

Measure Theory
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Riesz Representation theorem – Complete statement and proof – Part I


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Riesz Representation Theorem:

Let X be a LCH space and $\lambda: C_c(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$
a positive linear functional. Then there exists a σ -alg. \mathcal{B}_λ
such that $\mathcal{B}(X) \subseteq \mathcal{B}_\lambda$ and a unique Radon measure μ_λ
on \mathcal{B}_λ such that $\lambda(f) = \int_X f d\mu_\lambda$





Now let us come back to the statement of the Riesz representation of theorem. So recall that it said that if you have a locally compact Hausdorff space and positive linear functional on the space of continuous compactly supported functions on X . Then there exist a sigma algebra \mathcal{B}_λ which contains all the Borel sets. So the Borel sigma algebra lies inside the \mathcal{B}_λ . And a unique Radon measure μ_λ defined on \mathcal{B}_λ such that the linear functional $\lambda(f)$ is given by the integration against this measure μ_λ .

And I did not give this additional nice properties that μ_λ satisfies. So let me give it now.

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Further μ_λ satisfies the following properties:

(i) For U open in X :

$$\mu_\lambda(U) = \sup \{ \lambda(f) : f \prec U \}$$

$[0 \leq f \leq 1, \text{supp}(f) \subseteq U]$

(ii) For K compact in X :

$$\mu_\lambda(K) = \inf \{ \lambda(f) : K \prec f \}$$

$[0 \leq f \leq 1, \text{supp}(f) \text{ is compact} \\ \text{and } f \equiv 1 \text{ on } K.]$



So, further μ_λ satisfies the following properties. So the first property is that for u open in x μ_λ of u is the supremum of $\lambda(f)$ such that f is less than u and the second property is that for, k compact in x . We have that μ_λ of k is the infimum of $\lambda(f)$ such that k is less than f . So remember that this is again the notation that we used before so this means that $0 \leq f \leq 1$ and the support of f is inside the u . This is what f less than u means.

And k less than f means that again $0 \leq f \leq 1$ support of, f is compact. And f is identically equal to 1 on k . So in addition to being Radon measure this μ_λ satisfies these 2 properties where its value on open sets is given by the supremum of this $\lambda(f)$. Where f ranges over functions which have compact support inside u and which are taking values only between 0 and 1.

And similarly for k compact the value μ_λ k is given by the infimums of these values $\lambda(f)$. Where, f range is over all function which has compact support and range between 0 and 1 which are identically equal to 1 on k . So let us look at the proof of the Reisz representation theorem. Now there are many proofs available and I have decided to follow the proof in Folland's book.

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Proof: [Follow Folland's book, Theorem 7.2].

Begin by taking property (i) as a defn.,
if $U \subseteq X$ is open, then we define

$$\mu(U) := \sup \{ \lambda f : f \ll U \}$$

Define $E \subseteq X$ arbitrary subset.

$$\mu^*(E) := \inf \{ \mu(U) : E \subseteq U \text{ open} \}.$$



So for the proof I will follow Folland's book which I found the proof I found to be quite nice so I will follow that. So this is theorem 7.2 in Folland's book. So now we begin by taking property 1 above as a definition. So this means that if u is open then we define μu to be the supremum of λf such that f is less than u . So we take this as a definition for the measure μu for u open and now we define μ star of E .

So now E is an arbitrary subset of x and then we can define μ star of E as the infimum of μu such that E is contained in u which is open. And we claim several things so this proof will require several steps which shall prove various properties of μ and μ star. So let us list them one by one and try to prove them.

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Claims: (i) μ^* is an outer measure.

By Caratheodory ext. thm. $\leadsto C_{\mu^*}(X) = \sigma$ -alg of all Caratheodory measurable sets in X w.r.t. the outer meas. μ^* .

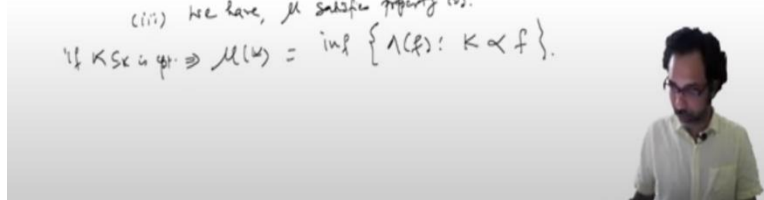
We denote the restriction of μ^* to $C_{\mu^*}(X)$ by μ .

Set $\mathcal{B}_\lambda := C_{\mu^*}(X)$

(ii) All open sets are in $\mathcal{B}_\lambda \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X) \subseteq \mathcal{B}_\lambda$.

(iii) We have, μ satisfies property (2):

$\forall K \subseteq U \text{ cpt.} \Rightarrow \mu(K) = \inf \{ \lambda(f) : K \subseteq f \}$.



So we make the following claims first one is that mu star is an outer measure. So the mu star that we just define is an outer measure. So if mu star is an outer measure by caratheodary measurable extension theorem we get $C_{\mu^*}(X)$ which is the sigma algebra of all caratheodary measurable sets in X with respect to the outer measure mu star. Now the restriction of mu star so we denote the restriction of mu star to $C_{\mu^*}(X)$ this is a measure and this is denoted by mu.

And this is again due to the caratheodary extension theorem. Now we set our \mathcal{B}_λ to be precisely this sigma algebra of caratheodary measurable sets. Now the second one is that all open sets are in \mathcal{B}_λ and this implies that the borel sigma algebra sets inside \mathcal{B}_λ because the borel sigma algebra is the smallest sigma algebra containing all open sets and \mathcal{B}_λ contains all open sets.

So the second claim is that all open sets are in our caratheodary measurable. Thirdly we have so because all borel sets are inside \mathcal{B}_λ we have that all compact sets are also measurable caratheodary measurable. And we have that mu satisfies property 2 which is that mu $\leq \lambda$ so if K is compact this implies that mu $\leq \lambda$ is the infimum of $\lambda(f)$ such that $K \subseteq f$. So this was part of the additional property of mu on compact sets.

And what we are claiming here is that once we define property 1 once we take property 1 as a definition then property 2 follows for compact sets.

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(i) The relation $\lambda(f) = \int_X f d\mu$ holds $\forall f \in C(X)$.

pf of (i): If we show that for $E \subseteq X$: $E = \cup_{j=1}^{\infty} U_j$ open sets in X .

$$\mu^*(E) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(U_j) : E \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} U_j, U_j \text{ are open and } U_j \cap U_k = \emptyset \text{ for } j \neq k \right\}$$

$\Rightarrow \mu^*$ is an outer measure, due to the lemma.

Lemma: If $\mathcal{E} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ s.t. $\emptyset, X \in \mathcal{E}$ and $\rho: \mathcal{E} \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$, then

$$\text{for } E \subseteq X: \mu^*(E) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \rho(E_j) : E \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j, E_j \in \mathcal{E} \right\}$$

is an outer measure.



And lastly that the relation $\lambda(f) = \int f d\mu$ holds for all $f \in C(X)$. So let us prove these claims one by one. So proof of the first part so we have to show that μ^* is an outer measure. So if we show that for any arbitrary subset E we have that $\mu^*(E)$ is the infimum of these sums $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(U_j)$ such that E is covered by the union of U_j 's $j=1$ to infinity and all U_j 's are open.

So if we show this then this implies that μ^* is an outer measure due to the lemma that, we once stated which was for due to the following lemma let me write it down. Due to the lemma so this lemma said that if \mathcal{E} is a collection of subsets of X such that \emptyset and the entire set X both belong to \mathcal{E} . And a ρ is a map from \mathcal{E} to $[0, +\infty)$. Then μ^* of E for $E \subseteq X$ is given by $\mu^*(E) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \rho(E_j) : E \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j, E_j \in \mathcal{E} \right\}$.

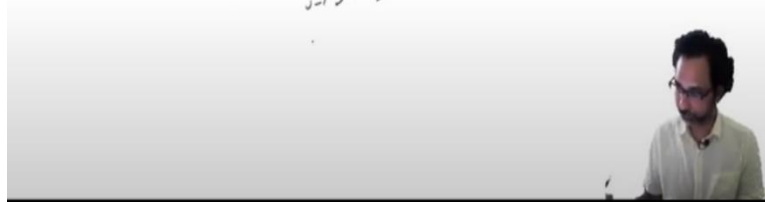
And \mathcal{E} belongs to this collection \mathcal{E} this is an outer measure. And this was proved I think I left it as an exercise but I said that the proof is exactly as you would prove that the Lebesgue outer measure is an outer measure. So I left this proof as an exercise. So here our ρ is in fact this μ this is our ρ and our \mathcal{E} is the collection of all open sets in X . So then if you show that this equality holds then μ^* will be automatically an outer measure.

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It suffices to show that if $U = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} U_j$, U_j is open $\forall j$
 (U is open), then $\mu(U) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(U_j)$. [countable sub-additivity]
 $\Rightarrow \inf \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(U_j) : E \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} U_j, U_j \text{ open} \right\} = \inf \left\{ \mu(U) : E \subseteq U \text{ open} \right\}$



By defn. $\mu(U) = \sup \{ \lambda f : f \prec U \}$
 It suffices to show that for any $f \prec U$, we have
 $\lambda f \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(U_j)$.



So to show this note that it suffices to show that if U is open $U = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} U_j$ such that U_j is open for all j . So U itself is open U is open then $\mu(U)$ is less than or equal to this sum $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(U_j)$. So this will imply that the infimum over these sums $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(U_j)$ such that E is covered by U_j 's U_j open and this is equal to the infimum of $\mu(U)$ such that E is covered by a single open set U .

So we just have to show that if U is open and given by a countable union of open sets then it satisfies this is the countable sub additivity property. So let so note that by definition so by definition we have that $\mu(U)$ is the supremum of λf such that $f \prec U$. So in turn it suffices to show that for any $f \prec U$ we have $\lambda f \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(U_j)$. So then we can take this supremum on the left and we will get $\mu(U)$. So how do we show this?

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Let $f < U_j$, $K = \text{supp}(f) \subseteq U = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} U_j$

$\Rightarrow \exists$ a finite collection say U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n s.t. $K \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^n U_j$


\exists Partition of unity $\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^n$ subordinate to the cover $\{U_j\}_{j=1}^n$ s.t.


$$\sum_{j=1}^n \phi_j \equiv 1 \text{ on } K = \text{supp}(f).$$

$\Rightarrow \int f = \int f \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \phi_j \right) = \sum_{j=1}^n \int f \phi_j.$

Each $f \phi_j < U_j \Rightarrow \int f \phi_j \leq \mu(U_j).$

$\Rightarrow \int f = \sum_{j=1}^n \int f \phi_j \leq \sum_{j=1}^n \mu(U_j) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(U_j).$





So let us fix a function which has compact support in u and whose range is between 0 and 1. And let k be the support of f . And this sets inside u now u is this union of u_j 's and so this is an open cover of compact set k and this implies that there exist a finite collection say u_1 u_2 up to u_n such that k is contained in the union in the finite union of this n open sets u_1 to u_n . And now I am going to use the existence of partition of unity ϕ_i .

So there exist a partition of unity of ϕ_i subordinate to the cover u_j , $j = 1$ to n so $j = 1$ to, n here also. Such that summation ϕ_j is identically equal to 1 on k so this is $j = 1$ to, n . So now this implies that $\int f$ can be written as $\int f$ times $\sum_{j=1}^n \phi_j$ because k was nothing but the support of f and so on the support of f this sum is 1. So $f = f$ times sum of ϕ_j $j = 1$ to, n . And by linearity this is $\sum_{j=1}^n \int f \phi_j$.

Now each $f \phi_j$ is supported inside u_j is less than u_j so this implies that $\int f \phi_j$ is less than or equal to μ of u_j . And so this implies that $\int f$ which is equal to $\sum_{j=1}^n \int f \phi_j$ is less than or equal to the sum $\sum_{j=1}^n \mu(u_j)$. And this is less than or equal to $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(u_j)$. So this proves that this μ^* is an outer measure.

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(ii) If U is open, $U \in \mathcal{O}_X = \mathcal{G}_\mu(X)$, i.e.

$$\mu^*(E) = \mu^*(E \cap U) + \mu^*(E \setminus U), \quad \forall E \subseteq X.$$

First it suffices to show that if $\mu^*(E) < \infty$ then

$$\mu^*(E) \geq \mu^*(E \cap U) + \mu^*(E \setminus U).$$

Second, by outer regularity it suffices to show the inequality

if E is open: ($\mu^*(E) = \mu(E) < \infty$).

if E is open $\Rightarrow E \cap U$ is open

$$\mu^*(E \cap U) = \mu(E \cap U) = \sup \{ \lambda f : f \prec E \cap U \}.$$



Now for the second claim we have to show that if U is open U belongs to the sigma algebra of Carathéodory measurable subsets which is equivalently saying that $\mu^* E = \mu^* E \cap U + \mu^* E - U$ for any E subset E in X . So it suffices first so we reduce the problem twice. So first it suffices to show that $\mu^* E$ is greater than or equal to $\mu^* E \cap U + \mu^* E - U$ because the other inequality is obvious due to μ^* being an outer measure.

So by countable subadditivity $\mu^* E$ is less than or equal to the right hand side. So we have to show that μ^* is greater than or equal to the right hand side. On the other hand if μ^* is infinite there is nothing to show. So we can only restrict our case our attention to the case if $\mu^* E$ is finite then this holds. We can also make a second reduction which is that by outer regularity outer regularity it suffices to show this to show the inequality if E is open and still we have $\mu^* E = \mu E$ if E is open this is finite.

So now we have to show when E is finite where E is open of finite measure we have to show this inequality. Now if E is open this implies that $E \cap U$ is open and this means by our very definition of μ^* . So $\mu^* E \cap U$ is now μ of $E \cap U$ because it is open. And now this is equal to supremum of λf such that $f \prec E \cap U$.

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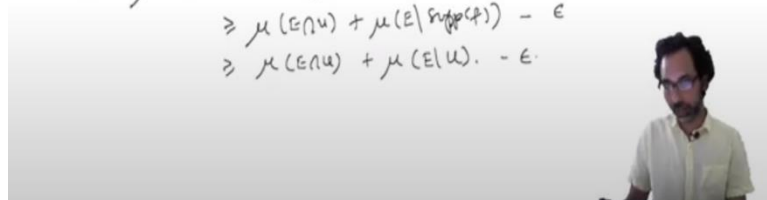


Given $\epsilon > 0$, choose $f < E \cap U$ such that
 $\lambda f \geq \mu(E \cap U) - \frac{\epsilon}{2}$

Similarly, $E \setminus \text{supp}(f)$ is open, choose $g < E \setminus \text{supp}(f)$.
 Such that $\lambda g \geq \mu(E \setminus \text{supp}(f)) - \frac{\epsilon}{2}$.

$\Rightarrow f + g < E$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mu(E) &\geq \lambda(f+g) = \lambda f + \lambda g \\ &\geq \mu(E \cap U) + \mu(E \setminus \text{supp}(f)) - \epsilon \\ &\geq \mu(E \cap U) + \mu(E \setminus U) - \epsilon \end{aligned}$$



So now given epsilon greater than 0 choose f less than E intersection u such that lambda f + epsilon or rather lambda f is greater than or equal to mu E intersection u minus epsilon by 2. Similarly now that we have chosen a function of, f a compact support with support inside intersection u we have E minus support f is open. So choose g in less than E minus support f. Note that support f is compact. So it is closed.

So the compliment is open so this is why E minus support of, f is open. So now we can again choose g less than E minus support f such that lambda g is greater than or equal to mu of E minus support f minus epsilon by 2. But the way we have chosen f and g this implies that f + g is less than E because when g is 0 when f is non-zero g is 0 and vice versa. So f + g is still between 0 and 1 and its support is now between is now contained in E.

So this implies that mu E is greater than or equal to lambda times lambda of f + g which is equal to lambda f + lambda g by linearity and now we have chosen f and g so that this is greater than or equal to mu E intersection u + mu E minus support f minus epsilon by 2 and epsilon by 2 make an epsilon. But since support of, f is contained in source in u so this implies that this is greater than or equal to mu E intersection u + mu E - u minus epsilon.

So this is because support of a contained inside E intersection mu which is inside u. So mu of E - u is less than or equal to mu of E minus support of, f. So this shows that all open sets are indeed

in the sigma algebra of Carathéodory measurable sets \mathcal{B}_λ . So this proves our secondary claim.

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(iii) μ satisfies property 2: if $K \subseteq X$ compact

then $\mu(K) = \inf \{ \lambda_f : K < f \} =: \lambda_2$

By def: $\mu(K) = \inf \{ \mu(u) : K \subseteq u, u \text{ open} \} =: \lambda_1$

First note that if $u \supseteq \text{open set}$, $K \subseteq u$, then by Urysohn's lemma, $\exists f \in C_c(X)$, $K < f < u$

$\Rightarrow \lambda_f \leq \mu(u) = \sup \{ \lambda_h : h < u \}$

$\Rightarrow \lambda_2 \leq \lambda_1$

Now the third claim is that μ satisfies property 2 namely that if K is compact then $\mu(K)$ note that K is Carathéodory measurable because it is a Borel set and Borel sets lie in the sigma algebra of Carathéodory measure μ . So now we have to show that this is the infimum of λ_f such that $K < f$. Now recall that by definition we have that $\mu(K)$ is equal to the infimum of $\mu(u)$ such that K is contained in u and u is open.

So let me denote the right hand side here by λ_1 and the right hand side here by λ_2 . And I am going to prove that $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$. So, first note that if u is open such that K is contained in u then by Urysohn's lemma there exists a function f which is continuous with compact support such that $K < f < u$. And so this implies that λ_f is less than or equal to $\mu(u)$ because this latter on the right hand side was the supremum by definition this is the supremum of all such.

So let me write here such that $h < u$. So this means that λ_2 is less than or equal to λ_1 . So now we will prove the reverse inequality.

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Let $f \in C(X)$: $K \prec f$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$, $U_\epsilon = \{x \in X : f(x) > 1 - \epsilon\}$. *open since f is continuous.*

the $f \equiv 1$ on K , $K \subseteq U_\epsilon$.

Also if $g \prec U_\epsilon$, then we have:

$$\lambda(g) \leq (1-\epsilon)^{-1} \lambda(f).$$

$$\text{Since } \underbrace{(1-\epsilon)^{-1}}_{>1} f - \underbrace{g}_{0 \leq g \leq 1} \geq 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(U_\epsilon) \leq (1-\epsilon)^{-1} \lambda(f).$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(K) \leq \mu(U_\epsilon) \leq (1-\epsilon)^{-1} \lambda(f) \Rightarrow \mu(K) \leq \lambda f.$$

$\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2$



So let f in $C(X)$ such that K is less than f now we have to find an open set such that f is less than $1 - \epsilon$. So how do we do this? So I said let $\epsilon > 0$ and take U_ϵ to be the set of all points in X such that $f(x) > 1 - \epsilon$. So because f is continuous this set is open. Now we immediately have that since $f \equiv 1$ on K , K is the subset of U_ϵ and also if g is less than U_ϵ .

Then we have that $\lambda(g)$ is less than or equal to $(1 - \epsilon)^{-1} \lambda(f)$ since because $f(x) > 1 - \epsilon$. So this means that $(1 - \epsilon)^{-1} f - g$ is greater than or equal to 0 because this is strictly greater than 1 and this is between 0 and 1. So we have this inequality which shows that $\lambda(g)$ is less than or equal to $(1 - \epsilon)^{-1} \lambda(f)$.

And now if we take the supremum on the left hand side this means that $\mu(U_\epsilon)$ is less than or equal to $(1 - \epsilon)^{-1} \lambda(f)$ and so letting ϵ goes to 0 this means on the right hand side on the right. Well first of all these means that $\mu(K)$ is less than or equal to $\mu(U_\epsilon)$ which is less than or equal to $(1 - \epsilon)^{-1} \lambda(f)$. And now we can take ϵ going to 0 on the right hand side so this implies that $\lambda(K)$ is less than or equal to $\lambda(f)$.

So this shows that λ_1 is less than or equal to λ_2 and so these 2 quantities are in fact equal. So these this equality holds. So we have also proves the third assertion now we will derive some consequence of this third assertion.