

**Measure and Integration**  
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**Lecture - 32**  
**Fatou's lemma**

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$0 \leq f_n \leq f_{n+1} \quad f_n \rightarrow f \quad \int f d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu$

So, last time we looked at the monotone convergence theorem, which said that if you have a sequence of non-negative monotonic functions monotonically increasing sequence of functions sets then you have  $f_n$  goes to  $f$  then you have  $\int f d\mu$  over  $X$  is  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu$  over  $X$ .

So, this is a really simple theorem to apply: you need a monotonically increasing sequence of non-negative functions and then you are through. Of course, as I said both sides could be infinite and if 1 side is finite then the other side is finite and the two equal.

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So, next we have a similar result based on the monotonic theorem again a very useful result is called Fatou's Lemma.

**Theorem:** (Fatou's lemma) So,  $(X, S, \mu)$  measure space, and  $\{f_n\}$  non-negative sequence of

measurable functions. Then  $\int (\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf f_n) d\mu \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf \int f_n d\mu$ .

*proof:* Set  $g_n = \inf_{i \geq n} f_i(x)$ ,  $x \in X$ . Then of course  $g_n$  is measurable non-negative and

$$g_n \uparrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf f_n.$$


Therefore, by the monotone convergence theorem, you have

$$\int (\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf f_n) d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int g_n d\mu \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{i \geq n} \int f_i d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf \int f_n d\mu.$$


So, this proves Fatou's lemma.

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$\frac{E}{\mu}$ : strict ineq. possible in Fatou's lemma.  
 $X = \mathbb{R}$  equipped with Lebesgue meas.  
 $f_n = \chi_{[n,n+1]}$      $f_n(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   
 $\liminf f_n = 0$   
 $0 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n d\mu_1$      $\int_{\mathbb{R}} f_n d\mu_1 = m_1([n,n+1]) = 1$   
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**Example:** Strict inequality is possible in Fatou's lemma. So, let us take  $X = \mathbb{R}$  equipped with Lebesgue measure and then you say  $f_n = \chi_{[n,n+1]}$ . So, then  $f_n(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Therefore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf f_n = 0$ . So, you have  $0 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf f_n d\mu_1$ . But if you look at

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} f_n d\mu_1 = m_1([n, n + 1]) = 1 \text{ and therefore,}$$

$$0 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf f_n d\mu_1 < 1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf \int_X f_n d\mu.$$

So, you have that it is possible to have strictly inequality in Fatou's lemma.

So, the next proposition is a variation of the monotone convergence theorem.

**Proposition:** So,  $(X, S, \mu)$  measure space,  $\{f_n\}$  sequence of non-negative extended real valued functions, for all  $x$  in  $X$ , assume converges  $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$  and  $0 \leq f_n(x) \leq f(x)$ .

$$\text{Then, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu = \int_X f d\mu.$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pf: } \int_X f d\mu &= \int_X \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n d\mu \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu \quad (\text{Fatou}) \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu \\ &= \int_X f d\mu \quad f_n \leq f \\ \Rightarrow \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu = \int_X f d\mu \\ \text{ie. } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu &= \int_X f d\mu \end{aligned}$$

$\phi \geq 0$  simple  $\Rightarrow \nu(E) = \int_E \phi d\mu$  defines a measure on  $S$ .



*proof:* So, you apply Fatou's lemma and you have that so,

$$\int_X f d\mu = \int_X \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n d\mu \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu \leq \int_X f d\mu.$$

$$\Rightarrow \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu = \int_X f d\mu.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu = \int_X f d\mu.$$

That proves the theorem.


So, earlier we showed that if  $\phi \geq 0$  is a simple function  $\Rightarrow \nu(E) = \int_E \phi d\mu$  defines a measure

on  $S$ .

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$c \geq 0$  simple  $\Rightarrow \nu(E) = \int_E c d\mu$  defines a measure on  $S$ .  
Prop  $(X, S, \mu)$  measure sp. of non-neg extended real-val. mble fn.  
 Define  $\nu(E) = \int_E f d\mu \quad \forall E \in S$ .  
 Then  $\nu$  is a meas. on  $S$  and if  $g$  is any extended-real-val  
 non-neg mble fn, we have  

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So, now, we are going to generalize this result in the following proposition:

**Proposition:**  $(X, S, \mu)$  measure space,  $f$  non-negative extended real valued measurable function. Define  $\nu(E) = \int_E f d\mu, \forall E \in S$ .

Then  $\nu$  is a measure on  $S$  and if  $g$  is any extended real valued non-negative measurable function we have  $\int_X g d\nu = \int_X g f d\mu. \quad (d\nu = f d\mu). \quad \dots (*)$

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non-neg. mltle  $\delta_n$ , we have

$$(*) \int_X g d\nu = \int_X g f d\mu \quad ("d\nu = f d\mu")$$

Prf:  $\nu(\emptyset) = 0, \nu \geq 0. E = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \quad E_i \in \mathcal{S}, \{E_i\} \text{ disjoint.}$

$$\chi_E = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \chi_{E_i}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(E) &= \int_E f d\mu = \int_X f \chi_E d\mu = \int_X \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f \chi_{E_i} \right) d\mu \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_X f \chi_{E_i} d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_i} f d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \nu(E_i). \end{aligned}$$

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Assume  $g = \chi_E \quad E \in \mathcal{S}$ .

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$$f = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \chi_{A_i} \quad A_i \in \mathcal{S}, \alpha_i \geq 0.$$

$$\int_X g d\nu = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \int_X \chi_{A_i} d\nu = \int_X g \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \chi_{A_i} d\mu = \int_X f g d\mu.$$

(+) OK for  $\geq 0$ , simple  $\delta_n$ .

$g \geq 0$  mltle  $\exists \varphi_n$  simple  $0 \leq \varphi_n \leq g \quad \varphi_n \uparrow g$ .

$$\int_X \varphi_n d\nu = \int_X f \varphi_n d\mu \quad \varphi_n \uparrow f g.$$

$$\text{MCT} \quad \int_X g d\nu = \int_X f g d\mu.$$



*proof:* So, clearly  $v(\emptyset) = 0$  and  $v \geq 0$ , and therefore, we have to check so,

$E = \cup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i$ ,  $E_i \in S$ ,  $E_i$  disjoint. So, now  $\chi_E = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \chi_{E_i}$ . So now, if you take

$$v(E) = \int_E f d\mu = \int_X f \chi_E d\mu = \int_X (\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f \chi_{E_i}) d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_X f \chi_{E_i} d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_i} f d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} v(E_i).$$

So, this implies that  $v$  is a measure. So now, we want to establish (\*). So, assume

$$g = \chi_E, E \in S. \text{ Then } \int_X g d\mu = v(E) = \int_E f d\mu = \int_X f \chi_E d\mu = \int_X f g d\mu.$$

So, (\*) is OK for characteristic functions. Now, you take  $g = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \chi_{A_i}$ ,  $A_i \in S$ ,  $\alpha_i \geq 0$ .

Then we know that if you have a finite sum of non-negative functions then the integral of the sum is the sum of the integral and alpha can come out. And therefore,

$$\int_X g d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \int_X \chi_{A_i} d\mu = \int_X f \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \chi_{A_i} d\mu = \int_X f g d\mu.$$

So, (\*) is OK for non-negative, simple functions. So, now, if  $g \geq 0$  is measurable, so, there exists  $\phi_n$  simple,  $0 \leq \phi_n \leq g$  and  $\phi_n \uparrow g$ . So,

$$\int_X \phi_n d\mu = \int_X f \phi_n d\mu. \text{ Now, } \phi_n \text{ increases to } g \text{ non-negative function, so, by the}$$

monotone convergence theorem,  $\int_X g d\mu = \int_X f g d\mu$ .

Therefore, this establishes the theorem.

So, this is a very important powerful technique like a proof machine: you prove something for characteristic functions, use linearity to prove it for simple functions, use a suitable limit theorem like the monotone convergence theorem to prove it for an arbitrary non-negative function.

Now, if you want to do it further, we have not come to arbitrary functions yet, but in general you know how what how the proof will go because he will take an arbitrary function break it up as  $f$  plus and  $f$  minus for each of them you prove it because you know you can do it for

this and then take the difference, so that will be the idea, so, this is a very nice proof technique, which you have.

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$y \geq 0$  more  $> 0$ , simple  $0 = \nu_n = \int f_n d\mu$ .  
 $\int_X \varphi_n d\nu = \int_X \varphi_n d\mu$   $f_n \uparrow f_g$ .  
 MCT  $\int_X f d\nu = \int_X f g d\mu$ .  


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 "  $d\nu = f d\mu$  "  $\int_X g d\nu = \int_X f g d\mu$   
 $\nu(E) = \int_E f d\mu$  (\*)  
 given  $\nu, \mu$  meas.  $\exists?$   $f$  st. (\*\*) is true?  
 Content of the Radon-Nikodym thm.

So, as I said already, we have said if the indefinite integral  $\nu$  could be witness  $f d\mu$  that

means  $\int_X g d\nu = \int_X f g d\mu$ . Now, when can you do so, and you have

$$\nu(E) = \int_E f d\mu. \quad (**)$$

So, given two measures  $\nu$  and  $\mu$ , when can you write this is the third existing episode given  $\nu$  and  $\mu$  measures does there exist if such a  $(**)$  is true.

So, this is the content of the Radon Nikodym theorem. When you can do this we will see that much-much later in this course. So, this is a particular case which we have seen.