

Measure Theory
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Complex measures I

So, last lecture we saw simple applications of Polar coordinates and Fubini's theorem, we will continue that little bit and then switch to what is known as complex measures. So, I will be very brief with the applications now. So, we define what is known as distribution function first. So, let us, start.

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Distribution f^\sim $\rightarrow (X, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ \rightarrow σ -finite measure

f - mke f^\sim on X $\{x \in X \mid |f(x)| > \lambda\}$ $\lambda > 0$

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So, here we are going to look at distribution function, so this I will leave it as an exercise, because it is very easy, but I will, I will give you the steps, distribution function. So, I have a, I will do this in generality, especially if you are interested in probability and so on, you will see this many times. I will take a sigma finite measure, of course because we want to apply Fubini's theorem and so on. Let say f is a measurable function on X .

So, it can be complex valued or real valued and things like that measurable function on X . So, you look at the set x in X such that $\text{mod } f \text{ of } x$ is greater than λ . So, λ is some positive number. So, this is a measurable function of course, this is measurable set, because $\text{mod } f$ is some measurable function. So, I can look at its measure.

So, define, that is called the distribution function. So, let us use d for distribution function of f , so it is a function defined on 0 infinity. So, for λ this is simply the measure of the set x in X such that $\text{mod } f$ is greater than λ . So, most of the time we will simply write $\text{mod } f$ greater than λ . So, you look at all those points, where $\text{mod } f$ is greater than λ , take the measure of that.

So, d_f now is a function from 0 infinity, to 0 infinity in fact, well it can be 0 also and it can be infinity also depending on the function. Well, so if f is in L^1 , L^1 of μ , so f remember is defined on a abstract space. But d_f is defined on the concrete space 0 infinity. So, if f is in L^1 , check that, check that d_f is measurable, it is a measurable function. Well, this is actually continuous from right, it is a continuous function from the right. So, it is obviously measurable and it is a bounded function, measurable and bounded, because f is in L^1 . Well, what does that mean?

So, that is called (3:24) inequality, so I am looking at the set, where $\text{mod } f \text{ of } x$ is greater than λ and I want to look at the measure of that. So, this by definition is integral over x , indicator of the set, where $\text{mod } f$ is greater than λ $d\mu$. Now, on this set, on the set $\text{mod } f$ greater than λ , for any point x there, if x is here, then $\text{mod } f \text{ of } x$ by λ is greater than 1 and the indicator function is at most 1 .

So, I can say this is less than or equal to integral over x , $\text{mod } f \text{ of } x$ by λ $d\mu$. Well, I can keep the indicator function. So, I will be integrating over the set $\text{mod } f$ greater than λ . So, just be careful there.

So, the lambda comes out and the remaining is bounded by the total integral of f, which is L1 norm of f. So, it is, it is actually bounded, so this is, this is my df lambda and that is bounded by lambda times L1 norm of f, not lambda times, lambda is in the denominator, by lambda, because lambda is here. So, if you look at this prove you can modify it immediately to get that.

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$d_f(0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$

If $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ check that d_f is μ (check f from right)

$d_f(x) = \mu\{x : |f(t)| > x\} = \int_X \chi_{\{|f| > x\}} d\mu$

$\leq \int_{\{|f| > x\}} \frac{|f(t)|}{x} d\mu(t) = \frac{\|f\|_1}{x}$

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$\int_0^\infty d_f(\lambda) d\lambda = \int_0^\infty \left(\int_X \chi_{\{|f| > \lambda\}} d\mu \right) d\lambda$

Lebesgue measure

Fubini's

$= \int_X \left(\int_0^\infty \chi_{\{|f| > \lambda\}} d\lambda \right) d\mu = \int_X |f| d\mu = \|f\|_1$

$f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ f is finite a.e

So, exercise prove that, prove that lambda times df lambda goes to 0 as lambda goes to infinity. So, all that you have to do is to use DCT, use DCT here, I will leave it to you. But what does a distribution function do? So, let us, let us look at integral 0 to infinity df lambda d lambda, this is

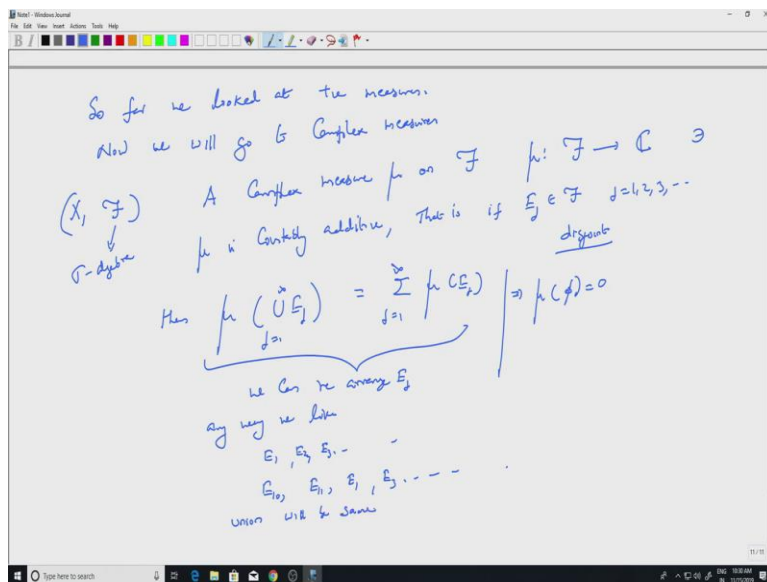
integral 0 to infinity integral over x, indicator of mod f greater than lambda d mu that is precisely the distribution function d lambda.

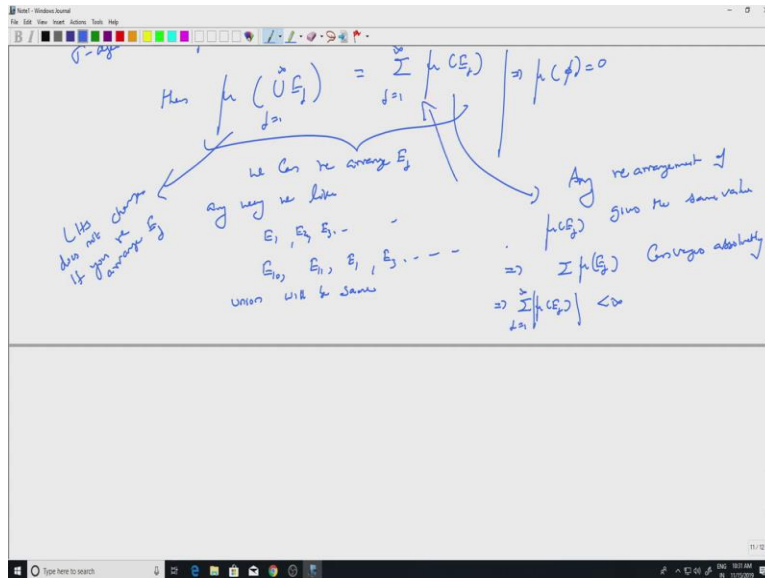
So, now I can interchange integrals, these are positive functions, positive and mu is sigma finite d lambda is sigma finite, d lambda is a Lebesgue measure on 0 infinity, Lebesgue measure. So, this is both are sigma finite, so I can apply Fubini's theorem. So, Fubini's theorem will allow me to interchange integral. So, I am integrating with respect to x first and then lambda second. So, when I interchange, I will be integrating with respect to lambda first and x second.

So, integral over X, so I fix an X, if I an X, lambda can go from 0 to mod f. So, I will have 0 to mod of f x, d lambda d mu x, which is integral over x, if I integrate this I will get mod of f x, that is a length of the interval and d mu x, which is L1 norm of f. So, the L1 norm of f even though it is not their abstract space, I can write it as an integral over the concrete space 0 infinity.

So, there is a slight issue here, which you should realize f is in L1. So, f is finite almost everywhere, finite almost everywhere. So, there may be points x, so that this is infinity. So, then you do not get mod of x, you get infinity there. But that is a set which has measure 0. So, that you can through away, so that will complete the proof you want.

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So, we start with whatever I was promising so, so far we have studied positive measures. So, far we looked at, looked at positive measures. So, now we will, now we will go to more general measures, now we will go to complex measures, complex measures. Well, so a measure is something which is countably additive, so all that we need is that it takes values in the complex plane.

So, let us say I have X and F , so this is sigma algebra as usual. So, what is a complex measure? So, a complex measure, complex measure μ , so I will still use μ . So, now onwards we will specify if the measure is positive or complex and things like that on F . So, this is a set function, so this is a function from script F , which is the collection of the, this is the just the sigma algebra to the complex plane now.

So, it takes finite values always, such that, well, it should be countably additive, such that μ is countably additive, what does that mean, what does that mean? This means that if I have that is, that is, if E_j are in script F , j equal to 1, 2, 3, etc and disjoint, then measure should add up. So, μ of union E_j , j equal to 1 to infinity should be summation μE_j . So, this is simply countable additivity nothing very surprising here.

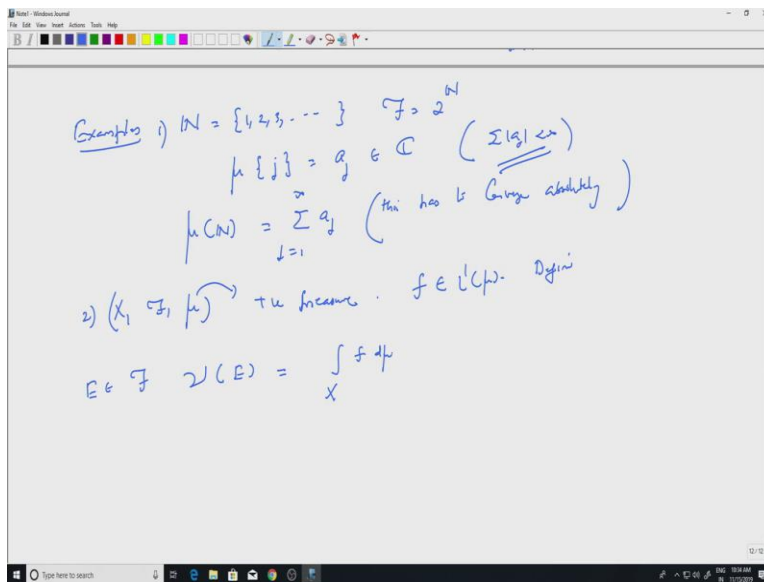
So, it just that the measure is allowed to take complex values. But you see this already implies some things. So, first of all this implies μ of the empty set is 0 of course because it is of the countable additivity. Now, I can reorder E_j , so let us look at this, we can rearrange E_j any way

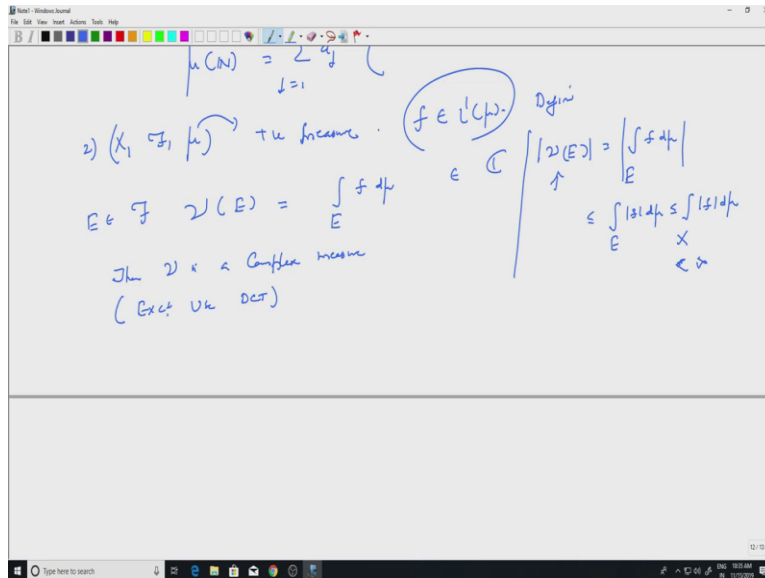
we like, any way we like, which means that if I have E1, I have E2, E3 and so on. I can start with E10, for example E11, E1 here, E3 here, etc as long as all the Ejs appear here, the union will be same, union will be same.

So, what does that mean? That means any, so the left inside does not change. So, LHS does not change, does not change, if you rearrange, if you rearrange E_j, but the right hand side is a rearrangement of the series. So, it has to be converge to the same value. So, it says any rearrangement, any rearrangement of the terms. So, that is $\sum E_j$ use the same value, it has to converge and it has to converge to the same value.

So, this implies that summation $\sum E_j$ converges absolutely, otherwise you cannot get the same value all the time. So, converges absolutely, conditionally convergence sequence you can series, you can rearrange to get any value you want, if you want to get the same value, it has to converge absolutely. So, summation $\sum E_j$, so that is a additional thing that comes with the, with the complex measures and that forces the measure to be finite, we will see that.

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Now, associated to a complex measure. So, maybe we should look at examples, before we go further in the theory. So, examples, trivial example as usual. So, let us take natural numbers to be our space 1, 2, 3, etc to be the space, well the sigma algebra take it to be, to the \mathbb{N} and as we defined for positive measures, we can define numbers for each.

So, each point j , we define some number a_j , which is a complex number, but we cannot define arbitrarily, because the measure of \mathbb{N} , what is the measure of \mathbb{N} ? This is summation a_j , it is the sum of measure of each singleton and this has to converge absolutely, this has to converge absolutely.

So, you take a_j such that summation $\text{mod } a_j$ is finite. Then only you can have a complex measure, if you want positive measures, you can take a_j to be any positive number, because the summation will give me either infinity or finite does not matter. But once you go to, once you allow all complex numbers, rearrangements may not give you same number. So, that is where the absolute convergence comes.

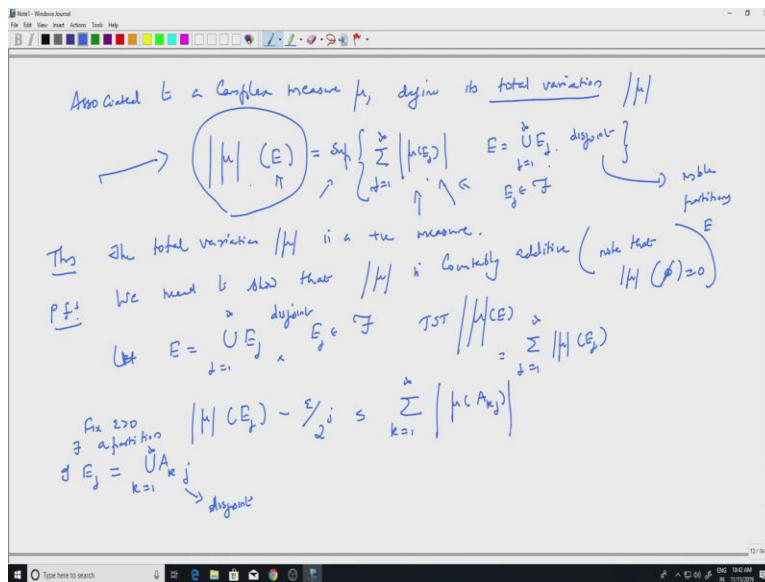
So, more generally if I have a measures space, so let us say this is 1, this is 2, suppose I have a measures space X, \mathcal{F}, μ , where μ now is a positive, I can put sigma finite if I want but that is not necessary, positive measure, it is not a complex measure. So, let us take some function f in L^1 of μ , define, define μ of E . So, this is for E in \mathcal{F} , you define ν of E to be integral over $X, f d\mu$.

So, this makes sense f is in L^1 , so f is in L^1 . So, the integral not over X , over E . So, this is a complex number, so this is a finite complex number. So, what is this? Modulus of $\nu(E)$, so what is this? This is integral over E , $f d\mu$ and you take the modulus and we know that this is less than or equal to integral over E $\text{mod } f d\mu$, which is of course. Now, μ is positive measure, $\text{mod } f$ is of positive functions.

So, by monotonicity, we can go to X and get a bigger number and this is in L^1 , so this is finite. So, all of these are finite complex numbers. So, this is well defined and I have a, I have a quantity for each E . So, then, then ν is a complex measure, so I will apply, so I will leave it to you exercise use, well, what do you have to do? You take E_j , disjoint prove that ν union E_j is summation νE_j , that we have done for positive functions, do the same thing.

Now, you will use DCT instead of MCT, use DCT, when f is positive, it does not have to be L^1 , for this to be a positive measure, it could be any positive function, if it is in L^1 , it become a finite measure. So, we will see that a little bit clearly later.

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So, associated to, associated to a complex measure μ , complex measure μ , define its total variation, total variation, well it is actually going to be total variation measure. So, right now, let us not say measure, just total variation that will be denoted by $\text{mod } \mu$. So, there is a reason for

using that the notation, may not be the correct, may not be the best notation you have, but $|\mu|$ make sense, $|\mu|$ is, first of all it is defined on \mathcal{F} the sigma algebra.

So, for each set E , I should tell you what its value is. Well, this is first you decompose E . So, you write E as union E_j countable disjoint union. So, such a thing is called a measurable partition. So, E_j should of course be measurable otherwise this is not going to make sense. So, you take measurable partitions of E , and then for each E_j we have $|\mu| E_j$ take the modulus sum them up j equal to 1 to infinity.

So, for each measurable partition, I am getting a positive number, then you take supremum over all measurable partition. So, you write E as union E_j , form this quantity, take supremum over all such measurable partitions, such a thing is called a total variation. So, we will see why, so that is the, that is a theorem we will proof.

So, let us do that without much ado let just say theorem. The total variation $|\mu|$ is a positive measure. So, that means it countably additive, so we need to prove that. So, we need to show that, we need to show that $|\mu|$ is countably additive, countably additive. So, you can also easy to see that $|\mu|$ of the empty set is 0. Because if I put empty set here, then all these E_j are empty set and so this is your simply summing up zeros so you will get 0.

So, empty set has measure 0 to start with. So, it is not entirely infinity, we will see that it is actually a finite positive measure. So, to prove that it is countably additive, so let E equal to union E_j , j equal to 1, to infinity, E_j are of course in the script \mathcal{F} and disjoint. So, we want to show that, to show that $|\mu|$ of E , well $|\mu|$ of E is summation $|\mu|$ of E_j , correct, j equal to 1 to infinity.

So, that will tell me that $|\mu|$ is a countably additive measure. So, fix epsilon positive, so this is a proof, which you have seen several times, we use the properties of the supremum, etc, etc. So, fix epsilon positive, so let us go back to the definition of the mod total variation of it is supremum of certain things. So, if I take anything less than $|\mu|$ of E then there will be a partition which is in between.

So, we have used this when we dealt with outer measure there it was the infimum, but here it is a supremum. So, you take something smaller than the supremum then between supremum and the

smaller quantity there is an element from the set. So, if you have fix epsilon positive, so maybe I should keep that supremum part here. So, if I fix epsilon positive, I apply to mod mu of E_j , minus epsilon by 2 to the j .

So, this is the usual epsilon by 2 to the n argument. So, epsilon mod mu minus E_j , mod mu E_j minus epsilon by 2 to the j is smaller than this supremum, which means there is some partition here which is bigger than this. So, if I epsilon, there exist a partition of, partition of E_j . So, now, I have notational problem, so E_j I am going to write as union A_{kj} . So, k equal to 1 to infinity and disjoint.

So, there is a measurable partition, j is fixed if I fix j it runs over k , k equal to 1 to infinity, such that this the supremum minus some quantity is less than or equal to the corresponding quantity for A_j . So, what is that? That is summation k equal to 1 to infinity modulus of mu of A_{kj} . So, that would be a quantity, so this is a quantity in this set.

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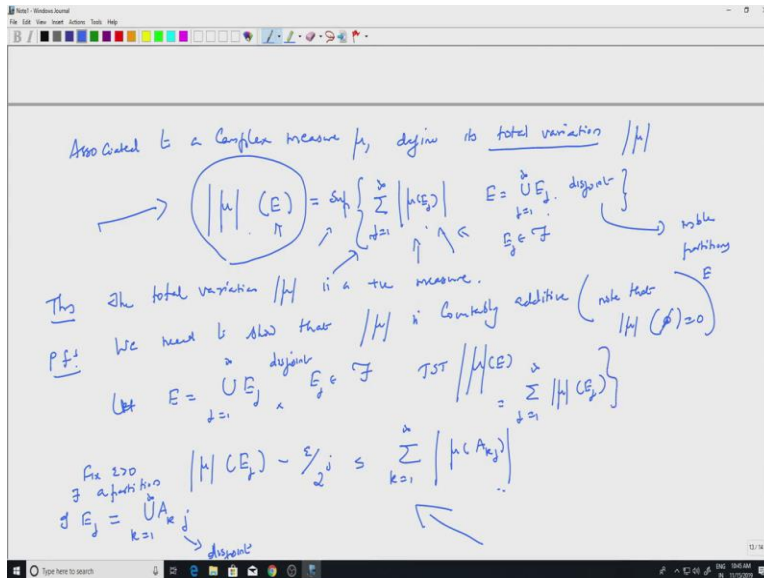
$$|H|(E) \geq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |H|(A_{kj})$$

$$\geq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left(|H|(E_j) - \frac{\epsilon}{2^j} \right) \geq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |H|(E_j) - \epsilon$$

Then for all $\epsilon > 0 \Rightarrow |H|(E) \geq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |H|(E_j)$

Next to show that $|H|(E) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |H|(E_j)$

Diagram: A cylinder representing a set E is partitioned into horizontal strips labeled $A_{k1}, A_{k2}, A_{k3}, A_{k4}$ (green) and E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4 (red). The cylinder is labeled E at the bottom.



So, we start with that E equal to union E_j this is disjoint. So, I may be it is better to draw some picture, so let us say this is E and I have E_j s, so let say these are E_j s, so this is a measurable partition I have E_1 here, I have E_2 here and I have E_3 here, E_4 . So, of course there are, there can be infinitely many. Now, each E_j is decomposed. So, I will let me use this, so each E_j is decomposed, like this.

So, that would be A_{kj} , A_{kj} or whatever, so A_{k1} , etc. So, it could be A_{11} , A_{21} , A_{31} and so on and here it could be different partitions like this and you have A_{k2} is here and similarly here and so on. Anyway so these are different partitions, so we get back to our proof. So, I can write E as union j equal to 1 to infinity, union k equal to 1 to infinity, A_{kj} because each E_j in the horizontal thing is partitioned by A_{js} , A_{kj} . So, you put together all the A_{kj} you will get E_k , you will get E .

So, $\text{mod } \mu$ of E , so $\text{mod } \mu$ of E is what? It is a supremum of certain quantities, what are those certain quantities? You look at measurable partitions and then add up. So, that would be supremum is greater than or equal to one such quantity. So, one such quantity is of course this k equal to 1 to infinity, $\text{mod } \mu$ of A_{kj} , correct, which is of course greater than or equal to because we have chosen the partition like this summation j equal to 1 to infinity.

So, here I can replace this with $\text{mod } \mu$ of E_j minus ϵ by 2 to the j . But ϵ by 2 to the j add to ϵ . So, this is simply or greater than or equal to summation $\text{mod } \mu$ of E_j , j equal to 1 to infinity minus ϵ . But now there is no dependence on ϵ either here or here. So,

this is true for every epsilon, true for all epsilon implies mod mu of E is greater than or equal to summation j equal to 1 to infinity mod mu of E_j.

So, this should remind you of various proofs, we did with outer measures. So, we proved one inequality our aim is to show that these two are same, we have proved that one side is bigger than the other side. So, we need to prove the other, other way inequality. So, next to show, next to show that mod mu of E is less than or equal to summation j equal to 1 to infinity, mod mu of E_j. So, that is the, so that is the proof now we will do.

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Let $\{A_j\}$ be any finite partition of E
 $E = \bigcup_{j=1}^n A_j$ disjoint $A_j \in \mathcal{F}$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \mu(A_j) = \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \sum_{k=1}^n \mu(A_j \cap E_k) \right|$$

$$\leq \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \underbrace{|\mu(A_j \cap E_k)|}_{\geq 0}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Fubini's}}{=} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^n |\mu(A_j \cap E_k)| \right) \rightarrow \bigcup_j (A_j \cap E_k) = E_k \text{ m.k. partition of } E_k$$

Diagram: A set E is shown as a blue irregular shape. It is partitioned into four horizontal red strips labeled E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4 . Vertical green lines represent the sets A_j . The intersection of a green line A_j and a red strip E_k is labeled $A_j \cap E_k$. The union of these intersections for a fixed k is labeled E_k .

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$$\stackrel{\text{Fubini's}}{=} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^n |\mu(A_j \cap E_k)| \right) \leq \mu(E_k)$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^n \mu(E_k)$$

Diagram: Same as the previous slide, showing the partition of E into E_k and the construction of A_j .

So, for that let A_j , let A_j be any measurable partition, be any measurable partition, any measurable partition of E . What is that mean? E is equal to union A_j , j equal to 1 to infinity, disjoint and of course A_j s have to come from our sigma algebra, measurable partition. But E , so remember the picture, so we had and we looked that, E_1, E_2, E_3 . So, this was E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4 . Now, I am decomposing the whole set E into A_j , but that could be in any direction. So, let us say it is like this, each of this will give me A_j s.

So, the intersection is a partition. So, I can write as, so I start with summation j equal to 1 to infinity, $\text{mod } \mu$ of A_j , this is one quantity which is in the definition of $\text{mod } \mu$ of E , you look at supremum of these things, you will get $\text{mod } \mu$ of E , which is equal to summation j equal to 1 to infinity, well, summation k equal to 1 to infinity, μ of A_j intersection E_k . I will explain this, well why is this? This is true because I can write A_j equal to A_j intersected with E_k and then union.

So, let us write this a bit more carefully, I can write A_j equal to A_j intersected with E_k and union k equal to 1 to infinity. But now, these are disjoint union E_k is E and union A_j is E . So, because of that this is true, but now these are disjoint. So, measure of this will be sum of the measure of these things. So, that is what I have written here, which I can take the modulus inside now this is less than or equal to summation j equal to 1 to infinity, summation k equal to 1 to infinity, modulus of μ of A_j intersection E_k , from k equal to 1 to infinity.

So, this much, so there is nothing here, except taking modulus inside. So, you get a bigger quantity. Now, I can interchange the summation, so remember summation is an integral and I have positive things here. So, Fubini's theorem applies or if you know the classical the cells that if I have positive numbers. I can interchange the order of the summation otherwise you apply Fubini's theorem, Fubini's theorem.

So, I have k equal to 1 to infinity, summation j equal to 1 to infinity, modulus of μ of A_j intersection E_k . So, look at the portion inside, this is the measurable partition of, so A_j intersection E_k union over j is equal to E_k . So, this is a measurable partition of E_k , partition of E_k and this is just one quantity arriving in the, in the set where we will take the supremum you look at measurable partitions of E_k add up the measures and take the supremum.

So, this one is surely less than or equal to the mod mu or quantity of Ek because mod mu of Ek is supremum of such things. So, I have less than or equal to summation k equal to 1 to infinity mod mu of Ek. So, I started with this, which was a measurable partition of E and I have proved that for any such quantity it is less than or equal to this sum, which is independent of the partition now Ek are fix sets.

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Here $\mu(E) = \sup_{\{A_j\}} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_j)$ so μ is a measure

$$\mu(E) \geq \sum_{j=1}^n \mu(E_j) - \frac{\epsilon}{2^n} \geq \mu(E) - \epsilon$$

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So, this implies precisely what we want, I can take supremum on the, take supremum on the left hand side, take sup on the left hand side, to get mod mu of E, is less than or equal to summation

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_k)$. So, this is one inequality and we had proved the other inequality earlier. So, this is what we just proved, so that tells us that μ is equal to, hence $\mu(E)$ is equal to $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_k)$, which is same as saying μ is a measure.

So, μ is a countably additive measure, so it is a positive, it is positive, measure. So, we will stop here, so what we have done just now is to define total variation measure associated to a complex measure. So, for a complex measure μ , we define $|\mu|$ using measurable partitions and taking the supremum of certain quantities.

Now, we will show that this is actually going to be a finite measure. So, associated to complex measures, we will have finite positive measures, which are sort of bigger than them and we will see certain properties of this and once we, once we do what is known as Radon-Nikodym theorem. The relevance of notation $|\mu|$ will be much more clear and these measures also show up as linear functionals on continuous functions vanishing at infinity on locally compact spaces.

So, recall that we had a Riesz representation theorem, which said that if I had a positive linear functional then it is given by a positive measure. So, we will see a general result, which sort of generalizes this in some sense not fully that if I have a complex linear functional, which is continuous.

So, there is, there is some extra condition when we talked about positive linear functionals, we did not bother too much about continuity there. But in the case of complex valued linear functionals, we will impose the condition continuity and we will see that it is given by complex measures. So, which means we have to define integration with respect to complex measures, for that we will use the definition, we will use the definition of $|\mu|$ and you will use $|\mu|$ to define the integral with respect to μ . So, we will stop here.