

# Lecture 3

260R, Advanced Measure Theory  
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Reminder: Presentation Topics (Apr ~~16~~)  
Makeup Lecture: Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>  
2-3:45 pm  
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## Signed Measures (Folland Ch 3)

Def: A signed measure  $\mu$  on  $(X, \mathcal{M})$  is a function  $\mu: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow [-\infty, +\infty]$  s.t.

(i)  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$

(ii)  $\mu$  assumes at most one of the values  $\pm\infty$

(iii) for  $\{E_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$  disjoint,  
$$\nu\left(\bigcup_j E_j\right) = \sum_j \nu(E_j),$$

where if the LHS is finite, the RHS must converge absolutely.

Like positive measures, signed measures satisfy continuity from below and above

Prop: Fix a signed measure  $\nu$  and  $\{E_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$ .

(i) If  $E_1 \subseteq E_2 \subseteq \dots$ ,  $\nu\left(\bigcup_j E_j\right) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \nu(E_j)$

(ii) If  $E_1 \supseteq E_2 \supseteq \dots$  and  $\nu(E_1) \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  
$$\nu\left(\bigcap_j E_j\right) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \nu(E_j).$$

Def: Given a signed measure  $\nu$ ,  
 $A \in \mathcal{M}$ , we call the set

(i) positive if  $\nu(B) \geq 0 \quad \forall B \subseteq A$

(ii) negative if  $\nu(B) \leq 0 \quad \forall B \subseteq A$

(iii) null if  $\nu(B) = 0 \quad \forall B \subseteq A$

Warning: If  $\nu$  is a positive measure,  
then  $A \in \mathcal{M}$  is null  $\Leftrightarrow \nu(A) = 0$ .

OTOH  $d\nu := \mathbb{1}_{[0,1]} d\mathcal{L}^1 - \mathbb{1}_{[-1,0]} d\mathcal{L}^1$  is  
a signed measure,

$$\begin{aligned}\nu(E) &:= \int_E \mathbb{1}_{[0,1]} d\mathcal{L}^1 - \int_E \mathbb{1}_{[-1,0]} d\mathcal{L}^1 \\ &= \mathcal{L}^1(E \cap [0,1]) - \mathcal{L}^1(E \cap [-1,0])\end{aligned}$$

We see that  $\nu([-1,1]) = 1 - 1 = 0$ ,  
but  $[-1,1]$  is not a null set,  
since  $[0,1] \subseteq [-1,1]$  and  $\nu([0,1]) = 1$ .

Lemma: Any measurable subset of a positive set is positive, and the union of any countable family of positive sets is positive.

Thm: (Hahn Decomposition) If  $\nu$  is a signed measure on  $(X, \mathcal{M})$ ,  $\exists$  positive set  $P$  and negative set  $N$  s.t.  $P \cup N = X$  and  $P \cap N = \emptyset$ .  
Furthermore, for any other such pair  $P', N'$ , we have  $P \Delta P' = N \Delta N'$  is null.

aka " $\nu$  is singular with respect to  $\mu$ "

Def: Two signed measures  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  on  $(X, \mathcal{M})$  are mutually singular if  $\exists E, F \in \mathcal{M}$  s.t.  $E \cup F = X$ ,  $E \cap F = \emptyset$ ,  $E$  is  $\nu$ -null, and  $F$  is  $\mu$ -null. This is denoted  $\mu \perp \nu$ .

" $\mu$  and  $\nu$  live on disjoint sets"

$$\text{Ex: } d\mu = 1_{[0,1]} d\lambda^1, \quad d\nu = 1_{[-2,1]} d\lambda^1$$

Thm (Jordan Decomposition): Given a signed measure  $\nu$ ,  $\exists!$  positive measures  $\nu^+$  and  $\nu^-$  s.t.

$$\nu = \nu^+ - \nu^- \quad \text{and} \quad \nu^+ \perp \nu^-$$

$\nu^+$  and  $\nu^-$  are the positive and negative variations of  $\nu$

the total variation of  $\nu$  is the measure  $|\nu| := \nu^+ + \nu^-$

Rmk: Given the Jordan decomposition of a signed measure  $\nu = \nu^+ - \nu^-$ ;  
For any set  $A$  that is  $\nu$ -null,  
we must have  $\nu^+(A) = \nu^-(A) = 0$ .

Since  $\nu^+ \perp \nu^-$  implies  $\exists$   
partition  $X = E \cup F$  with  
 $E$   $\nu^-$ -null and  $F$   $\nu^+$ -null.

Then,  $\nu = \nu^+ - \nu^-$  and  $E$  is  $\nu$ -null

$$\nu^+(A) = \nu^+(A \cap E) = \nu(A \cap E) = 0$$

$$\nu^-(A) = \nu^-(A \cap F) = \nu(A \cap F) = 0$$

If both are  $> 0$ , then it  
would contradict that  $E$   
and  $F$  are disjoint.

Remark: Given a signed measure  $\nu$  and a positive measure  $\mu$ . Then,

$$\nu \perp \mu \Leftrightarrow |\nu| \perp \mu$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \nu^+ \perp \mu \text{ and } \nu^- \perp \mu$$

Let's prove  $\nu \perp \mu \Rightarrow \nu^+ \perp \mu \text{ and } \nu^- \perp \mu$ .

If  $\nu \perp \mu$ , then  $\exists E, F \in \mathcal{M}$  s.t.  $E \cup F = X$ ,  $E \cap F = \emptyset$  s.t.  $E$  is  $\mu$ -null and  $F$  is  $\nu$ -null. Write  $\nu = \nu^+ - \nu^-$ .

By previous remark,  $F$  is  $\nu^+$ -null and  $\nu^-$ -null. Thus  $\nu^+ \perp \mu$  and  $\nu^- \perp \mu$ .

Def: Given a signed measure  $\nu$ , we can define  $L^1(\nu) := L^1(\nu^+) \cap L^1(\nu^-)$ .

For any  $f \in L^1(\nu)$ ,

$$\int f d\nu := \int f d\nu^+ - \int f d\nu^-$$

## Lebesgue-Radon-Nikodym Thm

Def: Given a signed measure  $\nu$  and a positive measure  $\mu$  on  $(X, \mathcal{M})$ ,  $\nu$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$ , denote  $\nu \ll \mu$ , if

$$\forall E \in \mathcal{M}, \mu(E) = 0 \Rightarrow \nu(E) = 0.$$

Remark:  $\nu \ll \mu \Leftrightarrow |\nu| \ll \mu$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \nu^+ \ll \mu \text{ and } \nu^- \ll \mu$

Exercise :

Thm: Given a finite signed measure  $\nu$  and a positive measure  $\mu$  on  $(X, \mathcal{M})$ ,  
 $\nu \ll \mu \Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  
 $\mu(E) < \delta$  ensures  $|\nu(E)| < \varepsilon$ . (\*)

Pf:

First, we show " $\Leftarrow$ ". Fix  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  s.t.  $\mu(E) = 0$ . Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  arbitrary. Since  $\mu(E) < \delta$  for any  $\delta > 0$ , (\*) ensures  $|\nu(E)| < \varepsilon$ .

Thus  $\nu(E) = 0$ .

Now we show " $\Rightarrow$ "

Note that, once we have proved the result for a positive measure  $\nu$ , it must hold for a signed measure, since

$\omega \ll \mu \Leftrightarrow |\omega| \ll \mu \Leftrightarrow$  (\*) holds for  $|\omega| \Rightarrow$  (\*) holds for  $\omega$

$$|\omega(E)| = |\omega^+(E) - \omega^-(E)| \leq |\omega|(E)$$

Assume  $\nu$  is a positive measure. Suppose (\*) fails, and we will

$\nu \not\ll \mu$ . There exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  s.t.

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \exists E_n \in \mathcal{M}$  with

$\mu(E_n) < 2^{-n}$  and  $\nu(E_n) \geq \varepsilon$ .

Define  $F_2 := \bigcup_{n=k}^{\infty} E_n$  and  $F = \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k$ .

(limsup  $E_n$ )

$$\text{Then } \mu(F_k) \leq \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} 2^{-n} = 2^{1-k},$$
$$\mu(F) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(F_k) = 0.$$

OTOH,  $\nu(F_k) \geq \varepsilon \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$   
and since  $\nu$  finite,  
 $\nu(F) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \nu(F_k) \geq \varepsilon.$

Thus  $\nu \not\ll \mu$ . □

Q: Does the theorem still hold for  $\nu$   $\sigma$ -finite?

Rmk: Given a positive measure  $\mu$  on  $(X, \mathcal{E})$  and  $f: X \rightarrow [-\infty, +\infty]$  for which either  $\int f_+ d\mu < +\infty$  or  $\int f_- d\mu < +\infty$ , the signed measure

$$\nu(E) := \int_E f d\mu$$

satisfies  $\nu \ll \mu$ .

Abbreviate such measures by

$$d\nu = f d\mu.$$