

**Quick recap:**

- The *Hardy–Littlewood maximum function* is the supremum of normalized  $L^1$  norm over balls of a given center. It satisfies a *weak type estimate* analogous to Tchebyshev inequality. (Proof: Around each point of the tail set the average is large over some ball. Cover the tail set with these balls and make them disjoint using Vitali’s covering theorem, at a cost of a dimensional multiplicative constant.)
- *Vitali’s covering theorem* enables the covering of a family of balls with bounded diameter by the dilation of a disjoint subfamily. (Proof: Pick greedily at each dyadic scale. Those not included intersect another and thus are covered by an enlarged version of the other.)
- *Lebesgue differentiation theorem*: a locally integrable function equals its average over infinitesimal ball, almost everywhere (at *Lebesgue points*). (Proof: Locally, approximate with continuous functions and use Tchebyshev/weak type estimate accordingly.)
- $\nu$  is *absolutely continuous with respect to*  $\mu$  if  $\mu$ -null sets are  $\nu$ -null. They are *mutually singular* if there is a  $\nu$ -null Borel set whose complement is  $\mu$ -null.
- *Radon–Nikodym theorem* states that if  $\nu$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$ , then  $\nu$  can be recovered by an  $\mu$ -integral of the (Radon–Nikodym) *derivative*, or called *density*, which is their quotient on infinitesimal ball.
- A corollary is the *Lebesgue differentiation theorem for Radon measures*. (Proof: Write the integrand as the Radon–Nikodym derivative.)
- A non-decreasing left-continuous function is *absolutely continuous* if it does not fluctuate on a null set. It implies uniform continuity and is implied by Lipschitz continuity. An equivalent condition is the absolute continuity of the associated Lebesgue–Stieltjes measure with respect to the Lebesgue measure.

**Exercise 13.1.**

Let  $\mathbb{R}^n$  be endowed with the Lebesgue measure  $\mathcal{L}^n$  and consider a measurable subset  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . Denote by  $B_r(x)$  the ball of radius  $r$  centered at  $x$ . Show that, for  $\mathcal{L}^n$ -a.e.  $x \in E$  it holds

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mathcal{L}^n(E \cap B_r(x))}{\mathcal{L}^n(B_r(x))} = 1.$$

**Guidelines:** Use Lebesgue differentiation theorem on the characteristic function of  $E$ .

**Exercise 13.2.**

Let  $\mu$  be a finite Borel measure on  $[1, \infty)$  satisfying

- (i)  $\mu \ll \lambda$  with continuous Radon–Nikodým derivative  $d\mu/d\lambda = f$ .
- (ii)  $\mu(B) = \alpha^2 \mu(\alpha B)$  for each  $\alpha \geq 1$  and each Borel subset  $B \subset [1, \infty)$ .

Prove that there exists some nonnegative constant  $M$  such that

$$f := \frac{M}{x^3} \quad \forall x \geq 1.$$

**Guidelines:**

- Use the Radon–Nikodym theorem for a useful representation.
- Specialize to the set  $[1, x]$ .
- Differentiate under the integral sign to get an algebraic equation.
- Fix a point.

**Exercise 13.3.**

Let  $g(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log \frac{1}{|x|}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ . Show that  $u = f * g$  solves the Laplace-Equation

$$-\Delta u = f$$

for  $f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$ .

**Guidelines:**

- Outside the support of  $f$ , differentiate under the integral sign.
- Inside the support of  $f$ , write the integral as a limit of regular integrals.
- Use  $\Delta_x f(x - y) = \Delta_y f(x - y)$  and then integrate by parts (Green's identity) to take the limit on the boundary term.

**Exercise 13.4.**

(a) Is the Hardy-Littlewood maximal function  $f^*$  of  $f = \chi_{[0,1]}$  summable?

**Guidelines:** For large  $x$ , obtain a lower bound which comes from the normalization factor.

(b) Find the smallest  $C$  with  $\mathcal{L}_1(\{f^* > \alpha\}) \leq \frac{C}{\alpha}$  for all  $\alpha > 0$ , with  $f = \chi_{[0,1]}$ .

**Guidelines:**

- Consider the cases  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,  $x \geq 1$ , and  $x \leq 0$ .
- Choose the optimal constant.

**Exercise 13.5.**

(a) Show: For  $f \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is  $f^* \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\|f^*\|_{L^\infty} \leq \|f\|_{L^\infty}$ .

**Guidelines:** Upper bound  $|f|$  by the  $L^\infty$ -norm.

(b) Show that  $(f + g)^* \leq f^* + g^*$  for all  $0 \leq f, g \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Guidelines:** Use the triangle inequality.

(c) Find  $f$  and  $g$  with  $(f + g)^*(x) < f^*(x) + g^*(x)$  on a set of positive measure.

**Guidelines:** Choose two nontrivial locally integrable functions that sum to zero.