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# On Projection Properties of Monotone Integrable Functions

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## Abstract

This research formulates an  $(i-1, i)$  - dimensional structure of  $\mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1, i)}$ -vector measure integrable functions for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Fixed point projection properties of a vector measure are applied to determine the measurability of sets in the domain of integrable functions. Measurable sets of the form  $\Pi_i A_{i-1}^{(i, i+1)}$  are partitioned into disjoint sets  $\Pi_i A_{i-1}^i$  of finite measure. The obtained results demonstrate utility of concepts of vector measure duality, continuity from below of a measure and monotonicity of a vector measure in integrating functions.

*Keywords: Projection properties; measure space; integrable functions.*

## 1 Introduction

This paper considers a sequence of monotone functions and integrability concepts of integrable functions with respect to  $\mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1, i)}$ -vector measure. The utility of concepts such as vector measure duality, continuity from below

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and monotonicity of a vector measure are applied in constructing  $\mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}$ -vector measurable sets with respect to the sigma ring  $\rho^{(i-1,i)}$  of subsets of an  $n$ -dimensional space  $X^n$  where  $f$  is an integrable function with respect to a measure  $\mu^{(i-1,i)}$  defined on  $\rho^{(i-1,i)}$ .

This study involves partitioning of measurable sets into disjoint sets. The research further applies projection properties of vector measure duality with values in a Hilbert space.

## 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 1 ( $p$ -Integrable Function)** (Sanchez [9])

Let  $(X \times X, \rho^{(i-1,i)}, \mu^{(i-1,i)})$  be a measure space where  $\mu^{(i-1,i)}$  is a measure defined on a sigma ring  $\rho^{(i-1,i)}$  of subsets of  $X \times X$ . Then for  $\Pi_i A_{i-1}^i \in \rho^{(i-1,i)}$  there exists a function  $f$  defined on  $X \times X$  such that  $\mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_i A_{i-1}^i) \in Z$  where  $Z$  is a Hilbert space and  $\Pi_i A_{i-1}^i$  is the product of  $A_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . The function  $f$  defined on  $X \times X$  is said to be  $p$ -integrable with respect to  $\mu^{(i-1,i)}$  if

$$\langle \mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_i A_{i-1}^i), z' \rangle < \infty$$

where  $z'$  is an element in  $Z'$ , the dual space of  $Z$ .

**Definition 2 (Vector Measure)** (Otanga [6])

Let  $(X \times X, \rho^{(i-1,i)}, \mu^{(i-1,i)})$  be a measure space. If  $L_P(\mu^{(i-1,i)})$  is the function space of  $p$ -integrable functions with respect to  $\mu^{(i-1,i)}$ ,  $\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i \in \rho^{(i-1,i)}$ ,  $f \in L_P(\mu^{(i-1,i)})$  and  $\mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i) \in Z$  where  $Z$  is a Hilbert space, then the set function  $\mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)} : \rho^{(i-1,i)} \rightarrow Z$  is called a vector measure.

**Definition 3 (Norm of  $p$ -Integrable Functions)** (Sanchez [9])

The set  $L_P(\mu^{(i-1,i)})$  of  $p$ -integrable functions with respect to  $\mu^{(i-1,i)}$  defines an order continuous Hilbert function space whose norm is given by

$$\|f\|_p = \sup \{ \langle \mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i), z' \rangle \}^{1/p}$$

where  $\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i \in \rho^{(i-1,i)}$ ,  $f \in L_P(\mu^{(i-1,i)})$  and  $z' \in Z'$ .

**Definition 4 ( $k_{i+1}$ -Projection Product Measure)** (Otanga [5])

Let  $\mu_{i-1}^{(i,i+1)}$  represent the product measure  $\mu_{i-1} \times \mu_i \times \mu_{i+1}$  defined on a sigma ring  $\rho_{i-1}^{(i,i+1)}$  of subsets of an  $i+1$ -dimensional space for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . For a fixed positive integer  $k_{i+1}$ , the set function  $\mu_{i-1}^i$  where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  is called the projection product measure and is denoted by

$$proj_{k_{i+1}}(\mu_{i-1}^{(i,i+1)})$$

**Definition 5 ( $\mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}$ -Measurable Set)** (Sanchez [9])

Let  $(X \times X, \rho^{(i-1,i)}, \mu^{(i-1,i)})$  be a measure space. If  $\Pi_i A_{i-1}^i$  is a measurable set with respect to  $\rho^{(i-1,i)}$ , then  $\mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_i A_{i-1}^i) = \mu_{i-1}(A_{i-1}) \times \mu_i(A_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

If  $f \in L_P(\mu_{i-1}^i)$  then for a fixed positive integer  $k_{i+1}$ , the set  $\Pi_i A_{i-1}^i$  is said to be  $(\mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)})_{|f|^p}$ -measurable if

$$\langle \mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_i A_{i-1}^i), z' \rangle \text{ is finite for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

**Definition 6 ( $k_{i+1}$ -Projection of a Measurable Set)** (Otanga [6])

Let  $\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^{(i,i+1)}$  be a measurable set with respect to  $\rho^{(i-1,i,i+1)}$ . Then the  $k_{i+1}$ -projection  $\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i$  of  $\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^{(i,i+1)}$  is denoted by  $proj_{k_{i+1}}(\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^{(i,i+1)})$  where  $k_{i+1}$  is a fixed positive integer.

### Definition 7 (Monotone $p$ -Integrable Functions)

According to the results in (Otanga [5] and Sanchez [9]), a sequence  $(f_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of  $p$ -integrable functions is said to be monotonically increasing if  $\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i \subseteq \Pi_{i=1} B_{i-1}^i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  implies that

$$< \mu_{|f_n|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i), z' >^{1 \setminus p} \leq < \mu_{|f_n|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} B_{i-1}^i), z' >^{1 \setminus p}$$

Similarly a sequence  $(f_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of  $p$ -integrable functions is said to be monotonically decreasing if

$$\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i \subseteq \Pi_{i=1} B_{i-1}^i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ implies that}$$

$$< \mu_{|f_n|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i), z' >^{1 \setminus p} \geq < \mu_{|f_n|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} B_{i-1}^i), z' >^{1 \setminus p}$$

## 3 Main Results

### Proposition 1

Let  $(X \times X, \rho^{(i-1,i)}, \mu^{(i-1,i)})$  be a measure space and  $(f_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a monotonically decreasing sequence of  $p$ -integrable functions with respect to  $\mu^{(i-1,i)}$ . If  $f_n \downarrow 0$  for each  $n$  and  $((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f_1(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0)$  for all  $(x_{i-1}, x_i)$ , then  $< \mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f_1(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0), z' >^{1 \setminus p}$  is monotonically decreasing to zero for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

### Proof

Let  $proj_{k_{i+1}}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{n_{i-1}}^{(i,i+1)}) = \Pi_{i=1} E_{n_{i-1}}^i$  such that

$$\Pi_{i=1} E_{n_{i-1}}^i = ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f_n(x_{i-1}, x_i) > \epsilon)$$

where  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $f_{n+1} \leq f_n$  for all  $n$ . It follows that

$$\Pi_{i=1} E_{n_{i-1}}^i \subset ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f_1(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0)$$

As a consequence of  $f_n(x) \downarrow 0$  and  $((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f_1(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0)$ , it follows

that  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{n_{i-1}}^i \downarrow 0$  for all  $n$  (Lech [2])

Let  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i = ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f_1(x_{i-1}, x_i) \geq f_n(x_{i-1}, x_i))$ .

If  $(x_{i-1}, x_i) \in \Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i$ , then  $(f_n \cap f_1)(x_{i-1}, x_i) = f_n(x_{i-1}, x_i)$

Therefore

$$((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f_n(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0) \subset ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f_1(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0)$$

For each set  $((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f_1(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0)$ , we have

$$\chi_{((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f_1(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0)} f_n = f_n \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Applying the results on integrable functions (Sanchez [9] and okada [3]) and vector duality functions (Campo *et. al.* [1]), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} < \mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f_1(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0), z' >^{1 \setminus p} &= < \mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f_1(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0) \cap \\ &(\Pi_{i=1} E_{n_{i-1}}^i)^c, z' >^{1 \setminus p} \\ &+ < \mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{n_{i-1}}^i), z' >^{1 \setminus p} \end{aligned} \quad (*)$$

where  $(\Pi_{i=1} E_{n_{i-1}}^i)^c$  represents the complement of  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{n_{i-1}}^i$  in the set

$$((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f_1(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0)$$

Given that  $f_n(x_{i-1}, x_i) \leq \epsilon$  on  $((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f_1(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0) \setminus \Pi_{i=1} E_{n_{i-1}}^i$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &< \mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}((x_{i-1}, x_i : f_1(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0) \cap (\Pi_{i=1} E_{n i-1}^i)^c, z' >)^{1 \setminus p} \\ &\leq \epsilon < \mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f_1(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0) \cap (\Pi_{i=1} E_{n i-1}^i)^c), z' > \\ &\leq \epsilon < \mu_{i-1}^i((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f_1(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0), z' > \end{aligned}$$

Let  $M = \sup (|f_n(x_{i-1}, x_i)| \mid \forall (x_{i-1}, x_i))$ . Then

$$< \mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{n i-1}^i), z' >^{1 \setminus p} \leq M < \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{n i-1}^i), z' > \text{ for all } n$$

Therefore, equation (\*) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} &< \mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f_1(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0), z' >^{1 \setminus p} \\ &\leq \epsilon < \mu^{(i-1,i)}(x_{i-1}, x_i : f_1(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0), z' > \\ &+ M < \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{n i-1}^i), z' > \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\epsilon$  is arbitrary and  $< \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{n i-1}^i), z' > \downarrow 0$  for each  $n$ , it follows that

$$< \mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}((x_{i-1}, x_i : f_1(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0), z' >^{1 \setminus p} \downarrow 0 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

## Proposition 2

Let  $(X \times X, \rho^{(i-1,i)}, \mu^{(i-1,i)})$  be a measure space,  $f$  and  $g$  be positive  $p$ -integrable functions with respect to  $\mu^{(i-1,i)}$ . If  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i = (x_{i-1}, x_i : g(x_{i-1}, x_i) \geq f(x_{i-1}, x_i))$ , then

$$\|f\|_p \leq \|g\|_p$$

## Proof

Let  $(f_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $(g_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  be monotonically increasing  $p$ -integrable functions such that  $\chi_{\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i} g_n \uparrow \chi_{\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i} g$  and  $\chi_{\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i} f_n \uparrow \chi_{\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i} f$  for each  $n$  and for every measurable set  $\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i$  of finite measure.

Let  $< \mu_{|g_n|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i), z' >^{1 \setminus p} \leq M$  for each  $n$  and  $M > 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{If } (\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i) \cap ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : h_n(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0) \\ &= (\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i) \cap ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : (f_n \cap g_n)(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0), \text{ then} \\ &(\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i) \cap ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : h_n(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0) \text{ is a subset of} \\ &(\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i) \cap ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : g_n(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$< \mu_{|h_n|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i), z' >^{1 \setminus p} \leq M$$

If  $(x_{i-1}, x_i) \in \Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i$ , then

$$(f \cap g)(x_{i-1}, x_i) = f(x_{i-1}, x_i)$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i \cap (x \in X : h_n(x) \neq 0) \text{ is monotonically increasing to} \\ &(\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i) \cap ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : (f \cap g)(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0) \\ &= (\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i) \cap ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$< \mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i), z' >^{1 \setminus p} = \text{LUB } < \mu_{|h_n|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i), z' >^{1 \setminus p}$$

$$\leq LUB < \mu_{|g_n|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i), z' >^{1 \setminus p} = < \mu_{|g|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} A_{i-1}^i), z' >^{1 \setminus p}$$

Taking the supremum on both sides of the inequality, (Sanchez [9]) we obtain

$$\|f\|_p \leq \|g\|_p$$

### Proposition 3

Let  $(X \times X, \rho^{(i-1,i)}, \mu^{(i-1,i)})$  be a measure space and  $(f_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  be a sequence of positive bounded  $p$ -integrable functions with respect to  $\mu^{(i-1,i)}$  such that  $f_n \uparrow f$  for each  $n$ . If  $\Pi_i E_{i-1}^i = ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f((x_{i-1}, x_i)) > \epsilon)$ , then  $< \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_i E_{i-1}^i), z' >$  is bounded.

### Proof

Since  $f_n \uparrow f$  for each  $n$  (by hypothesis), it follows that  $f = LUB f_n$  and  $f = (f_n)_{n=1}^\infty$

Let  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{n i-1}^i = ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f_n(x_{i-1}, x_i) > \epsilon)$  such that

$$< \mu_{|f_n|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_i E_{n i-1}^i), z' >^{1 \setminus p} \leq M \text{ for all } n \text{ and } M > 0$$

It follows that  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{n i-1}^i \uparrow \Pi_{i=1} E_{1-1}^i$  for each  $n$

Since  $f_n(x_{i-1}, x_i) > \epsilon$  for each  $(x_{i-1}, x_i)$ , it follows that

$$\epsilon < \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{n i-1}^i), z' > \leq < \mu_{|f_n|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{n i-1}^i), z' >^{1 \setminus p} \leq M$$

Let  $(\Pi_{i=1} F_{n i-1}^i)_{n=1}^\infty$  be a sequence of mutually disjoint sets such that

$$\Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i = \bigcup_{n=1}^\infty \Pi_{i=1} F_{n i-1}^i$$

On application of the results in (Rodriguez [8] and Otanga [7]) and by finiteness of a vector measure (Otanga [4] and Yaogan [10]), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} < \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i), z' > &= \sum_{k=1}^\infty < \mu(\Pi_{i=1} F_{k i-1}^i), z' > \\ &= LUB_n \sum_{k=1}^n < \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} F_{k i-1}^i), z' > \\ &= LUB_n < \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\bigcup_{k=1}^n \Pi_{i=1} F_{k i-1}^i), z' > \\ &= LUB_n < \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{n i-1}^i), z' > \leq M \end{aligned}$$

### Proposition 4

Let  $(X \times X, \rho^{(i-1,i)}, \mu^{(i-1,i)})$  be a measure space,  $f$  be a  $p$ -integrable function with respect to  $\mu^{(i-1,i)}$  and  $(\Pi_{i=1} E_{n i-1}^i)_{n=1}^\infty$  be a sequence of measurable sets such that

$$\Pi_{i=1} E_{n i-1}^i = ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : |f(x_{i-1}, x_i)| \geq 1 \setminus n) \text{ for each } n.$$

If  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{n i-1}^i$  is a  $\mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}$  - null set for each  $n$ , then

$$< \mu^{(i-1,i)}((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f(x) \neq 0), z' > = 0$$

### Proof

Consider the measurable sets  $((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0)$  and  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{n i-1}^i = ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : |f(x_{i-1}, x_i)| \geq 1 \setminus n)$  such that  $((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0) = LUB_n \Pi_{i=1} E_{n i-1}^i$

It follows that

$$\Pi_{i=1} E_{n i-1}^i \uparrow ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0)$$

Let  $G_{k_i} \cap G_{k_j} = \emptyset$  for  $k_i \neq k_j$  where  $k_i, k_j = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0) = \bigcup_{k=1}^\infty \Pi_{i=1} G_{k i-1}^i$

By the property of countable additivity of a vector measure (Otanga *et. al.* [5]), we obtain  $\langle \mu^{(i-1,i)}((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0), z' \rangle >$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \langle \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} G_{ki-1}^i), z' \rangle \\ &= LUB_n \sum_{k=1}^n \langle \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} G_{ki-1}^i), z' \rangle \\ &= LUB_n \langle \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\bigcup_{k=1}^n \Pi_{i=1} G_{ki-1}^i), z' \rangle \\ &= LUB_n \langle \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{ni-1}^i), z' \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Since  $1 \setminus n \leq |f(x_{i-1}, x_i)|$  on  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{ni-1}^i$  and  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{ni-1}^i$  is a  $\mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}$  - null set for each  $n$  (by hypothesis), then

$$1 \setminus n \langle \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{ni-1}^i), z' \rangle \leq \langle \mu^{(i-1,i)} |f|^p(\Pi_{i=1} E_{ni-1}^i), z' \rangle^{1 \setminus p} = 0,$$

Therefore  $\langle \mu^{(i-1,i)}(x_{i-1}, x_i) : f(x) \neq 0), z' \rangle = 0$

### Proposition 5

Let  $(X \times X, \rho^{(i-1,i)}, \mu^{(i-1,i)})$  be a measure space,  $f$  be a  $p$ -integrable function with respect to  $\mu^{(i-1,i)}$  and  $((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0)$  be a  $\mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}$  - null set, then  $f = 0$  on the complement of set  $((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0)$

### Proof

Let  $\Pi_{i=1} G_{i-1}^i = ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0)$ ,  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i = ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f(x_{i-1}, x_i) > 0)$  and  $\Pi_{i=1} F_{i-1}^i = ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f(x_{i-1}, x_i) < 0)$  be measurable sets with respect to  $\rho^{(i-1,i)}$ . Since  $((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0)$  is a  $\mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}$  - null set (by hypothesis), then  $\langle \mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} G_{i-1}^i), z' \rangle^{1 \setminus p} = 0$ . Since  $f(x) > 0$  for each  $(x_{i-1}, x_i) \in \Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i$ , then  $\langle \mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i), z' \rangle^{1 \setminus p} = 0$  and  $f(x_{i-1}, x_i) < 0$  for each  $(x_{i-1}, x_i) \in \Pi_{i=1} F_{i-1}^i$  implies that  $\langle \mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} F_{i-1}^i), z' \rangle^{1 \setminus p} = 0$ .

It follows that

$\Pi_{i=1} G_{i-1}^i = ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f(x_{i-1}, x_i) > 0) \cup ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f(x_{i-1}, x_i) < 0)$  is a  $\mu_{|f|^p}^{(i-1,i)}$  - null set

Therefore

$f = 0$  on the complement of  $\Pi_{i=1} G_{i-1}^i = ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f(x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq 0)$

### Corollary 1

Let  $(f_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of monotonically increasing  $p$ -integrable functions such that  $\langle \mu_{|f_n|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i), z' \rangle^{1 \setminus p}$  is bounded for each  $n$ . Let  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{ni-1}^i$  be monotonically increasing to  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i$  where  $\mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{ni-1}^i) < \infty$  for all  $n$  and  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \Pi_{i=1} E_{ni-1}^i$ . If  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{ni-1}^i = ((x_{i-1}, x_i) : f_n(x_{i-1}, x_i) \geq M)$  for  $M > 0$ , then  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i$  is a  $\langle \mu^{(i-1,i)}(), z' \rangle > \mu$  - null set

### Proof

Since  $\langle \mu_{|f_n|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i), z' \rangle^{1 \setminus p}$  is bounded for each  $n$ , then  $\langle \mu_{|f_n|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i), z' \rangle^{1 \setminus p} \leq \beta$  for  $\beta > 0$ .

From the hypothesis,  $M \leq f_n(x_{i-1}, x_i)$  on  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{ni-1}^i$ . Therefore,

$$M < \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{ni-1}^i), z' \rangle \leq \langle \mu_{|f_n|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{ni-1}^i), z' \rangle^{1 \setminus p}.$$

Since  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{ni-1}^i$  is monotonically increasing to  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i$ , it follows that

$$\Pi_{i=1} E_{ni-1}^i \uparrow \Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i \text{ (Otanga and Oduor [6])}$$

Therefore,

$$M < \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{ni-1}^i), z' \rangle \leq \langle \mu_{|f_n|^p}^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{ni-1}^i), z' \rangle^{1 \setminus p} \leq \beta \text{ for } \beta > 0.$$

$$LUB < \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{n_{i-1}^i}), z' > = < \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i), z' >.$$

Subsequently,

$$< \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{n_{i-1}^i}), z' > \leq \beta$$

From  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i = \cap_{n=1}^{\infty} \Pi_{i=1} E_{n_{i-1}^i}$ , we have  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{n_{i-1}^i} \downarrow \Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i$ .

This implies that  $\Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i \subset \Pi_{i=1} E_{n_{i-1}^i}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

Hence,

$$< \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i), z' > \leq \beta \setminus M$$

Taking  $M \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$< \mu^{(i-1,i)}(\Pi_{i=1} E_{i-1}^i), z' > = 0$$

## 4 Conclusion

The results obtained in this paper demonstrate utility of concepts of vector measure duality, continuity from below of a measure and monotonicity of a vector measure in integrating functions in  $L_P(\mu^{(i-1,i)})$  for  $0 < p < \infty$

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