \leq h$ on E then,

$$\int_E g d\mu \leq \int_E h d\mu$$

3. If $E_1 \subseteq E_2$ and $f \geq 0$ then,

$$\int_{E_1} f d\mu \leq \int_{E_2} f d\mu$$

...(13.1)

Proof:

1. If $c = 0$ then both the right hand side and left hand side of Equation (13.1) are 0. Assume $c > 0$.

If $0 \leq s \leq cf$ is a simple F measurable function then so is $0 \leq \frac{1}{c}s \leq f$.

Thus,

$$c$$

$$\int_E f d\mu \geq I$$

$$\int_E \left(\frac{1}{c}s\right) d\mu = \frac{1}{c} I$$

— —

(s)

$$\int_E c \left(\frac{1}{c}s\right) d\mu \geq \int_E c f d\mu$$

By Theorem 13.1 (1).

Hence, $c \int_E f d\mu$ is an upper bound for $I(cf, E)$ for which $\int_E c f d\mu$ is the

least upper bound. Thus, $c \int_E f d\mu \geq \int_E c f d\mu$.

Starting with the observation that if $0 \leq s \leq f$ is a simple F measurable function then so is $0 \leq cs \leq cf$ we obtain,

$$\int_E c f d\mu \geq I_E(cs)$$

By the definition of \int_E

$$= c I(s) \quad \text{By Theorem 13.1(1).}$$

$$\frac{1}{c}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \int_E$$

$(cf) d\mu$ is an upper bound for $I(f, E)$ for which \int_E

Notes

$f d\mu$ is the

least upper¹ bound. Hence $\int_E c$

$(cf) d\mu \geq$

$$\int_E f d\mu, \text{ or, } \int_E (cf) d\mu \geq c \int_E$$

$f d\mu$.

On combining both inequalities, we get the result.

2. Let $0 \leq s \leq g$ be a simple, F measurable function. Then, since $g \leq h$ we trivially have $0 \leq s \leq h$ in which case $I_E(s) \leq \int_E h d\mu$ by the definition of integral \int_E .

Thus, $\int_E h d\mu$ is an upper bound for $I(g, E)$. As in (1) we get

$$\int_E h d\mu \geq \int_E g d\mu.$$

3. Let $0 \leq s \leq f$ be a simple, F measurable function. Then,

$I(s) \leq I(s)$ By Theorem 4.31(3)

$$\leq \int_{E_2} f d\mu \quad \text{By the definition of } \int_{E_2}$$

So $\int_{E_2} f d\mu$ is an upper bound for $I(f, E_1)$ and so is greater than the least of all

upper bounds. Hence, $\int_{E_2} f d\mu \geq \int_{E_1} f d\mu$.

Lemma 1: Let $E \in F, f \geq 0$ is F measurable and $\int_E f d\mu < \infty$. Set, $A = \{x \in$

$E :$

$f(x) = +\infty\}$. Then, $A \in F$ and $\mu(A) = 0$.

Proof: Since f is F measurable, therefore $f^{-1}(\{\infty\}) \in F$ and so $A = E \cap f^{-1}(\{\infty\}) \in F$. Define,

$$s(x) = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A \end{cases}$$

Since $A \in F$, we infer that s is an F measurable simple function.

Also, $s \leq f$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} n\mu(A) = I_E(s_n) & \quad \text{by definition of } I_E \\ & \leq \int_E f d\mu \quad \text{by definition of } \int_E \\ & < \end{aligned}$$

∞

by assumption Which is true for all $n \geq 1$ means that $\mu(A) = 0$.

Lemma 2: If f is F measurable and non negative on $E \in F$ and $\mu(E) = 0$, then

$$\int_E f d\mu = 0.$$

Proof: Let $0 \leq s \leq f$ be a simple, F measurable function. So, $s = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n X_A$

$$a_n X_A$$

for

Notes

some $a \geq 0, A \in F$. Then $I(s) = \sum_{n=1}^N$

$$a \mu(A$$

$\cap E$). But μ is monotone which

means that $\mu(A \cap E) \leq \mu(E) = 0$ for all n and so I

$(s) = 0$ for all such simple functions. Hence, $I(f, E)$

$$= \{0\} \text{ and so } \int_E f d\mu = \sup I(f, E) = 0.$$

Lemma 3: If $g \geq 0$ and $\int_E g d\mu = 0$, then $\mu\{x \in E : g(x) > 0\} = 0$.

Proof: Let $A = \{x \in E : g(x) > 0\}$ and $A_n = \{x \in E : g(x) > 1/n\}$.

Then, the sets $A_n = \{x : g(x) > 1/n\} \in F$ satisfy $A_n \subseteq A_{n+1} \subseteq A$

...with

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = A$$

$$A_n \subseteq A_{n+1}$$

A_n .

$$A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq A_3 \subseteq \dots$$

By Lemma 1, $\mu(A) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n)$. Using,

we

$$s(x) = \frac{1}{n} \chi_{A_n}(x)$$

$$x \in A_n$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} & \text{if } x \in A_n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

so $s \leq g$ on A we have,

$$\mu(A) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{A_n} \frac{1}{n} d\mu$$

$$\leq \int_A g d\mu$$

$$\leq \int_A g d\mu$$

by the definition of \int_A

$$\leq \int_E g d\mu$$

By Theorem 4.33(3)

$$= 0 \quad \text{By assumption}$$

So $\mu(A) = 0$ for all n and hence $\mu(A) = 0$.

Definition: If a property P holds on all points in $E \setminus A$ for some set A with $\mu(A) = 0$ then P is said to hold almost everywhere (μ) on E . It is possible that P holds on some of the points of A or that the set of points on which P does not hold is non measurable. But, if μ is a complete measure, such as the Lebesgue-Stieltjes measure

μ , then the situation is simpler. Assume that a property P holds almost everywhere (μ) on E . The definition says that the set of points, D say, on which P does not hold, can be covered by a set of measure zero, i.e., there exists $A : D \subseteq A$ and $\mu(A) = 0$.

However if μ is complete then D will be measurable of measure zero.

Lemma 4: If $g \geq 0$ and $\int_E g d\mu = 0$ then $g = 0$ almost everywhere (μ) on

E . **Theorem 13.4:** If $g, h: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ are F measurable functions and $g \leq h$

almost everywhere (μ) then, $\int_E g d\mu \leq \int_E h d\mu$.

Proof: By assumption there exists a set $D \subseteq E$, of measure zero, such that for all

$x \in \mathbb{R}/D$ we have $g(x) \leq h(x)$. Let $0 \leq s \leq g$ be a simple, F measurable function, written as

Notes

$$s = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i X_{A_i}, \text{ with } \bigsqcup_{i=1}^N A_i = E$$

Define, a simple, F measurable function

$$s^*(x) = \begin{cases} s(x) & \text{if } x \in D \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin D \end{cases}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N a_i X_{A_i}$$

$$x \notin D \quad x \in D$$

$$\cap D^c$$

$i=1$

Then, for $x \in D$ we have $s^*(x) = s(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$, while for $x \in D^c$ we have $s^*(x) = 0 \leq h(x)$. Thus, $s^*(x) \leq h(x)$ for all $x \in E$. Note that, $A = (A \cap D^c) \cup (A \cap D)$, a disjoint union in which case $\mu(A) = \mu(A \cap D^c) + \mu(A \cap D)$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \mu(A_i \cap D^c) + \sum_{i=1}^N \mu(A_i \cap D)$$

$\mu(A)$. But $A \cap D \subseteq D$ and so $\mu(A \cap D) \leq \mu(D) = 0$. Thus, $\mu(A) = \mu(A \cap D^c)$.

Hence,

$$I(s^*) = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i \mu(A_i \cap D^c)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N a_i \mu(A_i)$$

$$= I_E(s)$$

So, $I_E(s) = I_E(s^*) \leq \int_E h d\mu$ by the definition of integral \int_E . Thus, $\int_E h d\mu$ is an upper bound for $I(g, E)$ while $\int_E g d\mu$ is the least of all upper bounds for $I(g, E)$. Hence, $\int_E h d\mu \geq \int_E g d\mu$.

Corollary: If $g, h: X \rightarrow R^+$ are F measurable with $g = h$ almost everywhere (μ) on E then,

$$\int_E g d\mu = \int_E h d\mu .$$

Proof: By assumption there exists a set $D \subseteq E$ of measure zero such that for all $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus D$ we have $g(x) = h(x)$. In particular, for these x we have $g(x) \leq h(x)$ and $h(x) \leq g(x)$. So $g \leq h$ almost everywhere (μ) on E and $h \leq g$ almost everywhere (μ) on E . Hence, the result follows from two applications of Theorem 4.34.

So, a function may have its values changed on a set of measure zero without changing the value of its integral. Particularly, we may assume that a non negative integrable function is finite valued.

13.3.1 Monotone Convergence Theorem

The monotone convergence theorem is any of a number of related theorems proving the convergence of monotonic sequences (sequences that are increasing or decreasing) that are also bounded. Informally, the theorems state that if a sequence is increasing and bounded above by a supremum, then the sequence will converge to the supremum; in the same way, if a sequence is decreasing and is bounded below by an infimum, it will converge to the infimum.

Theorem 13.5 Monotone Convergence: Let (f_n) be non decreasing sequence

Notes

of non negative measurable functions with limit f .

Then,

$$\int_A f d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A f_n d\mu,$$

$A \in \mathcal{A}$

Proof: First, note that $f_n(x) \leq f(x)$ so that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A f_n d\mu \leq \int_A f d\mu$$

It is remained to prove the opposite inequality.

For this it is enough to show that for any simple φ such that $0 \leq \varphi \leq f$ the following inequality holds,

$$\int_A \varphi d\mu \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A f_n d\mu$$

Take $0 < c < 1$. Define,

$$A_n = \{x \in A : f_n(x) \geq c\varphi(x)\}$$

Then A_n

$$A_{n+1} \subset A_n$$

and $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$

A_n . Observe that,

$$c \int_{A_n} \varphi d\mu = \int_{A_n} c\varphi d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{A_n} c\varphi d\mu$$

$$\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{A_n} f d\mu \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A f d\mu$$

Pass to the limit $c \rightarrow 1$.

Theorem 13.6: Let $f = f_1 + f_2$; $f_1, f_2 \in L^1(\mu)$.

Then

$$\int f d\mu = \int f_1 d\mu + \int f_2 d\mu .$$

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

and

Proof: First, let $f_1, f_2 \geq 0$. If they are simple then the result is trivial.

Otherwise,

12

choose monotonically increasing sequences (φ_n) , (ψ_n)

such that $\varphi_n \rightarrow f_1$ and

$\psi_n \rightarrow f_2$ and

$\varphi_n, \psi_n \geq 0$.

Then for $\varphi = \varphi_n + \psi_n$,

$\varphi_n \rightarrow f_1$ and

$\psi_n \rightarrow f_2$

$\varphi_n \geq 0$

$\psi_n \geq 0$

1

$\varphi_n \rightarrow f_1$ and $\psi_n \rightarrow f_2$

$\varphi_n \geq 0$

$\psi_n \geq 0$

$\varphi_n \geq 0$

$$\int \varphi_n d\mu = \int \varphi_{n,1} d\mu + \int \varphi_{n,2} d\mu$$

and the result follows from Theorem 4.35.

If $f_1 \geq 0$ and $f_2 \leq 0$, put

$$A = \{x : f_1(x) \geq 0\}, B = \{x : f_2(x) < 0\}$$

Then, f_1, f_2 and $-f_2$ are non negative on A .

$$\int_A f_1 = \int_A f_1 d\mu + \int_A (-f_2) d\mu .$$

Similarly,

$$\int_B (-f_2) d\mu = \int_B f_1 d\mu + \int_B (-f_2) d\mu$$

The result follows from the additivity of integral.

Theorem 13.7: Let $A \in \mathcal{A}$, (f_n) be a sequence of non negative measurable functions and

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x),$$

$x \in A$

then,

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

13.3.2 Fatou's Lemma

Fatou's lemma establishes an inequality relating the Lebesgue integral of the limit inferior of a sequence of functions to the limit inferior of integrals of these functions. The lemma is named after Pierre Fatou. Fatou's lemma can be used to prove the Fatou–Lebesgue theorem and Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem.

Theorem 13.8 (Fatou's Lemma): If (f_n) is a sequence of non negative measurable functions defined almost everywhere and $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$, then

$$\int_A f d\mu \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A f_n d\mu \text{ where } A \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Proof: Put $g_n(x) = \inf_{i \geq n} f_i(x)$.

Then, by definition of the lower limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n(x) = f(x)$.

Moreover, $g_{n+1} \leq g_n \leq f$. By the monotone convergence theorem,

$$\int_A f d\mu = \lim \int_A g_n d\mu = \liminf_n \int_A g_n d\mu \leq \liminf_n \int_A f_n d\mu$$

Hence the theorem is proved.

13.4 GENERAL LEBESGUE INTEGRAL

Define the positive part f^+ and negative part f^- of a function as,

o

,

$$f = f^+ - f^-$$

$$|f| = f^+ + f^-$$

Definition: A measurable function f is said to be integrable over E if f^+ and f^-

are both integrable over E . In this case we define,

$$\int_E f = \int_E f^+ - \int_E f^-$$

Theorem 13.9: Let f and g be integrable over E . Then,

$$(i) \text{ The function } f+g \text{ is integrable over } E \text{ and } \int_E (f+g) = \int_E f + \int_E g .$$

$$(ii) \text{ If } f \leq g \text{ almost everywhere then, } \int_E f \leq \int_E g .$$

(iii) If A and B are disjoint measurable sets contained in E , then

$$\int_{A \cup B} f = \int_A f + \int_B f .$$

Proof: From the definition, it follows that the functions f^+, f^-, g^+, g^- are all integrable. If $h = f + g$, then $h = (f^+ - f^-) + (g^+ - g^-)$ and hence $h = (f^+ + g^+) - (f^- + g^-)$. Since, $f^+ + g^+$ and $f^- + g^-$ are integrable therefore we then have,

— —

Notes

$$\int_E h = \int_E [(f^+ + g^+) - (f + g)]$$

$$= \int_E (f^+ + g^+) - \int_E (f + g)$$

$$= \left(\int_E f^+ + \int_E g^+ \right) - \left(\int_E f + \int_E g \right)$$

$$= \int_E f^+ + \int_E g^+ - \int_E f - \int_E g$$

That is,

$$\int_E (f + g)$$

$$= \left(\int_E f^+ - \int_E f \right) + \left(\int_E g^+ - \int_E g \right)$$

$$= \int_E f + \int_E g$$

Proof of (ii) follows from part (i) and the fact that the integral of a nonnegative integrable function is nonnegative.

For the proof of (iii) we have,

$$\int_{A \cup B} f$$

$$= \int_{A \cup B} f \chi_{A \cup B}$$

$$= \int_{A \cup B} f \chi_A + \int_{A \cup B} f \chi_B$$

$$= \int_A f + \int_B f$$

Now, $f + g$ is not defined at points where $f = \infty$ and $g = -\infty$, and where $f = -\infty$ and $g = \infty$. However, the set of such points must have measure equal to 0,

since f and g are integrable. Hence, the integrability and the value of independent of the choice of values in these ambiguous cases.

$\int (f + g)$ is

Theorem 13.10: Let f be a measurable function over E . Then f is integrable over E iff $|f|$ is integrable over E . Furthermore, if f is integrable, then

$$\left| \int_E f \right| \leq \int_E |f|.$$

Proof: If f is integrable then both f^+ and f^- are integrable. But $|f| = f^+ + f^-$. Hence, integrability of f^+ and f^- implies the integrability of $|f|$.

Moreover, if f is integrable, then since $f(x) \leq |f(x)| = f(x)$, the property which states that if $f \leq g$ almost everywhere then, $\int f \leq \int g$ implies that

$$\int f \leq \int |f|$$

...(4.17)

On the other hand since $-f(x) \leq |f(x)|$, we have

$$\int f \leq \int |f| \dots (4.18)$$

From Equations (4.17) and (4.18) we have,

$$\left| \int f \right| \leq \int |f|$$

Notes

Conversely, suppose f is measurable and suppose $|f|$ is integrable. Since, $0 \leq f^+(x) \leq |f(x)|$, it follows that f^+ is integrable. Similarly, f^- is also integrable and hence f is integrable.

Lemma: Let f be integrable. Then given $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\left| \int_A f \right| < \varepsilon \text{ whenever } A \text{ is a measurable subset of } E \text{ with } mA < \delta.$$

A

Proof: When f is non negative, the lemma is proved. Now for arbitrary measurable function f we have $f = f^+ - f^-$. So, given $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta_1 > 0$ such that,

$$\int_A f^+ < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

when $mA < \delta_1$. Similarly there exists $\delta_2 > 0$ such that

$$\int_A f^- < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

when $mA < \delta_2$. Thus, when $mA < \delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$, we have

$$| \int_A f | \leq \int_A f^+ + \int_A f^- < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$$

$$\int_A f^+ + \int_A f^- < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$$

$$< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$$

Hence, the lemma is proved.

13.4.1 Lebesgue Convergence Theorem

Theorem 13.11 (Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem): Let $A \in \mathcal{A}$,

A ,

(f_n) be a sequence of measurable functions such that $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ ($x \in A$). If

there

exists a function $g \in L^1(\mu)$ on A such that,

$$|f(x)| \leq g(x)$$

then,

$$\lim \int_A f_n d\mu = \int_A f d\mu.$$

Proof: From $|f(x)| \leq g(x)$ we get f
Fatou's lemma it follows that,

$$\int_A (f + g) d\mu \leq \underline{\lim}_n \int_A (f_n + g)$$

or,

$$\int_A f d\mu \leq \underline{\lim}_n \int_A f_n d\mu$$

$\in L^1(\mu)$. As f

+ $g \geq 0$ and $f + g \geq 0$, by

Since $g - f \geq 0$, in the same way

$$\int_A (g - f) d\mu \leq \underline{\lim}_n \int_A (g - f_n) d\mu$$

So that,

$$-\int_A f d\mu \leq -\underline{\lim}_n \int_A f_n d\mu$$

which is the same as

$$\int_A f d\mu \geq \lim_n \int_A f_n d\mu$$

Hence,

$$\underline{\lim}_n \int_A f_n d\mu = \lim_n \int_A f_n d\mu = \int_A f d\mu$$

Check Your Progress

Notes

1. Define integral of non negative function.
2. State monotone convergence theorem.
3. Give the statement of Fatou's lemma.
4. Write the condition for a measurable function to be integrable.
5. State Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem.

13.5 LET US SUM UP

- Let s be a non negative F measurable simple function so that, $s = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i X_{A_i}$

with disjoint F measurable sets A_i , $\bigcup_{i=1}^N A_i = X$ and $a_i \geq 0$.

- For any $E \in F$ define the integral of f over E to be, $I_E(s) = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i \mu(A_i \cap E)$

with the convention that if $a = 0$ and $m(A \cap E) = +\infty$ then $0 \times (+\infty) = 0$.

So

the area under $s \equiv 0$ in R is zero.

- If $E_1 \subseteq E_2 \subseteq \dots$

$$E_1 \subseteq E_2 \subseteq \dots$$

... are in F and $E = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$

E_n then,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(E_n) = \mu(E)$$

$n \rightarrow \infty$

and we say that we have an increasing sequence of sets.

- If there exists an n such that $\mu(E_n) = +\infty$ then $E_n \subseteq E$ implies $\mu(E) = +\infty$

m

and the result follows.

- If $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is a non negative F measurable function, $E \in F$, then the integral of f over E is

$$\int_E f d\mu = \sup \{ I_E(s) : s \text{ is a simple } F\text{-measurable function, } 0 \leq s \leq f \}$$

But, if $E \neq X$ we need only that f is defined on some domain containing E .

- Let $I(f, E)$ denote the set,

$$\{ I(s) : s \text{ is a simple } F\text{-measurable function, } 0 \leq s \leq f \}$$

So the integral equals $\sup I(f, E)$.

- For a nonnegative, F measurable simple function t , we have $\int_E t d\mu = I_E(t)$.

- So $I_E(t)$ is an upper bound for $I(t, E)$ for which $\int_E t d\mu$ is the least of all upper bounds.

- If $c = 0$ then both the right hand side and left hand side of Equation (13.1) are 0. Assume $c > 0$.

- Starting with the observation that if $0 \leq s \leq f$ is a simple F measurable function then so is $0 \leq cs \leq cf$ we obtain,

$$\int_E c f d\mu \geq I_E(cs)$$

By the definition of $\int_E = c I_E(s)$

Notes

$$\frac{1}{c} \quad (\quad)$$

- Hence,

$$c \int_E cf$$

$d\mu$ is an upper bound for $I(f, E)$ for which

$$\int_E fd\mu \text{ is the}$$

least upper bound. Hence

$$c \int_E fd\mu .$$

$$c \int_E$$

$$(cf)d\mu \geq$$

$$\frac{1}{c}$$

$$\int_E fd\mu , \text{ or, } \int_E (cf)d\mu \geq$$

- D^c). Let $0 \leq s \leq g$ be a simple, F measurable function. Then, since $g \leq h$ we trivially have $0 \leq s \leq h$ in which case $I_E(s) \leq \int_E hd\mu$ by the definition of integral \int_E .

- Let $E \in F, f \geq 0$ is F measurable and $\int_E fd\mu < \infty$. Set, $A = \{x \in E : f(x) = +\infty\}$. Then, $A \in F$ and $\mu(A) = 0$.

- If f is F measurable and non negative on $E \in F$ and $\mu(E) = 0$, then $\int_E fd\mu = 0$.

- Let $A = \{x \in E : g(x) > 0\}_n$ and $A = \{x \in E : g(x) >$

$1/n\}$.

Then, the sets $A = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{x : g(x) > 1/n\} \in \mathcal{F}$ satisfy $A_n \subseteq A_{n+1} \subseteq \dots$ with

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = E$$

A_n .

- If a property P holds on all points in $E \setminus A$ for some set A with $\mu(A) = 0$ then P is said to hold almost everywhere (μ) on E . It is possible that P holds on some of the points of A or that the set of points on which P does not hold is non measurable. But, if μ is a σ -complete measure, such as the Lebesgue- Stieltjesmeasure μ , then the situation is simpler.

- Assume that a property P holds almost everywhere (μ) on E . The definition says that the set of points, D say, on which P does not hold, can be covered by a set of measure zero, i.e., there exists $A : D \subseteq A$ and $\mu(A) = 0$.

- By assumption there exists a set $D \subseteq E$, of measure zero, such that for all $x \in E \setminus D$ we have $g(x) \leq h(x)$. Let $0 \leq s \leq g$ be a simple, \mathcal{F} measurable function, written as

$$s = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i X_{A_i}, \text{ with } \bigcup_{i=1}^N A_i = E$$

- Then, for $x \in E \setminus D$ we have $s^*(x) = s(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$, while for $x \in D$ we have $s^*(x) = 0 \leq h(x)$. Thus, $s^*(x) \leq h(x)$ for all $x \in E$.

Note that, $A = (A \cap D^c) \cup (A \cap D)$, a disjoint union in which case $\mu(A) = \mu(A \cap D^c) + \mu(A \cap D)$.

$$\mu(A) = \mu(A \cap D^c) + \mu(A \cap D) = \mu(A \cap D^c) + \mu(A \cap D) \leq \mu(A \cap D^c) + \mu(D) = \mu(A \cap D^c) + 0 = \mu(A \cap D^c)$$

- A measurable function f is said to be integrable over E if f^+ and f^- are both integrable over E . In this case we define,

$$\int_E f = \int_E f^+ - \int_E f^-$$

- The function $f + g$ is integrable over E and $\int_E (f + g) = \int_E f + \int_E g$.

- If $f \leq g$ almost everywhere then, $\int_E f \leq \int_E g$.

- If A and B are disjoint measurable sets contained in E , then

$$\int_{A \cup B} f = \int_A f + \int_B f$$

13.6 KEY WORDS

Monotone convergence theorem: The monotone convergence theorem is any of a number of related theorems proving the convergence of monotonic sequences that are also bounded. Informally, the theorems state that if a sequence is increasing and bounded above by a supremum, then the sequence will converge to the supremum; in the same way, if a sequence is decreasing and is bounded below by an infimum, it will converge to the infimum.

Fatou's lemma: Fatou's lemma establishes an inequality relating the Lebesgue integral of the limit inferior of a sequence of functions to the limit inferior of integrals of these functions. The lemma is named after Pierre Fatou.

13.7 QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW

1. Define integral of nonnegative functions.
2. Where is monotone convergence theorem applied?

3. State Fatou's lemma with an example.
4. State general Lebesgue integral.
5. Write an application of Lebesgue convergence theorem.
6. Explain integral of nonnegative functions with examples.

State and prove monotone convergence theorem. Explain Fatou's lemma with the help of examples.

9. Discuss between general Lebesgue integral and Lebesgue convergence theorem.

13.8 SUGGESTED READINGS AND REFERENCES

Rudin, Walter. 1976. *Principles of Mathematics Analysis*, 3rd edition. New York: McGraw Hill.

Carothers, N. L. 2000. *Real Analysis*, 1st edition. UK: Cambridge University Press.

Rudin, Walter. 1986. *Real and Complex Analysis*, 3rd edition. London: McGraw-Hill Education– Europe.

Barra, G. De. 1987. *Measure Theory and Integration*. New Delhi: Wiley Eastern Ltd.

Royden, H. L. 1988. *Real Analysis*, 3rd edition. New York: Macmillan Publishing Company.

Malik, S. C. and Savita Arora. 1991. *Mathematical Analysis*. New Delhi: Wiley Eastern Limited.

13.9 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

1. Let s be a non negative F measurable simple

function so that, $s = \sum a_i X_{A_i}$

N

Notes

with disjoint F measurable sets A_i , $\bigcup_{i=1}^N A_i = X$ and $a_i \geq 0$. For any $E \in F$

define the integral of f over E to be, $I_E(s) = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i \mu(A_i \cap E)$ with the convention that if $a_i = 0$ and $\mu(A_i \cap E) = +\infty$ then $0 \times (+\infty) = 0$. So the area under $s \equiv 0$ in R is zero.

2. Let (f_n) be non decreasing sequence of non negative measurable functions with limit f .

$$\text{Then, } \int_A f d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A f_n d\mu,$$

$A \in \mathcal{A}$

3. If (f_n) is a sequence of non negative measurable functions defined almost

everywhere and $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$

$A \in \mathcal{A}$.

$f_n(x)$, then $\int_A f d\mu \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A f_n d\mu$ where

4. A measurable function f is said to be integrable over E if f^+ and f^- are both integrable over E . In this case we define,

$$\int_E f = \int_E f^+ - \int_E f^-$$

5. Let $A \in \mathcal{A}$, (f_n) be a sequence of measurable functions such that

$f_n(x) \rightarrow$

$f(x)$ ($x \in A$). If there exists a function $g \in L^1(\mu)$ on A such that,

$$|f_n(x)| \leq g(x)$$

then,

$$\lim \int_n$$

$$\int_A f_n d\mu = \int_A$$

$$f d\mu .$$

UNIT 14 LEBESGUE INTEGRAL: RIEMANN INTEGRAL

STRUCTURE

14.1 Objectives

14.2 Introduction

14.3 Lebesgue Integral: Riemannintegral

14.3.1 Lebesgue Integral of a Bounded Function over a Set of
Finite Measure and its Properties

14.3.2 Lebesgue Integral as A Generalization of Riemann
Integral

14.4 let us sumup

14.5 keywords

14.6 Questions for review

14.7 Suggested readings and references

14.8 Answers to check your progress

14.9 Self Assesment Quizes and Exercises

14.10 Further Readings

14.1 OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit, you will be able to:

- Discuss the shortcomings of Riemannintegral
- Interpret Lebesgueintegral of a bounded function over a set of finite measure
- Know Lebesgueintegral as a generalization of Riemannintegral

14.2 INTRODUCTION

Riemann integration is the formulation of integration. Many other forms of integration, notably Lebesgue integrals, are extensions of Riemann integrals to larger classes of functions. The Riemann integral was developed by Bernhard Riemann in 1854 and was, when invented, the first rigorous definition of integration applicable to not necessarily continuous functions.

The integral now has more significance than the anti-operation of the derivative. There are now multiple integrals with increasingly greater range of use, yet Riemann integration is sufficient for nearly all physical problems.

In this unit, you will study about the shortcomings of Riemann integral, Lebesgue integral of a bounded function over a set of finite measure and Lebesgue integral as a generalization of Riemann integral in detail.

14.3 LEBESGUE INTEGRAL: RIEMANN INTEGRAL

While the Riemann integral is sufficient in most daily situations, it falls short to meet our needs in quite a lot of important ways. First, the class of Riemann integrable functions is relatively small. Second, the Riemann integral does not have satisfactory limit properties. That is, given a sequence of Riemann integrable functions $\{f_n\}$

with limit function $f = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n$, it does not necessarily follow that the limit function

f is Riemann integrable. Third, all L_p spaces under the Riemann integral.

spaces except for L^∞ fail to be complete

Example 12.1: Consider the sequence of functions $\{f_n\}$ over the interval $E = [0, 1]$.

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 2^n x & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 2^{-n} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The limit function of this sequence is simply $f = 0$. In this example, each function in the sequence is integrable as is the limit function. However, the limit

Notes

of the sequence of integrals is not equal to the integral of the limit of the sequence. That is,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 f_n(x) dx = 1 \neq 0 = \int_0^1 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) dx$$

$$f_n(x) dx$$

$n \rightarrow \infty$

$n \rightarrow \infty$

Example 12.2: Consider the sequence of functions $\{d_n\}$ over the interval

$$E = [0, 1].$$

d

$$d_n(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \{r_n\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$x \in \{r_n\}$$

n

$\{$

$\{$

0 otherwise

where $\{r_n\}$ is the set of the first n elements of some decided upon enumeration

n

of the rational numbers. Each function d_n is Riemann integrable since it is discontinuous

only at n points. The limit function $D = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_n$

is given by

$$D(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is rational} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$$

$\{$

x is rational

x is irrational

$n \rightarrow \infty$

This function, known as the Dirichlet function, is discontinuous everywhere and therefore not Riemann integrable. Another way of showing that $D(x)$ is not Riemann integrable is to take upper and lower sums, which result in 1 and 0, respectively.

14.3.1 Lebesgue Integral of a Bounded Function over a Set of Finite Measure and its Properties

The Lebesgue Integral of a Bounded Function

You now know some of the shortcomings of the Riemann integral. In particular, we would like a function, which is 1 on a measurable set and 0 elsewhere, to be integrable and have its integral the measure of the set.

The function χ_E defined by,

$$\chi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in E \\ 0 & x \notin E \end{cases}$$

is called the characteristic function on E . A linear combination,

$\phi(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \chi_{E_i}(x)$ is known as a simple function if the sets E are measurable.

$i=1$

i

This is not a unique representation for f . However, we note that a function f is simple iff it is measurable and assumes only a finite number of values. If f is a simple function and $[a_1, \dots, a_n]$ are the set of non zero values of f , then

$\phi = \sum a_i \chi_{A_i}$, where $A_i = \{x \mid \phi(x) = a_i\}$. This representation for ϕ is known as

the canonical representation and is characterized by the fact that the A_i 's are disjoint and the a distinct and non zero. If ϕ vanishes outside a set of finite measure, we define the integral of ϕ by

n

n

$\int \phi(x) dx = \sum a_i m A_i$ when ϕ has the canonical representation $\phi = \sum a_i \chi_{A_i}$. We

Notes

$$\sum_{i=1}^n$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n$$

usually reduce the expression for this integral to $\int \phi$. If E is any measurable

set, we define $\int \phi = \int \phi \cdot \chi_E$.

$$E$$

Lemma: If E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n are disjoint measurable subsets of E then every

linear

$$\sum_{i=1}^n$$

combination $\phi = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \chi_{E_i}$ with real coefficients c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n is a simple function

$$\sum_{i=1}^n$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c_i \chi_{E_i}$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n$$

$$\int \phi = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i m(E_i).$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n$$

Proof: It is clear that ϕ is a simple function. Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n

denote the non zero

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_j$$

real number in $\phi(E)$. For each $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ let,

$$A_j = \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i$$

$$c_i = a_j$$

Then we have, $A = \phi^{-1}(a_j) = \{x \mid \phi(x) = a_j\}$ and the canonical

representation

$$\sum_{j=1}^n$$

$$\phi = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \chi_{A_j}$$

Consequently, we obtain

$$\int \phi = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j m A_j$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n a_j m \left[\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i \cap A_j \right]$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n \left[\sum_{i=1}^n c_i m (E_i \cap A_j) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \sum_{i=1}^n m (E_i \cap A_j)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n c_i m (E_i \cap A_j)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i m E_i$$

(Additivity of measures applies, since E are disjoint)

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i m E_i$$

Hence, the theorem is proved.

Theorem 12.1: Let ϕ and ψ be simple functions which vanish outside a set of finite measure. Then

$$\int (a\phi + b\psi) = a \int \phi + b \int \psi, \text{ and, if } \phi \geq \psi \text{ almost everywhere, then } \int \phi \geq \int \psi$$

Proof: Suppose $\{A_i\}$ and $\{B_i\}$ are the sets that occur in the canonical representations of ϕ and ψ . Let A_0 and B_0 be the sets where ϕ and ψ are zero.

Then the sets E obtained by taking all the intersections $A_i \cap B_j$ form a finite

Notes

disjoint

$\{E_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ collection of measurable sets, and we have

$$\phi = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \chi_{E_k}$$

$$\psi = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \chi_{E_k}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} a\phi + b\psi &= a \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \chi_{E_k} + b \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \chi_{E_k} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (aa_k + bb_k) \chi_{E_k} \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (aa_k + bb_k) \chi_{E_k}$$

N

$$(a\phi + b\psi) = \sum_{k=1}^N (aa_k + bb_k)mE_k$$

$k=1$

N

N

$$= \sum_{k=1}^N (aa_k)mE_k$$

$k=1$

$$+ \sum_{k=1}^N (bb_k)mE_k$$

$k=1$

$$= a \sum_{k=1}^N a_k mE_k + b \sum_{k=1}^N b_k mE_k$$

$$= a \int \phi + b \int \psi .$$

To prove the second statement, notice that

$$\int \phi - \int \psi = \int (\phi - \psi) \geq 0$$

since the integral of a simple function which is greater than or equal to zero almost everywhere is non negative by the definition of the integral.

Theorem 12.2: Let f be defined and bounded on a measurable set E with mE

finite. For

$$\inf \int \psi (x) dx = \sup \int \phi(x) dx$$

$$f \leq \psi_E$$

$$f \geq \psi_E$$

for all simple functions ϕ and ψ , it is necessary and sufficient that f be measurable.

Proof: Suppose that f is bounded by M and that f is measurable. Then the sets

Notes

$$E = \left\{ x \mid \underbrace{KM}_{k \quad \left\{ \quad n} \geq f(x) > \underbrace{(K-1)M}_{n \quad \left\{ \quad n} \right.}, -n \leq K \leq n \right. \right\}$$

are measurable, disjoint and have union E . Thus,

$$\sum_{k=-n}^n$$

$$mE_k = mE$$

The simple function defined by,

$$\psi_n(x) = M$$

n

$$\sum_{k=-n}^n$$

$$k\chi_{E_k}$$

(X)

and

$$\phi_n(x) = M$$

n

satisfy,

$$\sum_{k=-n}^n$$

$$(k-1)\chi_{E_k}(X)$$

$$\phi_n(X) \leq f(x) \leq \psi_n(X)$$

Thus,

$$\int_E \psi(x) dx \leq \int_E \psi_n(x) dx = \sum_{k=-n}^n m_k E_k$$

and

$$k=-n$$

$$\int_E \phi(x) dx \geq \int_E \phi_n(x) dx = \frac{M}{n}$$

whence,

$$\sum_{k=-n}^n (k-1)m E_k$$

$$0 \leq \int \psi(x) dx - \sup \int \phi(x) dx \leq \frac{M}{n}$$

$$\int \psi(x) dx - \sup \int \phi(x) dx \leq \frac{M}{n}$$

$$\int \psi(x) dx - \sup \int \phi(x) dx \leq \frac{M}{n}$$

$$\sum m E_k = \frac{M}{n}$$

Notes

$$\int_E \psi(x) dx - \sup_E \int \phi(x) dx = 0$$

Since, n is arbitrary we have

$$\inf \int \psi(x) dx = \sup \int \phi(x) dx$$

$$\int \psi(x) dx - \sup \int \phi(x) dx = 0$$

$$\int \psi(x) dx = \sup \int \phi(x) dx$$

and the condition is sufficient. Consider now that,

$$\int \psi(x) dx = \sup \int \phi(x) dx$$

$$\psi \geq f$$

$$\phi \leq f$$

Then given n , there are simple functions ϕ and ψ such that

$$\phi_n(x) \leq f(x) \leq \psi_n(x) \text{ and}$$

$$\int \psi_n(x) dx - \int \phi_n(x) dx < \frac{1}{n}$$

Then, the functions

$$\psi^* = \inf \psi$$

..... (12.1)

and $\phi^* = \sup \phi$ are measurable and also $\phi^*(x) \leq f(x) \leq \psi^*(x)$.

Now, the set $\Delta = \{x \mid \phi^*(x) < \psi^*(x)\}$ is the union of the sets

$$\Delta_v = \{x \mid \phi^*(x) < \psi^*(x) - \frac{1}{v}\}$$

$$\Delta_v = \{x \mid \phi^*(x) < \psi^*(x) - \frac{1}{v}\}$$

But every Δ is contained in the set $\{x \mid \phi^*(x) < \psi^*(x) - \frac{1}{v}\}$, and the set

v

v

Equation (12.1) has measure less than v/n . Since n is arbitrary, $m\Delta = 0$ and

so

$m\Delta = 0$. Thus $\phi^* = \psi^*$ except on a set of measure zero, and $\phi^* = f$ except on a set of measure zero. Thus f is measurable and the condition is also necessary.

Definition: If f is a bounded measurable function defined on a measurable set E with finite mE , then we define the Lebesgue integral of f over E by,

$$\int_E f(x)dx = \inf \int_E \psi(x)dx$$

for all simple functions $\psi \geq f$.

By Theorem 12.3, we can also define this as

$$\int_E f(x)dx = \sup \int_E \phi(x)dx$$

for all simple functions $\phi \leq f$.

In fact, we sometimes write the integral as $\int_E f$. Also, if $E = [a, b]$ we write

$$\int_a^b f \text{ instead of } \int_{[a,b]} f$$

$[a, b]$

Theorem 12.3: If f and g are bounded measurable functions defined on a set E of finite measure, then

$$\int_E af = a \int_E f$$

(ii)

$E \quad E$

$$\int_E f + g = \int_E f + \int_E g$$

$E \quad E \quad E$

(i) If $f \leq g$ almost everywhere then $\int_E f$

E

Notes

(i) If $f = g$ almost everywhere then $\int_E f$

$$\leq \int_E g.$$

E

$$= \int_E g.$$

E

(ii) If $A \leq f(x) \leq B$, then $A m E \leq \int_E f \leq B m E$.

E

(iv) If A and B are disjoint measurable sets of finite measure, then

$$\int_{A \cup B} f = \int_A f + \int_B f.$$

$A \cup B$

A

B

Proof: We know that if ψ is simple function then so is $a\psi$. Hence,

$$\int_E af = \inf \int_E a\psi = a \inf \int_E \psi = a \int_E f$$

E

$\psi \geq f$ E

$\psi \geq f$ E

E

which proves (i)

For the proof of (ii) let ε denote any positive real number. There are simple functions $\phi \leq f$, $\psi \geq f$, $\xi \leq g$ and $\eta \geq g$ that satisfy

$$\int_E \phi(x) dx > \int_E f - \varepsilon, \quad \int_E \psi(x) dx < \int_E f$$

+ ε ,

E

E

E

E

$$\int_E \xi(x) dx > \int_E g - \varepsilon, \quad \int_E \eta(x) dx < \int_E g + \varepsilon,$$

E

E

E

E

Since, $\phi + \xi \leq f + g \leq \psi + \eta$, we have

$$\int_E (f + g) \geq \int_E (\phi + \xi) = \int_E \phi + \int_E \xi > \int_E f$$

$$+ \int_E g - 2\varepsilon$$

E

E

E

E

E

$$\int_E (f+g) \leq \int_E (\psi + \eta) = \int_E \psi + \int_E \eta < \int_E f + \int_E g + 2\varepsilon$$

Since these hold true for every $\varepsilon > 0$, we have

$$\int_E (f+g) = \int_E f + \int_E g$$

For the proof of (iii) it is sufficient to establish,

$$\int_E (g - f) \geq 0$$

For every simple function $\psi \geq g - f$, we have $\psi \geq 0$ almost everywhere in E . This means that,

$$\int_E \psi \geq 0$$

Hence, we obtain

$$\int_E (g - f) = \inf \int_E \psi(x) dx \geq 0$$

...(12.2)

$$\psi \geq (g - f) \quad E$$

which establishes (iii)

In the same way, we can show that

$$\int_E (g - f) = \sup \int_E \psi(x) dx \leq 0$$

...(12.3)

$$\psi \leq (g - f) \quad E$$

Therefore, from Equations (12.2) and (12.3) the result (iv) follows. In order to prove (v) we are given that,

$$A \leq f(x) \leq B$$

Apply (iv) to get,

$$\int_E f(x) dx \leq \int_E B dx = B \int_E dx$$

$$= BmE$$

That is,

$$\int_E f \leq BmE$$

E

Similarly, we can prove that $\int f$

E

$$\geq AmE$$

Now, we prove (vi). Recall that,

$$\chi_{A \cup B} = \chi_A + \chi_B$$

Therefore,

$$\int_{A \cup B} f = \int_{A \cup B} \chi_{A \cup B} f = \int_{A \cup B} f(\chi_A + \chi_B)$$

$$= \int_{A \cup B} f \chi_A + \int_{A \cup B} f \chi_B$$

$$= \int_A f + \int_B f$$

$$= \int_A f + \int_B f$$

$$= \int_A f + \int_B f$$

$$= \int_A f + \int_B f$$

$$= \int_A f + \int_B f$$

$$= \int_A f + \int_B f$$

$$= \int_A f + \int_B f$$

which proves the theorem.

14.3.2 Lebesgue Integral as A Generalization of Riemann Integral

Any function which is Riemann integrable is Lebesgue integrable as well and positively with the same values for the two integrals. Let us prove this formally. First, we recall one definition of Riemann integrability. This definition

is different from most, but is easily seen to be equivalent; it makes our proofs a good deal simpler. Let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded function on a bounded rectangle $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$. Consider \mathbb{R} -valued functions that are simple with respect to a rectangular partition of A , otherwise known as step functions. Step functions are obviously both Riemann and Lebesgue integrable with the same values for the integral. The lower and upper Riemann integrals for f are,

$$L(f) = \sup \left\{ \int_A l \, d\lambda : \text{step function } l \leq f \right\}$$

$$U(f) = \inf \left\{ \int_A u \, d\lambda : \text{step function } u \geq f \right\}$$

We always have $L(f) \leq U(f)$; we say that f is Riemann integrable if

$$L(f) = U(f), \text{ and the Riemann integral of } f \text{ is defined as } L(f) = U(f)$$

$$L(f) = U(f)$$

$$(f)$$

Equivalently, f is Riemann integrable when there exists a sequence of lower simple functions $l_n \leq f$ and upper simple functions $u_n \geq f$, such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A l_n = L(f) = U(f) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A u_n$$

Theorem 12.4 (Riemann Integrability Implies Lebesgue Integrability):

Let $A \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ be a bounded rectangle. If $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is properly Riemann integrable, then it is also Lebesgue integrable with respect to Lebesgue measure with the same value for the integral.

Proof: Pick a sequence l_n and u_n as above. Let $L = \sup l_n$ and $U = \inf u_n$.

Clearly, these are measurable functions, and we have $l_n \leq L \leq f \leq U$

$\leq u_n$ Taking Lebesgue integral and taking limits,

lim

$n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\int l_n \leq \int L \leq \int U \leq$$

lim

$$n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\int u_n$$

Here, the limits on the two sides are the same, because the Riemann and Lebesgue integrals for l_n and u_n coincide. So $\int (U - L) = 0$. Then $U = L$ almost everywhere, and U or L equals f almost everywhere. Since Lebesgue measure is complete, f is a Lebesgue measurable function.

Finally, the Lebesgue integral $\int f$, which we now know exists, is squeezed in between the two limits on the left and the right, that both equal the Riemann integral of f .

Check Your Progress

1. List the shortcomings of Riemann integral.
2. Define Lebesgue integral of f over measurable set E .
3. What are upper and lower Riemann integrals for f ?
4. State Lebesgue bounded convergence theorem.
5. State Lebesgue's criterion for integrability.

Check Your Progress

1. List the shortcomings of Riemann integral.
2. Define Lebesgue integral of f over measurable set E .
3. What are upper and lower Riemann integrals for f ?
4. State Lebesgue bounded convergence theorem.
5. State Lebesgue's criterion for integrability.

14.4 SUMMARY

- Any function which is Riemann integrable is Lebesgue integrable as well.
- Let $\langle f_n \rangle$ be a sequence of measurable functions defined on a set E of finite measure and suppose that $\langle f_n \rangle$ is uniformly bounded, that is, there exists a real number M such that $|f_n(x)| \leq M$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and all $x \in E$. If

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$$

$$\text{for each } x \text{ in } E, \text{ then } \int_E f_n \rightarrow \int_E f$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_n$$

- Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then, f is Riemann integrable iff f is bounded and the set of

discontinuities of f has measure 0.

- Let s be a non negative F measurable simple function so that

$$s = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i \chi_{A_i} \text{ with disjoint } F \text{ measurable sets } A_i, \cup_{i=1}^N A_i = X \text{ and } a_i \geq 0.$$

For any $E \in F$, we define the integral of f over E to be,

$$I_E(s) = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i \mu(A_i \cap E) \text{ with the convention that if } a_i$$

$\mu(A_i \cap E) = +\infty$ then $0 \times (+\infty) = 0$.
 $= 0$ and

- Let (f_n) be non decreasing sequence of non negative measurable functions with limit f . Then $\int_A f d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A f_n d\mu$, $A \in \mathcal{A}$.

- If (f_n) is a sequence of non negative measurable functions defined almost everywhere and $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$ where $A \in \mathcal{A}$.

$f_n(x)$, then

$$\int_A f d\mu \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A f_n d\mu$$

- A measurable function f is said to be integrable over E if f^+ and f^- are both integrable over E .

- Let $A \in \mathcal{A}$, (f_n) be a sequence of measurable functions such that $f_n(x) \rightarrow$

$f(x)$ ($x \in A$). If there exists a function $g \in L^1(\mu)$ on A such that, $|f(x)| \leq g(x)$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A f_n d\mu = \int_A f d\mu$.

14.5 KEYWORDS

- Lebesgue integral:** The integral of a non-negative function of a single variable can be regarded, in the simplest case, as the area between

the graph of that function and the x-axis.

- **Bounded function:** A function f defined on some set X with real or complex values is called bounded, if the set of its values is bounded.

14.6 QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW

1. What is Lebesgue integral?
2. Brief a note on Riemann integral.
3. What are the shortcomings of Riemann integral?
4. Give the properties of Lebesgue integral of a bounded function over a set of finite measure.
5. Define Lebesgue integral as generalization of Riemann integral.
6. Describe shortcomings of Riemann integral using illustrations.
7. Illustrate Lebesgue integral of a bounded function over a set of finite measure and its properties.
8. Discuss Lebesgue integral as generalization of Riemann integral. Prove that Riemann integrability implies Lebesgue integrability with the help of a theorem.

14.7 SUGGESTED READINGS AND REFERENCES

Rudin, Walter. 1976. *Principles of Mathematics Analysis*, 3rd edition. New York: McGraw Hill.

Carothers, N. L. 2000. *Real Analysis*, 1st edition. UK: Cambridge University Press.

Rudin, Walter. 1986. *Real and Complex Analysis*, 3rd edition. London: McGraw- Hill Education– Europe.

Barra, G. De. 1987. *Measure Theory and Integration*. New Delhi: Wiley Eastern Ltd.

Royden, H. L. 1988. *Real Analysis*, 3rd edition. New York: Macmillan Publishing Company.

Malik, S. C. and Savita Arora. 1991. *Mathematical Analysis*. New Delhi: Wiley Eastern Limited.

Gupta, S. L. and Nisha Rani. 2003. *Fundamental Real Analysis*, 4th edition.

New Delhi: Vikas Publishing House Pvt. Ltd.

14.8 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS QUESTIONS

1. While the Riemann integral is sufficient in most daily situations, it falls short to meet our needs in quite a lot of important ways. First, the class of Riemann integrable functions is relatively small. Second, the Riemann integral does not have satisfactory limit properties. That is, given a sequence of Riemann

integrable functions $\{f_n\}$ with a limit function $f = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n$, it does not necessarily

follow that the limit function f is Riemann integrable. Third, all L_p spaces except for L_∞ fail to be complete under the Riemann integral.

2. If f is a bounded measurable function defined on a measurable set E with finite mE , then we define the Lebesgue integral of f over E by,

$$\int_E f(x) dx = \inf$$

$$\int_E \psi(x) dx \text{ for all simple functions } \psi \geq f.$$

E

E

3. The lower and upper Riemann integrals for f are,

$$L(f) = \sup \left\{ \int_A l d\lambda : \text{step function } l \leq f \right\}$$

$$U(f) = \inf \left\{ \int_A u d\lambda : \text{step function } u \geq f \right\}$$

4. Let $\langle f_n \rangle$ be a sequence of measurable functions

n
 n

defined on a set E of finite measure and suppose that $\langle f_n \rangle$ is uniformly bounded, that is, there exists a real number M such that $|f_n(x)| \leq M$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and all $x \in E$.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_n(x) dx = \int_E \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) dx$$

If $\int_E f_n(x) dx$ for each X in E , then $\int_E f$

5. Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then, f is Riemann integrable if and only if f is bounded and the set of discontinuities of f has measure 0.

14.9 SELF ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS AND EXERCISES

Short Answer Questions

9. What is Lebesgue integral?
10. Brief a note on Riemann integral.
11. What are the shortcomings of Riemann integral?
12. Give the properties of Lebesgue integral of a bounded function over a set of finite measure.
13. Define Lebesgue integral as generalization of Riemann integral.

Long Answer Questions

1. Describe shortcomings of Riemann integral using illustrations.
2. Illustrate Lebesgue integral of a bounded function over a set of finite measure and its properties.
3. Discuss Lebesgue integral as generalization of Riemann integral.
4. Prove that Riemann integrability implies Lebesgue integrability with the help of a theorem.

14.10 FURTHER READINGS

Rudin, Walter. 1976. *Principles of Mathematics Analysis*, 3rd edition.

New York: McGraw Hill.

Carothers, N. L. 2000. *Real Analysis*, 1st edition. UK: Cambridge

University Press.

Rudin, Walter. 1986. *Real and Complex Analysis*, 3rd edition. London:

McGraw- Hill Education– Europe.

Barra, G.De. 1987. *Measure Theory and Integration*. New Delhi: Wiley Eastern

Ltd.

Royden, H. L. 1988. *Real Analysis*, 3rd edition. New York: Macmillan

Publishing Company.

Malik, S. C. and Savita Arora. 1991. *Mathematical Analysis*. New Delhi:

Wiley Eastern Limited.

Gupta, S. L. and Nisha Rani. 2003. *Fundamental Real Analysis*, 4th

edition.

New Delhi: Vikas Publishing House Pvt. Ltd.