
Problem Set

Problem Set #1

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ANSWERS

All of the problems are from Chapter 3 of the text.

Problem 1. [Problem 2, page 88]

If ν is a signed measure, E is ν -null iff $|\nu|(E) = 0$. Also, if ν and μ are signed measures, $\nu \perp \mu$ iff $|\nu| \perp \mu$ iff $\nu^+ \perp \mu$ and $\nu^- \perp \mu$

Answer:

For the first part of the problem, let $X = P \cup N$ be a Hahn decomposition of X with respect to ν . Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\nu^+(E) &= \nu(E \cap P) \\ \nu^-(E) &= -\nu(E \cap N) \\ |\nu| &= \nu^+ + \nu^-\end{aligned}$$

Assume that E is ν -null. This means that for all measurable $F \subseteq E$, $\nu(F) = 0$. But then $E \cap P \subseteq E$, so $\nu^+(E) = 0$ and $E \cap N \subseteq E$, so $\nu^-(E) = 0$. Then we have $|\nu|(E) = \nu^+(E) + \nu^-(E) = 0$

Conversely, suppose that $|\nu|(E) = 0$. Let $F \subseteq E$ be measurable. Then $0 \leq \nu^+(F) + \nu^-(F) = |\nu|(F) \leq |\nu|(E) = 0$, so $\nu^+(F) = 0$ and $\nu^-(F) = 0$. But then $\nu(F) = \nu^+(F) - \nu^-(F) = 0$. Thus, we can conclude that E is ν -null.

For the second part of the problem, we want to show that the following conditions are equivalent.

- (1) $\nu \perp \mu$
- (2) $\nu^+ \perp \mu$ and $\nu^- \perp \mu$
- (3) $|\nu| \perp \mu$

Let's first show that (1) \implies (2). Since $\nu \perp \mu$, we can decompose X into a disjoint union of measurable sets A and B so that A is μ -null and B is ν -null. We can also find an Hahn decomposition $X = P \cup N$ with respect to ν , as above. Since B is ν -null, we have $\nu^+(B) = \nu(P \cap B) = 0$ and $\nu^-(B) = -\nu(B \cap N) = 0$. Thus, B is ν^+ -null and ν^- -null. Since A is still μ -null, we conclude that $\nu^+ \perp \mu$ and $\nu^- \perp \mu$.

Next, we show that (2) \implies (3). Since $\nu^+ \perp \mu$, we can find disjoint measurable sets A_1 and B_1 so that $X = A_1 \cup B_1$, $\nu^+(B_1) = 0$ and A_1 is μ -null. Similarly, we can write $X = A_2 \cup B_2$ (disjoint union) where $\nu^-(B_2) = 0$ and A_2 is μ -null. We can then partition X as

$$X = (A_1 \cap A_2) \cup (A_1 \cap B_2) \cup (A_2 \cap B_1) \cup (B_1 \cap B_2)$$

Now, $(A_1 \cap A_2)$ is contained in the μ -null set A_1 , and so is μ -null. Similarly, $A_2 \cap B_2$ and $A_2 \cap B_1$ are μ -null. We have $0 \leq \nu^+(B_1 \cap B_2) \leq \nu^+(B_1) = 0$, so $\nu^+(B_1 \cap B_2) = 0$. Similarly, $\nu^-(B_1 \cap B_2) = 0$, and thus $|\nu|(B_1 \cap B_2) = 0$. We thus have a disjoint measurable decomposition $X = A_3 \cup B_3$ where

$$\begin{aligned}A_3 &= (A_1 \cap A_2) \cup (A_1 \cap B_2) \cup (A_2 \cap B_1) \\ B_3 &= B_1 \cap B_2.\end{aligned}$$

The set A_3 is μ -null and B_3 is $|\nu|$ -null. This shows that $|\nu| \perp \mu$.

Finally we show that (3) \implies (1). So, suppose that $|\nu| \perp \mu$. Then we have a measurable decomposition $X = A \cup B$ where $|\nu|(B) = 0$ and A is μ -null. However, $|\nu|(B) = 0$ implies that B is ν -null (as we proved above), so we have $\nu \perp \mu$.

Problem 2. [Problem 3, page 88]

Let ν be a signed measure on (X, \mathcal{M}) .

a. $L^1(\nu) = L^1(|\nu|)$.

b. If $f \in L^1(\nu)$,

$$\left| \int f d\nu \right| \leq \int |f| d|\nu|.$$

c. If $E \in \mathcal{M}$,

$$|\nu|(E) = \sup \left\{ \left| \int_E f d\nu \right| \mid |f| \leq 1 \right\}$$

Answer:

According to the definition on page 88 of the text, the definition of $L^1(\nu)$ is $L^1(\nu) = L^1(\nu^+) \cap L^1(\nu^-)$ and if $f \in L^1(\nu)$, we define

$$\int f d\nu = \int f d\nu^+ - \int f d\nu^-.$$

So, consider part (a.) of the problem. If $f \in L^1(\nu)$, then, by definition the integrals

$$(*) \quad \int |f| d\nu^+, \quad \int |f| d\nu^-$$

are finite. On the other hand, $|\nu|$ is defined by $|\nu|(E) = \nu^+(E) + \nu^-(E)$. Hence, the equation

$$\int \chi_E d|\nu| = \int \chi_E d\nu^+ + \int \chi_E d\nu^-$$

holds by definition. Thus, we can apply the usual argument to show that

$$(**) \quad \int g d|\nu| = \int g d\nu^+ + \int g d\nu^-$$

holds for all measurable $g: X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$: This equations holds for characteristic functions, hence (by linearity) for simple functions and hence (by the monotone convergence theorem) for nonnegative functions. Thus, if the integrals in (*) are finite, the integral $\int |f| d|\nu|$ is finite, so $f \in L^1(|\nu|)$.

Conversely, if $f \in L^1(|\nu|)$, the integral $\int |f| d|\nu|$ is finite, and so by (**), the integrals in (*) are finite, so $f \in L^1(\nu)$.

Next consider part (b.) of the problem. If $f \in L^1(\nu)$, then by definition

$$\int f \, d\nu = \int f \, d\nu^+ - \int f \, d\nu^- = \int f^+ \, d\nu^+ - \int f^- \, d\nu^+ - \int f^+ \, d\nu^- + \int f^- \, d\nu^-,$$

where all of the integrals on the right are positive numbers. Hence, by the triangle inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int f \, d\nu \right| &\leq \int f^+ \, d\nu^+ + \int f^- \, d\nu^+ + \int f^+ \, d\nu^- + \int f^- \, d\nu^- \\ &= \int (f^+ + f^-) \, d\nu^+ + \int (f^+ + f^-) \, d\nu^- \\ &= \int |f| \, d\nu^+ + \int |f| \, d\nu^- \\ &= \int |f| \, d|\nu| \end{aligned}$$

Finally, consider part (c.) of the problem. If $|f| \leq 1$, then for any $E \in \mathcal{M}$, $|f|\chi_E \leq \chi_E$. Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_E f \, d\nu \right| &\leq \int_E |f| \, d|\nu| \\ &= \int_X |f|\chi_E \, d|\nu| \\ &\leq \int_X \chi_E \, d|\nu| \\ &= |\nu|(E). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the sup in part (c.) is $\leq |\nu|(E)$.

To get the reverse inequality, let $X = P \cup N$ be a Hahn decomposition of X with respect to ν , and recall the description of ν^+ and ν^- in terms of P and N from the last problem. Then we have

$$|\nu|(E) = \nu(E \cap P) - \nu(E \cap N) = \int (\chi_{E \cap P} - \chi_{E \cap N}) \, d\nu.$$

But, $|\chi_{E \cap P} - \chi_{E \cap N}| \leq 1$ (P and N are disjoint). This shows that $|\nu|(E)$ is an element of the set we're supping over, so $|\nu|(E) \leq$ the sup.

Problem 3. [Problem 4, page 88]

If ν is a signed measure and λ, μ are positive measures such that $\nu = \lambda - \mu$, then $\lambda \geq \nu^+$ and $\mu \geq \nu^-$.

Answer:

Let $X = P \cup N$ be a Hahn decomposition of X with respect to ν . Then for any measurable set E , we have

$$(*) \quad \nu^+(E) = \nu(E \cap P) = \lambda(E \cap P) - \mu(E \cap P).$$

If $\nu^+(E) = \infty$, this equation shows $\lambda(E \cap P) = \infty$, and so $\lambda(E) = \infty$. Thus, $\nu^+(E) \geq \lambda(E)$ is true in this case. If $\nu^+(E) < \infty$, then both numbers on the right of (*) must be finite, and (*) gives $\nu^+(E) + \mu(E \cap P) = \lambda(E \cap P)$. Thus, we have

$$\nu^+(E) \leq \nu^+(E) + \mu(E \cap P) = \lambda(E \cap P) \leq \lambda(E).$$

The argument for the other inequality is similar. We have

$$\nu^-(E) = -\nu(E \cap N) = -\lambda(E \cap N) + \mu(E \cap N)$$

If $\nu^-(E) = \infty$, then we must have $\mu(E) \geq \mu(E \cap N) = \infty$, so $\mu(E) \geq \nu^-(E)$. Otherwise, every thing must be finite and

$$\nu^-(E) \leq \nu^-(E) + \lambda(E \cap N) = \mu(E \cap N) \leq \mu(E).$$

Problem 4. [Problem 5, page 88] If ν_1 and ν_2 are signed measures that both omitted the value $+\infty$ or $-\infty$, then $|\nu_1 + \nu_2| \leq |\nu_1| + |\nu_2|$. (Use Exercise 4.)

Answer:

The hypothesis that $\pm\infty$ is omitted assures that the signed measure $\nu_1 + \nu_2$ is defined.

We have $\nu_1 = \nu_1^+ - \nu_1^-$ and $\nu_2 = \nu_2^+ - \nu_2^-$. Adding these equations gives

$$\nu_1 + \nu_2 = (\nu_1^+ + \nu_2^+) - (\nu_1^- + \nu_2^-),$$

where the expressions in parentheses are positive measures. Thus, by Exercise 4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\nu_1 + \nu_2)^+ &\leq \nu_1^+ + \nu_2^+ \\ (\nu_1 + \nu_2)^- &\leq \nu_1^- + \nu_2^- \end{aligned}$$

and adding these inequalities gives $|\nu_1 + \nu_2| \leq |\nu_1| + |\nu_2|$.

Problem 5. [Problem 12, page 92]

For $j = 1, 2$, let μ_j, ν_j be σ -finite measures on (X_j, \mathcal{M}_j) such that $\nu_j \ll \mu_j$. then $\nu_1 \times \nu_2 \ll \mu_1 \times \mu_2$ and

$$\frac{d(\nu_1 \times \nu_2)}{d(\mu_1 \times \mu_2)}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{d\nu_1}{d\mu_1}(x_1) \frac{d\nu_2}{d\mu_2}(x_2).$$

Answer:

We first want to show that $\nu_1 \times \nu_2 \ll \mu_1 \times \mu_2$. So, suppose that $E \in \mathcal{M}_1 \otimes \mathcal{M}_2$ and $(\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(E) = 0$. Recall that the x_1 -section of E is defined by

$$E_{x_1} = \{x_2 \in X_2 \mid (x_1, x_2) \in E\}.$$

By Theorem 2.36 on page 66 of the text, the function $x_1 \mapsto \mu_2(E_{x_1})$ is measurable and

$$0 = (\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(E) = \int_{X_1} \mu_2(E_{x_1}) d\mu_1(x_1)$$

Thus, $\mu_2(E_{x_1}) = 0$ for μ_1 -almost all x_1 . In other words, there is a μ_1 -null set $N \subseteq X_1$ so that $\mu_2(E_{x_1}) = 0$ if $x_1 \notin N$. If $x_1 \notin N$, we must have $\nu_2(E_{x_1}) = 0$, since $\nu_2 \ll \mu_2$. We also have $\nu_1(N) = 0$, since $\nu_1 \ll \mu_1$. Thus, $x_1 \mapsto \nu_2(E_{x_1})$ is zero almost everywhere with respect to ν_1 . Thus, we have

$$(\nu_1 \times \nu_2)(E) = \int_{X_1} \nu_2(E_{x_1}) d\nu_1(x_1) = 0.$$

Thus, $(\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(E) = 0 \implies (\nu_1 \times \nu_2)(E) = 0$, so $\nu_1 \times \nu_2 \ll \mu_1 \times \mu_2$.

For notational simplicity, let

$$f = \frac{d(\nu_1 \times \nu_2)}{d(\mu_1 \times \mu_2)}, \quad f_1 = \frac{d\nu_1}{d\mu_1}, \quad f_2 = \frac{d\nu_2}{d\mu_2}.$$

The, we have

$$(*) \quad (\nu_1 \times \nu_2)(E) = \int_E f(x_1, x_2) d(\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(x_1, x_2)$$

and f is the unique (up to equality almost everywhere) function with this property. Of course we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_1(A) &= \int_A f_1(x_1) d\mu_1(x_1) \\ \nu_2(B) &= \int_B f_2(x_2) d\mu_2(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

if $A \subseteq X_1$ and $B \subseteq X_2$ are measurable.

On the other hand, the functions $(x_1, x_2) \mapsto f_1(x_1)$ and $(x_1, x_2) \mapsto f_2(x_2)$ are measurable, so we can define a measure λ on $X_1 \times X_2$ by

$$(**) \quad \lambda(E) = \int_E f_1(x_1) f_2(x_2) d(\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(x_1, x_2).$$

Suppose that $A_1 \subseteq X_1$ and $A_2 \subseteq X_2$. Then, we can use Tonelli's Theorem to

calculate $\lambda(A_1 \times A_2)$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda(A_1 \times A_2) &= \int_{A_1 \times A_2} f_1(x_1)f_2(x_2) d(\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(x_1, x_2) \\
&= \int_{X_1 \times X_2} \chi_{A_1 \times A_2}(x_1, x_2)f_1(x_1)f_2(x_2) d(\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(x_1, x_2) \\
&= \int_{X_1 \times X_2} \chi_{A_1}(x_1)\chi_{A_2}(x_2)f_1(x_1)f_2(x_2) d(\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(x_1, x_2) \\
&= \int_{X_1} \int_{X_2} \chi_{A_1}(x_1)\chi_{A_2}(x_2)f_1(x_1)f_2(x_2) d\mu_2(x_2) d\mu_1(x_1) \\
&= \int_{X_1} \chi_{A_1}(x_1)f_1(x_1) \int_{X_2} \chi_{A_2}(x_2)f_2(x_2) d\mu_2(x_2) d\mu_1(x_1) \\
&= \int_{X_1} \chi_{A_1}(x_1)f_1(x_1)\nu_2(A_2) d\mu_1(x_1) \\
&= \nu_2(A_2) \int_{X_1} \chi_{A_1}(x_1)f_1(x_1) d\mu_1(x_1) \\
&= \nu_1(A_1)\nu_2(A_2).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\lambda(A_1 \times A_2) = \nu_1(A_1)\nu_2(A_2) = (\nu_1 \times \nu_2)(A_1 \times A_2).$$

for all measurable rectangles $A_1 \times A_2$. Since our measures are σ -finite, this shows that $\lambda = \nu_1 \times \nu_2$, see the remark at the bottom of page 64 in the text. Comparing (*) and (**) and using the uniqueness in (*) then shows that $f(x_1, x_2) = f_1(x_1)f_2(x_2)$

Problem 6. [Problem 16, page 92] Suppose that μ, ν are measures on (X, \mathcal{M}) with $\nu \ll \mu$ and let $\lambda = \mu + \nu$. If $f = d\nu/d\lambda$, then $0 \leq f < 1$ μ -a.e. and $d\nu/d\mu = f/(1-f)$.

Answer:

It's clear that $\nu \ll \lambda$, so $f = d\nu/d\lambda$ makes sense.

We want to show $0 \leq f < 1$ μ -a.e. Suppose, for a contradiction, that there is a set E with $\mu(E) > 0$ and $f \geq 1$ on E . On the one hand, we have $\nu(E) < \nu(E) + \mu(E) = \lambda(E)$. On the other hand, $f\chi_E \geq \chi_E$, so

$$\nu(E) = \int_E f d\lambda = \int_E \chi_E f d\lambda \geq \int_E \chi_E d\lambda = \lambda(E),$$

a contradiction.

If E is measurable, we have

$$\int_E 1 d\nu = \nu(E) = \int_E f d\lambda = \int_E f d\mu + \int_E f d\nu,$$

which yields

$$\int_E (1 - f) d\nu = \int_E f d\mu,$$

or, in other words,

$$\int \chi_E (1 - f) d\nu = \int \chi_E f d\mu.$$

By the usual procedure, we can extend this equation from characteristic functions to nonnegative functions. Thus, we have

$$\int g(1 - f) d\nu = \int gf d\mu$$

for all nonnegative measurable functions g . Hence, for any measurable set E , we have

$$(*) \quad \int_E g(1 - f) d\nu = \int_E gf d\mu$$

for all nonnegative measurable functions g .

Since $0 \leq f < 1$ μ -a.e. the function $1/(1 - f)$ is defined and nonnegative μ -a.e. Since $\nu \ll \mu$, $1/(1 - f)$ is also defined and nonnegative ν -a.e. Thus, we can set $g = 1/(1 - f)$ in (*). This gives

$$\nu(E) = \int_E \frac{f}{1 - f} d\mu,$$

for all measurable E , whence $d\nu/d\mu = f/(1 - f)$.

Problem 7. [Problem 18, page 94] Prove Proposition 3.13c.

In other words, suppose that ν is a complex measure on (X, \mathcal{M}) . Then $L^1(\nu) = L^1(|\nu|)$ and if $f \in L^1(\nu)$,

$$\left| \int f d\nu \right| \leq \int |f| d|\nu|.$$

Answer:

I seem to have been very confused the day I tried to do this in class!

Let $z = x + iy$ be a complex number, where x, y are real. We have

$$x^2, y^2 \leq x^2 + y^2 = |z|^2$$

so taking square roots gives $|x|, |y| \leq |z|$. On the other hand, we have

$$|z|^2 = x^2 + y^2 = |x|^2 + |y|^2 \leq |x|^2 + 2|x||y| + |y|^2 = (|x| + |y|)^2,$$

and so $|z| \leq |x| + |y|$.

Now let's begin the solution of the problem. By the definition on page 93 of the text, $L^1(\nu)$ is defined to be $L^1(\nu_r) \cap L^1(\nu_i)$ and for $f \in L^1(\nu)$, we define

$$\int f d\nu = \int f d\nu_r + i \int f d\nu_i.$$

On the other hand, we know from Exercise 3 on page 88 of the text (one of the problems in this set) that for a signed measure λ , $L^1(\lambda) = L^1(|\lambda|)$ and for $f \in L^1(\lambda)$,

$$\left| \int f d\lambda \right| \leq \int |f| d|\lambda|.$$

Hence in our present situation, we know $L^1(\nu) = L^1(|\nu_r|) \cap L^1(|\nu_i|)$.

Let's recall the reasoning of part b. of Proposition 3.13. We can find some finite positive measure μ such that ν_r and ν_i are absolutely continuous with respect to μ ($\mu = |\nu_r| + |\nu_i|$ will do). Then, by the Lebesgue-Radon-Nikodym Theorem, there are real-valued measurable functions f and g such that $d\nu_r = f d\mu$ and $d\nu_i = g d\mu$. Then, we have

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

where $h = f + ig$. From this equation, we have $d|\nu| = |h| d\mu$, by definition. Since $|f|, |g| \leq |h|$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\nu_r|(E) &= \int_E |f| d\mu \leq \int_E |h| d\mu = |\nu|(E) \\ |\nu_i|(E) &= \int_E |g| d\mu \leq \int_E |h| d\mu = |\nu|(E) \end{aligned}$$

so we certainly have $\nu_r, \nu_i \ll |\nu|$. Thus, once again, we can find real-valued functions φ and η such that $d\nu_r = \varphi d|\nu|$ and $d\nu_i = \eta d|\nu|$. If $\varphi = \psi + i\eta$, then

$$\nu(E) = \int_E \varphi d|\nu|.$$

But then, comparing with (*), we have

$$\int_E \varphi |h| d\mu = \int_E h d\mu.$$

By the uniqueness part of the Lebesgue-Radon-Nikodym Theorem, $\varphi|h| = h$, μ -a.e., and hence $|\nu|$ -a.e. On the other hand if Z is the set where $h = 0$, then

$$|\nu|(Z) = \int_Z |h| d\mu = \int_Z 0 d\mu = 0$$

so $h \neq 0$, $|\nu|$ -a.e. This shows that $|\varphi| = 1$, $|\nu|$ -a.e., so we can conclude that $|\psi|, |\eta| \leq |\varphi| = 1$, $|\nu|$ -a.e., and $1 = |\varphi| \leq |\psi| + |\eta|$, $|\nu|$ -a.e. Finally, we have $d\nu_r = |\psi| d|\nu|$ and $d\nu_i = |\eta| d|\nu|$.

Now, suppose that $f \in L^1(|\nu|)$. Then

$$\int |f| d|\nu| < \infty$$

Since $|f||\psi| \leq |f|$, $|\nu|$ -a.e., we have

$$\int |f||\psi| d|\nu| \leq \int |f| d|\nu| < \infty$$

but the integral on the left is

$$\int |f| d|\nu_r|,$$

so $f \in L^1(|\nu_r|)$. Similarly, $f \in L^1(|\nu_i|)$

Conversely, suppose that $f \in L^1(|\nu_r|) \cap L^1(|\nu_i|)$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int |f||\psi| d|\nu| &= \int |f| d|\nu_r| < \infty \\ \int |f||\eta| d|\nu| &= \int |f| d|\nu_i| < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

and so we have

$$\int |f|(|\psi| + |\eta|) d|\nu| < \infty.$$

However, we have $1 \leq |\psi| + |\eta|$, $|\nu|$ -a.e., so

$$\int |f| d|\nu| \leq \int |f|(|\psi| + |\eta|) d|\nu| < \infty.$$

and so $f \in L^1(|\nu|)$.

Finally, suppose that $f \in L^1(\nu) = L^1(|\nu|)$, we then have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int f d\nu \right| &= \left| \int f d\nu_r + i \int f d\nu_i \right| && \text{by definition} \\ &= \left| \int f\psi d|\nu| + i \int f\eta d|\nu| \right| \\ &= \left| \int f[\psi + i\eta] d|\nu| \right| \\ &= \left| \int f\varphi d|\nu| \right| \\ &\leq \int |f||\varphi| d|\nu| \\ &= \int |f| d|\nu|, \end{aligned}$$

since $|\varphi| = 1$, $|\nu|$ -a.e. This completes the proof.

Problem 8. [Problem 20, page 94] If ν is a complex measure on (X, \mathcal{M}) and $\nu(X) = |\nu|(X)$, then $\nu = |\nu|$.

Answer:

Let $f = d\nu/d|\nu|$, so we have

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

for all measurable sets E , and we know from Proposition 3.13 on page 94 of the text that $|f| = 1$ $|\nu|$ -a.e. We may as well suppose that $|f| = 1$ everywhere.

We can write the complex function f as $f = g + ih$, where g and h are real-valued. We can also write $\nu = \nu_r + i\nu_i$ for finite signed measures ν_r and ν_i . Thus, we have

$$\nu_r(E) + i\nu_i(E) = \nu(E) = \int_E f d|\nu| = \int_E g d|\nu| + i \int_E h d|\nu|.$$

Comparing real and imaginary parts, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_r(E) &= \int_E g d|\nu| \\ \nu_i(E) &= \int_E h d|\nu|. \end{aligned}$$

By hypothesis, we have $\nu(X) = |\nu|(X)$, so

$$\int_X g d|\nu| + i \int_X h d|\nu| = |\nu|(X).$$

Since the right-hand side is real, the imaginary part of the left-hand side must be zero, and we have

$$\int_X g d|\nu| = |\nu|(X) = \int_X 1 d|\nu|,$$

and so

$$(**) \quad 0 = \int_X (1 - g) d|\nu|.$$

Since g is the real part of f , we have

$$g \leq |g| \leq |g + ih| = |f| = 1$$

so $1 - g \geq 0$. But then $(**)$ shows that $1 - g = 0$ a.e., so $g = 1$ a.e.

We then have $1 = |f|^2 = g^2 + h^2 = 1 + h^2$ a.e., so $h = 0$ a.e. and hence $f = g = 1$ a.e. Putting this in $(*)$ shows that $\nu = |\nu|$.

Problem 9. [Problem 20, page 94] Let ν be a complex measure on (X, \mathcal{M}) . If $E \in \mathcal{M}$, define

$$(A) \quad \mu_1(E) = \sup \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n |\nu(E_j)| \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, E_1, \dots, E_n \text{ disjoint}, E = \bigcup_{j=1}^n E_j \right\},$$

$$(B) \quad \mu_2(E) = \sup \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\nu(E_j)| \mid E_1, E_2, \dots \text{ disjoint}, E = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j \right\},$$

$$(C) \quad \mu_3(E) = \sup \left\{ \left| \int_E f d\nu \right| \mid |f| \leq 1 \right\}.$$

Then $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_3 = |\nu|$.

Answer:

Although the author didn't explicitly say so, the sets E_j in (A) and (B) should, of course, be measurable and the functions f in (C) should be measurable. Also note that the book has a typo in (C) ($d\mu$ instead of $d\nu$).

As suggested in the book, we first prove that $\mu_1 \leq \mu_2 \leq \mu_3 \leq \mu_1$ and then that $\mu_3 = |\nu|$.

We have $\mu_1 \leq \mu_2$, because the sums in (A) are among the sums in (B): given a finite sequence E_1, \dots, E_n of disjoint sets whose union is E , just set $E_j = \emptyset$ for $j > n$. Then E_1, E_2, \dots is an infinite sequence of disjoint sets whose union is E and

$$\sum_{j=1}^n |\nu(E_j)| = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\nu(E_j)|.$$

Thus, the set of numbers in (A) is a subset of the set of numbers in (B). Since the sup over a larger set is larger, $\mu_1 \leq \mu_2$.

To see that $\mu_2 \leq \mu_3$, let E_1, E_2, \dots be a sequence of disjoint sets whose union is E . Now each $\nu(E_j)$ is a complex number, so there is a complex number ω_j such that $|\omega_j| = 1$ and $\omega_j \nu(E_j) = |\nu(E_j)|$. Indeed, we can say

$$\omega_j = \begin{cases} \frac{|\nu(E_j)|}{\nu(E_j)}, & \nu(E_j) \neq 0 \\ 1, & \nu(E_j) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Consider the function f defined by

$$f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \omega_j \chi_{E_j}.$$

If $x \notin E$, $f(x) = 0$. If $x \in E$, it is in exactly one E_j and then $|f(x)| = |\omega_j| = 1$. Thus, $|f| \leq 1$ and the partial sums

$$f_n = \sum_{j=1}^n \omega_j \chi_{E_j}$$

satisfy $|f_n| \leq 1$ by the same reasoning. We then have

$$\left| \int f_n d\nu - \int f d\nu \right| = \left| \int (f_n - f) d\nu \right| \leq \int |f_n - f| d|\nu| \rightarrow 0$$

by the dominated convergence theorem, since $f_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise and $|f_n - f|$ is bounded above by the constant function 2, which is integrable with respect to the finite measure $|\nu|$. We then have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_E f d\nu &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\nu \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_E \omega_j \chi_{E_j} d\nu \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \omega_j \nu(E_j) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\nu(E_j)|. \end{aligned}$$

since $\int_E f d\nu$ is positive, we have

$$\left| \int_E f d\nu \right| = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\nu(E_j)|.$$

Thus, the set of numbers in (B) is a subset of the set in (C), so $\mu_2 \leq \mu_3$.

Now we want to show that $\mu_3 \leq \mu_1$. First, we use Proposition 3.13 (and Exercise 18) to show that μ_3 is finite. If $|f| \leq 1$, then

$$\int |f| d|\nu| \leq \int 1 d|\nu| = |\nu|(X) < \infty,$$

so $f \in L^1(|\nu|) = L^1(\nu)$ and

$$\left| \int_E f d\nu \right| \leq \int_E |f| d|\nu| \leq \int_E 1 d|\nu| = |\nu|(E).$$

Thus, $|\nu|(E)$ is an upper bound for the set of numbers in (C), so $\mu_3(E) \leq |\nu|(E) \leq |\nu|(X) < \infty$.

To show that $\mu_3 \leq \mu_1$, let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Then we can find some f with $|f| \leq 1$ such that

$$\mu_3(E) - \varepsilon < \left| \int_E f d\nu \right|,$$

which implies

$$(*) \quad \mu_3(E) \leq \left| \int_E f d\nu \right| + \varepsilon.$$

We approximate f by a simple function as follows. Let

$$D = \{ z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| \leq 1 \}$$

be the closed unit disk in the complex plane. Since $|f| \leq 1$, all the values of f are in D . The collection of balls

$$\{ B(\varepsilon, z) \mid z \in D \}$$

is an open cover of D . Since D is compact, there is a finite subcover, say

$$\{ B(\varepsilon, z_j) \mid j = 1, \dots, m \}.$$

Define $B_j = f^{-1}(B(\varepsilon, z_j)) \subseteq X$, which is measurable since f is measurable. The union of the sets B_j is X . The sets B_j won't be disjoint, but we can use the usual trick and define

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= B_1, \\ A_j &= B_j \setminus \bigcup_{k=1}^{j-1} B_k \end{aligned}$$

to get a disjoint collection of sets with $A_j \subseteq B_j$ and $\bigcup_j A_j = X$. Define a simple function φ by

$$\varphi = \sum_{j=1}^m z_j \chi_{A_j}.$$

This function takes on the values z_j , which are in D , so $|\varphi| \leq 1$. If $x \in X$ it is in exactly one of the sets A_j . But then $f(x) \in B(\varepsilon, z_j)$, so

$$|f(x) - \varphi(x)| = |f(x) - z_j| < \varepsilon.$$

Thus, $|f - \varphi| < \varepsilon$. We then have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_E f \, d\nu \right| - \left| \int_E \varphi \, d\nu \right| &\leq \left| \left| \int_E f \, d\nu \right| - \left| \int_E \varphi \, d\nu \right| \right| \\ &\leq \left| \int_E f \, d\nu - \int_E \varphi \, d\nu \right| \\ &\leq \int_E |f - \varphi| \, d|\nu| \\ &\leq \int_E \varepsilon \, d|\nu| \\ &= \varepsilon |\nu|(E). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\left| \int_E f \, d\nu \right| \leq \left| \int_E \varphi \, d\nu \right| + \varepsilon |\nu|(E).$$

Substituting this is (*) gives

$$(**) \quad \mu_3(E) \leq \left| \int_E \varphi d\nu \right| + \varepsilon + \varepsilon |\nu|(E).$$

Now define $E_j = A_j \cap E$, $j = 1, \dots, m$. Then the E_j 's are a finite sequence of disjoint sets whose union is E and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_E \varphi d\nu \right| &= \left| \int_E \left[\sum_{j=1}^m z_j \chi_{A_j} \right] d\nu \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{j=1}^m z_j \int_E \chi_{A_j} d\nu \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{j=1}^m z_j \int \chi_E \chi_{A_j} d\nu \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{j=1}^m z_j \int \chi_{E_j} d\nu \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{j=1}^m z_j \nu(E_j) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^m |z_j| |\nu(E_j)| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^m |\nu(E_j)| \\ &\leq \mu_1(E). \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this into (**) gives

$$\mu_3(E) \leq \mu_1(E) + [1 + |\nu|(E)]\varepsilon.$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ was arbitrary, we conclude that $\mu_3(E) \leq \mu_1(E)$.

We've now shown that $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_3$. The last step is to show that $\mu_3 = |\nu|$. We've already shown above that $\mu_3(E) \leq |\nu|(E)$. To get the reverse inequality, let $g = d\nu/d|\nu|$. We know that $|g| = 1$ $|\nu|$ -a.e., and we may as well assume that $|g| = 1$ everywhere (by modifying it on a set of measure zero). Then the conjugate \bar{g} of g satisfies $|\bar{g}| = 1 \leq 1$ and so is one of the functions in the definition of μ_3 , so

$$\left| \int_E \bar{g} d\nu \right| \leq \mu_3(E).$$

But, from the definition of g ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_E \bar{g} d\nu \right| &= \left| \int_E \bar{g}g d|\nu| \right| \\ &= \left| \int_E |g|^2 d|\nu| \right| \\ &= \left| \int_E 1 d|\nu| \right| \\ &= |\nu|(E). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $|\nu|(E) \leq \mu_3(E)$, so $\mu_3 = |\nu|$, and we're done.
