

# Math 212 Lecture 14

The Radon-Nikodym theorem and the Riesz representation theorem.

# Review: Hölder, Minkowski , $L^p$ and $L^q$ .

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

The numbers  $p, q > 1$  are called **conjugate** if

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1.$$

If  $f \in L^p$  and  $g \in L^q$

**Hölder's inequality.**  $\left| \int fg d\mu \right| \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$  (1)

**[Minkowski's inequality]** If  $f, g \in L^p$ ,  $p \geq$

1 then  $f + g \in L^p$  and

$$\|f + g\|_p \leq \|f\|_p + \|g\|_p.$$

$L^p$  is complete.

$\| \cdot \|_\infty$  is the essential sup norm.

Suppose that  $f \in \mathcal{B}$  has the property that it is equal almost everywhere to a function which is bounded above. We call such a function **essentially bounded** (from above). We can then define the **essential least upper bound** of  $f$  to be the smallest number which is an upper bound for a function which differs from  $f$  on a set of measure zero. If  $|f|$  is essentially bounded, we denote its essential least upper bound by  $\|f\|_\infty$ . Otherwise we say that  $\|f\|_\infty = \infty$ . We let  $\mathcal{L}^\infty$  denote the space of  $f \in \mathcal{B}$  which have  $\|f\|_\infty < \infty$ . It is clear that  $\| \cdot \|_\infty$  is a semi-norm on this space. The justification for this notation is

**Theorem 5.1 [14G]** *If  $f \in L^p$  for some  $p > 0$  then*

$$\|f\|_\infty = \lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} \|f\|_q. \quad (2)$$

**Remark.** In the statement of the theorem, both sides of (2) are allowed to be  $\infty$ .

**Proof.** If  $\|f\|_\infty = 0$ , then  $\|f\|_q = 0$  for all  $q > 0$  so the result is trivial in this case. So let us assume that  $\|f\|_\infty > 0$  and let  $a$  be any positive number smaller than  $\|f\|_\infty$ . In other words,

$$0 < a < \|f\|_\infty.$$

Let

$$A_a := \{x : |f(x)| > a\}.$$

This set has positive measure by the choice of  $a$ , and its measure is finite since  $f \in L^p$ . Also

$$\|f\|_q \geq \left( \int_{A_a} |f|^q \right)^{1/q} \geq a \mu(A_a)^{1/q}.$$

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and since  $a$  can be any number  $< \|f\|_\infty$  we conclude that

$$\liminf_{q \rightarrow \infty} \|f\|_q \geq \|f\|_\infty.$$

So we need to prove that

$$\lim \|f\|_q \leq \|f\|_\infty.$$

This is obvious if  $\|f\|_\infty = \infty$ . So suppose that  $\|f\|_\infty$  is finite.

Then for  $q > p$  we have

$$|f|^q \leq |f|^p (\|f\|_\infty)^{q-p}$$

almost everywhere. Integrating and taking the  $q$ -th root gives

$$\|f\|_q \leq (\|f\|_p)^{\frac{p}{q}} (\|f\|_\infty)^{1-\frac{p}{q}}.$$

Letting  $q \rightarrow \infty$  gives the desired result. QED

# The Radon-Nikodym Theorem.

Suppose we are given two integrals,  $I$  and  $J$  on the same space  $L$ . That is, both  $I$  and  $J$  satisfy the three conditions of linearity, positivity, and the monotone limit property that went into our definition of the term “integral”. We say that  $J$  is **absolutely continuous** with respect to  $I$  if every set which is  $I$  null (i.e. has measure zero with respect to the measure associated to  $I$ ) is  $J$  null.

The integral  $I$  is said to be **bounded** if

$$I(\mathbf{1}) < \infty,$$

or, what amounts to the same thing, that

$$\mu_I(S) < \infty$$

where  $\mu_I$  is the measure associated to  $I$ .

We will first formulate the Radon-Nikodym theorem for the case of bounded integrals, where there is a very clever proof due to von-Neumann which reduces it to the Riesz representation theorem in Hilbert space theory.

**Theorem 6.1 [Radon-Nikodym]** *Let  $I$  and  $J$  be bounded integrals, and suppose that  $J$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $I$ . Then there exists an element  $f_0 \in \mathcal{L}^1(I)$  such that*

$$J(f) = I(f f_0) \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{L}^1(J). \quad (3)$$

*The element  $f_0$  is unique up to equality almost everywhere (with respect to  $\mu_I$ ).*

**Proof.**(After von-Neumann.) Consider the linear function

$$K := I + J$$

on  $L$ . Then  $K$  satisfies all three conditions in our definition of an integral, and in addition is bounded. We know from the case  $p = 2$  of Theorem 4.1 that  $L^2(K)$  is a (real) Hilbert space. (Assume for this argument that we have passed to the quotient space so an element of  $L^2(K)$  is an equivalence class of functions.) The fact that  $K$  is bounded, says that  $\mathbf{1} := \mathbf{1}_S \in L^2(K)$ . If  $f \in L^2(K)$  then the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality says that

$$K(|f|) = K(|f| \cdot \mathbf{1}) = (|f|, \mathbf{1})_{2,K} \leq \|f\|_{2,K} \|\mathbf{1}\|_{2,K} < \infty$$

so  $|f|$  and hence  $f$  are elements of  $L^1(K)$ .

Furthermore,

$$|J(f)| \leq J(|f|) \leq K(|f|) \leq \|f\|_{2,K} \|\mathbf{1}\|_{2,K}$$

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$$J(f) = (f, g)_{2,K} = K(fg).$$

If  $A$  is any subset of  $S$  of positive measure, then  $J(\mathbf{1}_A) = K(\mathbf{1}_A g)$  so  $g$  is non-negative. (More precisely,  $g$  is equivalent almost everywhere to a function which is non-negative.) We obtain inductively

$$\begin{aligned} J(f) &= K(fg) = \\ I(fg) + J(fg) &= I(fg) + I(fg^2) + J(fg^2) = \\ &\vdots \\ &= I\left(f \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n g^i\right) + J(fg^n). \end{aligned}$$

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Let  $N$  be the set of all  $x$  where  $g(x) \geq 1$ . Taking  $f = \mathbf{1}_N$  in the preceding string of equalities shows that

$$J(\mathbf{1}_N) \geq nI(\mathbf{1}_N).$$

Since  $n$  is arbitrary, we have proved

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\end{aligned}$$

We have not yet used the assumption that  $J$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $I$ . Let us now use this assumption to conclude that  $N$  is also  $J$ -null. This means that if  $f \geq 0$  and  $f \in L^1(J)$  then  $fg^n \searrow 0$  almost everywhere ( $J$ ), and hence by the dominated convergence theorem  $J(fg^n) \searrow 0$ .

Plugging this back into the above string of equalities shows (by the monotone convergence theorem for  $I$ ) that

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converges in the  $L^1(I)$  norm to  $J(f)$ .

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$$f_0 := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} g^i \in L^1(I).$$

We have

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{1-g} \quad \text{almost everywhere}$$

so

$$g = \frac{f_0 - 1}{f_0} \quad \text{almost everywhere}$$

and

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**Lemma 6.1** *The set where  $g \geq 1$  has  $I$  measure zero.*

The Radon Nikodym theorem can be extended in two directions. First of all, let us continue with our assumption that  $I$  and  $J$  are bounded, but drop the absolute continuity requirement. Let us say that an integral  $H$  is **absolutely singular** with respect to  $I$  if there is a set  $N$  of  $I$ -measure zero such that  $J(h) = 0$  for any  $h$  vanishing on  $N$ .

Let us now go back to Lemma 6.1. Define  $J_{sing}$  by

$$J_{sing}(f) = J(\mathbf{1}_N f).$$

Then  $J_{sing}$  is singular with respect to  $I$ , and we can write

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Then we can apply the rest of the proof of the Radon Nikodym theorem to  $J_{cont}$  to conclude that

$$J_{cont}(f) = I(f f_0)$$

where  $f_0 = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\mathbf{1}_{N^c g})^i$  is an element of  $L^1(I)$  as before. In particular,  $J_{cont}$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $I$ .

A second extension is to certain situations where  $S$  is not of finite measure. We say that a function  $f$  is **locally**  $L^1$  if  $f\mathbf{1}_A \in L^1$  for every set  $A$  with  $\mu(A) < \infty$ . We say that  $S$  is  **$\sigma$ -finite** with respect to  $\mu$  if  $S$  is a countable union of sets of finite  $\mu$  measure. This is the same as saying that  $\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}_S \in \mathcal{B}$ . If  $S$  is  $\sigma$ -finite then it can be written as a disjoint union of sets of finite measure. If  $S$  is  $\sigma$ -finite with respect to both  $I$  and  $J$  it can be written as the disjoint union of countably many sets which are both  $I$  and  $J$  finite. So if  $J$  is absolutely continuous with respect  $I$ , we can apply the Radon-Nikodym theorem to each of these sets of finite measure, and conclude that there is an  $f_0$  which is locally  $L^1$  with respect to  $I$ , such that  $J(f) = I(ff_0)$  for all  $f \in L^1(J)$ , and  $f_0$  is unique up to almost everywhere equality.

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## The dual space of $L^p$ .

Recall that Hölder's inequality (1) says that

$$\left| \int f g d\mu \right| \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$$

if  $f \in L^p$  and  $g \in L^q$  where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .

For the rest of this section we will assume without further mention that this relation between  $p$  and  $q$  holds. Hölder's inequality implies that we have a map from

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sending  $g \in L^q$  to the continuous linear function on  $L^p$  which sends

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The theorem we want to prove is that under suitable conditions on  $S$  and  $I$  (which are more general even than  $\sigma$ -finiteness) this map is surjective for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

We will first prove the theorem in the case where  $\mu(S) < \infty$ , that is when  $I$  is a bounded integral. For this we will need a lemma:

## The variations of a bounded functional.

Suppose we start with an arbitrary  $L$  and  $I$ . For each  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  we have the norm  $\|\cdot\|_p$  on  $L$  which makes  $L$  into a real normed linear space. Let  $F$  be a linear function on  $L$  which is bounded with respect to this norm, so that

$$|F(f)| \leq C\|f\|_p$$

for all  $f \in L$  where  $C$  is some non-negative constant. The least upper bound of the set of  $C$  which work is called  $\|F\|_p$  as usual. If  $f \geq 0 \in L$ , define

$$F^+(f) := \text{lub}\{F(g) : 0 \leq g \leq f, \quad g \in L\}.$$

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since  $F(g) \leq |F(g)| \leq \|F\|_p \|g\|_p \leq \|F\|_p \|f\|_p$  for all  $0 \leq g \leq f, g \in L$ , since  $0 \leq g \leq f$  implies  $|g|^p \leq |f|^p$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and also implies  $\|g\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_\infty$ . Also

$$F^+(cf) = cF^+(f) \quad \forall c \geq 0$$

as follows directly from the definition. Suppose that  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are both non-negative elements of  $L$ . If  $g_1, g_2 \in L$  with

$$0 \leq g_1 \leq f_1 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq g_2 \leq f_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} F^+(f_1+f_2) &\geq \text{lub } F(g_1+g_2) = \text{lub } F(g_1) + \text{lub } F(g_2) \\ &= F^+(f_1) + F^+(f_2). \end{aligned}$$

$$F^+(f_1+f_2) \geq \text{lub } F(g_1+g_1) = \text{lub } F(g_1)+\text{lub } F(g_2) = F^+(f_1)+F^+(f_2).$$

On the other hand, if  $g \in L$  satisfies  $0 \leq g \leq (f_1 + f_2)$  then  $0 \leq g \wedge f_1 \leq f_1$ , and  $g \wedge f_1 \in L$ . Also  $g - g \wedge f_1 \in L$  and vanishes at points  $x$  where  $g(x) \leq f_1(x)$  while at points where  $g(x) > f_1(x)$  we have  $g(x) - g \wedge f_1(x) = g(x) - f_1(x) \leq f_2(x)$ . So

$$g - g \wedge f_1 \leq f_2$$

and so

$$F^+(f_1+f_2) = \text{lub } F(g) \leq \text{lub } F(g \wedge f_1)+\text{lub } F(g - g \wedge f_1) \leq F^+(f_1)+F^+(f_2).$$

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$$F^+(f) = F^+(f_1) - F^+(g_1).$$

This is well defined, for if we also had  $f = f_2 - g_2$  then  $f_1 + g_2 = f_2 + g_1$  so

$$F^+(f_1) + F^+(g_2) = F^+(f_1 + g_2) = F^+(f_2 + g_1) = F^+(f_2) + F^+(g_1)$$

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From this it follows that  $F^+$  so extended is linear, and

$$|F^+(f)| \leq F^+(|f|) \leq \|F\|_p \|f\|_p$$

so  $F^+$  is bounded.

Define  $F^-$  by

$$F^-(f) := F^+(f) - F(f).$$

As  $F^-$  is the difference of two linear functions it is linear. Since by its definition,  $F^+(f) \geq F(f)$  if  $f \geq 0$ , we see that  $F^-(f) \geq 0$  if  $f \geq 0$ . Clearly  $\|F^-\| \leq \|F^+\|_p + \|F\| \leq 2\|F\|_p$ . We have proved:

**Proposition 7.1** *Every linear function on  $L$  which is bounded with respect to the  $\|\cdot\|_p$  norm can be written as the difference  $F = F^+ - F^-$  of two linear functions which are bounded and take non-negative values on non-negative functions.*

In fact, we could formulate this proposition more abstractly as dealing with a normed vector space which has an order relation consistent with its metric but we shall refrain from this more abstract formulation.

## Duality of $L^p$ and $L^q$ when $\mu(S) < \infty$ .

**Theorem 7.1** *Suppose that  $\mu(S) < \infty$  and that  $F$  is a bounded linear function on  $L^p$  with  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then there exists a unique  $g \in L^q$  such that*

$$F(f) = (f, g) = I(fg).$$

*Here  $q = p/(p - 1)$  if  $p > 1$  and  $q = \infty$  if  $p = 1$ .*

**Proof.** Consider the restriction of  $F$  to  $L$ . We know that  $F = F^+ - F^-$  where both  $F^+$  and  $F^-$  are linear and non-negative and are bounded with respect to the  $\|\cdot\|_p$  norm on  $L$ . The monotone convergence theorem implies that if  $f_n \searrow 0$  then  $\|f_n\|_p \rightarrow 0$  and the boundedness of  $F^+$  with respect to the  $\|\cdot\|_p$  says that

$$\|f_n\|_p \rightarrow 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad F^+(f_n) \rightarrow 0.$$

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$$F^\pm(f) = I(fg^\pm)$$

for every  $f$  which belongs to  $L^1(F^\pm)$ . In particular, if we set  $g := g^+ - g^-$  then

$$F(f) = I(fg)$$

for every function  $f$  which is integrable with respect to both  $F^+$  and  $F^-$ , in particular for any  $f \in L^p(I)$ . We must show that  $g \in L^q$ .

We first treat the case where  $p > 1$ . Suppose that  $0 \leq f \leq |g|$  and that  $f$  is bounded. Then

$$I(f^q) \leq I(f^{q-1} \cdot \operatorname{sgn}(g)g) = F(f^{q-1} \cdot \operatorname{sgn}(g)) \leq \|F\|_p \|f^{q-1}\|_p.$$

So

$$I(f^q) \leq \|F\|_p (I(f^{(q-1)p}))^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Now  $(q-1)p = q$  so we have

$$I(f^q) \leq \|F\|_p I(f^q)^{\frac{1}{p}} = \|F\|_q I(f^q)^{1-\frac{1}{q}}.$$

This gives

$$\|f\|_q \leq \|F\|_p$$

for all  $0 \leq f \leq |g|$  with  $f$  bounded. We can choose such functions  $f_n$  with  $f_n \nearrow |g|$ . It follows from the monotone convergence theorem that  $|g|$  and hence  $g \in L^q(I)$ . This proves the theorem for  $p > 1$ .

Let us now give the argument for  $p = 1$ . We want to show that  $\|g\|_\infty \leq \|F\|_1$ . Suppose that  $\|g\|_\infty \geq \|F\|_1 + \epsilon$  where  $\epsilon > 0$ . Consider the function  $\mathbf{1}_A$  where

$$A := \{x : |g(x)| \geq \|F\|_1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2}\}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\|F\|_1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2})\mu(A) &\leq I(\mathbf{1}_A|g|) = I(\mathbf{1}_A \operatorname{sgn}(g)g) = F(\mathbf{1}_A \operatorname{sgn}(g)) \\ &\leq \|F\|_1 \|\mathbf{1}_A \operatorname{sgn}(g)\|_1 = \|F\|_1 \mu(A) \end{aligned}$$

which is impossible unless  $\mu(A) = 0$ , contrary to our assumption. QED

# The case where $\mu(S) = \infty$ .

Here the cases  $p > 1$  and  $p = 1$  may be different, depending on “how infinite  $S$  is”.

Let us first consider the case where  $p > 1$ . If we restrict the functional  $F$  to any subspace of  $L^p$  its norm can only decrease. Consider a subspace consisting of all functions which vanish outside a subset  $S_1$  where  $\mu(S_1) < \infty$ . We get a corresponding function  $g_1$  defined on  $S_1$  (and set equal to zero off  $S_1$ ) with  $\|g_1\|_q \leq \|F\|_p$  and  $F(f) = I(fg_1)$  for all  $f$  belonging to this subspace. If  $(S_2, g_2)$  is a second such pair, then the uniqueness part of the theorem shows that  $g_1 = g_2$  almost everywhere on  $S_1 \cap S_2$ . Thus we can consistently define  $g_{12}$  on  $S_1 \cup S_2$ . Let

$$b := \text{lub}\{\|g_\alpha\|_q\}$$

taken over all such  $g_\alpha$ . Since this set of numbers is bounded by  $\|F\|_p$  this least upper bound is finite. We can therefore find a nested sequence of sets  $S_n$  and corresponding functions  $g_n$  such that

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By the triangle inequality, if  $n > m$  then

$$\|g_n - g_m\|_q \leq \|g_n\|_q - \|g_m\|_q$$

and so, as in your proof of the  $L^2$  Martingale convergence theorem, this sequence is Cauchy in the  $\|\cdot\|_q$  norm. Hence there is a limit  $g \in L^q$  and  $g$  is supported on

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There can be no pair  $(S', g')$  with  $S$  disjoint from  $S_0$  and  $g' \neq 0$  on a subset of positive measure of  $S'$ . Indeed, if this were the case, then we could consider  $g + g'$  on  $S \cup S'$  and this would have a strictly larger  $\|\cdot\|_q$  norm than  $\|g\|_q = b$ , contradicting the definition of  $b$ . (It is at this point in the argument that we use  $q < \infty$  which is the same as  $p > 1$ .) Thus  $F$  vanishes on any function which is supported outside  $S_0$ . We have thus reduced the theorem to the case where  $S$  is  $\sigma$ -finite.

If  $S$  is  $\sigma$ -finite, decompose  $S$  into a disjoint union of sets  $A_i$  of finite measure. Let  $f_m$  denote the restriction of  $f \in L^p$  to  $A_m$  and let  $h_m$  denote the restriction of  $g$  to  $A_m$ . Then

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} f_m = f$$

as a convergent series in  $L^p$  and so

$$F(f) = \sum_m F(f_m) = \sum_m \int_{A_m} f_m h_m$$

and this last series converges to  $I(fg)$  in  $L^1$ .

So we have proved that  $(L^p)^* = L^q$  in complete generality when  $p > 1$ , and for  $\sigma$ -finite  $S$  when  $p = 1$ .

It may happen (and will happen when we consider the Haar integral on the most general locally compact group) that we don't even have  $\sigma$ -finiteness. But we will have the following more complicated condition: Recall that a set  $A$  is called **integrable** (by Loomis) if  $\mathbf{1}_A \in \mathcal{B}$ . Now suppose that

$$S = \bigcup_{\alpha} S_{\alpha}$$

where this union is disjoint, but possibly uncountable, of integrable sets, and with the property that every integrable set is contained in at most a countable union of the  $S_{\alpha}$ . A set  $A$  is called **measurable** if the intersections  $A \cap S_{\alpha}$  are all integrable, and a function is called **measurable** if its restriction to each  $S_{\alpha}$  has the property that the restriction of  $f$  to each  $S_{\alpha}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{B}$ , and further, that either the restriction of  $f^+$  to every  $S_{\alpha}$  or the restriction of  $f^-$  to every  $S_{\alpha}$  belongs to  $L^1$ .

If we find ourselves in this situation, then we can find a  $g_\alpha$  on each  $S_\alpha$  since  $S_\alpha$  is  $\sigma$ -finite, and piece these all together to get a  $g$  defined on all of  $S$ . If  $f \in L^1$  then the set where  $f \neq 0$  can have intersections with positive measure with only countably many of the  $S_\alpha$  and so we can apply the result for the  $\sigma$ -finite case for  $p = 1$  to this more general case as well.

# Integration on locally compact Hausdorff spaces.

Suppose that  $S$  is a locally compact Hausdorff space. As in the case of  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , we can (and will) take  $L$  to be the space of continuous functions of compact support. Dini's lemma then says that if  $f_n \in L \searrow 0$  then  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  in the uniform topology.

If  $A$  is any subset of  $S$  we will denote the set of  $f \in L$  whose support is contained in  $A$  by  $L_A$ .

**Lemma 8.1** *A non-negative linear function  $I$  is bounded in the uniform norm on  $L_C$  whenever  $C$  is compact.*

**Proof.** Choose  $g \geq 0 \in L$  so that  $g(x) \geq 1$  for  $x \in C$ . If  $f \in L_C$  then

$$|f| \leq \|f\|_\infty g$$

so

$$|I(f)| \leq I(|f|) \leq I(g) \cdot \|f\|_\infty. \quad \text{QED.}$$

## Riesz representation theorems.

This is the same Riesz, but two more theorems.

**Theorem 8.1** *Every non-negative linear functional  $I$  on  $L$  is an integral.*

**Proof.** This is Dini's lemma together with the preceding lemma. Indeed, by Dini we know that  $f_n \in L \searrow 0$  implies that  $\|f_n\|_\infty \searrow 0$ . Since  $f_1$  has compact support, let  $C$  be its support, a compact set. All the succeeding  $f_n$  are then also supported in  $C$  and so by the preceding lemma  $I(f_n) \searrow 0$ . QED

We have proved:

**Proposition 7.1** *Every linear function on  $L$  which is bounded with respect to the  $\|\cdot\|_p$  norm can be written as the difference  $F = F^+ - F^-$  of two linear functions which are bounded and take non-negative values on non-negative functions.*

**Theorem 8.2** *Let  $F$  be a bounded linear function on  $L$  (with respect to the uniform norm). Then there are two integrals  $I^+$  and  $I^-$  such that*

$$F(f) = I^+(f) - I^-(f).$$

**Proof.** We apply Proposition 7.1 to the case of our  $L$  and with the uniform norm,  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ . We get

$$F = F^+ - F^-$$

and an examination of the proof will show that in fact

$$\|F^\pm\|_\infty \leq \|F\|_\infty.$$

By the preceding theorem,  $F^\pm$  are both integrals. QED

# Fubini's theorem redux.

**Theorem 8.3** *Let  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  be locally compact Hausdorff spaces and let  $I$  and  $J$  be non-negative linear functionals on  $L(S_1)$  and  $L(S_2)$  respectively. Then*

$$I_x(J_y h(x, y)) = J_y(I_x(h(x, y)))$$

*for every  $h \in L(S_1 \times S_2)$  in the obvious notation, and this common value is an integral on  $L(S_1 \times S_2)$ .*

**Proof via Stone-Weierstrass.** The equation in the theorem is clearly true if  $h(x, y) = f(x)g(y)$  where  $f \in L(S_1)$  and  $g \in L(S_2)$  and so it is true for any  $h$  which can be written as a finite sum of such functions. Let  $h$  be a general element of  $L(S_1 \times S_2)$ . then we can find compact subsets  $C_1 \subset S_1$  and  $C_2 \subset S_2$  such that  $h$  is supported in the compact set  $C_1 \times C_2$ . The functions of the form

$$\sum f_i(x)g_i(y)$$

where the  $f_i$  are all supported in  $C_1$  and the  $g_i$  in  $C_2$ , and the sum is finite, form an algebra which separates points. So for any  $\epsilon > 0$  we can find a  $k$  of the above form with

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**Recall:**

**Lemma 8.1** *A non-negative linear function  $I$  is bounded in the uniform norm on  $L_C$  whenever  $C$  is compact.*

Let  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  be bounds for  $I$  on  $L(C_1)$  and  $J$  on  $L(C_2)$  as provided by Lemma 7. Then

$$|J_y h(x, y) - \sum J(g_i) f_i(x)| = |[J_y(h - k)](x)| < \epsilon B_2.$$

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This shows that  $J_y h(x, y)$  is the uniform limit of continuous functions supported in  $C_1$  and so  $J_y h(x, y)$  is itself continuous and supported in  $C_1$ . It then follows that  $I_x(J_y(h))$  is defined, and that

$$|I_x(J_y h(x, y)) - \sum I(f)_i J(g_i)| \leq \epsilon B_1 B_2.$$

Doing things in the reverse order shows that

$$|I_x(J_y h(x, y)) - J_y(I_x(h(x, y)))| \leq 2\epsilon B_1 B_2.$$

Since  $\epsilon$  is arbitrary, this gives the equality in the theorem. Since this (same) functional is non-negative, it is an integral by the first of the Riesz representation theorems above. QED

# A more precise version of the Riesz representation theorem.

It is useful to have a better description of the measure provided by the Riesz representation theorem just proved. In particular it is useful to know that

we can find a  $\mu$  (which is possibly an extension of the  $\mu$  given by our previous proof of the Riesz representation theorem) which is defined on a  $\sigma$ -field which contains the Borel field  $\mathcal{B}(X)$ . Recall that  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  is the smallest  $\sigma$ -field which contains the open sets.

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $\sigma$ -field which contains  $\mathcal{B}(X)$ . A (non-negative valued) measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{F}$  is called **regular** if

1.  $\mu(K) < \infty$  for any compact subset  $K \subset X$ .
2. For any  $A \in \mathcal{F}$

$$\mu(A) = \inf\{\mu(U) : A \subset U, U \text{ open}\}$$

3. If  $U \subset X$  is open then

$$\mu(U) = \sup\{\mu(K) : K \subset U, K \text{ compact}\}.$$

The second condition is called **outer regularity** and the third condition is called **inner regularity**.

Here is the improved version of the Riesz representation theorem:

**Theorem 14** *Let  $X$  be a locally compact Hausdorff space,  $L$  the space of continuous functions of compact support on  $X$ , and  $I$  a non-negative linear functional on  $L$ . Then there exists a  $\sigma$ -field  $\mathcal{F}$  containing  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  and a non-negative regular measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{F}$  such that*

$$I(f) = \int f d\mu \quad (4)$$

*for all  $f \in L$ . Furthermore, the restriction of  $\mu$  to  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  is unique.*

**Proof next time.**