

2.6 The n -dimensional Lebesgue integral

We've already developed Lebesgue measure directly on \mathbb{R}^n , so we won't do it again. Folland's approach is to define 1-dimensional Lebesgue measure as a special case of Lebesgue-Stieltjes measures, & then create n -dimensional Lebesgue measure as an n -fold product of ~~1-dimensional~~ 1-dimensional Lebesgue measures. The results are the same.

There are a few important issues about Lipschitz transformations that we have not covered yet, so we will do those now.

Definition

A function $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is Lipschitz if

$$\exists C > 0 \text{ s.t. } \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \|T(x) - T(y)\| \leq C \|x - y\|.$$

Remark

All norms on \mathbb{R}^n are equivalent since \mathbb{R}^n is finite-dimensional. Hence if T is Lipschitz w.r.t. one norm, say the Euclidean norm, then it is Lipschitz w.r.t. another norm, say the l^1 -norm. The constant C will change, but it will still exist. So, we can use whatever norm is most convenient.

Exercise

- a. Show that Lipschitz functions are uniformly continuous.
- b. Show that if $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable and f' is bounded, then f is Lipschitz.
Hint: MVT
- c. Give an example of a function that is Lipschitz but not differentiable everywhere.
- d. Show that $f(x) = x^2$ is not Lipschitz, but it is locally Lipschitz, i.e., Lipschitz on every compact set.
- e. Show that every linear function $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is Lipschitz.
- f. The translation map $T_a: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
 $x \mapsto x+a$
is not linear, but is Lipschitz.

Exercise

Show that Lipschitz mappings preserve Lebesgue measurability.

If $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is Lipschitz & $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is \mathcal{m} ,
 then $T(E)$ is \mathcal{m} .

Hints: T is continuous, and therefore maps compact sets to compact sets. Every \mathcal{m} E can be written $E = F \cup Z$ where F is an F_σ -set and $|Z| = 0$. Show $|T(Z)| = 0$.

Theorem

If $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is linear and $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is \mathcal{m} ,
 then

$$|T(E)| = |\det(T)| \cdot |E|.$$

Proof:

Let $d = |\det(T)|.$

Given a \mathcal{m} $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ & $\varepsilon > 0$, \exists cubes Q_k

with $E \subseteq \cup Q_k$ and

$$|E| \leq \sum_k |Q_k| \leq |E| + \varepsilon.$$

Each $T(Q_k)$ is a parallelepiped, and

$$|T(Q_k)| = d |Q_k|.$$

~~Since~~ Since $T(E) \subseteq \bigcup T(Q_k)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |T(E)| &\leq \sum_k |T(Q_k)| \\ &= d \sum_k |Q_k| \\ &\leq d|E| + d\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

As \mathcal{Q}_ε is true $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, we have $|T(E)| \leq d|E|$.

To obtain the converse inequality, let $U \supseteq E$ be an open set with $|U \setminus E| < \varepsilon$. Then we can write $U = \bigcup_k Q_k$ as a countable union of nonoverlapping cubes. Then

$$|U| = \sum_k |Q_k|,$$

and since the $T(Q_k)$ are nonoverlapping parallelepipeds,

$$|T(U)| = \sum_k |T(Q_k)| = d \sum_k |Q_k| = d|U|.$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
 |T(U)| &\leq |T(E)| + |T(U \setminus E)| \\
 &\leq |T(E)| + d|U \setminus E| \text{ by \& previous case} \\
 &< |T(E)| + d\varepsilon.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 |T(E)| &> |T(U)| - d\varepsilon \\
 &= d|U| - d\varepsilon \\
 &\geq d|E| - d\varepsilon.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since ε is arbitrary, we obtain $|T(E)| \geq d|E|$. QED

Remark

We have assumed that the Lebesgue measure of a parallelepiped is equal to its usual volume. This does require proof, but can be shown in a similar manner to how we did it for cubes.

Corollary

Lebesgue measure is invariant under rotations.

Theorem: Linear changes of variable.

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be linear, & let $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C} be (m) .

a. $(f \circ T)(x) = f(Tx)$ is (m) .

b. If $f \geq 0$ or if $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then

$$\int f(Tx) dx = |\det(T)| \int f(x) dx$$

Proof Sketch

~~Write~~ Write T as a composition of finitely many:

Coordinate scalings:

$$T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, \dots, cx_j, \dots, x_n) \quad (\det(T) = c)$$

Shears:


$$T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_j + cx_k, \dots, x_n) \quad (\det(T) = 1)$$

Coordinate interchanges:


$$T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_k, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n) \quad (\det(T) = -1)$$

Apply Fubini/Tonelli to each of these, e.g.,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \iint f(x_1, x_2 + cx_1) dx_1 dx_2 \\
 &= \int \left(\int f(x_1, x_2 + cx_1) dx_2 \right) dx_1 \\
 &= \int \left(\int f(x_1, x_2) dx_2 \right) dx_1
 \end{aligned}$$

etc. Trace through, total effect is multiplication by $|\det(T)|$. 

Alternative approach

If $f = \chi_E$ then $f \circ T = \chi_{T^{-1}(E)}$. Extend to simple functions & arbitrary  functions.