


Measure and Integration
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Lecture 56
Integration of radial functions

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INTEGRATION OF RADIAL FUNCTIONS



$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(x,y) dx dy = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) r dr d\theta \quad \text{Polar coords}$$

$x = r \cos \theta \quad y = r \sin \theta$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f(x,y,z) dx dy dz = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} f(r \sin \theta \cos \phi, r \sin \theta \sin \phi, r \cos \theta) r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$$


$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi \quad r_1 = r$
 $y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$
 $z = r \cos \theta$

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$$m_n(B_R) = R^n m_n(B) = \omega_n R^n.$$

By trans. inv. all balls of rad. \mathbb{R} have meas $\omega_n R^n$.



We will now look at **integration of radial functions**. So, when doing Riemann integration, let us say in two dimensions, then you would have written, seen such

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(x,y) dx dy = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) r dr d\theta.$$

So this is the change to polar

coordinates, so this is polar coordinates. So, $x = r \cos \theta$; $y = r \sin \theta$.

Similarly,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(x, y, z) dx dy dz = \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} f(r \sin \theta \cos \varphi, r \sin \theta \sin \varphi, r \cos \theta) r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\varphi,$$

So, here you have the polar coordinates $x = r \sin \theta \cos \varphi$, $y = r \sin \theta \sin \varphi$, $z = r \cos \theta$.

So, when you use polar coordinates you can change the integrals like this as you might have seen when doing Riemann integration, double integrals, triple integrals and so on. Now, one can do, justify most of these for Borel measurable functions and the Lebesgue measure associated with the integration with Lebesgue measure. But as you go to n dimensions, these formulae become more and more horrendous and difficult to write down.

Now, what we will see here is a very easy way to integrate radial functions. So, the definition

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$$f(x) = f^{\sim}(|x|).$$

So, the function depends only $|x|$, namely here $|x|=r$ in both the cases, so it depends only on the r variable, the theta and other variables do not matter. So, such a function is called a radial function. And we would like to see how to integrate a radial function over \mathbb{R}^N .

So, let B be the unit ball in \mathbb{R}^N and its measure so $m_N(B_R) = R^N m_N(B_1) = \omega_N R^N$. So ω_2 is the area of the unit circle which is pi, ω_3 is the volume of the unit ball in r by 3 in r 3 which is 4 by 3 pi etcetera. General value of ω_N we will see a little later. So, if R equal, if R is positive then $T(x) = Rx$ maps unit ball centre 0 to, onto a ball of radius R. And this is a linear relationship and you know how.

Therefore $m_N(B_R)$, so B_R is the ball of radius R centre 0, so this is nothing but you must, you might we have seen already is the determinant of the map. Now, the map here is the diagonal map R R R R R, so it is R^N into the measure of the $m_N(B_R) = R^N m_N(B_1) = \omega_N R^N$. So, by translation, invariance of any ball, all balls of radius R have measure $\omega_N R^N$.

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$\bar{B}(0; R)$ = closed ball, centre 0, rad. R
 $f: \bar{B}(0; R) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ radial.
 $f(x) = \tilde{f}(|x|)$.
 Assume $\tilde{f}: [0, R] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ cont.
 $\mathcal{P} = \{0 = r_0 < r_1 < \dots < r_n = R\}$, partition of $[0, R]$.
 $A_i = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid r_{i-1} \leq |x| < r_i\}$.
 $\bar{B}(0; R) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ disjoint union.
 $r_i^N - r_{i-1}^N = N \xi_i^{N-1} (r_i - r_{i-1})$ Mean Val. Thm.
 $\xi_i \in (r_{i-1}, r_i)$

So, now let $\bar{B}(0; R)$ = is the closed ball centre 0, radius R. And $f: \bar{B}(0; R) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is radial. So, that means $f(x) = \tilde{f}(|x|)$ for some \tilde{f} . So, now assume $\tilde{f}: [0, R] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, is continuous, therefore it is also uniformly matrix. Now you take any partition of the interval $[0, R]$.

So, that is equal to 0 equals r_0 less than r_1 less than etcetera less than r_n equals capital R. So, partition of $[0, R]$. And you set $A_i = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n; r_{i-1} \leq |x| < r_i\}$. So, there you have that $B(0; R)$ equals union i equals 1 to n A_i disjoint union.

Now, if you take $r_i^N - r_{i-1}^N = N \xi_i^{N-1} (r_i - r_{i-1})$, then this is equal to $N \xi_i^{N-1} (r_i - r_{i-1})$. This is the mean value theorem. Difference of the value of the function R^N at two points is the value of the derivative at some intermediary point, so you have 0, sorry r_i, ξ_i belonging to r_{i-1}, r_i . So, this is the mean value theorem.

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$\xi_i \in (r_{i-1}, r_i)$
 Choose $y \in A_i$ s.t. $|y_i| = \xi_i$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.

$f_p = \sum_{i=1}^n f(y_i) \chi_{A_i} = \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{f}(\xi_i) \chi_{A_i}$ $f(y_i) = \tilde{f}(y_i) = \tilde{f}(\xi_i)$

$\Delta(P) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} (r_i - r_{i-1})$

$\forall x \in A_i$ $1 \leq i \leq n$, $|f(x) - f_p(x)| = |\tilde{f}(x) - \tilde{f}(y_i)| = |\tilde{f}(x) - \tilde{f}(\xi_i)|$

\tilde{f} unif cont \Rightarrow given $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $\Delta(P) < \delta$

$\Rightarrow |f(x) - f_p(x)| < \epsilon$.



$\Rightarrow f_p \rightarrow f$ unif on $\Delta(P) \rightarrow 0$.

So, choose y in A_i such that $\text{mod } y$ is equal to x_i . So, $1 \leq i \leq n$, we do this for. Now, define the function f_p equal to $\sum_{i=1}^n f(y_i) \chi_{A_i}$ that is also equal to $\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{f}(x_i) \chi_{A_i}$ since $f(y_i)$ is \tilde{f} of $\text{mod } y_i$ which is $\tilde{f}(x_i)$.

So, now you let $\Delta(P)$ to be the max of $r_i - r_{i-1}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$. If x belongs to A_i then what is $1 \leq i \leq n$, then you have $\text{mod } x$ minus f_p of x , this equal to $\text{mod of } \tilde{f}$ of $\text{mod } x$ minus \tilde{f} of $\text{mod } y_i$ is equal to $\text{mod } \tilde{f}$ of $\text{mod } x$ minus \tilde{f} of x_i .

Now, \tilde{f} is uniformly continuous because it is continuous on $[0, R]$ so this implies given ϵ positive, there exists δ positive such that $\Delta(P) < \delta$ implies $\text{mod } f$ of x minus f_p of x which is f of x minus f_p of x is nothing but f of x minus f of ξ_i , $\text{mod } x$ minus ξ_i will be less than δ which is less than small δ and therefore this will be less than ϵ . Therefore, you have f_p converges to f uniformly as $\Delta(P)$ goes to 0.

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$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{B}(0,1)} f_{\theta} d\mu_N = \int_{\mathbb{B}(0,1)} f d\mu_N.$$



$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{B}(0,1)} f_{\theta} d\mu_N &= \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{f}(z_i) m_N(A_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{f}(z_i) \omega_N (r_i^N - r_{i-1}^N) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{f}(z_i) \omega_N N^{\frac{N-1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{f}(z_i) \omega_N (r_i^N - r_{i-1}^N) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{f}(z_i) \omega_N N^{\frac{N-1}{2}} (r_i - r_{i-1}). \quad (\text{Riemann sum}) \end{aligned}$$

f cont $\rightarrow \int_0^R \tilde{f}(r) \omega_N r^{N-1} dr.$

$$\int_{\mathbb{B}(0,1)} f d\mu_N = \omega_N \int_0^1 \tilde{f}(r) r^{N-1} dr$$

Extends to $\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f d\mu_N$ under suitable conditions.

$f \geq 0$ $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \infty$ MCT

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f d\mu_N = \omega_N \int_0^{\infty} \tilde{f}(r) r^{N-1} dr$$



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$r_i - r_{i-1} = \Delta \xi_i = (r_i - r_{i-1})$ Mean Value Th.

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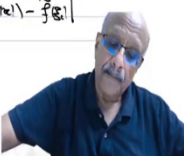
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$\Delta(\mathcal{P}) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} (r_i - r_{i-1})$

$\forall x \in A_i$ $1 \leq i \leq n$, $|f(x) - f(y_i)| = |\tilde{f}(x) - \tilde{f}(\xi_i)| = |\tilde{f}(x) - \tilde{f}(\xi_i)|$

\tilde{f} is continuous on $[0, R]$ $\Rightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $|x - y| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$

So, now you have if you have a set of finite measure, we have done this exercise or it was the assignment, if you have a set of finite measure then of course if you have uniform convergence then the integral also will converge. So, limit delta P tending to 0 of integral $B(0; R)$ of $f P dm_N$ will be equal to integral $B(0; R)$ of $f dm_N$.

So, let us take what is integral $f p d m N$. That is, since it is a simple function this is equal to $\sum_{i=1}^n f(\xi_i) m_N(A_i)$ that is equal to $\sum_{i=1}^n f(\xi_i) \omega_N (r_i^N - r_{i-1}^N)$, what is the measure of A_i ? A_i is an annular region and therefore that is equal to $\omega_N (r_i^N - r_{i-1}^N)$.

And that, we know, is $\sum_{i=1}^n f(\xi_i) \omega_N (r_i^N - r_{i-1}^N)$ by the mean value theorem $f(\xi_i) = \tilde{f}(\xi_i)$ $\omega_N (r_i^N - r_{i-1}^N)$ \mathbb{R}^N minus 1, sorry ξ_i to the N minus 1, this is what we saw earlier, $\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{f}(\xi_i) (r_i^{N-1} - r_{i-1}^{N-1})$ minus r . So, f is continuous. That means this converges, this is exactly a Riemann sum so this converges to integral 0 to R of $\tilde{f}(r) r^{N-1} dr \omega_N$, $r^N \omega_N$, r power n , sorry, $\omega_N r$ power N minus 1, Riemann sum.

So, $\int_{\overline{B}(0,R)} f dm_N = \int_0^R \tilde{f}(r) r^{N-1} dr \omega_N$. If f is non negative and integrable, then of course

we can extend this by monotone convergence theorem, dominated convergence theorem, et cetera to all of \mathbb{R}^N also. So, extends to integral on \mathbb{R}^N of $f dm_N$ under suitable conditions.

So, for instance f non-negative then you take R tending to infinity then by monotone convergence theorem we

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f \, dm_N = \int_0^\infty f^\sim(r) r^{N-1} dr \, \omega_N.$$

So, we have such formula. We will see a nice application of this.