

# Decomposability of Radon Measures

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## Abstract

In Pedersen [6], Radon-Nikodym theorem for Radon measures is proved under the assumption that the locally compact space is  $\sigma$ -compact. But in fact, we can show the theorem and the duality of  $L^1$  and  $L^\infty$  with a bit modification without  $\sigma$ -compactness.

## 1 Decomposable Measures

**Def 1.1** (decomposability). *Let  $(X, \mathfrak{F})$  be a measurable space. A measure  $\mu$  on  $(X, \mathfrak{F})$  is called **decomposable** if there is a family  $\{X_j\}_{j \in J}$  of disjoint measurable sets satisfying the following:*

1.  $\bigsqcup_{j \in J} X_j = X$ .
2.  $\mu(X_j) < \infty$  for every  $j \in J$ .
3.  $E \subset X$  is measurable if and only if  $E \cap X_j$  is measurable for all  $j \in J$ .
4.  $\mu(E) = \sum_{j \in J} \mu(E \cap X_j)$  for any measurable  $E$  of finite measure.

**e.g.)** In this paper we adopt that a **Radon measure** is a locally finite outer regular Borel measure which is inner regular for open sets. Strongly quasi-invariant measures on homogeneous spaces, containing Haar measures on locally compact groups, are decomposable because those spaces are the disjoint union of  $\sigma$ -compact clopen subsets  $\{X_j\}_{j \in J}$  and they satisfy  $\mu(E) = \sum_{j \in J} \mu(E \cap X_j)$  for any Borel subset  $E$  of finite measure by outer regularity.

**Thm 1.2** (Radon-Nykodym). *Let  $\mu$  be a decomposable measure on  $(X, \mathfrak{F})$  with decomposition  $\{X_j\}_{j \in J}$ , and  $\nu$  an absolutely continuous measure with respect to  $\mu$ . There exists a measurable function  $m : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  such that  $\int_E m d\mu = \nu(E)$  for every  $E$  that is  $\sigma$ -finite for  $\mu$ , and  $m < \infty$  on each  $X_j$  that is  $\sigma$ -finite for  $\nu$ .*

*Proof.* For every  $j \in J$ , pick a measurable  $Y_j \subset X_j$  that is  $\sigma$ -finite for  $\nu$  and

$$\mu(Y_j) = \sup\{\mu(E) \mid E \subset X_j : \sigma\text{-finite for } \nu\}.$$

We can see the existence of  $Y_j$  by taking a countable union of  $\sigma$ -finite sets for  $\nu$  in  $X_j$  that approximate the right hand side. In particular, we may take  $Y_j = X_j$  for all  $X_j$  that is  $\sigma$ -finite for  $\nu$ .

By Radon-Nikodym theorem for  $\sigma$ -finite measures, there exists a measurable  $m_j : Y_j \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that  $\int_E m_j d\mu = \nu(E)$  for every  $E \subset Y_j$ . Define a function  $m$  on  $X$  as  $m = m_j$  on every  $Y_j$  and  $m = \infty$  otherwise. Then  $m$  is measurable because for  $F \subset [0, \infty]$ ,  $m^{-1}(F)$  is measurable  $\iff m_j^{-1}(F)$  and  $X_j \setminus Y_j$  are measurable for all  $j \in J$ . By the choice of  $Y_j$ , we have  $m < \infty$  on each  $X_j$  that is  $\sigma$ -finite for  $\nu$ .

For a measurable set  $E \subset X_j \setminus Y_j$ ,  $\mu(E) = \nu(E) = 0$  or  $\mu(E) > 0$  and  $E$  is not  $\sigma$ -finite for  $\nu$ . Indeed, if  $E$  is  $\sigma$ -finite for  $\nu$ , then  $\mu(E) = \mu(Y_j \cup E) - \mu(Y_j) = 0$  because  $Y_j \cup E$  is also  $\sigma$ -finite for  $\nu$ ; if  $E$  is not  $\sigma$ -finite for  $\nu$ , then  $\mu(E)$  has to be positive by absolute continuity. Thus  $\int_E m d\mu = \nu(E)$  for  $E \subset X_j \setminus Y_j$ .

For each  $\sigma$ -finite  $E$  for  $\mu$ ,  $E \cap \bigsqcup_{j \notin J_0} X_j$  is null for some at most countable set  $J_0 \subset J$  by  $\mu(E) = \sum_{j \in J} \mu(E \cap X_j)$ . Therefore we obtain by MCT that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_E m d\mu &= \int_{E \cap \bigsqcup_{j \in J_0} X_j} m d\mu \stackrel{(MCT)}{=} \sum_{j \in J_0} \int_{E \cap X_j} m d\mu \\ &= \sum_{j \in J_0} \left( \int_{E \cap Y_j} m_j d\mu + \int_{E \cap X_j \setminus Y_j} \infty d\mu \right) \\ &= \sum_{j \in J_0} (\nu(E \cap Y_j) + \nu(E \cap X_j \setminus Y_j)) = \nu(E). \end{aligned}$$

□

You can find this theorem in Folland [2, Exercise 3.15].

**Thm 1.3** (duality of  $L^1$  and  $L^\infty$ ). *Let  $(X, \mathfrak{F}, \mu)$  be a decomposable measure space. Then we have an isometric isomorphism*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I: L^\infty(\mu) & \cong & L^1(\mu)^* \\ \Psi & & \Psi \\ \phi & \longmapsto & \int \cdot \phi d\mu \end{array}$$

*Proof.*  $I$  is well-defined and  $\|I(\phi)\| \leq \|\phi\|_\infty$  by Hölder's inequality.

(isometry) Pick a nonzero  $\phi \in L^\infty(\mu)$ . For each  $0 < \eta < \|\phi\|_\infty$ ,  $\{|\phi| > \eta\}$  is not null, so there is an  $E \subset \{|\phi| > \eta\}$  of finite positive measure by decomposability. Then  $f := (\bar{\phi}/|\phi|)\chi_E$  satisfies  $\|f\|_1 = \mu(E) < \infty$  and  $\int f\phi d\mu = \int_E |\phi| d\mu \geq \eta\mu(E)$ . Thus we get  $\|I(\phi)\| \geq \int f\phi d\mu / \|f\|_1 \geq \eta$ , and hence  $\|I(\phi)\| \geq \|\phi\|_\infty$ .

(surjection) Take a decomposition  $\{X_j\}_{j \in J}$  for  $\mu$  and a  $\varphi \in L^1(\mu)^*$ .  $\varphi$  defines a complex finite measure  $\nu_j$  on each  $X_j$  by  $\nu_j(E) = \varphi(\chi_E)$ , which is absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$ . Note that the finiteness follows from  $|\varphi(\chi_E)| \leq \|\varphi\| \mu(E)$ , and  $\sigma$ -additivity from continuity of  $\varphi$ .

By Jordan decomposition and Radon-Nikodym theorem for finite measures, there exists a measurable function  $\phi_j : X_j \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$\int_E \phi_j d\mu = \nu_j(E) = \varphi(\chi_E)$$

for any measurable  $E \subset X_j$ , which implies that  $\int_{X_j} f\phi_j d\mu = \varphi(f)$  for every  $f \in L^1(X_j, \mu)$ . Here we may assume  $|\phi_j| \leq \|\varphi\|$  on  $X_j$  because if  $E := \{|\phi_j| > \|\varphi\|\}$  is not null, we have

$$\|\varphi\| \mu(E) < \int_E |\phi_j| d\mu = \varphi\left(\frac{\bar{\phi}_j}{|\phi_j|}\chi_E\right) \leq \|\varphi\| \mu(E),$$

a contradiction.

Define a function  $\phi$  on  $X$  as  $\phi = \phi_j$  on every  $X_j$ , which is measurable by decomposability of  $\mu$  and bounded by  $\|\varphi\|$  as shown above. For each  $f \in L^1(\mu)$ , since  $f$  is supported in a  $\sigma$ -finite set,  $\{f \neq 0\} \cap \bigsqcup_{j \notin J_0} X_j$  is null for some at most countable set  $J_0 \subset J$ . Then it follows from  $f \stackrel{(DCT)}{=} \sum_{j \in J_0} f\chi_{X_j}$

in  $L^1(\mu)$  that

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(f) &= \sum_{j \in J_0} \varphi(f \chi_{X_j}) = \sum_{j \in J_0} \int_{X_j} f \phi_j d\mu \\ &\stackrel{(DCT)}{=} \int_{\bigsqcup_{j \in J_0} X_j} f \phi d\mu = \int f \phi d\mu,\end{aligned}$$

therefore  $\varphi = I(\phi)$ . □

## 2 Local Measurability

**Def 2.1.** Let  $\mu$  be a Radon measure on a locally compact space  $X$  with Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{B}$ , and  $\mathfrak{B}^1$  the subset of all Borel sets of finite measure.

$E \subset X$  is said to be **locally Borel** if  $E \cap K$  is Borel for any  $K \in \mathfrak{B}^1$ . Locally Borel sets forms a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{F}$ . A function on  $X$  is called **locally Borel** if its inverse image of each Borel set is locally Borel.

A locally Borel function is called **locally integrable** if it is integrable with respect to  $\mu$  on each compact subset. This makes sense because the restriction of a locally Borel function on a compact set is a Borel function.

A subset  $E$  of  $X$  is called **locally null** if  $E \cap K$  is null for any  $K \in \mathfrak{B}^1$ . A statement on  $X$  is said to hold **locally almost everywhere (l.a.e.)** if it is true except on a locally null set.

Note that the local measurability depends on  $\mu$ .

Although we defined local measurability only for Radon measures, it is in fact defined for an arbitrary measure space. If you want to know more about it, I recommend you to look up in Folland [2, Exercise 1.16, 1.22].

**Recall.** Let  $\mathfrak{C}$  be the family of all compact sets in  $X$ . Measurable sets with respect to a Radon integral  $\int = \int d\mu$  on  $C_c(X)$  are defined in Pedersen [6] as follows. Define inner and outer measure of  $E \subset X$  by

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_*(E) &:= \sup\{\mu(C) \mid \text{cpt } C \subset E\} = \sup\left\{\int_* g \mid \chi_E \geq g \in C_c(X)_m\right\} \\ \mu^*(E) &:= \inf\{\mu(U) \mid \text{open } U \supset E\} = \inf\left\{\int^* h \mid \chi_E \leq h \in C_c(X)^m\right\},\end{aligned}$$

and we put

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{M}^1 &= \{E \subset X \mid \mu_*(E) = \mu^*(E) < \infty\} \\ \mathfrak{M} &= \{E \subset X \mid E \cap C \in \mathfrak{M}^1 \forall C \in \mathfrak{C}\}.\end{aligned}$$

As is proved in Pedersen [6],  $\mathfrak{M}^1 = \{E \in \mathfrak{M} \mid \mu^*(E) < \infty\}$ , and  $\mu_*$  and  $\mu^*$  are measures on  $(X, \mathfrak{M})$ . It is trivial that  $\mu^*|_{\mathfrak{B}} = \mu$  by outer regularity, and  $\mathfrak{B}^1 = \mathfrak{B} \cap \mathfrak{M}^1$ . According to locally Borel terminology, it might be good to call elements in  $\mathfrak{M}$  ‘locally Lebesgue.’

**Lem 2.2.** *The locally Borel sets ( $\in \mathfrak{F}$ ) are contained in  $\mathfrak{M}$ , and hence  $\mu_*$  and  $\mu^*$  define measures on  $(X, \mathfrak{F})$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $E \in \mathfrak{F}$ , then  $\mathfrak{C} \subset \mathfrak{B}^1$  implies  $E \cap C \in \mathfrak{B}^1 \subset \mathfrak{M}^1$  for every  $C \in \mathfrak{C}$ , hence  $E \in \mathfrak{M}$ . □

**Lem 2.3.** *i)  $E \subset X$  is null if and only if  $\mu^*(E) = 0$ .*

*ii)  $E \in \mathfrak{M}$  is locally null if and only if  $\mu_*(E) = 0$ .*

*Proof.*

i) If  $E$  is null, then there is a Borel set  $N \supset E$  such that  $\mu(N) = 0$ . By outer regularity,  $\mu^*(E) \leq \mu^*(N) = \mu(N) = 0$ .

Conversely if  $\mu^*(E) = 0$ , then  $\mu(N) = 0$  for some countable intersection  $N$  of open sets containing  $E$ , hence  $E$  is null.

ii) If  $E \in \mathfrak{M}$  is locally null, then  $C = E \cap C$  is null for any compact  $C \subset E$ , hence  $\mu_*(E) = 0$ .

Conversely if  $\mu_*(E) = 0$ , then we have  $\mu^*(E \cap K) = \mu_*(E \cap K) = 0$  for any  $K \in \mathfrak{B}^1$  by  $E \cap K \in \mathfrak{M}^1$ , hence  $E \cap K$  is null. □

**Prop 2.4.** *We have for  $1 \leq p < \infty$  isometric isomorphisms*

$$L^p(\mu) \cong L^p(\mu_*, \mathfrak{B}) \cong L^p(\mu^*, \mathfrak{F}) \cong L^p(\mu_*, \mathfrak{F}) \cong L^p(\mu^*, \mathfrak{M}) \cong L^p(\mu_*, \mathfrak{M}).$$

*Proof.* By  $\mathfrak{B} \subset \mathfrak{F} \subset \mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mu_* \leq \mu^*$ , we have a commutative diagram of norm decreasing operators

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} L^p(\mu) & \hookrightarrow & L^p(\mu^*, \mathfrak{F}) & \hookrightarrow & L^p(\mu^*, \mathfrak{M}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow I \\ L^p(\mu_*, \mathfrak{B}) & \hookrightarrow & L^p(\mu_*, \mathfrak{F}) & \hookrightarrow & L^p(\mu_*, \mathfrak{M}) \end{array}$$

where the horizontal arrows are isometric embeddings. It suffices to show surjective isometry for nonnegative functions. Moreover, we may assume  $p = 1$  because  $\|f\|_p^p = \|f^p\|_1$  for nonnegative measurable  $f$ .

(isometry) Since  $\int \chi_E d\mu^* = \mu^*(E) = \mu_*(E) = \int \chi_E d\mu_*$  for any  $E \in \mathfrak{M}^1$ ,  $\int f d\mu^* = \int f d\mu_*$  holds for every  $f \in L^1(\mu^*, \mathfrak{M})_+$ . Thus  $I$  is an isometry, which implies that all arrows in the diagram above are isometries.

(surjection) For any  $E \in \mathfrak{M}$  with  $\mu_*(E) < \infty$ , there is a  $\sigma$ -compact  $F \in \mathfrak{B}^1$  such that  $\mu(F) = \mu_*(E)$  i.e.  $\mu_*(E \setminus F) = 0$ , which shows that for any simple function  $f \in L^1(\mu_*, \mathfrak{M})_+$ , there is a simple function  $g \in L^1(\mu)_+$  such that  $f = g$  l.a.e. Therefore approximation by simple functions proves that for every  $f \in L^1(\mu_*, \mathfrak{M})_+$  there exists  $g \in L^1(\mu)_+$  such that  $f = g$  l.a.e., hence all the spaces are isometrically isomorphic to each other.  $\square$

**Def 2.5.** By Prop(2.4), we redefine  $L^p(\mu)$  as  $L^p(\mu_*, \mathfrak{F})$  for  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ .  $L^\infty(\mu)$  is the space of l.a.e.-bounded locally Borel functions, which can be different from  $L^\infty(\mu, \mathfrak{B})$ .

**e.g.)** Let  $X = \bigsqcup_{\alpha < \omega} \mathbb{R}_\alpha$  be a disjoint union of uncountably many copies  $\{\mathbb{R}_\alpha\}_{\alpha < \omega}$  of  $\mathbb{R}$ , where  $\omega$  is the smallest uncountable ordinal.  $X$  has a Radon measure  $\mu$  given by Lebesgue measure on each component.

Pick a closed  $E = \{0_\alpha \in \mathbb{R}_\alpha \mid \alpha < \omega\}$ . Then  $\mu^*(E) = \infty$  and  $\mu_*(E) = 0$ , which shows that  $\chi_E \neq 0$  in  $L^\infty(\mu, \mathfrak{B})$  but  $\chi_E = 0$  in  $L^\infty(\mu_*, \mathfrak{B})$ .

### 3 Decomposition of Radon measures

**Def 3.1.** Let  $\mu$  be a Radon measure on  $X$ . A family  $\mathcal{F}$  of disjoint nonempty compact subsets of  $X$  is called a **concassage** (a French word meaning ‘crushing’) of  $\mu$  if it satisfies the following:

1. For any open set  $U$  and  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $\mu(U \cap F) > 0$  if  $U \cap F$  is nonvoid.
2.  $F_0 := X \setminus \bigsqcup \mathcal{F}$  is locally null.

Let’s call a family  $\mathcal{F}$  of disjoint nonempty compact subsets a **preconcassage** (my own terminology) of  $\mu$  if it has the property 1.

Note that the empty family  $\emptyset$  is a preconassage of  $\mu$ .

The definition above is according to Hewitt and Ross [5] theorem(11.39), although they did not name the family  $\mathcal{F}$ . The word concassage is found in Gardner and Pfeffer [3, 4].

**Lem 3.2.** *A preconassage  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\mu$  on  $X$  satisfies the following:*

- i)  $E \cap F = \emptyset$  for all but countable  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  for every  $E \in \mathfrak{M}^1$ .
- ii)  $F_0 := X \setminus \bigsqcup \mathcal{F}$  is locally Borel.

*Proof.*

- i) Given  $E \in \mathfrak{M}^1$ , we have an open set  $U \supset E$  of finite measure. By  $\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \mu(U \cap F) \leq \mu(U) < \infty$  and  $\mu(U \cap F) > 0$  if  $U \cap F \neq \emptyset$ ,  $U$  intersects at most countable  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ , so does  $E \subset U$ .
- ii) For any  $K \in \mathfrak{B}^1$ , there are by i) at most countable  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  that intersects  $K$ . Thus  $F_0 \cap K = K \setminus \bigsqcup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} (K \cap F)$  is a Borel set, which shows that  $F_0$  is locally Borel. □

**Lem 3.3.** *Let  $C$  be a compact subset of  $X$ . There is a compact  $F \subset C$  such that  $C \setminus F$  is null and  $\mu(V \cap F) > 0$  for any open  $V$  that intersects  $F$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be the family of all null and relatively open subsets of  $C$ , then  $U := \bigcup \mathcal{U}$  is the maximal element in  $\mathcal{U}$  ( $\because$  It is clear that  $U$  is relatively open and  $U \in \mathfrak{B}^1$ , and any compact subset of  $U$ , covered by finitely many elements in  $\mathcal{U}$ , is also null). Put  $F := C \setminus U$ : compact. Suppose  $\mu(V \cap F) = 0$  for an open set  $V$  in  $X$ , then  $\mu(V \cap C) = \mu(V \cap F) + \mu(V \cap U) = 0$  implies  $V \cap C \subset U$  i.e.  $V \cap F = \emptyset$ . Thus  $F$  is what we desired. □

**Prop 3.4.** *Every Radon measure  $\mu$  on  $X$  admits a concassage.*

*Proof.* We may assume  $\mu \neq 0$  since  $\emptyset$  is a concassage of  $\mu = 0$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the set of all preconassages of  $\mu$ , ordered by inclusion.  $\mathcal{F}$  is inductively ordered because every totally ordered subset  $\mathcal{F}_0$  has an upper bound  $\bigcup \mathcal{F}_0 \in \mathcal{F}$ . Thus there is a maximal preconassage  $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{F}$  by Zorn's lemma.

Put  $F_0 := X \setminus \bigsqcup \mathcal{F}$ , which is locally Borel by Lem(3.2.ii). It suffices to show  $\mu_*(F_0) = 0$  by Lem(2.3). Suppose  $\mu_*(F_0) > 0$ , then there is a compact

$C \subset F_0$  of positive measure. By Lem(3.3) we have a compact  $F_1 \subset C$  of positive measure such that  $\mu(U \cap F_1) > 0$  for any open  $U$  of nonvoid intersection with  $F_1$ . This shows that  $\mathcal{F} \cup \{F_1\}$  is a preconassage of  $\mu$ , which contradicts the maximality of  $\mathcal{F}$ . □

**Thm 3.5.**  $\mu_*$  on  $(X, \mathfrak{F})$  is decomposable, and so is  $\mu_*$  on  $(X, \mathfrak{M})$ .

*Proof.* Pick a concassage  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\mu$  and put  $F_0 := X \setminus \bigsqcup \mathcal{F}$ . We prove that  $\mathcal{F} \cup \{F_0\}$  gives a decomposition of  $(X, \mathfrak{F}, \mu_*)$ .

1. It is evident that  $F_0 \sqcup \bigsqcup \mathcal{F} = X$ .
2.  $0 < \mu_*(F) = \mu(F) < \infty$  for all  $F \in \mathcal{F} \subset \mathfrak{C}$ , and  $\mu_*(F_0) = 0$  by Lem(2.3).
3. Since  $\mathcal{F} \cup \{F_0\} \subset \mathfrak{F}$ ,  $E \cap F$  and  $E \cap F_0$  are locally Borel for all  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $E \in \mathfrak{F}$ .

Conversely assume  $E \subset X$  satisfies that  $E \cap F_0$  and  $E \cap F$  are locally Borel ( $\forall F \in \mathcal{F}$ ). (Since  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathfrak{B}^1$ , in fact  $E \cap F \in \mathfrak{B}^1$  for each  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ .) Given  $C \in \mathfrak{B}^1$  there are at most countable  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $F \cap C \neq \emptyset$ , so it follows that

$$E \cap C = ((E \cap F_0) \cap C) \sqcup \bigsqcup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} ((E \cap F) \cap C) \in \mathfrak{B}^1,$$

hence  $E \in \mathfrak{F}$ .

4. Pick an  $E \in \mathfrak{F}$  with  $\mu_*(E) < \infty$ . There is a  $\sigma$ -compact, hence Borel, subset  $K \subset E$  such that  $\mu(K) = \mu_*(E)$ . Since  $K \cap F$  is void for all but countably many  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $F_0$  is locally null, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_*(E) &= \mu(K) = \underbrace{\mu(K \cap F_0)}_{(=0)} + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \mu(K \cap F) \\ &\leq \underbrace{\mu_*(E \cap F_0)}_{(=0)} + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \mu_*(E \cap F) \leq \mu_*(E) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $\mu_*(E) = \mu_*(E \cap F_0) + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \mu_*(E \cap F)$ .

A similar proof — obtained by replacing  $\mathfrak{B}^1, \mathfrak{F}$ , and  $C \in \mathfrak{B}^1$  by  $\mathfrak{M}^1, \mathfrak{M}$ , and  $C \in \mathfrak{C}$  respectively — is valid for  $(X, \mathfrak{M}, \mu_*)$ . □



**Prop 3.6.** *For any  $\mathfrak{M}$ -measurable function  $f$  on  $X$ , there exists a locally Borel function  $g$  such that  $f = g$  l.a.e.*

*Proof.* Fix a  $\mathfrak{M}$ -measurable function  $f$  on  $X$  and a concassage  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\mu$ . For each  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $f|_F$  is pointwisely approximated by  $\mathfrak{M}^1$ -measurable simple functions, which are equal to Borel simple functions a.e. So  $f|_F$  is pointwisely approximated by Borel simple functions a.e., and hence there is a Borel function  $g_F$  on  $F$  such that  $f|_F = g_F$  a.e. (i.e.  $\{f|_F \neq g_F\}$  is null).

Define a function  $g$  on  $X$  by  $g = g_F$  on  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $g = 0$  on  $F_0$ , which is locally Borel because so is componentwisely. Since  $F_0$  is locally null and any compact subset of  $\{f \neq g\}$  intersects at most countable  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ , we get  $f = g$  l.a.e. □

**Prop 3.7.** *We have an isometric isomorphism*

$$L^\infty(\mu) = L^\infty(\mu_*, \mathfrak{F}) \cong L^\infty(\mu_*, \mathfrak{M}).$$

*Proof.*  $\mathfrak{F} \subset \mathfrak{M}$  induces an isometric embedding  $L^\infty(\mu) \hookrightarrow L^\infty(\mu_*, \mathfrak{M})$ . Surjectivity follows from Prop(3.6), hence this is an isometric isomorphism. □

**Thm 3.8** (duality of  $L^1$  and  $L^\infty$  for Radon measures). *For a Radon measure  $\mu$  on  $X$ , we have  $L^\infty(\mu) \cong L^1(\mu)^*$ .*

*Proof.* This is the direct application of the duality theorem(1.3) to  $(X, \mathfrak{F}, \mu_*)$  which is found to be decomposable by Thm(3.5). □

In order to treat several measures, we denote  $\mathfrak{B}^1, \mathfrak{F}$ , and  $\mathfrak{M}$  for  $\mu$  by  $\mathfrak{B}_\mu^1, \mathfrak{F}_\mu$ , and  $\mathfrak{M}_\mu$  respectively.

**Thm 3.9** (Radon-Nikodym for Radon measures). *Let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be Radon measures on  $X$ , and  $\nu$  absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$ .*

- i) Every  $\mu$ -locally null set is also  $\nu$ -locally null.*
- ii)  $\mathfrak{F}_\mu \subset \mathfrak{M}_\mu \subset \mathfrak{M}_\nu$ , and hence  $\nu_*$  defines absolutely continuous measures with respect to  $\mu_*$  for  $\sigma$ -algebras  $\mathfrak{F}_\mu$  and  $\mathfrak{M}_\mu$ .*

iii) There exists a  $\mu$ -locally integrable function  $m : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that  $\int_E m d\mu_* = \nu_*(E)$  for any  $E \in \mathfrak{M}_\mu$  that is  $\sigma$ -finite for  $\mu_*$ .  $m$  is unique up to  $\mu$ -l.a.e., which is called the Radon-Nikodym derivative and denoted by  $\frac{d\nu}{d\mu}$ .

iv)  $\int_E m d\mu^* = \nu^*(E)$  for all  $\mu^*$ - $\sigma$ -finite  $E \in \mathfrak{M}_\mu$ , containing  $\mathfrak{B}_\mu^1$ .

v)  $\mathfrak{F}_\nu \subset \mathfrak{M}_\mu$ , hence for any  $f \in L^1(\nu)$ ,  $fm \in L^1(\mu)$  is well-defined and  $\int f m d\mu = \int f d\nu$ .

*Proof.*

i) Let  $E \subset X$  be a  $\mu$ -locally null set. For  $K \in \mathfrak{B}_\nu^1$ , we have a  $\sigma$ -compact  $C \subset K$  with  $\nu(K) = \nu(C)$ . Then  $\mu^*(E \cap C) = 0$  implies  $\nu^*(E \cap C) \leq \nu^*(E \cap C) + \nu(K \setminus C) = 0$ .

ii) For  $E \in \mathfrak{M}_\mu$  and  $C \in \mathfrak{C}$ , there are  $\sigma$ -compact set  $K \subset E \cap C$  and  $G_\delta$  set  $U \supset E \cap C$  such that  $\mu(U \setminus K) = 0$ , whence  $\nu(U \setminus K) = 0$  shows  $E \in \mathfrak{M}_\nu$ .

iii.existence) Fix a concassage  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\mu$ . We now know that  $F_0 \in \mathfrak{F}_\mu \subset \mathfrak{M}_\nu$  is locally null not only for  $\mu$  but also for  $\nu$ . By Radon-Nikodym theorem(1.2), there is a  $\mu$ -locally Borel function  $m : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  such that  $\int_E m d\mu_* = \nu_*(E)$  for every  $E \in \mathfrak{M}_\mu$  that is  $\sigma$ -finite for  $\mu_*$ . Since every  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $F_0$  are  $\mu_*$ -finite,  $m < \infty$  on  $X$ . Local integrability of  $m$  comes from

$$\int_C m d\mu = \int_C m d\mu_* = \nu_*(C) = \nu(C) < \infty$$

for each  $C \in \mathfrak{C}$  because  $\mu_*$  and  $\mu^*$  agree on  $\mathfrak{M}_\mu^1$ .

iii.uniqueness) Suppose  $m$  is as in the proof of existence, and  $m'$  is such another  $\mathfrak{M}_\mu$ -measurable function. Then  $\{m \neq m'\} \in \mathfrak{M}_\mu$ , and for any compact  $C \subset \{m \neq m'\}$  we have

$$\int_C (m - m') d\mu = \nu(C) - \nu(C) = 0,$$

which means that  $m = m'$   $\mu$ -l.a.e.

iv) It suffices to show for  $E \in \mathfrak{M}_\mu^1$ . In the same way as ii), we have  $\nu_*(E) = \nu^*(E)$ , so that

$$\int_E m d\mu^* = \int_E m d\mu_* = \nu_*(E) = \nu^*(E).$$

v) Pick  $E \in \mathfrak{F}_\nu$ , then it follows for any  $C \in \mathfrak{C}$  that  $F \cap C$  is a Borel subset of  $C$ , contained in  $\mathfrak{B}_\mu^1 \subset \mathfrak{M}_\mu^1$ . Thus  $E \in \mathfrak{M}_\mu$ .

So  $fm$  is  $\mathfrak{M}_\mu$ -measurable and  $\int fmd\mu^* = \int fd\nu^*$  holds for every  $\nu$ -locally measurable simple function in  $L^1(\nu)$  by iv). This shows that null functions are mapped to null functions, so  $fm \in L^1(\mu)$  is well-defined, and the integral equality holds for any  $f \in L^1(\nu)$  because simple functions are dense in  $L^1(\nu)$ . Moreover we have  $\int fmd\mu = \int fd\nu$  since we can take representatives from Borel functions. □

**Prop 3.10** (chain rule). *Assume that  $\lambda, \mu$  and  $\nu$  are Radon measures on  $X$  such that  $\nu \ll \mu \ll \lambda$ . Then*

$$\frac{d\nu}{d\mu} \frac{d\mu}{d\lambda} = \frac{d\nu}{d\lambda} \quad \lambda\text{-l.a.e.}$$

*Proof.* Now  $\frac{d\nu}{d\mu}$  is measurable with respect to  $\mathfrak{F}_\mu \subset \mathfrak{M}_\lambda$ , and  $\frac{d\mu}{d\lambda}$  is measurable with respect to  $\mathfrak{F}_\lambda \subset \mathfrak{M}_\lambda$ . Hence  $\frac{d\nu}{d\mu} \frac{d\mu}{d\lambda}$  is  $\mathfrak{M}_\lambda$ -measurable.

For any compact  $C \subset X$ , it follows from  $\mu$ -local integrability of  $\frac{d\nu}{d\mu}$  and Radon-Nikodym theorem(3.9.v) that

$$\nu(C) = \int_C \frac{d\nu}{d\mu} d\mu = \int_C \frac{d\nu}{d\mu} \frac{d\mu}{d\lambda} d\lambda,$$

whence

$$\nu_*(E) = \int_E \frac{d\nu}{d\mu} \frac{d\mu}{d\lambda} d\lambda_*$$

for any  $E \in \mathfrak{M}_\lambda$  with  $\lambda_*(E) < \infty$ . Therefore  $\frac{d\nu}{d\mu} \frac{d\mu}{d\lambda} = \frac{d\nu}{d\lambda}$   $\lambda$ -l.a.e. by uniqueness of the Radon-Nikodym derivative. □

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