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Since  $X$  is compact, by Bolzano-Weierstrass, can extract ~~the~~ convergent subsequences  $\bar{x}_i \rightarrow \bar{a} \in X$

~~and~~  $\bar{y}_i \rightarrow \bar{b} \in X$

But then  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} |\bar{x}_i - \bar{y}_i| = 0$  forces  $\bar{a} = \bar{b}$

By continuity of  $f$ ,  $\exists J$  such that  $j \geq J \Rightarrow |f(\bar{x}_j) - f(\bar{a})| \leq \frac{\epsilon_0}{3}$   
 $|f(\bar{y}_j) - f(\bar{a})| \leq \frac{\epsilon_0}{3}$

hence  $|f(\bar{x}_j) - f(\bar{y}_j)| \leq |f(\bar{x}_j) - f(\bar{a})| + |f(\bar{a}) - f(\bar{y}_j)| \leq \frac{\epsilon_0}{3} + \frac{\epsilon_0}{3} < \epsilon_0$

a contradiction.  $\blacksquare$

~~proof~~ This is the essence behind...

THM 4.3.6:  $\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$  continuous, with bounded support, is integrable.

proof: Its <sup>(closed)</sup> support is closed, bounded, so compact,

Hence  $f$  is uniformly continuous (by THM 4.3.7 just proven),

and so given  $\epsilon > 0$ , we can find  $\delta > 0$  with

$|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$  whenever  $|x - y| < \delta$ .

Pick  $N$  large enough that  $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{2^N} \leq \delta$ , so whenever

$x, y \in C$  a cube from  $D_N(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , one has  $|x - y| \leq \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2^N} < \delta$

and hence  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$ , thus  $\text{osc}_C(f) < \epsilon$  for all ~~cubes~~

cubes in  $D_N(\mathbb{R}^n)$  ( $\nabla$ ), i.e.  $\sum_{C \in D_N} \text{vol}_n C = 0 < \epsilon$  for sure.  $\blacksquare$

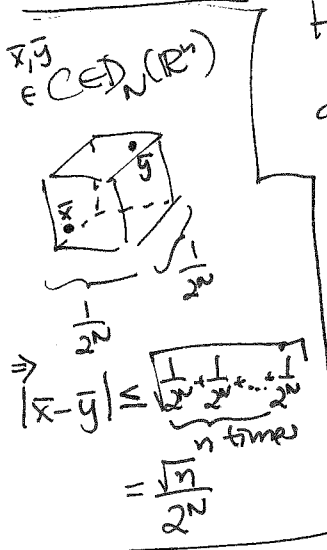
$\text{osc}(f) > \epsilon$

Better yet,  $f$  could have a few discontinuities, as promised earlier.

THM 4.3.10:  $\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$  (bounded with bounded support)

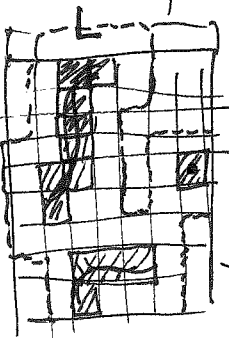
which is continuous except on a (parable) set of zero volume

will always be integrable.



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proof: let  $\Delta := \{\bar{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n : f \text{ is discontinuous at } \bar{x}_0\}$



Since  $\Delta$  is parable and  $\text{vol}_n \Delta = 0$ ,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} U_N(1_\Delta) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\substack{C \in \mathcal{D}_N(\mathbb{R}^n) \\ C \cap \Delta \neq \emptyset}} \text{vol}_n(C)$$

if we are given  $\epsilon > 0$ , we can pick  $N$  large enough so that

$$\sum_{\substack{C \in \mathcal{D}_N(\mathbb{R}^n) \\ C \cap \Delta \neq \emptyset}} \text{vol}_n(C) < \frac{\epsilon}{3^n}$$
 Then the "buffer zone"  $L$  around  $\Delta$

in which one adds all cubes adjacent to those with  $C \cap \Delta \neq \emptyset$  has total volume of those cubes  $< \frac{\epsilon}{3^n} \cdot \underbrace{(3^n - 1)}_{\substack{\# \text{ of neighboring} \\ \text{cubes to any} \\ C \text{ in } \mathcal{D}_N(\mathbb{R}^n)}} < \epsilon$ .

Outside this buffer zone  $L$ ,  $f$  is definitely continuous and want to pick  $M \geq N$  so that every other cube  $C$  has  $\text{osc}_C(f) \leq \epsilon$  (and then  $f$  is integrable by our characterization)

If no such  $M$  exists, then  $\forall M \geq N \exists$  a cube  $C \notin L$  with  $\bar{x}_M, \bar{y}_M \in C$  and  $|f(\bar{x}_M) - f(\bar{y}_M)| > \epsilon$ . (\*)

By Bolzano-Weierstrass ( $f$  has bounded support, so compact),

$\exists$  convergent subsequences  $\bar{x}_{M_i} \rightarrow \bar{a}$ , and again  $\bar{a} = b$  since  $\bar{x}_{M_i}, \bar{y}_{M_i}$  lie in a cube  $M$  in  $\mathcal{D}_M(\mathbb{R}^n)$

Either  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} f(\bar{x}_{M_i}) \neq f(\bar{a})$

or  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} f(\bar{y}_{M_i}) \neq f(\bar{a})$ , because of (\*)

So  $f$  is not continuous at  $\bar{a}$ , even though  $\bar{a}$  is a limit of points not in  $L$ . Impossible!  $\square$

Further reassurance comes from...

**COR 4.3.12:** If  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is compact and bounded by a finite union of graphs of continuous functions, then any  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which is  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{continuous on } A \\ \text{zero outside } A \end{array} \right\}$  is integrable.



... but deducing it needs not only THM 4.3.10 just proven, but also COR 4.3.8 (4.3.9), which are more technical cube-bounding arguments. Read it in book!

### §4.2 Probability & centers of gravity

- a glimpse of Math 5651, but it won't do it justice (and one should really do all of Chap. 4 first!)

Start with a slew of definitions...

DEFIN 4.2.3: A sample space  $S$  is a set on which we have defined a probability measure that assigns to subsets  $A \subset S$  (called events)

a probability  $\text{Prob}(A) \in [0, 1]$  such that

- (1)  $\text{Prob}(S) = 1$
- (2)  $\text{Prob}(A \cap B) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Prob}(A \cup B) = \text{Prob}(A) + \text{Prob}(B)$

A random variable on  $S$  is just a function  $S \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$ .

EXAMPLES <sup>will</sup> come from • discrete sample spaces where  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$  is finite or countable

and ~~each~~ each  $x_i \in S$  has a probability function  $\mu(x_i) \geq 0$  normalized so that  $\sum_{x \in S} \mu(x) = 1$

Defining  $\text{Prob}(A) := \sum_{x_i \in A} \mu(x_i)$  then gives a prob. measur on S

• continuous sample spaces where  $S = \mathbb{R}^n$  and one specifies a density function (prob.)

$S = \mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathbb{R}$  integrable with  $\mu(x) \geq 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

normalized so  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \mu(x) |d^n x| = 1$

Defining  $\text{Prob}(A) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} 1_A(x) \mu(x) |d^n x|$  gives a prob meas. on S

DEFIN 4.2.10: 4.2.13: Given the random variable  $S \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$

its expectation  $E(f) := \sum_{x_i \in S} f(x_i) \mu(x_i)$  <sup>discrete</sup> or  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) \mu(x) |d^n x|$  <sup>cont.</sup>  
(expected payoff of  $f$ )

variance  $\text{var}(f) := \sum_{x_i \in S} (f(x_i) - E(f))^2 \mu(x_i)$  or  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (f(x) - E(f))^2 \mu(x) |d^n x|$

standard deviation of  $f = \sqrt{\text{var}(f)} = E((f - E(f))^2) = E(f^2) - E(f)^2$