

# ADVANCED ANALYSIS: SOME TOPICS

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## 1. Positive Measure and Integration- A Review

### 1.1. Outer measure and measure.

**Definition 1.** Let  $X$  be a set. A function  $\mu^* : 2^X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is said to be an **outer measure** on  $X$  if

- (1)  $\mu^*(\emptyset) = 0$ ;
- (2)  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow \mu^*(A) \leq \mu^*(B)$  (Monotonicity);
- (3)  $\mu^*(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_n)$  (Countable sub-additivity). ◇

The following result can be easily verified.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\mu^*$  be an outer measure on a set  $X$ . If for every pair of disjoint sets  $A, B$  in  $2^X$ ,

$$\mu^*(A \cup B) = \mu^*(A) + \mu^*(B),$$

then for every countable mutually disjoint family  $\{A_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  in  $2^X$ ,

$$\mu^*\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_n).$$

There are sets  $X$  and outer measures  $\mu^*$  on  $X$  which does not satisfy

$$\mu^*(A \cup B) = \mu^*(A) + \mu^*(B),$$

for every pair of disjoint sets  $A, B$  in  $2^X$ . This prompts us to look for some subclass of  $2^X$  where the above condition is satisfied.

**Definition 3.** Let  $\mu^*$  be an outer measure on a set  $X$ . A subset  $E$  of  $X$  is said to be  **$\mu^*$ -measurable** if for every  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $\mu^*(A) = \mu^*(A \cap E) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c)$ . ◇

Let us denote the set of all  $\mu^*$ -measurable subsets of  $X$  by  $\mathcal{A}^*$ . Note that  $E \in \mathcal{A}^*$  if and only if

$$\mu^*(A) \geq \mu^*(A \cap E) + \mu^*(A \cap E^c) \quad \forall A \subseteq X.$$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\mu^*$  be an outer measure on a set  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}^*$  has the following properties:

- (1)  $X \in \mathcal{A}^*$ .
- (2)  $A \in \mathcal{A}^* \Rightarrow A^c \in \mathcal{A}^*$ .
- (3)  $A_n \in \mathcal{A}^*, n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{A}^*$ .

Further, for every countable mutually disjoint family  $\{A_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ ,

$$\mu^*\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_n)$$

and for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}^*$  with  $\mu^*(A) = 0$ ,  $B \subseteq A$  implies  $B \in \mathcal{A}^*$ .

A family of sets satisfying the three conditions as in the above theorem is called a  $\sigma$ -algebra. More precisely, we have the following definition.

**Definition 5.** A family  $\mathcal{A}$  of subsets of  $X$  is called a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$  if

- (1)  $X \in \mathcal{A}$ ,
- (2)  $A \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow A^c \in \mathcal{A}$ ,
- (3)  $A_n \in \mathcal{A}, n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ . ◇

**Definition 6.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$ . A function  $\mu : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is called a **measure** on  $\mathcal{A}$  if  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ , and for every countable mutually disjoint family  $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ ,

$$\mu^*\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_n).$$

The measure  $\mu$  is called a **complete measure** if for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $\mu(A) = 0$ ,  $B \subseteq A$  implies  $B \in \mathcal{A}$ . ◇

**Remark 7.** If  $\mu^*$  and  $\mathcal{A}^*$  are as in Theorem 4, then the restriction of  $\mu^*$  on  $\mathcal{A}^*$  is a complete measure. ◇

## 1.2. Caratheodory extension of measure on an algebra.

**Definition 8.** A family  $\mathcal{A}_0$  of subsets of  $X$  is called an **algebra** on  $X$  if

- (1)  $X \in \mathcal{A}_0$ ,
- (2)  $A \in \mathcal{A}_0 \Rightarrow A^c \in \mathcal{A}_0$ ,
- (3)  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}_0 \Rightarrow A \cup B \in \mathcal{A}_0$ . ◇

Clearly, every  $\alpha$ -algebra is an algebra.

**Example 9.** The family  $\mathcal{A}_0$  of all finite unions of disjoint intervals of the forms  $[a, b)$ ,  $(-\infty, a), [b, \infty)$  form an algebra. This  $\mathcal{A}_0$  is not a  $\sigma$ -algebra. ◇

**Definition 10.** Let  $\mathcal{A}_0$  be an algebra on  $X$ . A function  $\mu_0 : \mathcal{A}_0 \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is called a **measure** on  $\mathcal{A}_0$  if  $\mu_0(\emptyset) = 0$ , and for every countable mutually disjoint family  $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $\mathcal{A}_0$ ,

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{A}_0 \Rightarrow \mu^*\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_n). \quad \diamond$$

**Theorem 11.** Let  $\mathcal{A}_0$  be an algebra on  $X$  and  $\mu_0$  be a measure on  $\mathcal{A}_0$ . For  $A \subseteq X$ , let

$$\mu^*(A) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_0(A_n) : A \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \right\}.$$

Then

- (1)  $\mu^*$  is an outer measure,

- (2)  $\mathcal{A}^* \supseteq \mathcal{A}_0$ , where  $\mathcal{A}^*$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all  $\mu^*$ -measurable sets,
- (3)  $\tilde{\mu} := \mu^*|_{\mathcal{A}^*}$  is an extension of  $\mu_0$ .

**Exercise 12.** Let  $\mathcal{A}_0$ ,  $\mu_0$ ,  $\mathcal{A}^*$  and  $\mu^*$  be as in Theorem 11. Show that if  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$  such that  $\mathcal{A} \supseteq \mathcal{A}_0$  and  $\mu^*|_{\mathcal{A}}$  is a measure, then  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{A}^*$ .

**Exercise 13.** Suppose  $\mathcal{A}_0$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$  and  $\mu_0$  is a measure on  $\mathcal{A}_0$ . Is  $\mathcal{A}^*$  the completion of  $\mathcal{A}_0$ ?

### 1.3. Integration and integrability.

**Definition 14.** A function  $\varphi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a **simple** function if its range is a finite set. ◇

**Theorem 15.** If  $\varphi$  is a simple function and if  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  are the distinct values of  $\varphi$ , then  $\varphi = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \chi_{A_i}$ , where  $A_i := \{x \in X : \varphi(x) = \alpha_i\}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

**Definition 16.** For a simple function  $\varphi$ , the representation as in Theorem 15 is called its **canonical representation**. ◇

**Definition 17.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$ . A simple function  $\varphi$  with canonical representation  $\varphi = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \chi_{A_i}$  is said to be **measurable** with respect to  $\mathcal{A}$  if  $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . ◇

**Definition 18.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra and  $\mu$  be a measure on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\varphi$  be a simple measurable function with canonical representation  $\varphi = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \chi_{A_i}$ . Then the **integral** of  $\varphi$  is defined by

$$\int_X \varphi d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mu(A_i). \quad \diamond$$

**Theorem 19.** Given any function  $f : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ , there exists a monotonically increasing sequence  $(\varphi_n)$  of simple functions such that  $\varphi_n \rightarrow f$  pointwise.

**Definition 20.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$ . A function  $f : X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$  is said to be **measurable** with respect to  $\mathcal{A}$  if there exists a sequence  $(\varphi_n)$  of simple measurable functions such that  $\varphi_n \rightarrow f$  pointwise. ◇

**Theorem 21.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$ . A function  $f : X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$  is measurable with respect to  $\mathcal{A}$  if and only if for every open set  $G$  of  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $f^{-1}(G) \in \mathcal{A}$ .

**Theorem 22.** Given any measurable function  $f : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ , there exists a monotonically increasing sequence  $(\varphi_n)$  of simple measurable functions such that  $\varphi_n \rightarrow f$  pointwise.

**Theorem 23.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$ . If  $(\varphi_n)$  and  $(\psi_n)$  are monotonically increasing sequences of non-negative simple measurable functions such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi_n(x) \quad \forall x \in X,$$

then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X \varphi_n d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X \psi_n d\mu.$$

**Definition 24.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$  and  $f : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  be measurable with respect to  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $(\varphi_n)$  be a monotonically increasing sequence of simple measurable functions such that  $\varphi_n \rightarrow f$  pointwise. Then the **integral** of  $f$  is defined by

$$\int_X f d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X \varphi_n d\mu. \quad \diamond$$

**Theorem 25. (Monotone convergence theorem)** If  $(f_n)$  is an increasing sequence of non-negative measurable functions, then

$$\int_X (\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n) d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu.$$

In the above theorem, note that  $f := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n$  exists as a measurable function and  $(\int_X f_n d\mu)$  converges in  $[0, \infty]$ .

**Theorem 26. (Fatou's lemma)** If  $(f_n)$  is a sequence of non-negative measurable functions, then

$$\int_X (\liminf_n f_n) d\mu \leq \liminf_n \int_X f_n d\mu.$$

**Definition 27.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$  and  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be measurable with respect to  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $\int_X f^+ d\mu < \infty$  or  $\int_X f^- d\mu < \infty$ , then

$$\int_X f d\mu := \int_X f^+ d\mu - \int_X f^- d\mu. \quad \diamond$$

**Definition 28.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$ . A function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is said to be **measurable** if its real and imaginary parts are measurable, and in that case

$$\int_X f d\mu := \int_X (\operatorname{Re}(f)) d\mu + i \int_X \operatorname{Im}(f) d\mu,$$

provided  $\int_X (\operatorname{Re}(f)) d\mu$  and  $\int_X \operatorname{Im}(f) d\mu$  are well-defined as per Definition 27.

**Definition 29.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$  and let  $\mathbb{K}$  be either  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ . A measurable function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$  is said to be **integrable** if  $\int_X |f| d\mu < \infty$ .

**Notation:** The set of all  $\mathbb{K}$ -valued integrable functions is denoted by  $\mathcal{L}(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  or  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  or  $\mathcal{L}(\mu)$ .

**Theorem 30.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}(\mu)$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{K}$  and for every  $f \in \mathcal{L}(\mu)$ ,  $\int_X f d\mu$  is well-defined and

$$\left| \int_X f d\mu \right| \leq \int_X |f| d\mu,$$

and the map  $f \mapsto \int_X |f| d\mu$  is a semi-norm on  $\mathcal{L}(\mu)$ .

**Theorem 31. (Dominated convergence theorem)** If  $(f_n)$  is a sequence of  $\mathbb{K}$ -valued measurable functions. If  $(f_n)$  converges pointwise and  $|f_n| \leq |g|$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  for some  $g \in \mathcal{L}(\mu)$ , then

$$\int_X \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n \right) d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X f_n d\mu.$$

1.4. **The space  $L^p(\mu)$ .** For  $0 < p < \infty$ , let

$$\mathcal{L}^p(\mu) := \{f : f \text{ measurable such that } |f|^p \in \mathcal{L}(\mu)\}.$$

It can be seen that

- $\mathcal{L}^p(\mu)$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{K}$ .

**Theorem 32.** For  $\mathbb{K}$ -valued measurable function  $f, g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$  and  $1 < p < \infty$ ,

- (1)  $\int_X |fg| d\mu \leq \left( \int_X |f|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_X |g|^q d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$ , where  $q$  is such that  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ;
- (2)  $\left( \int_X |f + g|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \left( \int_X |f|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} + \left( \int_X |g|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ .

The inequalities in (1) and (2) in the above theorem are called **Hölder's inequality** and **Minkowski inequality** respectively.

**Theorem 33.** For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , the map  $f \mapsto \left( \int_X |f|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$  is a semi-norm on  $\mathcal{L}^p(\mu)$ .

For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , let  $\mathcal{Z}_p := \{f \in \mathcal{L}^p(\mu) : f = 0 \text{ a.e.}\}$ .

**Theorem 34.** For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $\mathcal{Z}_p$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{L}^p(\mu)$ , and

$$[f] \mapsto \left( \int_X |f|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

is a norm on the quotient space  $L^p(\mu) := \mathcal{L}^p(\mu) / \mathcal{Z}_p$ .

For  $f \in \mathcal{L}^p(\mu)$  we use the notation

$$\|f\|_p := \left( \int_X |f|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

and we shall write  $f$  in place of  $[f]$ .

**Theorem 35.** For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , the normed linear space  $L^p(\mu)$  is a Banach space.

We use the following lemma.

**Lemma 36.** *Let  $(f_n)$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $L^p(\mu)$ . If  $(f_n)$  converges a.e. to a measurable function  $f$ , then  $f \in L^p(\mu)$  and  $\|f_n - f\|_p \rightarrow 0$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be a measurable function such that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  a.e. Then for each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $|f_n - f_m|^p \rightarrow |f - f_m|^p$  a.e. Hence, by Fatou's lemma

$$\int_X |f - f_m|^p d\mu = \int_X \liminf_n |f_n - f_m|^p d\mu \leq \liminf_n \int_X |f_n - f_m|^p d\mu = \liminf_n \|f_n - f_m\|_p^p.$$

Since  $(f_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $L^p(\mu)$ , it follows that (How?)  $\|f - f_m\|_p \rightarrow 0$ .  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem 35.** Let  $(f_n)$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $L^p(\mu)$ . By the above lemma, it is enough to show that  $(f_n)$  has a subsequence which converges a.e.

Since  $(f_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $L^p(\mu)$ , there exists a sequence  $(n_k)$  in  $\mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\|f_{n_{k+1}} - f_{n_k}\|_p < \frac{1}{2^k} \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Note that  $f_{n_{k+1}} = f_{n_1} + \sum_{i=1}^k (f_{n_{i+1}} - f_{n_i})$ . We show that  $(f_{n_{k+1}})$  converges a.e. Let

$$g_k = \sum_{i=1}^k |f_{n_{i+1}} - f_{n_i}|, \quad g = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |f_{n_{i+1}} - f_{n_i}|.$$

Note that  $(g_k)$  increase to  $g$ . Hence, by MCT,  $\int_X g_k^p d\mu \rightarrow \int_X g^p d\mu$ . Since

$$\|g_k\|_p \leq \sum_{i=1}^k \|f_{n_{i+1}} - f_{n_i}\|_p \leq 1$$

we have  $\|g\|_p \leq 1$  so that  $g$  is finite almost everywhere. Thus,  $(f_{n_{k+1}})$  converges a.e.  $\square$

**Corollary 37.** *Every Cauchy sequence in  $L^p(\mu)$  has an almost everywhere convergent subsequence.*

It is to be observed that if  $X := \mathbb{N}$  and  $\mu$  is the counting measure on  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ , then

$$L^p(\mu) = \mathcal{L}^p(\mu) = \ell^p := \{(\alpha_n) \in \mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}} : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_n|^p < \infty\},$$

and  $(\alpha_n) \mapsto \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_n|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$  is the corresponding norm. Also, if  $X = \{1, \dots, m\}$  and  $\mu$  is the counting measure on  $2^X$ , then  $L^p(\mu) = \mathbb{K}^m$ .

Let

$$\mathcal{L}^{\infty}(\mu) := \{f : f \text{ measurable and bounded a.e.}\}.$$

Thus,

$$f \in \mathcal{L}^{\infty}(\mu) \iff f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{K} \text{ is measurable and } \exists M_f > 0 \text{ such that } |f| \leq M_f \text{ a.e.}$$

**Theorem 38.**  $\mathcal{L}^{\infty}(\mu)$  is a vector space and  $\mathcal{Z} := \{f \in \mathcal{L}^{\infty}(\mu) : f = 0 \text{ a.e.}\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{L}^{\infty}(\mu)$ .



We denote  $L^\infty(\mu) := \mathcal{L}^\infty(\mu)/\mathcal{Z}$ , and for a measurable function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ , we denote

$$\|f\|_\infty := \inf\{M > 0 : |f| \leq M \text{ a.e.}\}.$$

Thus,  $f \in \mathcal{L}^\infty(\mu) \iff \|f\|_\infty < \infty$ .

We see that the map  $f \mapsto \|f\|_\infty$  is a semi-norm on  $\mathcal{L}^\infty(\mu)$  and it is a norm on  $L^\infty(\mu)$ .

**Theorem 39.**  $L^\infty(\mu)$  is a Banach space.

*Proof.* For  $k, m, n$ , let

$$A_k = \{x : |f_k(x)| > \|f_k\|_\infty\}, \quad B_{m,n} = \{x : |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| > \|f_n - f_m\|_\infty\}.$$

Then  $\mu(A_k) = 0 = \mu(B_{m,n})$ . Let  $\Omega := [(\cup_k A_k) \cup (\cup_{m,n} B_{m,n})]^c$ . Then we have

$$|f_k(x)| \leq \|f_k\|_\infty, \quad |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| \leq \|f_n - f_m\|_\infty \quad \forall x \in \Omega.$$

Let  $\tilde{f}_n = f_n|_\Omega$ . From the above, we see that  $(\tilde{f}_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $B(\Omega)$ . Let  $g \in B(\Omega)$  be such that  $\|\tilde{f}_n - g\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$ . We also have  $f_n \rightarrow g$  pointwise on  $\Omega$ . Taking  $f = g$  on  $\Omega$  and  $f = 0$  on  $\Omega^c$ , we have  $f \in L^\infty(\Omega)$  and  $\|f_n - f\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 40.** For measurable functions  $f, g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ ,

$$\int_X |fg| d\mu \leq \|f\|_1 \|g\|_\infty.$$

- We observe that, for  $p = 2$ , the norm  $f \mapsto \|f\|_2$  on  $L^2(\mu)$  is induced by the inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_X f \bar{g} d\mu, \quad f, g \in L^2(\mu).$$

Thus,  $L^2(\mu)$  is a Hilbert space with respect to the above inner product.

We recall the Riesz representation theorem Functional Analysis:

**Theorem 41. (Riesz representation theorem)** Corresponding to every continuous linear functional  $\varphi$  on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , there exists a unique  $g \in \mathcal{H}$  such that

$$\varphi(f) = \langle f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{H},$$

and we also have  $\|g\|_2 = \|\varphi\|$ .

- If  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are measures on  $(X, \mathcal{A})$ , then we write  $\lambda \leq \mu$  whenever  $\lambda(E) \leq \mu(E)$  for every  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ .

**Theorem 42.** Let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be finite measures on  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  such that  $\lambda \leq \mu$ . Then  $L^2(\mu) \subseteq L^1(\lambda)$  and there exists a unique  $g \in L^2(\mu)$  such that

$$\int_X f d\lambda = \int_X f \bar{g} d\mu \quad \forall f \in L^2(\mu).$$

*Proof.* Since  $\mu$  is a finite measure,  $L^2(\mu) \subseteq L^1(\mu)$  and since  $\lambda \leq \mu$ ,  $L^1(\mu) \subseteq L^1(\lambda)$ . Hence, for  $f \in L^2(\mu)$ , the integral  $\int_X f d\lambda$  is well-defined, and the map  $\varphi : L^2(\mu) \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$  defined by

$$\varphi(f) = \int_X f d\lambda, \quad f \in L^2(\mu),$$

is a continuous linear functional on  $L^2(\mu)$ . Indeed, this map is linear and

$$\left| \int_X f d\lambda \right| \leq \int_X |f| d\lambda \leq \int_X |f| d\mu \leq \|f\|_2 \sqrt{\mu(X)} \quad \forall f \in L^2(\mu).$$

Hence, by Riesz representation theorem, there exists a unique  $g \in L^2(\mu)$  such that

$$\int_X f d\lambda = \int_X f g d\mu \quad \forall f \in L^2(\mu).$$

□

**Corollary 43.** *Let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be finite measures on  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  such that  $\lambda \leq \mu$ . Then there exists a unique  $g \in L^2(\mu)$  such that*

$$\lambda(E) = \int_E g d\mu \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{A}.$$

## 2. Radon-Nykodym theorem

Let  $\mu$  be a (positive) measure on a measurable space  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  and  $f$  be a non-negative measurable function on  $(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Let

$$\nu(E) = \int_E f d\mu \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Then we know that  $\nu$  is also a measure on  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  and for every  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ ,

$$\mu(E) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nu(E) = 0.$$

**Definition 44.** Let  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be positive measures on a measurable space  $(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Then  $\mu_1$  is said to be **absolutely continuous** with respect to  $\mu_2$ , written as  $\mu_1 \ll \mu_2$ , if for every  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ ,

$$\mu_2(E) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mu_1(E) = 0. \quad \diamond$$

**Theorem 45. (Radon-Nykodym theorem (RNT))** *Let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be  $\sigma$ -finite measures on a measurable space  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  such that  $\nu \ll \mu$ . Then there exists a unique a.e.  $[\mu]$  non-negative measurable function  $f$  on  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  such that*

$$\nu(E) = \int_E f d\mu \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{A}.$$

**A particular case of the theorem RNT is Corollary 43:** If  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are finite measures such that  $\nu \leq \mu$ , then by Corollary 43, there exists a unique  $f \in L^2(\mu)$  such that

$$\lambda(E) = \int_E f d\mu \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{A}.$$

For the proof in the general setting, we shall make use of the following two lemmas:

**Lemma 46.** *Let  $\mu$  be a finite measure on  $(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Let  $S$  be a closed subset of  $\mathbb{K}$  and let  $f \in L^1(\mu)$  be such that for every  $E \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $\mu(E) > 0$ ,*

$$\frac{1}{\mu(E)} \int_E f d\mu \in S.$$

*Then  $f(x) \in S$  for a.a.  $x \in X$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $S^c$  is an open subset of  $\mathbb{K}$ , it is a countable union of closed balls. Hence, it is enough to show that  $\mu(\{x \in X : f(x) \in D\}) = 0$  for any closed ball  $D \subseteq S^c$ . Let  $D = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{K} : |\alpha - \alpha_0| \leq r\}$  for some  $\alpha_0 \in S^c$  with  $D \subseteq S^c$  and  $r > 0$  and let  $E := \{x \in X : f(x) \in D\}$ . Suppose  $\mu(E) > 0$ . Then,

$$\left| \frac{1}{\mu(E)} \int_E f d\mu - \alpha_0 \right| \leq \frac{1}{\mu(E)} \int_E |f - \alpha_0| d\mu \leq r,$$

which is a contradiction to the hypothesis  $\frac{1}{\mu(E)} \int_E f d\mu \in S$ . □

**Lemma 47.** *Let  $\mu$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite measure on  $(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Then there exists  $w \in L^1(\mu)$  such that  $0 < w < 1$  on  $X$ . In particular,*

$$\tilde{\mu}(E) := \int_E w d\mu, \quad E \in \mathcal{A},$$

*defines a (finite) measure such that for  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mu(E) = 0$  iff  $\tilde{\mu}(E) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite, there exists  $\{E_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  such that  $X = \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$  and  $\mu(E_n) < \infty$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $w$  be defined by

$$w(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{-n} \chi_{E_n}}{1 + \mu(E_n)}, \quad x \in X.$$

Then we have  $0 < w < 1$  and  $\int_X w d\mu = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{-n} \mu(E_n)}{1 + \mu(E_n)} \leq 1$  so that  $w \in L^1(\mu)$  and  $\tilde{\mu}(X) = \|w\|_1 \leq 1$ . □

**Remark 48.** Clearly, if  $\mu$  is a finite measure, then the conclusion in the above lemma is obvious: One may take  $w(x) = 1/2$  for all  $x \in X$ . ◇

**Proof of RNT (Theorem 45).** Assume first that  $\nu$  is a finite measure. Let  $\tilde{\mu}$  be the measure as in Lemma 47 and let  $\lambda = \nu + \tilde{\mu}$ . Then  $\lambda$  is a finite measure and for every  $f \in L^2(\lambda)$ ,

$$\int_X |f| d\nu \leq \int_X |f| d\lambda \leq \|f\|_{L^2(\lambda)} \sqrt{\lambda(X)}.$$

This shows that  $f \mapsto \int_X f d\nu$  is a continuous linear functional on  $L^2(\lambda)$ . Hence, by the Riesz-representation theorem, there exists a unique  $g \in L^2(\lambda)$  such that

$$\int_X f d\nu = \int_X g f d\lambda \quad \forall f \in L^2(\lambda). \quad (*)$$

From this, taking  $f = \chi_E$ , we have

$$\int_E g d\lambda = \nu(E) \leq \lambda(E) \quad (*)$$

so that for every  $E \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $\lambda(E) > 0$ ,

$$0 \leq \frac{1}{\lambda(E)} \int_E g d\lambda \leq 1.$$

Hence, by Lemma 46, we have  $0 \leq g \leq 1$  a.e. $[\lambda]$ . Without loss of generality, assume that  $0 \leq g \leq 1$  on  $X$ . Note that

$$\int_X f d\nu = \int_X g f d\lambda = \int_X g f d\nu + \int_X g f d\tilde{\mu}$$

so that

$$\int_X (1 - g) f d\nu = \int_X g f d\tilde{\mu}.$$

hence, for any  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ , taking

$$f := (1 + g + \cdots + g^n) \chi_E,$$

we have

$$\int_E (1 - g^{n+1}) d\nu = \int_E g(1 + g + \cdots + g^n) d\tilde{\mu}.$$

Let

$$A = \{x \in X : 0 \leq g(x) < 1\}, \quad B = \{x \in X : 0 \leq g(x) = 1\}.$$

Since

$$\int_E (1 - g^{n+1}) d\nu = \int_{E \cap A} (1 - g^{n+1}) d\nu + \int_{E \cap B} (1 - g^{n+1}) d\nu = \int_{E \cap A} (1 - g^{n+1}) d\nu,$$

we have

$$\int_{E \cap A} (1 - g^{n+1}) d\nu = \int_E g(1 + g + \cdots + g^n) d\tilde{\mu} \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Since  $g^n \rightarrow 0$ , by DCT,

$$\nu(E \cap A) = \int_E h d\mu,$$

where  $h = wg(1 + g + g^2 + \dots)$ . This also implies that  $h := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g^n w \in L^1(\mu)$ . From (\*), taking  $f = \chi_B$ , we have

$$\nu(B) = \int_B g d\lambda = \int_B g d\nu + \int_B g d\tilde{\mu} = \nu(B) + \tilde{\mu}(B).$$

Hence,  $\tilde{\mu}(B) = 0$  so that  $\mu(B) = 0$  and since  $\nu \ll \mu$ ,  $\nu(B) = 0$ . Therefore,

$$\nu(E) = \nu(E \cap A) = \int_E h d\mu.$$

Next, suppose that  $\nu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite. Then there exists a disjoint family  $\{X_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  such that  $X = \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$  and  $\nu(X_n) < \infty$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $h_n \in L^1(X_n, \mathcal{A}_n, \mu)$  such that

$$\nu(X_n \cap E) = \int_{X_n \cap E} h_n d\mu \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N},$$

where  $\mathcal{A}_n$  is the restriction of  $\mathcal{A}$  on  $X_n$ . Then we have

$$\nu(E) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu(X_n \cap E) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{X_n \cap E} h_n d\mu.$$

Note that

$$\int_{X_n \cap E} h_n d\mu = \int_E \chi_{X_n \cap E} h_n d\mu.$$

Thus,

$$\nu(E) = \int_E h d\mu, \quad h := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi_{X_n \cap E} h_n.$$

It follows that  $h \in L^1(\mu)$  and it is non-negative. The uniqueness of  $h$  can be verified easily.  $\square$

### 3. Signed Measures

3.1. **Motivation, Definition, and Examples.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space.

(1) If  $f$  is a non-negative measurable function, then we know that

$$\nu(E) := \int_E f d\mu, \quad E \in \mathcal{A},$$

defines another measure on  $(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

(2) If  $f$  is an extended real measurable function, then

$$\nu^+(E) := \int_E f^+ d\mu, \quad \nu^-(E) := \int_E f^- d\mu \quad \text{for } E \in \mathcal{A},$$

$$\tilde{\nu}(E) := \nu^+(E) + \nu^-(E) = \int_E |f| d\mu$$

define measures on  $(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

(3) If  $f$  is an extended real measurable function and if either  $\int_X f^+ d\mu < \infty$  or  $\int_X f^- d\mu < \infty$ , then the integral  $\int_E f d\mu$  is defined by

$$\int_E f d\mu = \int_E f^+ d\mu - \int_E f^- d\mu, \quad E \in \mathcal{A}.$$

(4) Let  $\nu^+$  and  $\nu^-$  be as in (2) above such that one of them is finite. Then

$$\nu(E) := \int_E f d\mu, \quad E \in \mathcal{A},$$

has the following properties:

- (a)  $\nu(\emptyset) = 0$ ,
- (b)  $\{+\infty, -\infty\} \not\subseteq \{\nu(E) : E \in \mathcal{A}\}$ ,
- (c)  $\nu(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu(E_n)$  for every disjoint family  $\{E_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ .

**Definition 49.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space. A set function  $\nu : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$  is called a **signed measure** if

- (1)  $\nu(\emptyset) = 0$ ,
- (2)  $\{+\infty, -\infty\} \not\subseteq \{\nu(E) : E \in \mathcal{A}\}$ ,
- (3)  $\nu(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu(E_n)$  for every disjoint family  $\{E_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ . ◇

**Example 50.** Let  $f$  be a real measurable function on a measure space  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  such that  $\int_X f d\mu$  is well defined. Then

$$\nu(E) := \int_E f d\mu, \quad E \in \mathcal{A},$$

defines a signed measure, and  $\nu = \nu^+ - \nu^-$ . In particular, if  $f \in L^1(\mu)$ , then  $\nu$  is a signed measure such that  $|\nu(E)| < \infty$  for every  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ . ◇

**Example 51.** If  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are measures on  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  with at least one of them is finite, then  $\nu := \mu_1 - \mu_2$  is a signed measure.  $\diamond$

**3.2. Hahn decomposition and Jordan decomposition.** Is every signed measure  $\nu$  is of the form  $\mu_1 - \mu_2$  for some measures  $\mu_1, \mu_2$ ?

Suppose  $(A, B)$  is a measurable decomposition of  $X$ , that is,  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$  such that

$$X = A \cup B, \quad A \cap B = \emptyset.$$

Note that, for every  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\nu(E) = \nu(E \cap A) + \nu(E \cap B)$ . Suppose the above decomposition is such that

- (1)  $\nu(E \cap A) \geq 0$  for every  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ , and
- (2)  $\nu(E \cap B) \leq 0$  for every  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Then, defining

$$\nu^+(E) = \nu(E \cap A), \quad \nu^-(E) = -\nu(E \cap B),$$

we see that  $\nu^+$ ,  $\nu^-$  and  $\nu^+ + \nu^-$  are measures and  $\nu = \nu^+ - \nu^-$ . Thus, the answer to our above posed question is in the affirmative if there exists a measurable decomposition  $(A, B)$  of  $X$  satisfying (1) and (2) above.

There does exist such a measurable decomposition!

**Definition 52.** A measurable decomposition  $(A, B)$  of  $X$  is said to be a **Hahn-decomposition** of  $\nu$  if

$$\nu(E \cap A) \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \nu(E \cap B) \leq 0 \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{A}. \quad \diamond$$

**Theorem 53. (Hahn decomposition theorem HDT))** Every signed measure has a Hahn-decomposition.

**Definition 54.** Let  $\nu$  be a signed measure on a measurable space  $(X, \mathcal{A})$ , and let  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $A$  is said to be

- (1) a **positive set** for  $\nu$  if  $\nu(E \cap A) \geq 0$  for every  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ ,
- (2) a **negative set** for  $\nu$  if  $\nu(E \cap A) \leq 0$  for every  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ ,
- (3) a **null set** for  $\nu$  if it is positive and negative for  $\nu$ .  $\diamond$

**Exercise 55.** Let  $\nu$  be a signed measure on a measurable space  $(X, \mathcal{A})$ , and let  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . Show that

- (1)  $A$  is a positive set for  $\nu$  iff  $\nu(E) \geq 0$  for every  $E \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $E \subseteq A$ ,
- (2)  $A$  is a negative set for  $\nu$  iff  $\nu(E) \leq 0$  for every  $E \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $E \subseteq A$ ,
- (3)  $A$  is a null set for  $\nu$  iff  $\nu(E) = 0$  for every  $E \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $E \subseteq A$ .

**Theorem 56.** Let  $\nu$  be a signed measure and  $(A, B)$  be a Hahn-decomposition of  $\nu$ . Let

$$\nu^+(E) = \nu(E \cap A), \quad \nu^-(E) = -\nu(E \cap B) \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Then  $\nu^+$  and  $\nu^-$  are measures having the following properties:

- (1)  $\nu = \nu^+ - \nu^-$ ,
- (2)  $\nu^+(E \cap B) = 0$  and  $\nu^-(E \cap A) = 0$  for all  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ .

**Exercise 57.** Show that a measurable decomposition  $(A, B)$  of  $X$  is said to be a Hahn-decomposition of  $\nu$  if and only if  $A$  is positive and  $B$  is negative for  $\nu$ .

**Definition 58.** Signed measures  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_2$  on a measurable space  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  are said to be **mutually singular**, written as  $\nu_1 \perp \nu_2$ , if there exists a measurable decomposition  $(A, B)$  of  $X$  such that  $\nu_1(E \cap B) = 0 = \nu_2(E \cap A)$  for all  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ .  $\diamond$

**Exercise 59.** Show that signed measures  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_2$  are mutually singular if and only if there exists a measurable decomposition  $(A, B)$  of  $X$  such that

$$\nu_1(E) = \nu_1(E \cap A) \quad \text{and} \quad \nu_2(E) = \nu_2(E \cap B) \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{A}.$$

**Exercise 60.** Show that measures  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are mutually singular if and only if there exists a measurable decomposition  $(A, B)$  of  $X$  such that  $\mu_1(B) = 0 = \mu_2(A)$ .

**Definition 61.** Let  $\nu$  be a signed measure on a measurable space  $(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Then  $\nu$  is said to be **concentrated** on a set  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  if  $\nu(E) = \nu(E \cap A)$  for all  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ .  $\diamond$

**Exercise 62.** Show that  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_2$  on a measurable space  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  are mutually singular if and only if there exists a measurable decomposition  $(A, B)$  of  $X$  such that  $\nu_1$  is concentrated on  $B$  and  $\nu_2$  is concentrated on  $A$ .

**Theorem 63.** Let  $\nu$  be a signed measure and  $(A, B)$  be a Hahn decomposition of  $\nu$ . Let  $\nu^+$  and  $\nu^-$  be as in theorem 56. Then

- (1)  $A$  is positive for  $\nu$  and  $B$  is negative for  $\nu$ ,
- (2)  $\nu^+$  is concentrated on  $A$  and  $\nu^-$  is concentrated on  $B$ .
- (3)  $\nu^+ \perp \nu^-$ .

**Corollary 64.** Suppose  $(A, B)$  and  $(A', B')$  be a Hahn decompositions of a signed measure  $\nu$ . Then  $A \Delta A'$  and  $B \Delta B'$  are null sets for  $\nu$ .

*Proof.* Let  $E \subseteq A \Delta A'$ . Recall that  $A \Delta A' = (A \setminus A') \cup (A' \setminus A)$ .

We write  $E = E_1 \cup E_2$ , where  $E_1 = E \cap (A \setminus A')$ ,  $E_2 = E \cap (A' \setminus A)$ . Note that

$$\nu^+(E_1) = \nu(A' \cap E_1) = 0, \quad \nu^+(E_2) = \nu(A \cap E_2) = 0,$$

$$\nu^-(E_1) = -\nu(B \cap E_1) = 0, \quad \nu^-(E_2) = -\nu(B' \cap E_2) = 0.$$

Hence,  $\nu^+(E) = 0 = \nu^-(E)$  so that  $\nu(E) = 0$ . Similarly, for any  $F \subseteq B \Delta B'$ , we obtain  $\nu(F) = 0$ .  $\square$

By the above corollary, we can say that Hahn decomposition is unique upto symmetric difference.



**Definition 65.** let  $\nu$  be a signed measure. A pair  $(\mu_1, \mu_2)$  of measures is called a **Jordan decomposition** of  $\nu$  if  $\nu = \mu_1 - \mu_2$  and  $\mu_1 \perp \mu_2$ .  $\diamond$

**Theorem 66.** Suppose  $(\mu_1, \mu_2)$  is a Jordan decomposition of a signed measure  $\nu$ , and  $(A, B)$  is a corresponding measurable decomposition such that  $\mu_1(B) = 0 = \mu_2(A)$ . Then  $(A, B)$  is a Hahn decomposition of  $\nu$ .

*Proof.* Let  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then we have

$$\nu(E \cap A) = \mu_1(E \cap A) - \mu_2(E \cap A) = \mu_1(E \cap A) = \mu_1(E),$$

$$\nu(E \cap B) = \mu_1(E \cap B) - \mu_2(E \cap B) = -\mu_2(E \cap B) = -\mu_2(B),$$

Thus,  $\mu_1(E) = \nu(E \cap A)$  and  $\mu_2(E) = -\nu(E \cap B)$  so that  $\mu_1 = \nu^+$  and  $\mu_2 = \nu^-$ .  $\square$

By Theorem 63, every signed measure has a Jordan decomposition. In fact, this decomposition is unique.

**Theorem 67. (Jordan decomposition theorem (JDT))** For every signed measure  $\nu$ , there exists a unique pair  $(\mu_1, \mu_2)$  of measures such that

$$\nu = \mu_1 - \mu_2, \quad \mu_1 \perp \mu_2.$$

### 3.3. Proof of Hahn and Jordan decomposition theorems.

**Lemma 68.** Let  $\nu$  be a signed measure on a measurable space  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  and  $E \in \mathcal{A}$  be such that  $0 < \nu(E) < \infty$ . Then there exists a positive set  $A \subseteq E$  such that  $\nu(A) > 0$ .

*Proof.* If  $E$  is a positive set, then we are done. So, assume that  $E$  is not a positive set. Let  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  be smallest positive integer such that there exists  $E_1 \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $E_1 \subseteq E$  and  $\nu(E_1) < -\frac{1}{n_1}$ . If  $E \setminus E_1$  is positive, then we are done. Otherwise, let  $n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  be smallest positive integer such that there exists  $E_2 \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $E_2 \subseteq E \setminus E_1$  and  $\nu(E_2) < -\frac{1}{n_2}$ . Continue this to get  $E_1, \dots, E_k$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $n_j \in \mathbb{N}$  is smallest positive integer such that there exists  $E_j \subseteq E \setminus (\cup_{i=1}^{j-1} E_i)$  and  $\nu(E_j) < -\frac{1}{n_j}$  for  $j = 1, \dots, k$ . This procedure will either terminate with some positive  $E_k$ , or else, we obtain  $E_1, E_2, \dots$  with the above properties. In the later case, let  $A = E \setminus (\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i)$ . Then

$$\nu(E) = \nu(A) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \nu(E_k).$$

Since  $0 < \nu(E) < \infty$ , it follows that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \nu(E_k)$  converges so that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n_k}$  also converges. Since  $\nu(E_k) < 0$ , it also follows that  $0 < \nu(E) < \nu(A)$ .

Now suppose  $A$  is not positive. Then there exists  $A_0 \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $A_0 \subseteq A$  and  $\nu(A_0) < 0$ . Since  $n_k \rightarrow \infty$ , we can find  $k$  large enough such that  $\nu(A_0) < -\frac{1}{n_k-1}$ . But,

$$A_0 \subseteq A \subseteq E \setminus (\cup_{i=1}^{k-1} E_i).$$

This contradicts the definition of  $n_k$  and  $E_k$ . Thus, we have proved that  $A$  is a positive set.  $\square$

**Proof of HDT (Theorem 53).** Let  $\nu$  be a signed measure. Without loss of generality, assume that

$$-\infty \leq \nu(E) < \infty \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{A}. \quad (*)$$

Let

$$\beta := \sup\{\nu(E) : E \text{ is positive}\}.$$

Since  $\emptyset$  is positive and  $\nu(\emptyset) = 0$ , it follows that  $\beta \geq 0$ . Let  $(E_n)$  be a sequence of positive sets such that  $\nu(E_n) \rightarrow \beta$ , and let  $A = \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$ . It can be seen that  $A$  is positive. Since  $E_n \subseteq A$  and since both  $E_n$  and  $A$  are positive, we obtain<sup>1</sup>

$$\nu(E_n) \leq \nu(A) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Hence,

$$\beta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu(E_n) \leq \nu(A) \leq \beta.$$

That is<sup>2</sup>  $\beta = \nu(A)$ . We now show that  $B := X \setminus A$  is negative, so that  $(A, B)$  would be a Hahn decomposition.

Suppose  $B$  is not negative. Then there exists  $E \subset B$  such that  $\nu(E) > 0$ . Then, by Lemma 68, there exists a positive set  $E_0 \subseteq E$  such that  $\nu(E_0) > 0$ . Then,  $\tilde{A} := A \cup E_0$  is a positive set satisfying

$$\nu(\tilde{A}) = \nu(A) + \nu(E_0) = \beta + \nu(E_0) > \beta,$$

since  $0 \leq \beta < \infty$ . This is a contradiction to the definition of  $\alpha$ . Thus, we have proved that  $(A, B)$  is a Hahn decomposition of  $\nu$ .  $\square$

**Proof of JDT (Theorem 67).** The existence of Jordan decomposition follows from the existence of Hahn decomposition  $(A, B)$ . To show the uniqueness, let  $(\mu_1, \mu_2)$  be another Jordan decomposition of  $\nu$ . Let  $(\nu^+, \nu^-)$  be the Jordan decomposition obtained from  $(A, B)$ , and let  $(A', B')$  be a measurable decomposition of  $X$  such that  $\nu$  is positive on  $A'$ , negative on  $B'$  and  $\mu_1(B') = 0 = \mu_2(A')$ . We show that  $\mu_1 = \nu^+$

<sup>1</sup>This follows from the fact that  $A = E_n \cup (A \setminus E_n)$ , where both  $E$  and  $A \setminus E_n$  are positive.

<sup>2</sup>By assumption  $(*)$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < \infty$

and  $\mu_2 = \nu^-$ . Note that for every  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nu^+(E) &= \nu(E \cap A) && \text{(by the definition of } \nu^+ \text{)} \\
 &= \nu(E \cap A \cap A') + \nu(E \cap A \cap B') && \text{(since } (A', B') \text{ is a decomposition of } X \text{)} \\
 &= \nu(E \cap A \cap A') && \text{(since } A \text{ is positive and } B' \text{ is negative )} \\
 &= \nu(E \cap A \cap A') + \nu(E \cap B \cap A') && \text{(since } A' \text{ is positive and } B \text{ is negative )} \\
 &= \nu(E \cap A'). && \text{(since } (A, B) \text{ is a decomposition of } X \text{)} \\
 &= \mu_1(E). && \text{(since } (A', B') \text{ is a Hahn decomposition)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, it can be shown that  $\nu^-(E) = \mu_2(E)$ .  $\square$

#### 4. Positive Borel Measures

4.1. **Motivation.** Some of the nice properties that Lebesgue measure  $m$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  has are the following:

- For every compact  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}$   $m(K) < \infty$ ,
- For every Lebesgue measurable set  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$m(E) = \inf\{m(V) : V \text{ open } E \subseteq V\},$$

- If  $E$  is Lebesgue measurable with  $\mu(E) < \infty$  or if  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is open, then

$$m(E) = \sup\{m(K) : K \text{ compact } K \subseteq E\}.$$

- If  $E$  is Lebesgue measurable and  $m(E) = 0$ , then  $A \in \mathcal{M}$  for every  $A \subseteq E$ .

Now, suppose  $X$  is a topological space. One may ask:

Does there exist a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  on  $X$  containing all open sets and a measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{A}$  such that it has the above type of nice properties?

We shall answer this question affirmatively if  $X$  is a *locally compact Hausdorff* space.

#### 4.2. Some topological preliminaries.

**Definition 69.** A topological space  $X$  is said to be a **Hausdorff space** if for every distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exists disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ .  $\diamond$

**Definition 70.** A topological space  $X$  is said to be a **locally compact space** if for every point  $x \in X$ , there exist an open set  $V$  and a compact set  $K$  such that  $x \in V \subseteq K$ .  $\diamond$

It can be easily seen that (Exercise) every closed subset of a compact set is compact. However, a compact subset need not be closed. However,

**Theorem 71.** *Every a compact subset of a Hausdorff space is closed.*

This follows from the following theorem.

**Theorem 72.** *Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff space, and  $K$  be compact in  $X$ . Then for each  $x \notin K$  there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $K \subseteq U$  and  $x \in V$ . In particular,  $K$  is closed.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $x \notin K$ . Then for each  $y \in K$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $G_y$  and  $H_y$  such that  $y \in G_y$  and  $x \in H_x$ . Since  $K \subseteq \cup_{y \in K} G_y$  and  $K$  is compact, there exists  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  in  $K$  such that  $K \subseteq \cup_{i=1}^n G_{y_i}$ . Now,  $U := \cup_{i=1}^n G_{y_i}$  and  $V := \cap_{i=1}^n H_{y_i}$  satisfy the requirements. The particular case is obvious, as  $V$  is an open set such that  $x \in V \cap K = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

The proof of the following corollary is left as an exercise.

**Corollary 73.** *Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff space. If  $K$  is compact and  $F$  is closed, then  $F \cap K$  is compact.*

**Corollary 74.** *Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff topological space  $X$ . Then  $X$  is locally compact if and only if for every  $x \in X$ , there exists an open set  $V$  such that  $x \in V$  and  $\bar{V}$  is compact.*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$ . Suppose  $X$  is locally compact. Then we know that there exist an open set  $V$  and a compact set  $K$  such that  $x \in V \subseteq K$ . Since  $K$  compact and  $X$  is Hausdorff,  $K$  is closed. Hence,  $\bar{V} \subseteq K$ , and hence, being a closed subset of a compact set,  $\bar{V}$  is compact. The converse follows from the definition.  $\square$

**Theorem 75. (Finite intersection property)** *Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff space and  $\mathcal{K}$  is a family of compact sets in  $X$  such that  $\bigcap_{K \in \mathcal{K}} K = \emptyset$ . Then there exists compact sets  $K_0, K_1, \dots, K_n$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  such that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n K_i = \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $K_0 \in \mathcal{K}$ . Then we have  $K_0 \cap \left(\bigcap_{K \in \mathcal{K} - \{K_0\}} K\right) = \emptyset$ . Hence,

$$K_0 \subseteq \left(\bigcap_{K \in \mathcal{K} - \{K_0\}} K\right)^c = \bigcup_{K \in \mathcal{K} - \{K_0\}} K^c.$$

Since  $K_0$  is compact, there exists  $K_1, \dots, K_n$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  such that  $K_0 \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n K_i^c$ . Thus,  $K_0 \cap \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n K_i\right) = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

**Remark 76.** Another way of writing Theorem 75 is the following: *Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff space and  $\mathcal{K}$  is a family of compact sets in  $X$ . If  $\bigcap_{K \in \mathcal{K}_0} K \neq \emptyset$  for every finite subfamily  $\mathcal{K}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{K}$ , then  $\bigcap_{K \in \mathcal{K}} K \neq \emptyset$ .*  $\diamond$

**Theorem 77.** *Let  $X$  be a locally compact Hausdorff space,  $K$  be compact in  $X$  and  $U$  be open in  $X$  such that  $K \subseteq U$ . Then there exists an open set  $V$  such that  $\bar{V}$  compact and  $K \subseteq V \subseteq \bar{V} \subseteq U$ .*

*Proof.* By Corollary 74, for every  $x \in X$ , there exists an open set  $V_x$  containing  $x$  such that  $\bar{V}_x$  is compact. Since  $K \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in K} V_x$  and  $K$  is compact, there exist  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  in  $K$  such that  $K \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i$ , where  $V_i := V_{x_i}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Taking  $G = \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i$  we have  $\bar{G} \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n \bar{V}_i$  where  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n \bar{V}_i$  is compact so that  $\bar{G}$  is also compact. Thus,  $K \subseteq G \subseteq \bar{G} \subseteq X$ , and hence, the theorem if  $U = X$ .

Next assume that  $U \neq X$ . Note that  $K \cap U^c = \emptyset$ . By Theorem 72, for every  $x \notin K$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $G_x$  and  $H_x$  such that  $x \in G_x$  and  $K \subseteq H_x$ . Hence,  $x \notin \bar{H}_x$ . Now, let

$$W_x := U^c \cap \bar{G} \cap \bar{H}_x.$$

Note that  $W_x$  is a compact set. Also, we have  $\bigcap_{x \in U^c} W_x = \emptyset$ , as  $y \in W_x$  for all  $x \in U^c$  implies  $y \in \bar{H}_y$ , that is not true. By Theorem 75, there exists  $u_1, \dots, u_k$  in  $U^c$  such

that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^k W_{u_i} = \emptyset$ , i.e.,  $U^c \cap \overline{G} \cap \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^k \overline{H_{u_i}}\right) = \emptyset$ . Thus, taking  $V = G \cap \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^k H_{u_i}\right)$  we have  $\overline{V} \subseteq U$ . Note that, since  $\overline{V} \subseteq \overline{G} \cap \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^k \overline{H_{u_i}}\right)$  and  $\overline{G} \cap \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^k \overline{H_{u_i}}\right)$  is a compact set,  $\overline{V}$  is also compact. Thus, we obtained an open set  $V$  such that  $\overline{V}$  compact and  $K \subseteq V \subseteq \overline{V} \subseteq U$ .  $\square$

**4.3. Riesz Representation Theorem.** The main result in this section is the Riesz representation theorem. For its statement, we require a few definitions.

**Definition 78.** Let  $X$  be a topological space. Then a function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is said to be of **compact support** if  $cl\{x \in X : f(x) \neq 0\}$  is compact.  $\diamond$

For topological space  $X$ , we denote by  $C_c(X)$  the complex vector space of all continuous (complex valued) functions on  $X$  with compact support.

The proof of the following theorem is left as an exercise.

**Theorem 79.** *Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff topological space. Then  $f \in C_c(X)$  if and only if there exists a compact set  $K \subseteq X$  such that  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in X \setminus K$ .*

**Definition 80.** A linear functional  $\varphi : C_c(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is said to be a **positive linear functional** if  $\varphi(f) \geq 0$  for every  $f \in C_c(X)$  with  $f \geq 0$ .  $\diamond$

**Theorem 81. (Riesz representation theorem)** *Let  $X$  be a locally compact Hausdorff space and  $\varphi : C_c(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a positive linear functional. Then there exists a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{M}$  which contains all Borel sets of  $X$  and a unique measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  such that the following are satisfied:*

- (i)  $\varphi(f) = \int_X f d\mu \quad \forall f \in C_c(X)$ .
- (ii)  $\mu(K) < \infty$  for every compact  $K \subseteq X$ .
- (iii)  $\mu(E) = \inf\{\mu(V) : V \text{ open } E \subseteq V\}$  for every  $E \in \mathcal{M}$ .
- (iv) If either  $E$  is open or if  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $\mu(E) < \infty$ , then

$$\mu(E) = \sup\{\mu(K) : K \text{ compact } K \subseteq E\}.$$

- (v) If  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\mu(E) = 0$ , then  $A \in \mathcal{M}$  for every  $A \subseteq E$ .

**Example 82.** For  $x_0 \in X$ , the map  $f \mapsto f(x_0)$  is a positive linear functional on  $C_c(X)$ . More generally, for  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_k$  in  $[0, \infty)$ , the map  $f \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^k f(x_i)w_i$  is a positive linear functional on  $C_c(X)$ .  $\diamond$

**Example 83.** The map  $f \mapsto \int_{\mathbb{R}} f dm$  is a positive linear functional on  $C_c(\mathbb{R})$ .  $\diamond$

**Example 84.** Let  $X = \mathbb{N}$  with metric induced by the usual metric on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then the map  $f \mapsto \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n)$  is a positive linear functional on  $C_c(\mathbb{N}) = c_{00}$ .  $\diamond$

**Example 85.** If  $\mathcal{M}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$  which contains all open sets, and  $\mu$  is a measure on  $\mathcal{M}$  which is finite for every compact set, then the map  $f \mapsto \int_X f d\mu$  is a positive linear functional on  $C_c(X)$ .  $\diamond$

In the due course, we make use of the following notations:

**NOTATION:** Suppose  $X$  is a locally compact Hausdorff space,  $K$  is a compact subset of  $X$  and  $V$  is an open subset of  $X$ .

For  $f \in C_c(X)$  with  $0 \leq f \leq 1$ , we write

$$\begin{aligned} K \prec f & \quad \text{if } f(x) = 1 \quad \forall x \in K, \\ f \prec V & \quad \text{if } \text{supp} f \subseteq V, \\ K \prec f \prec V & \quad \text{if } K \prec f, f \prec V. \end{aligned}$$

We note that for  $f \in C_c(X)$  with  $0 \leq f \leq 1$ ,

$$K \prec f \iff \chi_K \leq f, \quad f \prec V \iff f \leq \chi_V, \quad K \prec f \prec V \iff \chi_K \leq f \leq \chi_V.$$

**4.4. Urysohn's Lemma and Partition of Unity.** Now, we state and prove two more theorems, namely, Urysohn's Lemma and Partition of Unity which are not usually covered in a first course in topology, but we need them to prove our main theorem. These results are of independent interest as well.

Before stating Urysohn's lemma, we recall a few more definitions.

**Definition 86.** Let  $f$  be a real valued function defined on a topological space  $X$ .

(a) The function  $f$  is said to be **lower semi-continuous** (l.s.c) if for every  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , the set  $\{x \in X : f(x) > a\}$  is open in  $X$ , and

(a) The function  $f$  is said to be **upper semi-continuous** (u.s.c) if for every  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ , the set  $\{x \in X : f(x) < b\}$  is open in  $X$ .  $\diamond$

Thus,

$$f \text{ is l.s.c.} \iff f^{-1}\{(a, \infty)\} \text{ open } \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$f \text{ is u.s.c.} \iff f^{-1}\{(-\infty, b)\} \text{ open } \quad \forall b \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Clearly,  $f$  is continuous  $\iff f$  is l.s.c. & u.s.c. It can be seen that,

- (1)  $G$  open implies  $\chi_G$  is l.s.c,
- (2)  $F$  closed implies  $\chi_F$  is u.s.c

To see this, it is enough to observe that if  $G$  is open and  $F$  is closed in  $X$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$\{x : \chi_G(x) > a\} = \begin{cases} \emptyset, & a \geq 1, \\ G, & 0 < a < 1, \\ X, & a \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\{x : \chi_F(x) < b\} = \begin{cases} \emptyset, & b \leq 0, \\ F^c, & 0 < b \leq 1, \\ X, & b > 1. \end{cases}$$

We are going to make use of the following facts:

- (1) If  $\{f_\alpha : \alpha \in J\}$  is a family of l.s.c. functions then the function  $f := \sup_{\alpha \in J} f_\alpha$  is also l.s.c.
- (2) If  $\{g_\alpha : \alpha \in J\}$  is a family of u.s.c. function then the function  $g := \inf_{\alpha \in J} g_\alpha$  is also u.s.c.

The above two results follow since for  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\{x : f(x) > a\} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} \{x : f_\alpha(x) > a\}, \quad \{x : g(x) < a\} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} \{x : g_\alpha(x) < a\}.$$

**Theorem 87. (Urysohn's lemma)** *Suppose  $X$  is a locally compact Hausdorff space,  $K$  is compact in  $X$  and  $V$  open in  $X$  such that  $K \subseteq V$ . Then there exists  $f \in C_c(X)$  such that  $K \prec f \prec V$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 77, there exists an open set  $V_0$  such that  $\bar{V}_0$  is compact, and

$$K \subseteq V_0 \subseteq \bar{V}_0 \subseteq V.$$

Again applying the same theorem, there exists an open set  $V_1$  such that  $\bar{V}_1$  is compact, and

$$K \subseteq V_1 \subseteq \bar{V}_1 \subseteq V_0.$$

Thus,

$$K \subseteq V_1 \subseteq \bar{V}_1 \subseteq V_0 \subseteq \bar{V}_0 \subseteq V.$$

Now, let  $r_1, r_2, \dots$  be an enumeration of the set of all rational numbers in  $[0, 1]$  with  $r_1 = 0, r_2 = 1$ , and let  $\Delta := \{r_1, r_2, \dots\}$ . Thus, we obtained open sets  $V_{r_1}$  and  $V_{r_2}$  such that both  $\bar{V}_{r_1}$  and  $\bar{V}_{r_2}$  are compact,  $K \subseteq V_{r_k}, \bar{V}_{r_k} \subseteq V$  for  $k = 1, 2$  and

$$\bar{V}_{r_2} \subseteq V_{r_1}.$$

Note that  $r_1 < r_3 < r_2$ , and  $\bar{V}_{r_2} \subseteq V_{r_1}$ . Hence, there exists an open set, say  $V_{r_3}$  such that  $\bar{V}_{r_3}$  is compact, and

$$\bar{V}_{r_2} \subseteq V_{r_3} \subseteq \bar{V}_{r_3} \subseteq V_{r_1}.$$

Now, either (i)  $r_1 < r_4 < r_3$  or (ii)  $r_3 < r_4 < r_2$  occur, and we have

$$\bar{V}_{r_3} \subseteq V_{r_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{V}_{r_2} \subseteq V_{r_3}.$$

Thus, in case (i), there exists an open set, say  $V_{r_4}$  such that  $\bar{V}_{r_4}$  is compact, and

$$\bar{V}_{r_3} \subseteq V_{r_4} \subseteq V_{r_1},$$

and in case (ii), there exists an open set, say  $V_{r_4}$  such that  $\bar{V}_{r_4}$  is compact, and

$$\bar{V}_{r_2} \subseteq V_{r_4} \subseteq V_{r_3}.$$



In any case, we obtain an open set  $V_{r_4}$  such that  $\bar{V}_{r_4}$  is compact, and

$$r, s \in \{r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4\} \text{ with } r < s \Rightarrow \bar{V}_s \subseteq V_r.$$

Now, having obtained open sets  $V_r$  for each  $r \in \Delta_n := \{r_1, \dots, r_n\}$  such that  $\bar{V}_r$  compact for each  $r \in \Delta_n$  and  $\bar{V}_r \subseteq V_s$  whenever  $s < r$ , we find  $V_{r_{n+1}}$  as follows: Let  $r, s$  in  $\{k : 1 \leq k \leq n\}$  be such that

$$r = \max\{r_k : r_k < r_{n+1}, 1 \leq k \leq n\},$$

$$s = \min\{r_k : r_k > r_{n+1}, 1 \leq k \leq n\}.$$

Then  $r < s$  so that  $\bar{V}_s \subseteq V_r$  and hence by Theorem 77 there exists an open set  $U$  such that  $\bar{U}$  is compact and

$$\bar{V}_s \subseteq U \subseteq \bar{U} \subseteq V_r.$$

We denote this set  $U$  by  $V_{r_{n+1}}$ . Thus, we have a family  $\{V_r : r \in \Delta\}$  of open sets such that for each  $r \in \Delta$ ,  $\bar{V}_r$  is compact,  $K \subseteq V_r$ ,  $\bar{V}_r \subseteq V$  and

$$\bar{V}_s \subseteq V_r \text{ whenever } r < s.$$

Now, for each  $r \in \Delta$ , we define a function  $f_r$  as

$$f_r(x) = \begin{cases} r & \text{if } x \in V_r, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin V_r. \end{cases}$$

It is easily seen that  $f_r$  is lower semi-continuous and hence

$$f = \sup_{r \in \Delta} f_r$$

is also lower semi-continuous. We show that  $K \prec f \prec V$ .

Observe that

$$x \notin \bar{V}_0 \Rightarrow f_r(x) = 0 \forall r \in \Delta \Rightarrow f(x) = 0.$$

Hence,  $\text{supp} f \subseteq \bar{V}_0$ . In particular,  $f$  is with compact support. Also,

$$x \in K \Rightarrow x \in V_r \forall r \in \Delta \Rightarrow f_r(x) = r \quad \forall r \in \Delta.$$

Hence,  $f(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in K$ . Thus, it remains to prove that that  $f$  is continuous; for which it is enough to show that  $f$  is upper semi-continuous as well. We show that  $f$  is equal to an upper semi-continuous function.

For  $s \in \Delta$ , let

$$g_s(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \bar{V}_s, \\ s & \text{if } x \notin \bar{V}_s \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad g = \inf_{s \in \Delta} g_s.$$

It can be seen that each  $g_s$  is upper semi-continuous so that  $g$  is also upper semi-continuous. We show that  $f = g$ .

First we observe that  $f_r \leq g_s$  for every  $r, s \in \Delta$ : Note that if  $r \leq s$ , then we have  $f_r(x) \leq r \leq s \leq g_s(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . In case  $s < r$ , then  $\bar{V}_r \subseteq V_s$ . Thus,  $x \in V_r$  implies

$x \in \overline{V}_s$  so that  $f_r(x) = r \leq 1 = g_s(x)$ , whereas if  $x \notin V_r$  then  $f_r(x) = 0 \leq g_s(x)$ . Thus,  $f_r \leq g_s$  for every  $r, s \in \Delta$  which shows that  $f \leq g$ .

Next we assert that there is no  $x \in X$  such that  $f(x) < g(x)$ . Suppose there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $f(x) < g(x)$ . Let  $r, s \in \Delta$  such that  $f(x) < r < s < g(x)$ . Then we have

$$f_r(x) \leq f(x) < r < s < g(x) \leq g_s(x).$$

Now,  $f_r(x) < r$  implies that  $x \notin V_r$ ,  $s < g_s(x)$  implies that  $x \in \overline{V}_s$ , and  $r < s$  implies that  $\overline{V}_s \subseteq V_r$ . Thus, we arrive at a contradiction. Hence, there is no  $x \in X$  such that  $f(x) < g(x)$ . Consequently,  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 88. (Partition of unity)** *Suppose  $X$  is a locally compact Hausdorff space,  $K$  is compact in  $X$  and  $V_1, \dots, V_n$  are open in  $X$  such that  $K \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i$ . Then there exists  $h_1, \dots, h_n$  in  $C_c(X)$  such that*

- (i)  $h_i \prec V_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .
- (ii)  $h_1(x) + \dots + h_n(x) = 1 \quad \forall x \in K$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in K$ . Then there exists  $i$  such that  $x \in V_i$ . By local compactness of  $X$ , there exists an open set  $W_x$  such that  $x \in W_x$ ,  $\overline{W}_x$  compact and  $\overline{W}_x \subseteq V_i$ . Since  $K$  is compact and  $K \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in K} W_x \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i$ , there exist  $x_1, \dots, x_m$  in  $K$  such that  $K \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^m W_{x_j} \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i$ . For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , let

$$\Delta_i := \{j \in \{1, \dots, m\} : \overline{W}_{x_j} \subseteq V_i\} \quad \text{and} \quad H_i := \bigcup_{j \in \Delta_i} \overline{W}_{x_j}.$$

Then each  $H_i$  is compact,  $H_i \subseteq V_i$  and  $K \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n H_i$ . By Urysohn's lemma, there exists  $g_1, \dots, g_n$  such that  $H_i \prec g_i \prec V_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Define

$$h_1 = g_1, \quad h_i = (1 - g_1)(1 - g_2) \dots (1 - g_{i-1})g_i, \quad i = 2, \dots, n.$$

Then it can be seen by induction that

$$h_1 + \dots + h_k = 1 - (1 - g_1)(1 - g_2) \dots (1 - g_k), \quad k = 1, \dots, n.$$

In particular,  $h_1 + \dots + h_n = 1 - (1 - g_1)(1 - g_2) \dots (1 - g_n)$ .

Note that if  $x \in K$ , then  $x \in H_i$  for some  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  so that  $g_i(x) = 1$ . Hence,  $(h_1 + \dots + h_n)(x) = 1$ . Thus,  $K \prec h_1 + \dots + h_n$ . Also,  $\text{supp} h_i \subseteq \text{supp} g_i \subseteq V_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .  $\square$

**4.5. Proof of Riesz Representation Theorem.** The proof involves many results.

Let  $X$  be a locally compact Hausdorff space and  $\varphi : C_c(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$  be a positive linear functional. First we define a set function  $\mu : 2^X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  as follows: For open set  $V \subseteq X$ ,

$$\mu(V) := \sup\{\varphi(f) : f \prec V\},$$

and for any  $E \subseteq X$ ,

$$\mu(E) := \inf\{\mu(V) : V \text{ open, } E \subseteq V\}.$$

We may observe that  $\{f \in C_c(X) : f \prec V, V \text{ open}\} = \{0\}$  so that  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ .

We show that  $\mu$  is an outer measure. First the monotonicity:

**Lemma 89.** For  $E_1 \subseteq E_2 \subseteq X$ ,  $\mu(E_1) \leq \mu(E_2)$ .

*Proof.* Note that  $\{V : V \text{ open, } V \supseteq E_2\} \subseteq \{V : V \text{ open, } V \supseteq E_1\}$ . Therefore,

$$\inf\{\mu(V) : V \text{ open, } V \supseteq E_1\} \leq \inf\{\mu(V) : V \text{ open, } V \supseteq E_2\}.$$

That is,  $\mu(E_1) \leq \mu(E_2)$ . □

Next, we show that  $\mu$  is sub-additive. For showing this, we first prove sub-additivity on the family of all open sets:

**Lemma 90.** For open sets  $V_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(V_i)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $V = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i$ . In order to prove the inequality in the lemma, it is enough to prove that

$$\varphi(f) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(V_i) \quad \forall f \prec V. \tag{*}$$

So, let  $f \prec V$  and  $K_f := \text{supp} f$ . Then  $K_f \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i$ . By compactness of  $K_f$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $K_f \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i$ . Hence, by Partition of Unity (Theorem 88), there exist  $h_1, \dots, h_n \in C_c(X)$  such that  $h_i \prec V_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and  $h_1 + \dots + h_n = 1$  on  $K_f$ . Thus,  $h_1 f + \dots + h_n f = f$  so that using the fact that  $h_i f \prec V_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,

$$\varphi(f) = \varphi(h_1 f) + \dots + \varphi(h_n f) \leq \mu(V_1) + \dots + \mu(V_n).$$

Thus, (\*) is proved. □

**Proposition 91.** For  $E_n \subseteq X$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i)$ .

*Proof.* If at least one of the  $\mu(E_i)$  is infinity, then the inequality is obvious. So, assume that  $\mu(E_i) < \infty$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . By definition, for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists an open set  $V_i \supseteq E_i$  such that  $\mu(V_i) < \mu(E_i) + \varepsilon/2^i$ . Therefore, using Lemma 89 and Lemma 90,

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) \leq \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(V_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i) + \varepsilon.$$

This is true for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Hence the result follows. □

Lemma 89 and Proposition 91 show that  $\mu$  is an outer measure. Hence,  $\mu$  is a measure on the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all  $\mu$ -measurable sets. However, it is not clear that this  $\sigma$ -algebra has all the required properties listed in RRT. So, our next endeavor is to obtain an appropriate  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{M}$ . Let us observe some more properties of  $\mu$ .

Let us observe some properties of  $\mu$  which include some of the requirements of the  $\mu$  in RRT.

**Proposition 92.** *For every open  $V \subseteq X$ ,*

$$\mu(V) = \sup\{\mu(K) : K \subseteq V, K \text{ compact}\}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be an open set. Clearly,

$$\sup\{\mu(K) : K \subseteq V, K \text{ compact}\} \leq \mu(V).$$

To show the other way inequality, it is enough to show that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a compact set  $K \subseteq V$  such that  $\mu(V) - \varepsilon \leq \mu(K)$ .

So, let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Then, by definition of  $\mu(V)$ , there exists  $f \prec V$  such that  $\mu(V) - \varepsilon \leq \varphi(f)$ . Let  $K_f := \text{supp} f$ . Then  $\varphi(f) \leq \mu(G)$  for all open sets  $G \supseteq K_f$ . Hence

$$\varphi(f) \leq \inf\{\mu(G) : K_f \subseteq G, G \text{ open}\} = \mu(K_f).$$

Thus,  $\mu(V) - \varepsilon \leq \varphi(f) \leq \mu(K_f)$ . □

**Lemma 93.** *If  $K \prec f$ , then  $\mu(K) \leq \varphi(f)$ . In particular,  $\mu(K) < \infty$  for every compact set  $K \subseteq X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $K \prec f$ . To see the first part, it is enough to show that

$$\alpha\mu(K) \leq \varphi(f) \quad \forall \alpha \text{ with } 0 < \alpha < 1. \quad (*)$$

So let  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Let  $V_\alpha := \{x : f(x) > \alpha\}$ . Then

$$K \subseteq V_\alpha \quad \text{so that} \quad \mu(K) \leq \mu(V_\alpha) := \sup\{\varphi(g) : g \prec V_\alpha\}.$$

Now,

$$g \prec V_\alpha \Rightarrow \alpha g \prec V_\alpha \Rightarrow \alpha g \leq f \Rightarrow \varphi(g) \leq \alpha^{-1}\varphi(f).$$

Thus

$$\mu(K) \leq \mu(V_\alpha) := \sup\{\varphi(g) : g \prec V_\alpha\} \leq \alpha^{-1}\varphi(f).$$

Thus, (\*) is proved.

The particular case follows from the above by making use of Uryshohn's lemma, since for every compact  $K$ , there exists  $f \in C_c(X)$  such that  $K \prec f \prec X$ , and hence  $\mu(K) \leq \varphi(f) < \infty$ . □

**Lemma 94.** *For every compact  $K \subseteq X$ ,*

$$\mu(K) = \inf\{\varphi(f) : K \prec f\}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $K$  be a compact set. By Lemma 93,

$$\mu(K) \leq \inf\{\varphi(f) : K \prec f\}.$$

Thus,  $\mu(K)$  is a lower bound for  $\{\varphi(f) : K \prec f\}$ . Therefore, it is enough to show that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $f \in C_c(X)$  such that  $\varphi(f) \leq \mu(K) + \varepsilon$ .

So, let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Recall that  $\mu(K) = \inf\{\mu(V) : V \text{ open, } K \subseteq V\}$ . Hence, there exists open  $V \supseteq K$  such that  $\mu(V) < \mu(K) + \varepsilon$ . Also, by Urysohn's lemma, there exists  $f$  such that  $K \prec f \prec V$ . Hence

$$\varphi(f) \leq \mu(V) \leq \mu(K) + \varepsilon.$$

Thus, the proof is complete. □

**Lemma 95.** For disjoint compact sets  $K_1, K_2$ ,

$$\mu(K_1 \cup K_2) = \mu(K_1) + \mu(K_2).$$

*Proof.* By Proposition 91, we have  $\mu(K_1 \cup K_2) \leq \mu(K_1) + \mu(K_2)$ . Since  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are disjoint, by Urysohn's lemma, there exists  $f$  such that  $K_1 \prec f \prec K_2^c$ . Also, by Lemma 94, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $g$  such that

$$K_1 \cup K_2 \prec g \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(g) \leq \mu(K_1 \cup K_2) + \varepsilon.$$

Now,  $K_1 \prec f$  and  $K_2 \prec 1 - f$  (since  $f = 0$  on  $K_2$ ) implies  $K_1 \prec fg$  and  $K_2 \prec (1 - f)g$  so that using Lemma 93,

$$\mu(K_1) + \mu(K_2) \leq \varphi(fg) + \varphi((1 - f)g) = \varphi(g) \leq \mu(K_1 \cup K_2) + \varepsilon.$$

This is true for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Hence the result follows. □

Now, consider a candidate for the required  $\sigma$ -algebra: For that, let  $\mathcal{M}_0$  be the family of all subsets such that

$$A \in \mathcal{M}_0 \iff \mu(A) < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \mu(A) = \sup\{\mu(K) : K \text{ compact, } K \subseteq A\}$$

and let

$$\mathcal{M} := \{E \subseteq X : E \cap K \in \mathcal{M}_0 \text{ for every compact } K\}.$$

We prove that  $\mathcal{M}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$  and  $\mu$  is a unique measure on  $\mathcal{M}$  satisfying all requirements in the statement of the theorem. Note that

- $\mathcal{M}_0$  contains all compact subsets of  $X$ .

Also,  $E \subseteq X, \mu(E) = 0 \Rightarrow E \in \mathcal{M}_0 \cap \mathcal{M}$ . Therefore,

**Proposition 96.** For  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $\mu(E) = 0, A \subseteq E \Rightarrow A \in \mathcal{M}$ .

As a corollary to Proposition 92, we also have

**Proposition 97.** If  $V$  is open and  $\mu(V) < \infty$ , then  $V \in \mathcal{M}_0$ .

In order to prove that  $\mathcal{M}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra containing all Borel sets of  $X$ , we first prove the additivity of  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{M}_0$ .

**Proposition 98.** *Suppose  $\{E_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a disjoint family in  $\mathcal{M}_0$ . Then*

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i).$$

Moreover, if  $\mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i) < \infty$ , then  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \in \mathcal{M}_0$ .

*Proof.* In view of Proposition 91, it is enough to prove that  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i) \leq \mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i)$ . Let  $E = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i$ . If  $\mu(E)$  is infinity, then clearly the results follows. Hence assume that  $\mu(E) < \infty$  so that  $\mu(E_i) < \infty$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $E_i \in \mathcal{M}_0$ , there exists compact  $K_i \subseteq E_i$  such that  $\mu(E_i) \leq \mu(K_i) + \varepsilon/2^i$ . Thus, using Proposition 95,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \mu(E_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(K_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\varepsilon}{2^i} = \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n K_i\right) + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\varepsilon}{2^i} \leq \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) + \varepsilon.$$

This is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Hence we have  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i) \leq \mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i)$ .

Now, in the case of  $\mu(E) < \infty$ , the series  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i)$  converges in  $\mathbb{R}$  so that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\mu(E) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^N \mu(E_i) + \varepsilon \leq \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^N K_i\right) + 2\varepsilon.$$

Thus, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a compact set  $K := \bigcup_{i=1}^N K_i \subseteq E$  such that  $\mu(E) \leq \mu(K) + 2\varepsilon$ . Hence it follows that  $E \in \mathcal{M}_0$ .  $\square$

We require the following two lemmas too.

**Lemma 99.** *Suppose  $E \in \mathcal{M}_0$ . Then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist an open  $V \supseteq E$  and a compact  $K \subseteq E$  such that*

$$\mu(V - K) < \varepsilon.$$

In particular,

$$\mu(V - E) < \varepsilon, \quad \mu(E - K) < \varepsilon.$$

*Proof.* Let  $E \in \mathcal{M}_0$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then by definitions of  $\mathcal{M}_0$  and  $\mu(E)$ , there exist a compact set  $K$  and an open set  $V$  such that  $K \subseteq E \subseteq V$  and  $\mu(V) < \mu(E) + \varepsilon/2$  and  $\mu(E) < \mu(K) + \varepsilon/2$ . In particular,  $\mu(V) < \mu(K) + \varepsilon < \infty$ . By Proposition 97 the open sets  $V$  and  $V - K$  belong to  $\mathcal{M}_0$ . Therefore, by Proposition 98,

$$\mu(K) + \mu(V - K) = \mu(V) < \mu(K) + \varepsilon.$$

Thus,  $\mu(V - K) < \varepsilon$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 100.** *If  $A, B$  are in  $\mathcal{M}_0$ , then  $A - B$ ,  $A \cup B$ ,  $A \cap B$  are also in  $\mathcal{M}_0$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A, B$  be in  $\mathcal{M}_0$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. By Lemma 99, there exists compact sets  $K_1, K_2$  and open sets  $V_1, V_2$  such that  $K_1 \subseteq A \subseteq V_1$ ,  $K_2 \subseteq B \subseteq V_2$  and  $\mu(V_i - K_i) < \varepsilon$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . We observe that<sup>3</sup>

$$A - B \subseteq V_1 - K_2 \subseteq (V_1 - K_1) \cup (K_1 - V_2) \cup (V_2 - K_2).$$

Hence,

$$\mu(A - B) \leq \varepsilon + \mu(K_1 - V_2) + \varepsilon.$$

Thus, we obtained a compact set  $K := K_1 - V_2 \subseteq A - B$  such that  $\mu(A - B) \leq \mu(K) + 2\varepsilon$  so that  $A - B \in \mathcal{M}_0$ .

Now, by Proposition 98, we have

$$A \cup B = (A - B) \cup B \in \mathcal{M}_0.$$

Also, we have  $A \cap B = A - (A - B) \in \mathcal{M}_0$ .

To see the last part, let  $E \in \mathcal{M}_0$ . Then, for every compact set  $K$ ,  $K \cap E \in \mathcal{M}_0$  so that  $E \in \mathcal{M}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 101.**  $\mathcal{M}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra containing all Borel sets of  $X$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $A \in \mathcal{M}$ . Then, by Lemma 100, for any compact set  $K$ ,

$$A^c \cap K = K - (A \cap K) \in \mathcal{M}_0$$

so that  $A^c \in \mathcal{M}$ . Next, let  $A_i \in \mathcal{M}$  for  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . To show that  $A := \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in \mathcal{M}$ . That is to show that for any compact set  $K$ ,  $A \cap K \in \mathcal{M}_0$ . Note that

$$A \cap K = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \cap K = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i,$$

where

$$B_1 = A_1 \cap K \quad \text{and} \quad B_n = (A_n \cap K) - \bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} B_i \quad \text{for } n = 2, 3, \dots$$

Then  $\{B_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a disjoint family in  $\mathcal{M}_0$  with  $\mu(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n) = \mu(A \cap K) < \infty$  so that by Proposition 98,

$$A \cap K = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \in \mathcal{M}_0.$$

Thus  $\mathcal{M}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra. It remains to show that  $\mathcal{M}$  contains all open sets. For this, let  $F$  be a closed set. Then for any compact set  $K$ ,  $F \cap K$  is a compact set so that  $F \in \mathcal{M}$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{M}$  contains all closed sets. Since  $\mathcal{M}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra, it follows that  $\mathcal{M}$  contains all Borel sets.  $\square$

We shall make use of the following fact also.

<sup>3</sup>Note that

$$\begin{aligned} V_1 - K_2 &= V_1 \cap K_2^c = [(V_1 \cap K_2^c) \cap K_1] \cup [(V_1 \cap K_2^c) \cap K_1^c] = (K_1 - K_2) \cup (V_1 - K_1) \\ K_1 - K_2 &= (K_1 \cap K_2^c) \cap (V_2 \cup V_2^c) = (K_1 \cap K_2^c \cap V_2) \cup (K_1 \cap K_2^c \cap V_2^c) \subseteq (V_2 - K_2) \cup (K_1 - V_2). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $V_1 - K_2 \subseteq (V_1 - K_1) \cup (K_1 - V_2) \cup (V_2 - K_2)$ .

**Proposition 102.**  $\mathcal{M}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{M}$ , and  $\mathcal{M}_0 = \{E \in \mathcal{M} : \mu(E) < \infty\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $E \in \mathcal{M}_0$ . Then for any compact set  $K$ , we have  $K \in \mathcal{M}_0$  so that by Lemma 100,  $E \cap K \in \mathcal{M}_0$ . Thus  $E \in \mathcal{M}$ .

Next, let  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  such that  $\mu(E) < \infty$ , and let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Then to show that there exists a compact set  $K \subseteq E$  such that  $\mu(E) < \mu(K) + \varepsilon$ . By definition of  $\mu(E)$ , there exists an open set  $V \supseteq E$  such that  $\mu(V) < \mu(E) + \varepsilon/2$ . In particular, by Corollary 97,  $V \in \mathcal{M}_0$ . Hence, by Lemma 99, there exists a compact set  $K_0 \subseteq V$  such that  $\mu(V - K_0) < \varepsilon/2$ . Thus, since  $E \subseteq (E \cap K_0) \cup (V \cap K_0^c)$ ,

$$\mu(E) \leq \mu(E \cap K_0) + \mu(V - K_0) < \mu(E \cap K_0) + \varepsilon/2.$$

But, since  $E \cap K_0 \in \mathcal{M}_0$ , there exists a compact set  $K$  such that  $K \subseteq E \cap K_0$  and  $\mu(E \cap K_0) < \mu(K) + \varepsilon/2$ . Thus, we have

$$\mu(E) < \mu(E \cap K_0) + \varepsilon/2 < \mu(K) + \varepsilon.$$

This completes the proof. □

**Proposition 103.**  $\mu$  is a measure on  $\mathcal{M}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $\{E_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a disjoint family in  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $E = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i$ . If  $\mu(E) = \infty$ , then from  $\mu(E) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i)$  it follows that  $\mu(E) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i)$ . If  $\mu(E) < \infty$ , then  $\mu(E_i) < \infty$  for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , so that by Propositions 102 and 98,  $E_i \in \mathcal{M}_0$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mu(E) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i)$ . □

**Proposition 104.** For every  $f \in C_c(X)$ ,  $\varphi(f) = \int_X f d\mu$ .

*Proof.* We prove the required relation for real valued  $f$ 's. The complex valued case will follow by using the linearity of  $\varphi$  and the linearity of the integral. So, let  $f \in C_c(X)$  such that  $f(x) \in \mathbb{R}$  for every  $x \in X$ .

First we note that it is enough to show that

$$\varphi(f) \leq \int_X f d\mu \tag{1}$$

for every real valued  $f \in C_c(X)$ . Because, once (1) is proved for every real valued  $f \in C_c(X)$ , then taking  $g = -f$ , we have  $\Lambda g \leq \int_X g d\mu$ , that is,  $-\varphi(f) \leq -\int_X f d\mu$  so that  $\varphi(f) \geq \int_X f d\mu$ .

Now to prove (1), let  $K = \text{supp } f$  and  $[a, b]$  such that  $\text{range}(f) \subseteq [a, b]$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  be such that

$$t_0 < a < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n = b$$

and  $t_i - t_{i-1} < \varepsilon$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Let  $E_i = K \cap f^{-1}(t_{i-1}, t_i]$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Clearly,  $K = \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i$  and  $\{E_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is a disjoint family. For each  $i$  let  $V_i$  be



an open set such that  $E_i \subseteq V_i$  and

$$\mu(V_i) < \mu(E_i) + \varepsilon/n, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

Without loss of generality, we can also assume that  $f(x) < t_i + \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in V_i$ , possibly by replacing  $V_i$  by  $V_i \cap f^{-1}(-\infty, t_i + \varepsilon)$ . Now, since  $K \subseteq \cup_{i=1}^n V_i$ , by Partition of Unity, there exists  $h_i \prec V_i$  such that  $h_1 + \dots + h_n = 1$  on  $K$ . Hence,  $f = h_1 f + \dots + h_n f$  on  $X$ . Thus, since  $f \leq t_i + \varepsilon$  on  $V_i$ , we have

$$\varphi(f) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi(h_i f) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi((t_i + \varepsilon)h_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n (t_i + \varepsilon)\varphi(h_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n (t_i + \varepsilon)\mu(V_i). \quad (2)$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} (t_i + \varepsilon)\mu(V_i) &\leq (t_i + \varepsilon)[\mu(E_i) + \varepsilon/n] \\ &\leq (t_i + \varepsilon)\mu(E_i) + (b + \varepsilon)\varepsilon/n \\ &\leq (t_{i-1} + 2\varepsilon)\mu(E_i) + (b + \varepsilon)\varepsilon/n \\ &\leq \int_{E_i} f d\mu + 2\varepsilon\mu(E_i) + (b + \varepsilon)\varepsilon/n \end{aligned}$$

Hence, (2) implies

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(f) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \int_{E_i} f d\mu + 2\varepsilon\mu(E_i) \right] + (b + \varepsilon)\varepsilon \\ &= \int_K f d\mu + 2\varepsilon\mu(K) + (b + \varepsilon)\varepsilon \\ &= \int_X f d\mu + 2\varepsilon\mu(K) + (b + \varepsilon)\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

This is true for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Thus, (1) is proved.  $\square$

**Proposition 105.** *The measure  $\mu$  is a unique measure on  $\mathcal{M}$  such that (i)-(iv) in Theorem 81 are satisfied.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\tilde{\mu}$  is another measure on  $\mathcal{M}$  satisfying (i)-(iv) in Theorem 81. In order to show  $\tilde{\mu} = \mu$  it is enough to show that  $\tilde{\mu}(K) = \mu(K)$  for every compact set  $K \subseteq X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Then there exists an open set  $V \supseteq K$  such that  $\mu(V) < \mu(K) + \varepsilon$ , and by Urysohn's lemma, there exists  $f$  such that  $K \prec f \prec V$ . Hence,

$$\tilde{\mu}(K) = \int_X \chi_K d\tilde{\mu} \leq \int_X f d\tilde{\mu} = \varphi(f) \leq \int_X \chi_V d\mu = \mu(V) \leq \mu(K) + \varepsilon.$$

Thus,  $\tilde{\mu}(K) \leq \mu(K)$  for every compact set  $K$ . Similarly we can show that  $\mu(K) \leq \tilde{\mu}(K)$  for every compact set  $K$ .  $\square$

**4.6. Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ .** We observe that, if  $f \in C_c(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $f \in C[a, b]$  for some  $[a, b] \supseteq \text{supp} f$  so that  $\int_X f(x)dx$  is well-defined as Riemann integral. It can be easily seen that

$$\varphi(f) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x)dx, \quad f \in C_c(\mathbb{R}),$$

defines a positive linear functional on  $C_c(\mathbb{R})$ .

Hence, by Riesz representation theorem, there exists a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{M}$  containing all Borel sets of  $\mathbb{R}$  and a unique measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  satisfying (i)-(v) in Riesz representation theorem. This measure is, in fact, the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**4.7. Regularity of Measure.** Recall that the measure  $\mu$  obtained in Riesz representation theorem has the properties

$$\mu(E) = \inf\{\mu(V) : V \text{ open } E \subseteq V\} \quad (*)$$

for all  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  and

$$\mu(E) = \sup\{\mu(K) : K \text{ compact } K \subseteq E\} \quad (**)$$

for all open sets  $E$  and for all  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $\mu(E) < \infty$ .

**Definition 106.** Let  $X$  be a topological space  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$  which contains all Borel sets, and  $\mu$  be a measure on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

(a)  $E \in \mathcal{A}$  is called **outer regular** w.r.t.  $\mu$  if

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

(b)  $E \in \mathcal{A}$  is called **inner regular** w.r.t.  $\mu$  if

$$\mu(E) = \sup\{\mu(K) : K \text{ compact } K \subseteq E\}. \quad (**)$$

(c)  $E \in \mathcal{A}$  is called **regular** w.r.t.  $\mu$  if (\*) and (\*\*) are satisfied.

(d)  $\mu$  is said to be **outer regular** (resp. **inner regular**) if (\*) (resp. (\*\*)) is satisfied for every  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ .

(e)  $\mu$  is said to be **regular** if it is outer regular and inner regular.  $\diamond$

We know that if  $X$  a locally compact Hausdorff space, then the measure in RRT is outer regular and every  $E$  with  $\mu(E) < \infty$  is regular.

We shall impose additional condition on  $X$  so that the  $\mu$  in RRT is regular as well.

**Definition 107.** A topological space is said to be  **$\sigma$ -compact** if it is a union of countable number of compact subsets.  $\diamond$

**Theorem 108.** *Let  $X$  be a locally compact Hausdorff space and  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mu$  have the properties as in Riesz representation theorem. If, in addition,  $X$  is  $\sigma$ -compact, then  $\mu$  is regular.*

*Proof.* Since  $X$  is  $\sigma$ -compact, there exists compact sets  $K_i$  such that  $X = \cup_{i=1}^{\infty} K_i$ . Let  $E \in \mathcal{M}$ . We have to show that there exists a sequence  $(H_n)$  of compact sets such that  $H_n \subseteq E$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\mu(H_n) \rightarrow \mu(E)$ .

Note that for  $E \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $E = \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$  where  $E_n := E \cap (\cup_{i=1}^n K_i)$ . We also have  $\mu(E_n) \rightarrow \mu(E)$ . Since  $\mu(E_n) \leq \mu(\cup_{i=1}^n K_i) < \infty$ , there exist compact sets  $H_n \subseteq E_n$  and  $\mu(E_n) < \mu(H_n) + 1/n$ . Hence, it follows that  $\mu(H_n) \rightarrow \mu(E)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 109.** *Let  $X$  be a locally compact Hausdorff space which is also  $\sigma$ -compact, and let  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mu$  have the properties as in Riesz representation theorem. Let  $E \in \mathcal{M}$ . Then we have the following:*

(a) *For every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists an open set  $V \supseteq E$  and a closed set  $F \subseteq E$  such that*

$$\mu(V - E) < \varepsilon, \quad \mu(E - F) < \varepsilon.$$

(b) *There exists a  $G_\delta$ -set  $V \supseteq E$  and an  $F_\sigma$ -set  $F \subseteq E$  such that*

$$\mu(V - E) = 0 = \mu(E - F).$$

*Proof.* Since  $X$  is  $\sigma$ -compact, there exists compact sets  $K_i$  such that  $X = \cup_{i=1}^{\infty} K_i$ . Then we have  $E = \cup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i$  where  $E_i := E \cap K_i$ . Since  $\mu(E_i) < \infty$ , there exists open set  $V_i \supseteq E_i$  such that  $\mu(V_i - E_i) < \varepsilon/2^i$ . Then we have

$$E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i = V, \quad V - E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (V_i - E_i).$$

Thus,  $V$  is open and

$$\mu(V - E) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(V_i - E_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varepsilon}{2^i} = \varepsilon.$$

Applying this result with  $E^c$  in place of  $E$ , there exists an open set  $G \supseteq E^c$  such that  $\mu(G - E^c) < \varepsilon$ . But,  $G - E^c = G \cap E = E - G^c$ . Thus the closed set  $F := G^c$  satisfies the relation  $\mu(E - F) < \varepsilon$ . Thus, (a) is proved.

By (a), for each  $n$ , there exists open sets  $V_n \supseteq E$  and closed sets  $F_n \subseteq E$  such that  $\mu(V_n - E) < 1/n$  and  $\mu(E - F_n) < 1/n$ . Take  $V = \cap_{n=1}^{\infty} V_n$  and  $F = \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n$ . Then we have

$$\mu(V - E) \leq \mu(V_n - E) < 1/n, \quad \mu(E - F) \leq \mu(E - F_n) < 1/n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Hence we have the result in (b).  $\square$

Here is a more general result than Theorem 108.

**Theorem 110.** *Let  $X$  be a locally compact Hausdorff space and  $\lambda$  be a positive Borel measure such that  $\lambda(K) < \infty$  for every compact set  $K$ . If every open set in  $X$  is  $\sigma$ -compact, then  $\lambda$  is regular.*

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi(f) := \int_X f d\lambda$  for  $f \in C_c(X)$ . Then it is seen that  $\Lambda$  is a positive linear functional on  $C_c(X)$ . Let  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mu$  be as in Riesz representation theorem. In particular we have

$$\int_X f d\lambda = \int_X f d\mu \quad \forall f \in C_c(X).$$

We have to show that  $\lambda(E) = \mu(E)$  for all Borel set  $E$ . First we show that  $\lambda(V) = \mu(V)$  for all open set  $V$ . By hypothesis, there exists compact sets  $K_i, i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $V = \cup_{i=1}^{\infty} K_i$ . By Urysohn's lemma, there exists  $f_i \in C_c(X)$  such that  $K_i \prec f_i \prec V$  for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let

$$g_n := \max\{f_1, \dots, f_n\}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then  $g_n \in C_c(X)$  and  $0 \leq g_n \leq g_{n+1}$  and  $g_n \rightarrow \chi_V$ . Hence, by Monotone convergence theorem,

$$\int_X \chi_V d\lambda = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X g_n d\lambda = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X g_n d\mu = \int_X \chi_V d\mu.$$

Thus  $\lambda(V) = \mu(V)$ .

Now, let  $E$  be a Borel set. Since  $X$  is  $\sigma$ -compact, by Theorem 108, we know that  $\lambda$  is a regular measure. Hence, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists an open set  $V$  and a closed set  $F$  such that

$$F \subseteq E \subseteq V, \quad \mu(V - F) < \varepsilon.$$

Since  $V - F$  is open, we also have  $\lambda(V - F) = \mu(V - F) < \varepsilon$ . Thus,

$$\mu(V) < \mu(F) + \varepsilon \leq \mu(E) + \varepsilon, \quad \lambda(V) < \lambda(F) + \varepsilon \leq \lambda(E) + \varepsilon$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(E) &\leq \lambda(V) = \mu(V) \leq \mu(E) + \varepsilon, \\ \mu(E) &\leq \mu(V) = \lambda(V) \leq \lambda(E) + \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, it follows that  $\lambda(E) = \mu(E)$ . □

**4.8. Lebesgue Measure on  $\mathbb{R}^k$ .** For  $f : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  with compact support, let

$$\Lambda_n f := 2^{-nk} \sum_{x \in P_n} f(x),$$

where  $P_n$  is the set of all points in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  with coordinates as integer multiples of  $2^{-n}$ . Let  $\Omega_n$  be the set of all  $k$ -cells of volume  $2^{-nk}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  with corners in  $P_n$ . Here, by a  $k$ -cell we mean a set of the form  $I_1 \times \dots \times I_k$  where  $J_j := [a_j, b_j]$  for some  $a_j, b_j \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a_j < b_j$ , and the corner of  $I_1 \times \dots \times I_k$  is the point  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$ . If  $W = I_1 \times \dots \times I_k$  is a  $k$ -cell, then we denote  $\text{vol}(W) := (b_1 - a_1) \times \dots \times (b_k - a_k)$ .

Now, if  $f \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^k)$ , then by uniform continuity of  $f$  it can be shown that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and functions  $g$  and  $h$  with compact support and which are constants on cells in  $\Omega_N$  and satisfying

$$g \leq f \leq h, \quad h - g < \varepsilon.$$

Clearly,  $\Lambda_N g = \Lambda_n g$ ,  $\Lambda_N h = \Lambda_n h$  for all  $n \geq N$  so that

$$\Lambda_N g = \Lambda_n g \leq \Lambda_n f \leq \Lambda_n h = \Lambda_N h \quad \forall n \geq N.$$

Therefore  $\varphi(f) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Lambda_n f$  exists. It can be shown that  $\Lambda$  is a positive linear functional on  $C_c(\mathbb{R}^k)$ . Hence, by Riesz representation theorem, there exists a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{M}_k$  which contains all Borel sets in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  and a measure  $m_k$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  which satisfy all the conditions in Riesz representation theorem. Since  $\mathbb{R}^k$  is also  $\sigma$ -compact, this measure is regular as well.

Members of the a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{M}_k$  are called *Lebesgue measurable sets* and  $m_k$  as the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}^k$ .

The measure  $m_k$  has many more properties than already described.

**Theorem 111.** *The  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{M}_k$  and the measure  $m_k$  on  $\mathbb{R}^k$  have the following properties:*

- (a) *For every  $k$ -cell  $W$ ,  $m_k(W) = \text{vol}(W)$ .*
- (b)  *$m_k$  is regular and complete, and  $E \in \mathcal{M}_k$  if and only if there exists an  $F_\sigma$ -set  $F$  and a  $G_\delta$ -set  $G$  such that  $F \subseteq E \subseteq G$  and  $m_k(G - F) = 0$ .*
- (c)  *$m_k$  is translation invariant, that is, for every  $E \in \mathcal{M}_k$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^k$ ,  $m_k(E+x) = m_k(E)$ .*
- (d) *If  $\mu$  is any translation invariant Borel measure on  $\mathbb{R}^k$  such that  $\mu(K) < \infty$  for every compact set  $K$ , then there exists  $c_K > 0$  such that  $\mu(E) = c_K m_k(E)$  for all Borel set  $E$ .*
- (e) *If  $T : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  is a linear transformation then*

$$m_k(T(E)) = |\det(T)| m_k(E) \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{M}_k.$$

**4.9. Some Approximation Theorems.** In this section we assume that  $X$  is a locally compact Hausdorff space,  $\mathcal{M}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$  and  $\mu$  is a measure on  $\mathcal{M}$  having the properties stated in Riesz Representation Theorem 81.

**Theorem 112. (Lusin's theorem)** *Suppose  $f$  is a complex measurable function on  $X$  such that there exists  $A \in \mathcal{M}$  with*

$$\mu(A) < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad f(x) = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad x \notin A.$$

*Then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $g \in C_c(X)$  such that*

$$\mu(\{x \in X : f(x) \neq g(x)\}) < \varepsilon.$$

*In fact, we can have  $g$  such that  $\text{dissup}_{x \in X} |g(x)| \leq \sup_{x \in X} |f(x)|$ .*

*Proof. Step (i):* Assume that  $A$  is compact and  $0 \leq f < 1$ .

We know that the sequence  $(\varphi_n)$  of simple functions defined by

$$\varphi_n := \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} \frac{i-1}{2^n} \chi_{E_{i,n}}, \quad E_{i,n} = \left\{ x : \frac{i-1}{2^n} \leq f(x) < \frac{i}{2^n} \right\}$$

satisfies  $\varphi_n \leq \varphi_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $\varphi_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for every  $x \in X$ . We may also observe that  $\varphi_n = \varphi_1 + (\varphi_2 - \varphi_1) + \cdots + (\varphi_n - \varphi_{n-1})$  so that

$$f = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi_n, \quad \text{where } \psi_n = \varphi_n - \varphi_{n-1}, \quad \varphi_0 = 0.$$

Moreover,  $2^n \psi_n = \chi_{T_n}$  for some  $T_n \subseteq A$ : Indeed, if  $x \in E_i$ , then

$$\varphi_n(x) = (i-1)/2^n = (2i-2)/2^{n+1} \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_{n+1}(x) \in \{(2i-2)/2^{n+1}, (2i-1)/2^{n+1}\}$$

so that  $\varphi_{n+1}(x) - \varphi_n(x) \in \{0, 1/2^{n+1}\}$ , i.e.,  $2^{n+1}\psi_{n+1}(x) \in \{0, 1\}$ .

Now, since  $\mu(T_n) \leq \mu(A) < \infty$ , there exists compact  $K_n \subseteq T_n$  and open  $V_n \supseteq T_n$  such that  $\mu(V_n - K_n) < \varepsilon/2^n$ . Also, since  $A$  is compact there exists an open set  $V \supseteq A$  with  $\bar{V}$  compact. Hence, without loss of generality, we may assume that  $V_n \subseteq V$  (replacing  $V_n$  by  $V_n \cap V$ , if necessary). By Urysohn's lemma, there exists  $h_n \in C_c(X)$  such that  $K_n \prec h_n \prec V_n$ . Note that  $2^n \psi_n = h_n$  except on  $V_n - K_n$ , that is,

$$2^n \psi_n = h_n \text{ on } K_n \cup V_n^c.$$

Indeed,  $x \in K_n \subset T_n$  implies  $h_n = 1$ ,  $2^n \psi_n = 1$ , and  $x \in V_n^c \subseteq T_n^c$  implies  $h_n = 0$ ,  $\psi_n = 0$ . Hence, defining

$$g = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n} h_n$$

we see that  $g$ , being the uniform limit of a series of continuous functions, is continuous and  $\text{supp}(g) \subseteq \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} V_n \subseteq \bar{V}$ . Hence,  $g \in C_c(X)$  and

$$g = f \quad \text{except on} \quad E := \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (V_n - K_n).$$

(Since  $g = 0$  on  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (K_n \cup V_n^c)$ .) Note that  $\mu(E) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(V_n - K_n) < \varepsilon$ . Thus, this  $g$  satisfies the requirements.

**Step (ii):** Assume that  $A$  is compact and  $0 \leq f < b$  for some  $b > 0$ .

In this case we may apply step (i) with  $f/b$  in place of  $f$ .

**Step (iii):** Assume that  $A$  is compact and  $f$  is bounded real valued.

We apply the earlier part to  $f^+$  and  $f^-$ , and then derive the result for  $f$ . [Indeed, there exists  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  in  $C_c(X)$  such that

$$\mu(\{x : f^+(x) \neq g_1(x)\}) < \varepsilon/2, \quad \mu(\{x : f^-(x) \neq g_2(x)\}) < \varepsilon/2.$$

Then it follows that  $\mu(\{x : f(x) \neq (g_1 - g_2)(x)\}) < \varepsilon$ .]

**Step (iv):** Suppose  $f$  is a bounded real valued function and  $A$  is not necessarily compact.

Then, since  $\mu(A) < \infty$ , there exists a compact set  $A_0 \subseteq A$  such that  $\mu(A - A_0) < \varepsilon$ . Let  $f_0(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } x \in A_0, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A_0. \end{cases}$  Clearly  $f_0(x) = f(x)$  except possibly on  $A - A_0$  where  $\mu(A - A_0) < \varepsilon$ . By step (iii) there exists  $g \in C_c(X)$  and  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  such that  $\mu(E) < \varepsilon$  and  $f_0 = g$  except possibly on  $E$ . Hence,  $f = g$  except possibly on  $E \cup (A - A_0)$  which is of measure less than  $2\varepsilon$ .

**Step (v):** Suppose that  $f$  is an unbounded real valued function.

Consider the sets  $B_n = \{x : |f(x)| > n\}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $f$  is real valued, we have  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n = \emptyset$  so that  $\mu(B_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Let  $N$  be such that  $\mu(B_N) < \varepsilon$ . Note that if  $x \notin B_N$ , then  $|f(x)| \leq N$ . Let  $f_N(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } x \in B_N^c, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in B_N. \end{cases}$  By step (iv) there exists  $g \in C_c(X)$  and  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $\mu(E) < \varepsilon$  such that  $f_N = g$  except possibly on  $E$ . Thus,  $f = g$  except possibly on  $E \cup B_N$  which is of measure less than  $2\varepsilon$ .

**Step (vi):** Suppose  $f$  is a complex measurable function.

We write  $f = f_1 + if_2$  where  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are real and imaginary parts of  $f$ , and we can apply the result in step (iv) and then (v) for  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ .

Finally, suppose  $R := \sup_{x \in X} |f(x)| < \infty$ . Let  $g$  be as above. Then we may define  $\tilde{g}$  as

$$\tilde{g}(x) = \begin{cases} g(x) & \text{if } |g(x)| \leq R \\ R \frac{g(x)}{|g(x)|} & \text{if } |g(x)| > R. \end{cases}$$

Clearly  $\tilde{g} \in C_c(X)$ . Note that if  $|g(x)| \leq R$  then  $\tilde{g}(x) = g(x)$ , and if  $|g(x)| > R$ , then  $f(x) \neq g(x)$ . Hence,  $\{x : f(x) \neq \tilde{g}(x)\} = B_1 \cup B_2$ , where

$$B_1 = \{x : f(x) \neq \tilde{g}(x), |g(x)| \leq R\} \subseteq \{x : f(x) \neq g(x)\},$$

$$B_2 = \{x : f(x) \neq \tilde{g}(x), |g(x)| > R\} \subseteq \{x : f(x) \neq g(x)\}$$

Thus,  $|\tilde{g}(x)| \leq R$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $\mu(\{x : f(x) \neq \tilde{g}(x)\}) < \varepsilon$ . □

For the next theorem we require the following general result.

**Lemma 113.** Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  is a measure space and  $\{E_n\}$  is a denumerable family in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n) < \infty$ . Let  $S$  be the set of all  $x$  which belongs to infinitely many  $E_n$ , i.e.,  $S^c := \{x : \exists N \text{ with } x \notin E_n \forall n \geq N\}$ . Then  $\mu(S) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $g := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi_{E_n}$ . Note that  $x \in S$  if and only if  $g(x) = \infty$ , and  $\int_X g d\mu = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n)$ . Hence, if  $\text{dis} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n) < \infty$ , then we have  $g(x) < \infty$  a.e., so that  $\mu(S) = 0$ . □

**Theorem 114.** *Suppose  $f$  and  $A$  are as in Lusin's theorem, and suppose  $f$  is bounded almost everywhere. Then there exists a sequence  $(g_n)$  in  $C_c(X)$  such that  $g_n \rightarrow f$  a.e. Moreover, if  $|f| \leq b$  for some  $b > 0$ , then  $|g_n| \leq b$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

*Proof.* Without loss of generality, assume that  $|f(x)| \leq 1$  for all  $x \in X$ . By Lusin's theorem, there exists  $g_n \in C_c(X)$  such that  $|g_n| \leq 1$  and  $\mu(\{x : f(x) \neq g_n(x)\}) < 1/2^n$ . Let  $E_n = \{x : f(x) \neq g_n(x)\}$ . Then we have  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n) \leq 1$ , so that by the above lemma,  $\mu(E^c) = 0$ , where  $E = \{x : \exists N \text{ with } x \notin E_n \forall n \geq N\}$ . Thus,  $x \in E$  implies there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $g_n(x) = f(x)$  for all  $n \geq N$ . Hence  $g_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for every  $x \in E$ .  $\square$

**4.10. Completion of  $C_c(X)$ .** Suppose  $X$  is a locally compact Hausdorff space,  $\mathcal{M}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$  and  $\mu$  is a measure on  $\mathcal{M}$  having the properties stated in Riesz Representation Theorem 81.

**Proposition 115.** *Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then for every  $f \in L^p(\mu)$  there exists a sequence  $(\varphi_n)$  of simple measurable functions in  $L^p(\mu)$  such that  $\|f - \varphi_n\|_p \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $f \geq 0$ . Let  $(\varphi_n)$  be a sequence of non-negative simple measurable functions such that  $0 \leq \varphi_n \leq \varphi_{n+1} \leq f$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\varphi_n \rightarrow f$ . Then it follows that

$$\varphi_n \in L^p(\mu), \quad (f - \varphi_n)^p \leq f^p \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

and  $(f - \varphi_n)^p \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence by dominated convergence theorem,  $\|f - \varphi_n\|_p \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . The case of real valued  $f$  follows by considering  $f^+$  and  $f^-$  and the case of complex valued  $f$  will follow by taking  $\text{Re}(f)$  and  $\text{Im}(f)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 116.** *Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then  $C_c(X)$  is dense in  $L^p(\mu)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f \in L^p(\mu)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Let  $\varphi$  be a simple measurable function in  $L^p(\mu)$  such that  $\|f - \varphi\|_p < \varepsilon$  (by Proposition 4.10). Now,  $\varphi \in L^p(\mu)$  implies  $\mu(\{x : \varphi(x) \neq 0\}) < \infty$ . Hence, by Lusin's theorem, there exists  $g \in C_c(X)$  such that  $\varphi = g$  except possibly on a set  $E$  with  $\mu(E) < \varepsilon$ , and  $|g| \leq \|\varphi\|_{\infty}$ . Therefore,

$$\|\varphi - g\|_p^p = \int_X |\varphi - g|^p d\mu = \int_E |\varphi - g|^p d\mu \leq (2\|\varphi\|_{\infty})^p \mu(E) < (2\|\varphi\|_{\infty})^p \varepsilon.$$

Thus,

$$\|f - g\|_p \leq \|f - \varphi\|_p + \|\varphi - g\|_p < \varepsilon + 2\|\varphi\|_{\infty} \varepsilon^{1/p}.$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

By the above theorem  $L^p(\mu)$  is a completion of  $C_c(X)$  with respect to for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

In view of the above, one may look for the closure of  $C_c(X)$  in  $L^{\infty}(\mu)$ . For this purpose, we consider the space  $C_0(X)$  which consists of all continuous functions  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a compact set  $K \subseteq X$  with the property



that  $|f(x)| < \varepsilon$  for all  $x \notin K$ . We shall show that  $C_c(X)$  is dense in  $C_0(X)$  with respect to the supremum norm, and  $C_0(X)$  is a closed subspace of  $L^\infty(\mu)$ . Thus,  $C_c(X)$  is dense in  $L^\infty(\mu)$  if and only if  $C_0(X) = L^\infty(\mu)$ .

**Theorem 117.** *The space  $C_c(X)$  is dense in  $C_0(X)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f \in C_0(X)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Let  $K \subseteq X$  be compact such that  $|f| < \varepsilon$  on  $K^c$ . Then by Urysohn's lemma, there exists  $g \in C_c(X)$  such that  $K \prec g \prec X$ . Since  $f = fg$  on  $K$  we have

$$\|f - fg\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in K^c} |f(x)(1 - g(x))| < \varepsilon.$$

Clearly,  $fg \in C_c(X)$ . □

In fact,  $C_0(X)$  is a completion of  $C_c(X)$  as  $C_0(X)$  is a Banach space according to the following theorem.

We recall that for any set  $\Omega$ ,  $\ell^\infty(\Omega)$  denotes the vector space of all bounded (complex valued) functions on  $\Omega$ , and it is a Banach space with respect to the norm

$$\|f\|_\infty := \sup_{x \in \Omega} |f(x)|, \quad f \in \ell^\infty(\Omega).$$

**Theorem 118.** *Let  $\Omega$  be a topological space. Then  $C_0(\Omega)$  is a closed subspace of  $\ell^\infty(\Omega)$ . In particular,  $C_0(\Omega)$  is Banach space with respect to the supremum norm.*

*Proof.* Let  $(f_n)$  be a sequence in  $C_0(\Omega)$  which converges to an  $f \in \ell^\infty(\Omega)$ . We have to show that  $f \in C_0(\Omega)$ . For this, let  $x_0 \in \Omega$  and let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Let  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that  $\|f - f_n\|_\infty < \varepsilon$  for all  $n \geq N$ . Then, for any  $x \in \Omega$ , we have

$$|f(x) - f(x_0)| \leq \|f - f_N\|_\infty + |f_N(x) - f_N(x_0)| < \varepsilon + |f_N(x) - f_N(x_0)|.$$

Since  $f_N$  is continuous, there exists an open set  $V$  containing  $x_0$  such that for all  $x \in V$ ,  $|f_N(x) - f_N(x_0)| < \varepsilon$ . Therefore, for all  $x \in V$ , we have  $|f(x) - f(x_0)| < 2\varepsilon$ . Thus,  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$ . Also, since  $f_N \in C_0(\Omega)$ , there exists compact  $K \subseteq \Omega$  such that  $|f_N(x)| < \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in K^c$ . Therefore, for all  $x \in K^c$ ,  $|f(x)| \leq |f(x) - f_N(x)| + |f_N(x)| < 2\varepsilon$ . Thus we have proved that  $f \in C_0(\Omega)$ . □

**Corollary 119.** *Let  $X$  be a locally compact Hausdorff space and  $\mu$  be a measure as in Riesz representation theorem. Then  $C_0(X)$  is a closed subspace of  $L^\infty(\mu)$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 118,  $C_0(X)$  is a Banach space. Clearly,  $C_0(X)$  is a subspace of the Banach space  $L^\infty(\mu)$ . Hence,  $C_0(X)$  is closed in  $L^\infty(\mu)$ . □

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